



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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September Meeting Notes...

The September 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got moved from the club field to Dr. Matt's office because of the threat of thundershowers. It was called to order at 7:01:22 by president Mark Sexton. I don't know how many members were present because the "official" counter Tim Mellott was absent (along with VP Rick Hill, Bob Shireman, Randy Byers, & Steve Dorsett). Jack Finney didn't get the email about the meeting being moved indoors so he was at the club field by himself.

Mark reported on the "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in & thanked Randy Byers for cooking lunch. A good time was had by all (as they say) & the event brought in \$125.00. The weather was perfect & lots of Cubs (and other floaty things) took to the air.

Mark also reported on the "Big Bird" fly-in at the club field which brought in \$150.00. It was a little windy but several giant scale aircraft flew during the event & everybody had a great time. Special thanks to Mark for donating the food & sponsoring the event!

The subject came up again of purchasing a device to monitor the 2.4 Ghz. & 5.1 Ghz. radio frequency spectrum that we use to control our aircraft & FPV devices. There wasn't enough support from members present to pursue the idea of spending any money & nothing is available for loan from the AMA. It was suggested that anyone who is having a problem buy a telemetry module that will tell you if you are losing signal just before your aircraft crashes. Every man for himself.

Dennis Friesel reported that there will not be a float-fly on Lake Lemon this Fall because the lake level has been dropped for some railroad work.

The work on interstate 69 (SR37) has closed the West entrance to Wylie Road. Sometimes it's open & sometimes not for now but it will eventually be closed for good. You can come into the field from the East from old 37. There will eventually be an interchange at Sample Road but it is currently possible to turn off 37/69 Northbound or Southbound at Sample Road & use the new roundabout to get over to old 37. You can also access the new roundabout from the gas station lot on top of the hill. Good luck & be careful!

Mark announced plans to get new posters of the AMA rules & the club by-laws posted at the club field. VP Rick Hill or Michael Friesel should be able to assist.

Steve Dorsett was absent so there wasn't a "Stick's Safety Corner" this month. Just be safe.

The "Dork Award" saga has taken a sad turn this month. Holder Tim Sparks didn't have a candidate

to pass the award along to. He couldn't award it back to himself for crashing his Cub so he needed suggestions from the membership present. The story came up about a gentleman named Doug from the Lake Lemon area who came by the field on a Tuesday evening to get some help with a "Flite Test" biplane he was having trouble getting trimmed. Since no other instructors were available, I took the squirrely bird up. We made a few adjustments after the first flight, changed the battery, & took it up again. It flew like a dream on the second flight until the electric motor abruptly stopped. I glided it back toward the runway, cleared the corn, & made a good landing. Then smoke started pouring from the airplane. As Doug walked toward the aircraft, it burst into flame.

Doug managed to get the battery disconnected and ripped the motor from the burning beast before it was consumed. All that was left of the airframe was a small wire that was the landing gear. We stomped out the grass fire on the runway while Les Mobley poured the water from his cooler on the mess. We stood in awe for a while. Nobody present had ever seen an airplane disappear so fast & so completely. The foam airframe must have been made from some petroleum base. Sparky decided that since Doug wasn't a member of the club & since I had the transmitter in my hand that I must be the "Dork" for helping him. I've been "baited" before but don't remember getting an award for it.

The meeting was closed at 7:39:19...

Interesting Bits...

Les Mobley has been experimenting with a camera he purchased from Joe Rogers attached to the "Rascal" he purchased from Brayton Thompson who purchased it from Kevin Nuetzman. Here's a picture he took from above Nebo Field one Thursday evening.



Steve Dorsett volunteered his quadcopter skills to inspect the amateur radio tower for the 147.060 Mhz. repeater in Morgan County. Here's Stick Man at work & posing with Bruce McClain from the Morgan County Repeater Association. Thanks for your assistance Steve! Very professional.



We've been having a blast flying in the Paragon gym on Friday evenings since the Friday after Labor Day. It's a

little more difficult to get there with the I-69 construction & more traffic using SR 67 but it's worth the trouble because the reward that comes after the flying. Eating at Tomato Pie Pizza Joint in downtown Paragon. Flying is from 6 to 8. Join us for Vapor formation flying. Bring a three dollar donation to the school (no quarters) & your credit card for the pizza.

In case you don't already know, retracts are cool but can also be a pain the butt. So far my gift from Brayton has cost me about seventy bucks & five hours of intense labor. Still a great deal. Thanks Brayton!

If you want to buy a plane from Joe Rogers, it will be tough to do from the swing on Randy's front porch. Aren't those group texts confusing?

Richard Peck completed the requirements to earn his solo certificate at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on September 21. I hope to get Dick's certificate to him & take his picture soon. Congratulations Dick!

Thanks to Delbert Davis W4DEL for helping with the newsletter from Georgia. Delbert checks my typing for mistakes every month but never gets a bonus check.

Event Calendar

- October 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Dr. Matt's Office)
- October 14 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 22 Columbus Swap Meet
- November 4 Dave Poland's Bonfire/Cook-out
- November 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 13 Club Christmas Party / Meeting
- February 25, 2018 Annual Club Swap Meet

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