



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

Website: <http://www.monroecountyrcclub.org>

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August 2020 Edition

The July 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:03:56 at the club field. It was hot, humid, & a little wet from the recent rain. The field was flooded the week before so the grass didn't get cut on its regular schedule.

Steve (Stick Man) Dorsett brought a carload of stuff & had a mini swap meet before the meeting & Tim Sparks was working toward his double ace dork award by stress testing the airframe on an aircraft until the wing folded. Ted Backs was recording the event for future blackmail use.

Two new members were voted into the club. Please welcome Enzo Yan & Nick Cassavagh.

It was announced that Randy Byers's brother Larry had passed away. Our condolences to the Byers family.

Tim Mellott (Tim 2) was AWOL so I didn't get his usual count of members present but it looked like somewhere around twenty masked members spaced six feet apart.

Club president Mark Sexton announced that Lane Jorgensen has been patching the runway mat & has a few more spots to work on. Thanks for your efforts Lane!

It was announced that the forty-two gallons of fuel the club ordered will be picked up in Muncie at the NATS by Tim Sparks & Tim Porter & delivered to Bloomington for distribution at the August 12th club meeting. Thank you Tim 1 & Tim 3!

The club apparel sale continues. Contact VP Rick Hill if you are interested in a hat, hat pin, decal, shirt, or jacket.

Tim Sparks reported on the pylon races that took place at the club field in June. Clint Seyer took the Silver class & Dave Poland took the bronze class. Thanks to all that participated & helped at the event!

The club decided to cancel the annual picnic on August 2nd & discuss moving it to a later date at the August 12th club meeting due to the ongoing plague & problems with social gatherings.

The club decided to proceed with the Cub Fly on August 9th but there will be no food & no landing fee. Just come out to the field & fly while keeping your distance from others. You can bring your own food or order pizza delivery.

Mark reported that the hole on the East end of the pit area has been filled. He also put a new chain on one of the pit stands & attached it to the fence. If you don't keep the pit stands chained

to the fence, they will end up down the road somewhere during the next flood which could happen at any time.

Mark announced that several of our club sponsors / advertisers have renewed again for another year. Please thank them when you do business with them. Check out their graphics in this newsletter & their signs on the South side of the club shelter on Wylie Road. Their support of the club is what keeps the grass cut & your club dues affordable!

You can now renew your FAA license that will expire this year on the interweb. You should have received an email about it but if you didn't get it, go to their site

uas.faadronezone@faa.gov.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve Dorsett reminded everybody to check for loose fasteners on all your aircraft after he had a

problem at the pylon race while he was "testing out" Clint's racer. The carb came loose & the throttle stopped responding! All ended well but it was a reminder of what can happen when something comes loose. Eric Ruggles reported on a lighting strike he recently witnessed that was a little too close for comfort. If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to get zapped. Beware & be aware!

VP Rick Hill announced that he has a box of old VHS video tapes of club stuff. Not many people have a VCR anymore so if anybody would be interested in putting them on another format or watching them, contact Rick.

Joe Jackson donated some signs that will live in the club shelter for future use. Thanks Joe!

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", current holder Dr. Matt Fornefeld was coached by Ted Backs about Sparky's wing folding incident just before the club meeting but Dr. Matt decided to

hold the award for another month since he didn't actually witness the event.

The meeting was closed at 7:39:13...

Interesting Bits...

Tim Sparks submitted the following information after an incident at a recent flying event. Thanks Tim!

So last Saturday I had a "hard landing" in Galveston, Indiana. My plane went in at full power 45 degrees nose down but don't worry it was cushioned as it went in by 10' tall corn about 75 yards into the planted field. A drone was called in and its attempts to locate the scene of the landing were fruitless. The Team Prowler crew (Matt, Clint, T3)



went into the hot field in search of the wreckage. After about an hour of search Tim Porter, T3 found the mishap site and recovered my Skyraider. Whenever you recover an engine from a crash, NEVER turn the prop over! You don't know how much dirt and other stuff might be in the engine. This will do damage to the engine! In my case I got home and carefully removed all the dirt from the outside using a 120PSI airgun and then disassembled the engine. Here is what I found inside the engine. There is a little bit of Indiana Corn inside the engine and some dirt. I replaced the engine bearings and bench ran the engine with no apparent loss in performance.



Lesson learned: Resist the temptation to rotate the prop by hand until it has been completely disassembled and thoroughly cleaned. Now if I can get the wood stuck between the fins out.

Tim1

New club secretary Tim Porter (Tim 3) sent the picture on page 1 & the following pylon race results from the NATS. Thanks Tim!

2020 424 Nationals (ordered by points)

| After 6 Rounds | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|---------------|--------|
| | Name | Low | Points |
| 1 | Dean Stone * | 1:17.50 | 22 |
| 2 | Lawrence Lisowski | 1:20.30 | F4 21 |
| 3 | Clint Seyer @ | 1:20.22 | F3 21 |
| 4 | AUGUST HAUPT | 1:23.64 | 19 |
| 5 | Jack Kane * | 1:19.40 | F4 18 |
| 6 | Tim Sparks | 1:23.26 | F3 18 |
| 7 | Mike Helsel * | ** 1:14.00 | 17 |
| 8 | Jim Nikodem + | 1:23.26 | F4 16 |
| 9 | Paul Seiden @ | 1:20.35 | F3 16 |
| 10 | Rick Vogelsang + | 1:22.53 | 14 |
| 11 | Doug Scherrer * | 1:24.19 | 11 |
| 12 | Matt Fornefeld | 1:31.47 | 11 |
| 13 | Gregory Doe | 1:23.60 | 10 |
| 14 | Scott Smithwick * | 1:22.19 | 9 |
| 15 | Daniel Troup * | C 1:32.50 | 8 |
| 16 | Ken Hopson | 1:37.55 | 7 |
| 17 | Thomas Doe | 1:38.48 | 7 |
| 18 | Leo Nordell * | 1:29.99 | 5 |
| 19 | Ola Nordell | 1:38.03 | 5 |
| 20 | William Hiller * | 0:00.00 | 0 |

I just got word that club president Mark Sexton's mother passed away early Sunday morning August 2nd. Our condolences to Mark, Tina, Michael, Heather, & the rest of the Sexton family.

Look for an email on arrangements when they are available.

Event Calendar 2020

- August 9** "Nothin But Cubs" (Club Field)
- August 12** Monthly Club Meeting
- August 22** Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- August 29* Indy R/C Toys For Tots Fly-In (IRCM Field)
- September 13** Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- October 3* Indy R/C Electric Fly-In & Swap Meet
- December 9** Annual Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 27 2021** Annual Club Swap Meet (Saturday)

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