



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**
481 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, Indiana & via Zoom On The Internet

***Club Meetings June - September Are Held At The Club's Flying Site**

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December 2020 Edition

November Meeting Notes:

When the November 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:04:32 in Dr. Matt's Clariti office, it was warm, windy, & quite dark outside as most of the twenty-two participants watched from home on Zoom. It was reported that six were actually in the office. That's well below the magic safety number of fifteen. The Zoom feed actually got started in secretary Tim Porter's car as he was headed to Dr. Matt's office (nice audible turn signal indicator Tim) but was shut off about 6:50 & didn't automatically restart. I had to shut mine down & restart the Zoom meeting manually.

Josh Osborne was a visitor at the meeting via Zoom & past member & club officer Brent Hoover was a visitor in person at Dr. Matt's office.

VP Rick Hill gave his treasurer's report via Zoom in front of a moonscape background. They had some trouble with it breaking up in the office but it looked fine on the interweb.

President Mark Sexton was live in the office & reported on his experience at the Columbus swap meet in October. It was well attended & everyone was masked inside the building. Many of our club members were in attendance. It could be a good sign for our annual swap meet next February as the plague continues to rage. Should we have to cancel our swap meet it will have to be done by the January club meeting but as of now, it's still on.

Randy Byers reported via Zoom that the pit fence project is on hold till next Spring. He & Steve Dorsett will organize a work day to get some labor out to the field. Randy & Stick will take care of all the materials.

Mark reported that secretary Tim Porter (Tim 3) worked on the club shelter & has it in much better shape. Thanks Tim!

Rick & Tim 3 reported that the website clean-up & back-up is still in progress. Some old pictures will be archived to make room for some new ones.

Mark reported that the sponsor graphics for the newsletter have not been updated. I can work on that now that I have some good files of the sponsor's graphics to work with. Thanks to Tim 3, Mark, Rick, & Dr. Matt for those files!

Mark announced that he has worked out a deal with the port-a-pot people. It should have been repaired, serviced, & cleaned. It probably won't be serviced again before Spring of 2021 so if you encounter a problem with the unit, please contact Mark.

The election of club officers for 2021 was completed. No new nominations were received & the current officers all agreed to serve another term. Your club president for 2021 will be Mark Sexton. I don't remember how many terms Mark has served but

I know it's more than twenty. The club vice president & treasurer will be Rick Hill and the club secretary will be Tim Porter. Their contact information appears at the top of every newsletter so feel free to contact them with any questions, concerns, or comments concerning the Monroe County R/C Club and please thank them for their continuing service to the club!

VP / treasurer Rick Hill has requested that club dues renewals be done via the US mail this year due to the plague & the fact that we may not be having any in-person meetings for a while. Rick will send out an email with details & his street address. If you didn't get the email, give him a ring & he can fill you in.

It was announced that the December 8th club meeting will be a Zoom affair just like the November meeting. No large gathering in Dr. Matt's office & no dinner this year. The Zoom thing is easy & seems to work fine. The club is looking into getting an account to host the Zoom meetings with no time limit in case the meeting runs longer than the forty minutes allowed for the "free" meetings. We pushed the Zoom "free" time limit during the November meeting.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" Dr. Matt Fornefeld volunteered to accept the award from current holder secretary Tim Porter. Matt was doing the intro pilot thing with new member Josh Osborne using Clint Seyer's trainer. Josh was doing pretty well & Matt began to relax a bit. Josh got into trouble & things went downhill pretty fast. Matt wasn't able to recover Clint's airplane before it made premature contact with the ground. It was reported that Matt & Josh are working on a new trainer for Clint.

Tim Sparks reported that Dennis Friesel has been in the hospital & not doing well. Please keep Dennis in your thoughts & we wish him a speedy recovery!

The meeting was in the process of closing so Sparky could show us around his building shop via Zoom. A motion was made to close & as they were waiting for a second to the motion, the Zoom feed timed out & shut off at 7:34:45...

Interesting Bits...

A few of us have been doing some flying in the Paragon Elementary School gym on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 P.M. Masks & hand sanitizer have become standard equipment. We are slowly learning to avoid the tables out on the gym floor & using some of them to practice our "carrier" landings. Watch your email as plague conditions change & the holidays approach. We may or may not be allowed into the building.

Mark & Les report that the Gosport Diner is back open for



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Tomato Pie

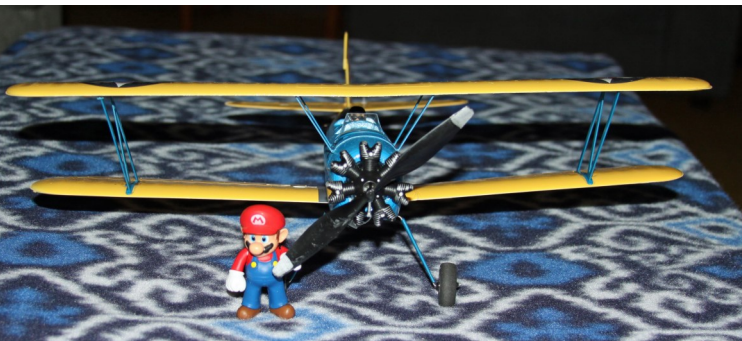
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After finally figuring out where they were located, Les Mobley made it to Kleindorfer's Hardware in Bloomington. They had what he was after & Les actually got to meet Mr. Kleindorfer himself while he was there.

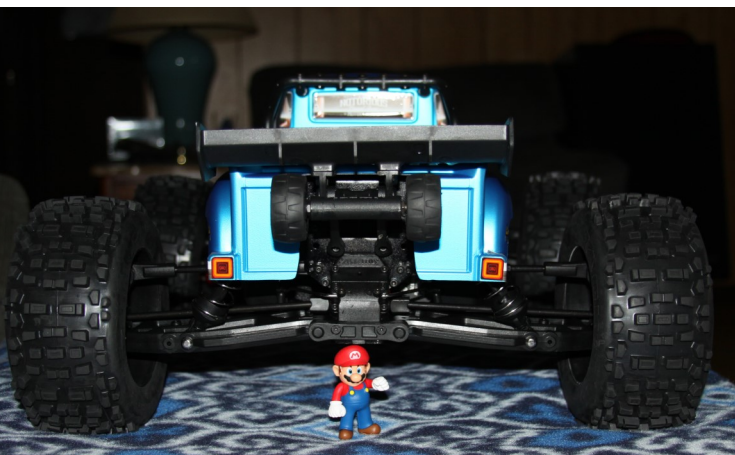
He was very impressed with the experience. Thanks for the story Les!

If you have a story to pass along about an experience with one or more of our club sponsors, please get it to me & I will feature it in a future newsletter along with their advertising graphic. Many tend to forget that our sponsors are what keep the club dues affordable & our members from cutting the grass instead of flying.

Please be sure to thank them for supporting the Monroe County R/C Club when you do business with them!



Mario is a pilot looking for a ride. He was one of those check-out lane purchases that just looked like a good pilot figure for something but he hasn't found just the right size vehicle yet. He'll keep searching till he finds something he can jump into...



As 2020 (the year of the plague) comes to a close, we can be thankful that we can still participate in a hobby that brings us joy. Our way of life has changed & things may not be back to "normal" but we can still enjoy model aviation. The FAA may try to change that in the future but for now we can still go to the flying field & enjoy flying while being outdoors & six feet apart.

Thanks to everybody who participated this year in our favorite hobby. That's what makes the club possible. You all make the news that gets put in this newsletter. Thanks to the club officers that work many hours behind the scenes for us & thanks to everyone who organizes & puts on events that we can participate in. Thanks to our landlord John Naylor for allowing us to keep flying on his property when he could be making a lot more money using that ground for something else.

I would also like to thank past club member & past club secretary Delbert Davis W4DEL for proof reading my newsletters every month from Georgia & correcting all my mistakes.

Happy holidays & I hope 2021 turns out to be a better year for everyone. Keep flying...



Event Calendar 2020

December 8 Monthly Club Meeting (No Dinner This Year)
Club meeting also available via Zoom on the internet

February 27 2021 Annual Club Swap Meet (Saturday)

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