

Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Clariti Advanced Vision Correction
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\*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site

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# **January 2018 Edition**

### **December Meeting Notes...**

Thanks to the fine folks at Hoosier Bar & Grill for hosting our annual Christmas dinner / meeting again this year. We had a big

crowd & plenty of very tasty food & drink to go around.

Club
president
Mark Sexton
& VP Rick
Hill
introduced our
landlord John
Naylor &
awarded quite
a few
certificates of
appreciation
to club



Randy Byers collected donations for the Wounded Warriors Project & sold 50/50 tickets for the drawing to support the Hospice House of Bloomington in honor of our past VP & good friend Bruce Hoffman. Clint Seyer won the drawing with some coaching from Dr. Matt who has won the drawing on several previous occasions.

Tim Mellott provided the entertainment by playing his DVD production using some of the pictures taken during the year set to music.

The only member that went home disappointed was Jimmy Vanvleet, who was expecting a wooden frame for his certificate. Maybe Santa will bring him a nice frame.

## Interesting Bits...

Rick Metz took advantage of some nice December weather to do some searching around Nebo Field for a lost airplane. Rick



found his airplane and also found one that had been lost for about a year by Jeff Snodgrass. It's a little weathered but you can still tell it was once a proud Beaver.

Jeff Snodgrass made a daring vertical landing on the wall at the River Valley Church on Monday, December 10th. Les Mobley got the picture.

There was some confusion about the indoor flying session at Paragon on December 14th. I got a call from the school about 10:00 A.M. on that Friday morning telling me that Angela was out sick & they couldn't find a substitute so there wouldn't be anybody there to let us in. I sent out an



email announcement but there are some that don't check their email every day. I caught Scott Nelson W9DBA on the radio on his way

to the school from Brown County about 5:00 P.M. & he just stopped to do some Christmas shopping on his way to kill some time before meeting us at Tomato Pie Pizza Joint for dinner at 7:00. Then I got a call from Jimmy Vanvleet about 6:05 who was at the dark & locked school trying to get in. Jimmy made his way down the street to Tomato Pie to secure us a table.



Randy Byers installed a new pilot in his Kadet Senior. Some of you old codgers may recognize him.

The Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association celebrated the shortest Thursday on December 21st by having dinner at Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville. The food was great as usual

but the crowd was down to around twenty, due to the cold & flu bug that's going around. Thanks to Bynum's for letting us take over the party room again!

Also on December 21st president Mark Sexton's father-in-law Gerald was involved in a serious traffic accident in Bloomington. Gerald is in rehab with broken leg bones but is doing OK. Get well soon Gerald!

We lost a couple of members of the R/C family in December. One of our long time sponsors Dave Kleindorfer of Kleindorfer's Hardware & Varity in Bloomington lost his son Rick to complications from colon cancer surgery and club member Bruce Bundy passed away Christmas Eve after suffering from heart problems for the last several months. Bruce was able to attend the club Christmas dinner on December 13th. They will be missed.

This picture is from 2015 when Bruce was awarded the "Foam Hunter" plaque by Randy Byers for his indoor flying skills in the Paragon gym.

A joke Bruce told recently that I'll always remember was about a doctor's visit where the doctor recommended a certain procedure. Bruce asked the doctor if he would be able to fly model airplanes after he had the procedure done. The doctor answered "why yes, of course". Bruce replied "that's funny, I can't fly em now"...

As you plan your vacation schedule for 2018, be sure to check out the important dates listed on the event calendar. If you plan to travel with the "fat boys" to the Toledo R/C Expo in April or EAA's Airventure "Oshkosk" in July, contact club president Mark Sexton to get you name on the lists.

Mark needs to know how many hotel rooms to reserve & how many vehicles will be required with overload shocks.

There was some discussion at Nebo field in late December about having a "Frozen Stupid" fly-in on New Year's Day but as the date approached & the weather forecast called for a high temperature of 4 degrees with a wind chill of way below 0, it was decided that we weren't that stupid & decided to stay in where it was warm. Maybe next year (weather permitting)...



### **Event Calendar**

January 10 Monthly Club Meeting

January 27 Charlestown Swap Meet

February 3 Washington Swap meet

**February 14 Monthly Club Meeting** 

February 25 Monroe County R/C Club Swap Meet

March 10 Columbus Swap meet

**March 14 Monthly Club Meeting** 

April 6-8 Toledo R/C Expo

**April 11 Monthly Club Meeting** 

July 23-29 Airventure "Oshkosh"



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