



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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May 2020 Edition

No April Meeting Notes...

Due to the plague there was no club meeting in April and **it was just announced May 6th that there will not be a club meeting on May 13th either.**

Due to the plague lockdown, Mark hasn't received any information yet about the fuel order or the club apparel order. I hope you are all doing well & practicing your social distancing during these troubled times. The calendar says it's Spring but the weather man must have missed the announcement. Things are turning green & the grass is growing but the flying weather has been pretty crappy. I don't have many flying pictures this month so if any of you have any please email them to me.



I got word from club member Barry Taylor that we lost one of the "founding fathers" of the Monroe County R/C Club when life club member Bob Watson passed away on April 11th. A memorial may be planned at a later date. If I get any details, I'll pass them along. Bob was quite a character & we will miss him.

Interesting Bits...

Thanks to Tim Porter for sending the link from Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome on building the paper DR-1 triplane. It looks interesting but I haven't tried to build one (yet).
<https://oldrhinebeck.org/the-great-fokker-dr-i-paper-triplane-challenge/>

Mike Patton is looking for a Spektrum DX-6 or better transmitter. You can contact Mike at mikepatton581@yahoo.com.

Eric Lewis has a 1/4 scale Decathlon for sale. You can see it at <https://bloomington.craigslist.org/avo/d/bloomington-1-4-scale-decathlon-rc-plane/7112089289.html>
You can contact Eric at mailto:eckrlewis@gmail.com

Newsletter proofreader Delbert Davis W4DEL sent me this email with a link you can check out. Thanks Delbert!

Here is a tour of the National Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH that was filmed with a camera drone. The presentation comes forth as a "Flyby" and certainly enhances the dynamics of the presentation. Although at about the 4:40 mark the drone accidentally just catches a wire, no damage was done to any aircraft or drone. Some pretty nifty drone flying overall. Sound up and enjoy this one. Extremely well done.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m4wLr8_Kaw4&feature=youtu.be



Tim Porter sent this picture of a busy pit area with the pilots & aircraft "social distancing" at the club field on a beautiful Friday afternoon May 1st. That looks like Dennis Friesel & Lane Jorgensen sitting about eight feet apart. It was one of the nicest days we've had so far this year. Thanks Tim!

Dennis Friesel announced that this year's Introduction to Model Aviation (TAG Day) for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club has been cancelled due to the plague.

I got an email from the EAA on Friday afternoon announcing that this year's Airventure (Oshkosh) has officially been canceled due to the plague. I'll copy the email here for those who didn't get it since I don't have much to fill the empty space anyway.

We Don't Gamble, We Need A Sure Thing AirVenture 2020 is officially canceled

My fellow EAA'rs. It is May here in Wisconsin, and unfortunately like many of you across the country, we are still under a stay at home order through May 26. Normally, this is the month when we start our preflight planning for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. By this time, we should have begun ramping up our entire site in preparation for our July convention. Volunteers from across the country and world would have descended on Oshkosh. Together they would have formed work parties, our suppliers would begin start setting up tents and infrastructure. Our EAA staff would be printing wrist bands, campers guides, programs and an assortment of EAA collateral as full-on AirVenture execution begins.

But because of circumstances beyond our control, none of this can happen now. We cannot even get to the hangar so our preflight is left to watching the prog charts. While this certainly makes the ability to prepare for the event a scheduling problem, it does not preclude the bigger issue of predicting what will be the health guidelines in July. Right now, there are three phases

that have been defined in Wisconsin as the recommended procedures. As I write this, we are not in Phase 1 yet. Phase 2 restricts gatherings to 50 people. Phase 3 allows for mass gathering with restrictions.

Our convention attracts EAA members not only from the U.S. but around the world. Today we cannot predict when we will be at a point that our event meets the all clear Phase 3 milestone for mass gathering with restrictions. As your leader, I see no clear path to meet our own requirements to insure the health and safety expectations our organization demands for our employees, members, volunteers, exhibitors and attendees. That includes sanitization, separation and personal protection requirements.

My conclusion is, like in any good flight planning, don't take the risk. Therefore, I have no choice but to cancel AirVenture 2020. Together, we can come back stronger, safer and ready for AirVenture 2021 and create a memorable world class aviation event. Because of our dedicated and enthusiastic EAA members, our Association is strong. We know that at some point this storm will pass. And over the next 12 months we will continue to support all of you as we again, together, grow EAA in the Spirit of Aviation.

Respectfully,



Jack J. Pelton
Experimental Aircraft Association
CEO and Chairman of the Board

I can pass along my experience with ordering from Horizon Hobby during the plague. I saw the new Air Tractor advertised in Model Aviation magazine on April 27th. It had my name all over it so I tried to order one. The webpage wouldn't take my

from FedX saying it was out for delivery. It was pouring down rain so I had neighbor Randy Byers check on it for me while I was at work. Randy moved the box back on my front porch so it wouldn't get wet before I got home. When I got home from work, the box was dry & undamaged. Thanks Randy! I thought the service from Horizon Hobby was amazingly fast considering the conditions they are working under. Thanks Horizon! For those thinking about making an order, remember to log on to your account when you place your order!

Event Calendar 2020

- May 13 Club Meeting **Cancelled**
- June 10 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 13 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 13 Indy R/C Floaty Plane Fly-In (IRCM Field)
- June 20 Lake Edgewood Float-Fly / Fish Fry (Jeff's Dock)
- June 26 ?? The Warehouse Intro to R/C (Club Field)
- July 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 11 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- 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)
- December 9 Annual Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting



discount code so I tried to call them. The automatic call-back option is currently not available since most of their employees are working from home & I waited on hold for fifteen minutes before I hung up. I emailed the sales department but didn't get a reply that day. The next morning I had a brainstorm (imagine that). I went back to the website & logged on to my account this time (I wasn't logged on to my account the day before. I was trying to check out as a guest). My discount went through fine, I completed the order, & I got an email saying they had received my order. Later that same day I got another email saying my new airplane had shipped. Early on the 29th, I got an email

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