

Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom On The Internet Only For Now *Club Meetings June - September Are Held At The Club's Flying Site Flying Site: 1 mile East of I-69 *Exit 125 Then East To South Wayport Road Then Left (East) on Wylie Road, Bloomington, Indiana Website: http://www.monroecountyrcclub.org

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March 2021 Edition

February Meeting Notes:

It was about 25 degrees outside with 3.5 inches of snow on the ground when the Zoom meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:23 by president Mark Sexton. There were twenty club members logged into the meeting via the interweb.

Mark announced the passing of long time club member Larry McIntosh on February 6th due to complications from the plague.

Larry was quite a character & he will be missed. The picture of Larry flying with his grandson in the West Middle School gym in Martinsville is from 2012. Larry was also an avid motorcyclist when he wasn't flying.

There was some discussion about having a swap meet outdoors at the club field in May or June since our regular February indoor swap meet had to be cancelled due to the plague. VP Rick Hill suggested that maybe we could have vendors bring their own table & make a \$10.00 donation to the club or maybe we could charge a parking fee to make a few bucks for the club. There is some concern about the club finishing the year at a covid loss since the swap meet is normally one of our big money makers for the year. Club member dues are also behind this year



with only thirty-eight renewals (so far). If you haven't paid your dues, please mail Rick a check. Rick is also going to check into setting up a paperless renewal option through Pay Pal or something similar.

It was announced that at least three club members have 3D printers if you have a file & need something created for a project. Tim Porter, Barry Taylor, & Brayton Thompson may be able to assist you.

Club member Dennis Friesel has been nominated for a life membership in the club. Dennis has been a club member for many many years, has held a club officer position more than once, & has been instrumental in bringing the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club to the field for an introduction to model aviation on an annual basis until the plague interrupted. The official vote to make Dennis a life member will take place during the March club meeting.

Tim Sparks requested that a list of current & passed life members be posted on the club's webpage. VP Rick Hill volunteered to put one together.

Sparky announced that there will be a couple of pylon races at

the club field this Summer possibly in July. Tim will work on the dates so we can get them posted.

President Mark Sexton announced a couple of tentative dates for 2021. The annual "Nothin But Cubs" (and floaty things) fly-in will take place on August 8th & the annual "Big Bird Fly-In" will be on September 12th. Plans for a club picnic for 2021 are still on hold as we see how the plague is going later in the year.

If you are interested in buying fuel through the club this year, get your order to Mark Sexton before April 14th. The order will be placed on April 15th & will be picked up in Muncie during the NATS sometime in June.

Mark has a Winter club jacket for sale with the white logo. The size is XL & the price is \$65.00. More club logo hats will be ordered for those wanting a new hat with the color logo.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" current holder Dr. Matt Fornefeld has been inside building instead of flying so he hasn't found a new candidate to pass the award along to yet. If you have a sighting of something "dorkable", pass it along to Dr. Matt.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Clint Seyer stood in for an absent Steve

Dorsett by reminding everybody to take your time & use the proper tool for the job at hand while working in the shop. A sharp hobby knife does not make a good (or safe) pry bar. Put down that knife & go get a screwdriver & a pair of pliers.

VP Rick Hill mentioned that we should start thinking about increasing our annual lease payment to our landlord John Naylor. John hasn't said anything but it's been a while since the last increase & John gives us a very good deal on a perfect location for the club field. Thanks John! The meeting was closed at 7:54:36. No serious glitches or timeouts with the Zoom feed were recorded.

Interesting Bits...

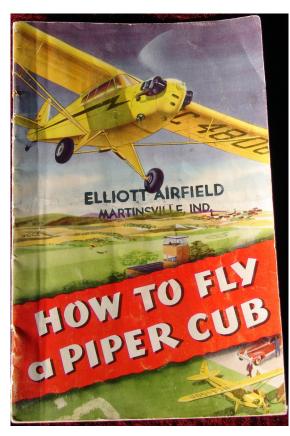
Les Mobley has taken the challenge of "spot" landing up to another level (about ten feet higher). On February 19th, in the

Paragon gym. Les successfully "parked" his Super Cub in the basketball goal support beams with the wings level & no damage to the goal or the aircraft. The only problem is that he has to do it again to make it into the record books & then figure



out how to take off from the amazing landing spot without the assistance of a fat man on a ladder.

Lisa Shireman was searching the interweb for items about Martinsville when she came across this neat manual on how to fly a



Cub. Since her hubby Bob was in the basement at the time working on a Cub & she knows that all of us are Cub crazy anyway, she purchased it from an address in Gosport. I'm still trying to figure out where Elliott Airfield was in Martinsville back in the 1940s & how it got named after me when I wasn't even born yet. Thanks to Bobby for bringing the book out to Nebo so we could check it out!

Les sent this picture of what was left of his Timber after it took a "snow nap" out at Nebo in early February. The landing gear skis were not damaged since it came in nose first.



Event Calendar 2021 Club meetings via Zoom Only Until At Least April March 10th Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom Only) April 14th Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom Only) April 9-10 Toledo RC Swap Meet & Auction (Seagate Center) April 23-24 Dayton Modelrama (Montgomery Co. Fairgrounds) May 12th Monthly Club Meeting June 9th Monthly Club Meeting June 12 Indy RC Modelers Cubs and Floaty Flyers July 10 Indy RC Modelers Fly Anything RC August 8 Nothin But Cubs fly-In (Club Field) Aug 21 Indy RC Modelers Toys for Tots Flyin Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field) Sep 25 Indy RC Modelers All Electric Flyin and Swap Meet

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