

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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August 2017 Edition

July Meeting Notes...

The July 12th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:25 with sixteen members in attendance. It was cloudy at the club field with thunderstorms moving into the area again but it wasn't wet yet & the temperature was comfortable.

New member Chris Saylor was voted into the club. Chris is

the son-in-law of club member Barry Taylor & recently earned his solo certificate with an Apprentice but he's also into the racing type FPV quad-copters. Welcome Chris & thanks for the picture Barry!

It was announced that club member Bruce Bundy is out of the hospital after a heart procedure & a "get well soon" card was passed around for those present to sign. Club president Mark Sexton will mail the card to Bruce.

Tim Mellott reported that all went well at the 4-Stroke Event held at the club field. The flying & the lunch were both good & a great time was had by all who attended. Thanks for putting on the event Tim!

It was announced that there will not be a Sig Fly-In this year. The planners will try to get something together for next Summer.

No quotes have come in to replace the pit fence at the club field. The matter was tabled for now.

A work day to install the new section of Geo-mat on the runway at the club field was scheduled for Saturday, August 5th. An email will be sent out to the club list with more details.

The annual club picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 6th at the club field. An email will be sent to the membership with details & Tim Sparks will be bringing the mayo.

The Public Demo Day is on the event calendar for Sunday, August 13th. The event will be advertised in the local newspaper & radio station.

In the absence of safety man Steve Dorsett, Tim Sparks picked up the ball & covered "Stick's Safety Corner" by explaining the importance of setting the fail-safe function on your aircraft to kill the engine/motor in the event of a loss of radio signal. You should test this function by safely restraining the aircraft & turning off the transmitter while the engine (or electric motor) is running at flying speed. It should be noted that battery power is required for this function to operate so check your flight batteries under a load religiously. You should also shut down your aircraft in the middle of the curve in the "taxi in" area so that if something fails, the aircraft will run into the tall

grass & not race through the pit area. Several new members didn't know why that curve was into the "taxi in" lanes.

Current "Dork Award" holder Rick Metz was absent so the saga will continue next month. Word through the grapevine has it that there are several potential candidates.

The meeting was closed at 7:30:22...

Interesting Bits...

Club member Larry Deckard passed away on July 23rd. Our thoughts & prayers go out to his family.

The annual trek to Airventure "Oshkosh" this year was not quite the same without our leader Mark Sexton. A last minute emergency kept Mark from attending this year but we took

plenty of
pictures for
him. Jimmy
Vanvleet
volunteered his
van for the trip
& Steve Dorsett
drove his
vehicle also.
The weather
was perfect, the
attendance was



record setting, & the traffic was terrible. We've never had to take a shuttle bus from the parking lot to the entrance before but we still enjoyed a very good show. The Miller Brewery tour is still fun & dinner at the "Jail House" was excellent as usual. If you are interested in attending next year with our group, contact Mark Sexton & let him know you would like to get on the list.

Congratulations to VP Rick Hill on his retirement from Indiana University on August 1st! Rick will be spending a lot more time at the flying field now.

We're planning to get the indoor flying going again at Paragon School on the Friday after Labor Day. School is already back in session but we're hoping to get in a few more float-flying evenings at Jeff Snodgrass's place on Lake Edgewood in Martinsville before giving up on Summer. As it stands now, the Paragon flying will be the same as it was last year. Three dollars to fly from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday evenings with that money being donated back to the school. It has also been the tradition that we slip down the street to Tomato Pie Pizza Joint

after the flying & support one of our tastiest club sponsors. Hope you can join us.

Tim Sparks submitted the following information about the pylon racers trip to the NATS in Muncie. Thanks Tim!

New National Champion!

After two years as National Champion Clint Seyer snatched the pebble from Sparks hand and has beaten the best.

In the sliver class: First Clint Seyer, Second Jordon Peace (TX), Third Dr Mathew Fornfeld.



Bronze class: First David Poland, Second Brayton Thompson, Third Ned Gochenour (not pictured). Way to go guys!



A local utility crew stopped by the field on a nice Tuesday evening & fetched Mike Patton's airplane from a big tree. They just happened to be in Bloomington eating dinner & Randy Byers talked them into stopping by for the public service deed on their way home. We won't mention the utility to keep them out of hot water. Thanks guys! Picture by Jeff Snodgrass.







Event Calendar

August 5 Work Day (Put Down Geo-Mat Extension)

August 6 Club Picnic (Club Field)

August 13 Public Demo Day (Club Field)

August 19 Nothin But Cubs (Club Field)

September 9 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

December 13 Club Christmas Party / Meeting

February 25, 2018 Annual Club Swap Meet

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