

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 2018 Edition

August Meeting Notes...

There was some weather looming to the North West of the club field as the August meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 6:58:52 by president Mark Sexton with twenty-three members present as counted by Tim Mellott.

New member Brent Shock was voted in but was not present. Welcome Brent!

VP Rick Hill announced that member Carl Ward is in Bell Trace on East 10th Street in Bloomington & can have visitors. Stop by & see Carl.

Joe Jackson reported that life member Bob Watson is doing well & has a taste for peanut butter fudge.

Mark & Rick announced several club sponsor renewals. Please check out their graphics & do business with them when you can. Be sure to tell them "thanks" for supporting the Monroe County R/C Club!

Thanks to everybody who came out to the annual club picnic! It was a nice day with plenty of flying & some very tasty food. Thanks to Randy Byers & Tim Mellott for running the grill & keeping us supplied with burgers & hotdogs!

Steve "Stick Man" Dorsett unveiled his modified flightline pilot protector prototype & it passed muster with the membership. Stick was given the go-ahead to start production of three more units using the materials donated by his employer. Good work Steve & thanks for your effort!

There was some discussion on runway right of way & the proper shut down point when coming in from the runway. Pilots already in the air have runway rights. If you want to taxi out & take off, you must get permission from those pilots before entering the runway. Don't just make a a general announcement that you're coming out. When you land & taxi in, stop in the curve & shut down with your nose pointed into the tall grass, not into the pit area. The tall grass might not stop all aircraft in the event of a shutdown mishap but could slow them down a bit & give those in the pit area time to react to an out of control aircraft.

Rick Metz reported on his trip to Ohio for the Flitetest Flite Fest. His pictures are posted on the club website.

VP Rick Hill has done some research & put together a spread sheet to keep track of "Dork Award" winners. Rick reports that Tim Sparks currently holds the number one spot.

Everybody was invited to attend this year's "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo field. Where we bring out our aircraft built by club member Charlie Thompson. It will be on Thursday evening August 9th this year. Joe Rogers started the tradition many years ago to honor the master builder but Joe's health won't permit him to put on the event this year so we decided to continue the

tradition but moved it to Thursday evening which is our regular weekly gathering time at Nebo.

Everybody was invited to Martinsville City Park on August 12th from 1 to 5 to celebrate Randy & Judy Byers's 50th anniversary. Randy says bring no gifts just come help eat the cake & have some punch.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Dr. Matt Fornefeld passed the plaque to Eric Ruggles for an incident that happened at the club picnic. Eric was practicing his knife edge maneuver one mistake above the ground when he rolled right & ruddered right instead of left. That one little mistake brought his aircraft into contact with the bean field in short order. Eric did fly the airplane as far (and as fast) into the crash as possible. Roll right rudder left, roll left rudder right, at three mistakes high.

President Mark Sexton announced that he would contact the Monroe Tuff Jon folks about getting our unit back on a regular service schedule. It was getting a little stinky at the picnic.

There was an auction at the end of the meeting. Charlie Thompson brought a few of his aircraft builds down to find new homes so he could make room to build some more. Thanks for your service Charlie!

The meeting was closed at 7:30:00...

Interesting Bits...

The club was represented well at a scale meet this Summer. Here's a submitted picture of Tim Sparks, Clint Seyer, Dennis Friesel, & Matt Fornefeld at the meet.



We brought back a couple of new wind socks for Nebo Field from Oshkosh & Les Mobley volunteered to put them up one Thursday evening. Thanks Les! Picture by Kevin Nuetzman.



Here's some pictures from the club picnic on August 5th

taken by Les Mobley. We had a visitor from up North. Old friend & pilot's pilot Mika Woodward brought an interesting aircraft down to entertain us.





Great minds think alike so Rick Hill & Charlie Thompson picked out the same wardrobe for the picnic.

Here's the group photo from the "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo Field on August 9th.



Here's Charlie the builder with a few of his creations.



Here's a recent photo from the dock at club secretary Jeff Snodgrass's house on Lake Edgewood in Martinsville. We've



having a great time flying off the water on Friday evenings all Summer. Thanks for having us over Jeff & Iill!

We had a couple of visitors at the "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in on August 11th. Francis & Sara Balzer live near Paragon & have a full scale J3. Randy Byers used their "N" number on his Balsa USA 1/4 Scale model & invited them down to see it fly. They're on the left wearing the proper yellow shirt attire.



Thanks to the club for the flowers & to all the airplane people & amateur radio people that came to the services after the death of my brother Robbie Elliott KA9NPY.

Event Calendar

September 12 Monthly Club Meeting

September 16 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

September 22-23 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)

September 29 MCRCC Motorcycle Ride

October 10 Monthly Club Meeting

November 14 Monthly Club Meeting

December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

February ?? Annual Club Swap Meet

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