



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**  
481 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

\*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site

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## July 2013 Edition

### June Meeting Notes...

The June 12th club meeting was called to order at 7:00:00 by VP Rick Hill. President Mark Sexton was AWOL on vacation somewhere (again). It was a hot, humid, & windy evening at the field but sunny & around 85 deg.

Michael Friesel had some help before the meeting replacing & updating some of the sponsor advertisement signs on the side of the club shelter.

Life member Bob Watson was in attendance & looking pretty good. Bob passed around copies of the list of equipment & aircraft he has for sale.

Club Secretary Dennis Friesel had several engines on display that he has for sale.

New member Irvin "Tom" Jenkins was voted into the club. Welcome Tom!

Member A.J. Ragusa was awarded his solo certificate by Tim Sparks. Congratulations A.J.!

Dennis Friesel went over the plans for our introduction to model aviation for the Lincoln Boys & Girls Club in Bloomington that will take place on Friday, July 12th. Dennis will send out an email with more information & sign up volunteers to help with the event.

Jeff Self reported that the club made about seventy-five bucks on the annual heli fly-in. It was well attended and a good time was had by all who came out to fly R/C helicopters & those who just came out for the Willy T's barbecue lunch. Thanks for putting on a good event Jeff!

Dennis gave a short report on the annual "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in since Jim Scott was not able to attend the meeting. We had a fine time & had lots of Cubs in the air



all day as we enjoyed the perfect weather. It's been a long time



since we had weather that nice on "Cub Day". We had a pilot's agreement at one point & put up seven or eight Cubs at one time, while Brayton Thompson was recording from above. That was a blast! Nothing is prettier than a big line of Cubs doing touch & gos. Normally four is the maximum number of aircraft in the air at one time. Thanks Jim for putting it together & cooking the hotdogs!

Brayton has been recording some great video during his FPV flights. He has several of the videos posted on Youtube. We'll see if we can get Rick to post a link on the club web site to Brayton's videos. Good work Brayton!

Rick announced that we have now been a gold level leader club with the AMA for five years running. He will post an announcement on the club's web page.

Steve "Stick" Dorsett introduced a new club meeting feature. It's a "no penalty" safety forum where members can openly discuss things related to safety that have happened to them or things they have seen at the field without the event being deemed "dorkable". The practice was inspired by a similar program Steve participates in at Indianapolis Power & Light. This month Bill Van Harz talked about getting his hand into a spinning prop & Fred Junglaus talked about securing electric aircraft while working on them in the shop. Thanks for sharing your stories & thanks Steve for introducing this valuable safety forum!

Rick announced that he has added a feature to the club web page that will show you the current weather in Bloomington. The data comes from IU but that's not far from our field. Thanks Rick!

Tim Sparks reported on the plans for the upcoming pylon race that will be held at the club field on June 22nd.

Joe Rogers reported on plans for the annual "Charlie Built" that will be held at Nebo field on June 29th. That's where we bring out our aircraft that were built by Charlie Thompson & celebrate his building talents (and Joe's birthday). Charlie says he will try to be there.

Fred Junglaus joined the club a while back but his info got lost in the shuffle someplace so we officially welcomed Fred to the club. Welcome Fred!

In the continuing saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Tim Sparks passed the trophy to Randy Byers for an episode at Nebo one Thursday evening. Randy was flying a Kadet Senior at two



mistakes high when he made the first of **three** mistakes. He zigged when he shoulda zagged or pushed when he shoulda pulled but ended up plowing the Kadet into the runway right in front of the pilot stations. Sparky didn't see the crash but his keen eye found some debris on the runway when he went out to launch his electric Wildcat. Once the questions started, Randy knew he was had.

We didn't get a picture of the presentation because Tim Mellott (who picked up the award for Sparky at last month's meeting) forgot to bring it. Mr. Sparks wasn't too upset that he never got his hands on the award itself for the whole month because he's had it several times before.

The meeting was closed at 7:37:10...

## Interesting Bits...

We celebrated the longest Thursday of the year at Nebo Field on June 20th by having Tomato Pie pizza at the field & flying until dark. The pizza was good & the weather was nice. At 10:00 P.M. (thanks to daylight savings time) it wasn't really dark but the lights on the Night Vapor showed up very well & the breeze was all but gone. Steve Shoop took some pictures of the action. Thanks to all who came out on the last day of Spring 2013.



We had another successful "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo Field on June 29th. Charlie was there & so were many of his creations. Joe & Janet Rogers cooked the burgers & Kim Fishel cranked the "field-made" ice cream.

Steve Dorsett should have known better than fly a non-Charlie built at the "Charlie Built" fly-in. His Spitfire's engine quit in the air, just after takeoff, & before Steve realized what was happening, the aircraft was stalled & was out of control. It's still in the woods somewhere East of the runway. Attempts to locate it with Brayton's camera plane have been unsuccessful but that isn't surprising since the airplane was done in green camo & the landscape is all very green this Summer. We may have to organize a line type search party with long pants, long sleeves, & plenty of bug spray. Steve looked pretty battered after he went into the woods in shorts & a t-shirt.



## Event Calendar

- July 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 12 Boys & Girls Club Intro To R/C Event
- July 13 MCRCC 4-Stroke Fly-In (Club Field)
- July 29 - August 4 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 10 Indy Air Race (Full Scale)
- August 10 Columbus Big Bird Fly-In
- August 11 MCRCC Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 14 MCRCC IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 28 Lake Lemon Float-Fly
- October 12 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 11 Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 23, 2014 Annual Club Swap Meet

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