

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 Flying Site: 1 mile East of SR 37 on Wylie Road, Bloomington, IN

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# **October 2019 Edition**

**Presidential Message** 

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Mark Sexton, President

### September Meeting Notes...

It was hot & dry at the club field when the September 11th meeting of the Monroe County R/R Club was called to order at 6:57:58 by president Mark Sexton.

There were three visitors at the meeting. Previous member Charles "Hank" Hawkins was one of them & rejoined the club. Welcome back Hank!

There was a review of all our club sponsors / advertisers that have renewed their sponsorship for another year. Mark plans to write an article for the newsletter thanking them for their support.

Bobby Miller brought out a new pit stand he built & donated it to the club. Thanks Bobby!

It was announced that Dennis Friesel will not be able to host a floatfly at Lake Lemon this Fall. There was some discussion last month that there might be float flying on September 21st but that didn't work out. Maybe next year it will happen.

A UFO was reported in the sky at the club field. It was small, shiny, & hovered in the sky for a couple of

hours while Dennis & Lane were flying. Dennis thought it might be a drone or a weather balloon but since it was stationary for such a long time that seemed unlikely. There's no pictures or video so there probably won't be anybody from the Science Channel down to investigate & there won't be any film at eleven. It was reported that two pilots from the club have signed up to participate in the Horizon Hobby Flight Assistance Program. More information may be available later as the program gets started.

There was a rehash of the topic of investing some of the club's funds to earn a higher interest rate. The decision to wait a year or so & look into the possibility again stands & was backed up by "those in the know".

Roman Chrzanowski reported on the drone event in downtown Bloomington that he attended. Roman had the biggest aircraft at the event & said it was interesting, informative, & a good time. Roman also posted video of the footage he got at the club's Big Bird Fly-In so you can have film at eleven (no UFOs) if you go to: <u>http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-</u> a6ZuvgGGl46OsrDovYytA . Thanks Roman!

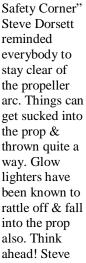
Jonathan Allen & Rick Metz were recognized for earning their solo certificates.

It was announced that indoor flying will start in the gym at Paragon Elementary School on September 20th. Randy Byers & Steve Dorsett will check with River Valley Christian Church in Martinsville to see if we can fly in their facility again this Winter. Stay tuned for details.

Somebody needed some help with a Taranis transmitter but our resident expert on that brand, Brayton Thompson, was not at the meeting. I don't know if they figured it out or not.

It was reported that there is a car show in Spencer on October

26th for those interested. In "Stick's Safety Corner' Steve Dorsett



also cautioned against trying to move a running aircraft off a pit stand while holding the transmitter. Don't do it!

The meeting was paused for a couple of minutes so we could watch as a para-glider flew across the valley.

It was announced that the Thunderbirds would perform at Grissom on September 21st.

The coveted "Dork Award was finally passed to Dennis Friesel for backing into the corner post on the club shelter a while back. Joe Jackson repaired the damage shortly after the incident. Dennis will be out of town for a while so there should be no problem locating a worthy candidate before he gets back.

The meeting was closed at 7:33:32 & I didn't get a head count since Tim Mellott (my official people counter) was absent.

## Interesting Bits...

Club secretary Jeff Snodgrass has created a Facebook page for the club. You can find it at: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/506223403268890/ . Send Jeff a request to join & he will approve you for access.

We had a couple of visitors from Arizona at Nebo on September 5th. Kevin & Debbie Nuetzman were in the area & stopped by to cheer us on. Kevin is enjoying his retirement & likes the "dry" heat in Arizona.



Les Mobley took some good pictures at the Big Bird Fly-In. Here's a couple & you can see the rest on the club webpage.

We had a hot dog roast /

pitch-in at Nebo Memorial Field on September 19th to celebrate the Fall equinox on the 21st.

It was kinda hot to be around the campfire with the unseasonably warm temperatures but we had a great time anyway. Plenty of flying & plenty of eating. Tim Sparks made a play for the "Dork Award" when he planted his big Super Cub



in a bigger tree East of the runway. It didn't get stuck & fell all the way to the ground. The tree is fine.



Dave Poland says the annual bonfire at his place is November 2nd. I'll forward the email to the club list & you can contact Dave if you need directions.



### **Event Calendar**

October 9 Monthly Club Meeting (Not at club field) October 12 Fall Festival Fly-In at Nebo Field **October 20 Columbus swap Meet** November 2 Dave Poland's Bonfire November 13 Monthly Club Meeting November 16 Charlestown Swap Meet **December 11 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting** February 29, 2020 Annual Club Swap Meet



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