



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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June 2018 Edition

May Meeting Notes...

It was sunny, windy, & 75 degrees when the May meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's Clariti office at 7:03:22 by president Mark Sexton with twenty-three members present as counted by Tim Mellott.

Mac Morris came to join the club & was voted in. Welcome Mac!

Mark announced that the club cold weather clothing order has arrived just in time for the Summer temperatures.

It was announced that there won't be a public demo day at the club field this Summer. Everybody is too busy & there are too many conflicting dates & schedules. If you would like to serve on a committee to organize one for next season contact Mark Sexton.

The indoor flying season is over so there will not be an indoor flying demo for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club. Maybe next Winter.

Tim Sparks announced that he will not be taking the teaching position at Ivy Tech. His retirement has him flying a Cessna 414 for supplemental income.

Plans were finalized for the Steve Shoop Memorial Fly-In at the club field on May 12th. Breakfast will be at the Bloomington Cracker Barrel at 7:30, the flying will begin around 10:00, and lunch will be around noon. Randy Byers, Mark Sexton, & Tim Mellott will take care of the hamburgers & hotdogs, Tim Sparks will bring the mayo, & club members are encouraged to bring a covered dish.

Dennis Friesel announced plans to get the AMA's simulator trailer for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club introduction to model aviation on June 5th. Dennis will be signing up club members to assist with the event that starts at 9:00 A.M. at the club field.

Charlie Thompson announced that Joe Rogers is having problems with his legs & is not doing well. Keep Joe in your thoughts & prayers.

Joe Jackson volunteered to repaint the sign at the club field (again). Don't panic if you notice it's gone while Joe works on it. Thanks Joe!

VP Rick Hill has updated the club website to include a link to the "Know Before You Fly" information. Thanks Rick!

Mike Patton got a quote from a fence company to remove & replace the fence at the club field. The membership wasn't too excited with the price of over 2,000 bucks so the matter was tabled. Thanks for your effort Mike!

There was some discussion of the ongoing efforts of the AMA to protect our right to fly model aircraft and their negotiations with the FAA.

Dennis Friesel suggested we build some portable protective barriers around the pilot stations at the club field to offer some protection to the pilots from an out of control aircraft that's less than waist high. The barriers would be easily removable to cut the grass. Stay tuned for more on this at the June club meeting.

Tim Sparks announced a special guest speaker at a "Bald Eagles" program in Brown County on June 2nd. Tim will email more detailed information for those who may be interested in attending.

Scott Nelson announced that the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club recently had a guest speaker at their meeting who was a B-17 radio operator during WWII.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve reminded us old farts that it's always a good idea to practice the "buddy system" & have somebody else around when we're working with model aircraft just in case something happens.

President Mark announced that he would contact the port-a-pot people & have them service our unit before the Steve Shoop Memorial Fly-In.

VP Rick will work up a current club list in PDF format for those interested in contacting other members.

Randy Byers brought in some demo hats for the club officers from a neighbor of his who has an embroidery machine. Just call me Ed.

In the sad saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Rick Metz didn't have a candidate to pass the little gem to & was going to retain it for another month but lost the award after the club meeting. It's safe! Dr. Matt's people found it in the office the next day & turned it over to him. Come to the June 13th club meeting (**at the club field**) to see where Rick will send it next.

The meeting was closed at 8:01:08...

Interesting Bits...

We had a great turnout for the Steve Shoop Memorial Fly-In on May 12th at the club field. It was a little windy, which is normal for a Shoop event, but several said they missed having the big trees around the runway like Steve's place. Several dug out apparel from past years of the Spring Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge & the Chili Cook-Offs he had every Fall in Brown County. As part of the tradition we ate very well & had a great time. Thanks to all who participated & helped put on the event! Event photographer Barb Hill was there taking some pictures so look for them on the club website soon.

It was very windy on June 3rd during the club float-fly on Lake Edgewood in Martinsville. Club Secretary Jeff Snodgrass, his wife Jill, Ginger the dog, & Smokey the cat hosted several of us who were not deterred by the violent winds. It was a beautiful day for just about anything except flying. Five airplanes went out on the water, four of them made it into the air from the water, & three of them made successful landings. The wicked wind never let up but we had a very good lunch & Jeff gave a

boat tour of the lake. Thanks to Jeff & Jill for having us over & thanks to those who participated & brought the good food. Even though it was too windy to fly, a good time was had by all.

Randy Byers built an FPV boat to retrieve stranded floatplanes from the lake. It hasn't successfully brought in an aircraft yet but he's having fun experimenting.



Now that the indoor flying season is over, we've been doing some float-flying on Friday evenings from the dock at Secretary Jeff Snodgrass's place on Lake Edgewood in Martinsville. It gets pretty nice on the lake just before dark & that gets us down to the Tomato Pie Pizza Joint around 9:00, after the dinner crowd had died down. Jeff's contact info is at the top of the newsletter if you need directions.



Tim Sparks reports that the picture in Model Aviation Magazine of our club's now famous pylon racers was photoshopped to rub out his photo-bombing attempt. Congratulations to Clint Seyer & Dave Poland & good work by the Model Aviation photo editor.

We wrapped up the indoor flying season at Paragon Elementary School by donating \$400.00 collected during the season to the school. We also collected enough to give a small tip to our host Angela, the night custodian. Thanks to the school for letting us "practice" model aviation during the cold months!



The mushroom season was off balance this year since the weather went straight from March to August & skipped Spring but Brayton Thompson found a few in his yard.



Event Calendar

- June 9 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 21 Longest Day (Pizza Nite At Nebo Field)
- 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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