



## July 2018 Edition

### June Meeting Notes...

The June 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:06 by VP Rick Hill with fourteen members present, as counted by Tim Mellott.

President Mark Sexton was on vacation somewhere out West.

It was windy at the club field since a thunderstorm had just passed close by the field but it was dry & the temperature had dropped to eighty-two.

Rick announced that club secretary Jeff Snodgrass's mother passed away on June 7th & the club made a donation to Bloomington Hospice in her honor.

Randy Byers reported that the Steve Shoop Memorial Fly-In went well & that Cindy Shoop was pleased. No information on what will happen to Steve's airplane stuff.

Dennis Friesel reported on the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club visit to the club field on June 5th. The AMA's simulator trailer worked out real well & Dennis reported that we just barely had enough help to man all the simulators & the buddy box flightline. Thanks to all who helped & to Dave & Janet Poland for bringing us lunch.

It was reported that Steve Dorsett is working on a prototype pilot protector fence using materials donated by his employer. Stickman wasn't at the meeting but may have something ready to check out by the July meeting.

Rick reported that a work session will be organized to put some new shingles under the pit fence to keep the weeds down & try to drive posts down a bit to tighten up the fence. No date has been set.

Tim Sparks reported on the pylon racing that took place on June 9th. See Tim's full report later in this newsletter.

Rick Metz reported that Brayton Thompson may be attending the Flitetest Flitefest in Ohio with him next month. If anyone else is interested in going with them, contact Rick.

Rick Hill reported that president Mark plans to contact our landlord John Naylor about getting a load of gravel for the drive at the club field.



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In "Stick's Safety Corner", Sparky filled in for the missing Stickman & reminded everyone to go through your checklist before every flight. Look for loose or missing parts & check all flight controls for function & direction.

It was reported that Carl Ward has been in the hospital. We wish Carl a speedy recovery!

Tom Jenkins announced that he will be moving to Kentucky soon to the Louisville area. Tom thanked everybody for their help over the years & hopes to get back up here to visit. We wish Tom well & when he gets settled into an R/C flying club down there he might invite us to visit & fly down there.

We officially thanked Joe Jackson for repainting the club sign at the field & resetting the poles. It looks very nice. Thanks again Joe!

It was announced that Trinity R/C has moved from Southport to Terre Haute.

Rick Metz presented the coveted "Dork Award" to Tim Sparks for an incident he witnessed at the pylon races. Rick said Tim gave a very good pilot briefing before the event which included a warning not to go onto the runway when the pilots were landing after a heat race. A few hours later Rick saw Sparky venture onto the runway while the pilots were trying to land after a race. Sparky says he had permission to go out on the runway but Rick saw it as a blatant attempt by Sparky to earn his "Double Ace Dork" status.

Rick Hill got an honorable mention for flying ( & crashing) a tent on the wrong side of the road after the pylon race but since he wasn't at the controls during the flight & Mother Nature isn't eligible for the award, it went to Sparky.

The meeting was closed at 7:33:52...

## Pylon Report

By Tim Sparks

Perhaps the best race we have had at the MCRCC!

First, it wouldn't have happened without the help of our volunteers Rick Hill starter, Dean Chapman assistant starter, Eric Ruggles pylon 1 judge, Denny Friesel pylon 2 judge, lap counters/timers: Brayton Thompson, Rick Metz, & Tall Mike from up North.

Food by David and Janet Poland. Lots of food! Roast Beef DIY sandwiches and brownies, sodas, & chips. What a great effort. Thanks Dave and Jan!

Barb Hill was out and took lots of pictures so we should have

those online soon.

Lots of hands made for short work on the set up, thanks guys! The bronze class had a record turn out with 8 pilots entered. We had several racers in their first pylon race. The experienced pilots mentored those as they learn their way around the pylons in the Valley of Speed.

With lots of effort by our Neophyte racers things actually started earlier than scheduled. Using the stooge airplane release system makes all starts about as fair as it could be. Flying consistently smooth is the key to success and as the day went on it was clear that most learned quickly with some really close racing at the end of the day, noteworthy was Tim (3) Porter and Jake Chapman slugging it out all the way to the tenth and final lap with a photo finish. Jake won the race by less than a tenth of a second! This is the kind of racing will get you hooked!

Our Dave Poland, defending National champion was smooth as ever and Set fast Time with a 1:54.2 and was the winner of the Bronze class. He was tied with the young Gun from up North, Jake Chapman. Dave placed first based on a faster time. After a few races under his belt Tim Porter went on a tear and placed third in a three way tie broken by best times.

I don't think anyone would have thought you could have so much fun by racing model airplanes.!

Silver class had the usual suspects, with Current National Champion Clint Seyer leading the pack. Clint hadn't been getting the practice he wanted due to business travel out of town and fell to Sparky when the final points were tallied up. TK Tim Kohler showed a new turn of speed with EVO.46 powered race plane putting on an impressive 3-4 laps wingtip to wingtip dual until was lured into a pylon cut. Dr Matt had trouble with pylon cuts but when he had it working right he was a definite factor.

Before the last race planes touched down we were hit by the gust front of an approaching storm which sent Rick Hill's unsecured pop up tent high in the air and it actually made it over the car park and Rick got to retrieve the tent from the field south of the road. I'm not sure the tent could be saved. Does this make Rick eligible for the crash trophy?

Because the weather turned, we were unable to conduct fly offs for any ties so they were placed on their best time flown throughout the day.

Race results Silver Class:

Tim Sparks, Clint Seyer , Tom Koehler, & Matt Fornefeld.

Bronze Class:

David Poland, Jake Chapman, Tim Porter, Mike Edwards, Mike Huggins, Brian Delahunty, & Ned Gochenour.

Our next race will be in Muncie at the AMA site #3 on Friday July 6. I really would love to have you ALL turn out to race with us. This will be a blast and a great, exciting event. If you want to come to Muncie we can always use volunteers and this time you can get paid for helping out.

I stand by to help.

Your humble race reporter,

Sparky

## Interesting Bits...

The longest Thursday of 2018 was a soaking affair at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville on June 21st. I believe everybody got to fly before the rain moved in but as we ate our pizza from Tomato Pie the rain started pouring & didn't let up.

Thanks to Randy Byers & Steve Dorsett for putting up the rain shelters & to pizza delivery driver Bob Shireman. Photo by Kevin Nuetzman.



## Event Calendar

- July 7 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 13-14 Flite Test Flite Fest (Ohio)
- July 23-29 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- August 11 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field)
- August 18-19 Terre Haute Airshow
- September 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 16 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 22-23 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)
- October 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- November 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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