

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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## **July 2020 Edition**

It was windy with falling temperatures at the club field when the June 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was

called to order at 7:06:02 by club president Mark Sexton. Most members were wearing face masks as per the instructions to help deter the spread of the plague.

The reason for the late start was the distribution of the club apparel order by Mark & VP Rick Hill. The vendor decided to change our club logo to an all white design which was not what was ordered but some thought it was stylish & cool.

Mark announced the

passing of Bob Watson who was one of the founding members of the club back in the 1970s.

Mark also announced that we have two new club members. Past member Gary Sweeney rejoined & Jasper's dad Adam Kozacek joined. Both were voted into the club.

Mark announced that club secretary Jeff Snodgrass texted him that he was ill & would not make the meeting and due to his



ongoing health problems would like to cancel the Lake Edgewood Float-Fly & step down as club secretary if someone else would volunteer to take over for him. After a little arm twisting, Tim Porter (Tim 3) agreed to fill the position of club secretary. Thank

you Tim! We wish Jeff the best, thanks for your service to the club. We hope you can come out & fly with us again soon!

It was announced that Mike Patton, Lane Jorgensen, & Dennis Friesel cleaned up the corn stalks at the field from the last flood. Lane also has done some patching of the runway mat & Mark has been out to spray the weeds. Thank you all for your efforts!

Mark announced that the annual bulk fuel order will be picked up in Muncie at the AMA NATS in July. Tim Sparks volunteered to get it back to Bloomington. The cost for most of the fuel will be \$21.00 per gallon. If you ordered something special, it might be a little more.

Tim Sparks (Tim 1) made a pitch for volunteers to help with the pylon races at the club field on June 13th.

It was announced that AMA youth membership will go from zero to \$15.00 in July so if you know anyone who might be

interested in a youth membership, have them do it now.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve Dorsett reminded everyone to practice their social distancing & it was suggested that if you later feel you contracted the plague from attending the club meeting or any club event, to report it to a club officer.

Ted Backs reminded members present to preflight all aircraft before going out to fly. It seems there was an incident where some ailerons were not properly plugged in & failed to operate during the flight which ended in a big tree.

Tim Mellott (Tim 2) announced that the 4-stroke event that was scheduled at the club field for July 11th has been cancelled due to the plague. Tim also announced that the 2021 club swap meet will be Saturday, February 27th. Tim also counted twenty-

two members present at the meeting.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", holder Ted Backs

related a story about a runway incursion that resulted in two aircraft colliding on the ground. It was unclear if Eric Ruggles didn't hear Dr. Matt Fornefeld ask permission to taxi out onto the runway or if Dr. Matt didn't hear



Eric announce that he was landing but both ended up trying to occupy the same space on the runway at the same time which didn't end well for either aircraft. Eric wasn't at the meeting so Dr. Matt volunteered to accept the prize from Ted.

The meeting was closed at 7:33:24...

## Interesting Bits...

Ted Backs spent some time at the club field on June 28th shaking down his J3 Cub between rain showers. After some engine tuning & finally removing the wing struts that wouldn't stay on, it made it into the air for it's maiden flight. Ted has some linkages to adjust & some re-engineering to do on the strut attachments but it was a successful flight. Good work Ted!

Tim Sparks submitted some pictures of the masked members at the club meeting including our new secretary Tim Porter.

Tim also sent the picture of his pylon racer at the Moonshot pylon race near Cincinnati, Ohio. Sparky was second place and had the fast time of the day by .01 seconds! Not only is Dr. Matt a great eye doctor, he is a great turn caller as well. He kept Sparky on the straight and narrow with his cool calming voice.

Les Mobley sent the picture of the pylon racers at the club field on June 13th.

Tim Porter sent the picture of team Prowler. Clint Seyer won 1st place in 424 and tied for second in EF1 class racing in Baldwin Michigan with the Lake County Modelers and Flyers Association NMPRA race.







## **Event Calendar 2020**

July 8 Monthly Club Meeting

July 11 Indy R/C Anything R/C Fly-In (IRCM Field)

August 2 Club Picnic (Club Field)

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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