



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision** 481 S. Landmark

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

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## August 2022 Edition

### July Meeting Notes:

It was a very nice evening at the club field when the July 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 18:59:32 by president Mark Sexton.

Turnout was low. Some were on vacation, some were sick, & some were just AWOL. I didn't get a count since my people counter was one of those absent.

The new gravel for the drive at the club field has been delivered & spread by our landlord Naylor Trucking & looks wonderful! Waive at the guys & holler "Thanks!" when you see the dump trucks drive by.

The first order of business was to point out that I screwed up the July newsletter. I've been trying for several years to get fired & replaced as the newsletter editor but no luck so far. If you need or want some club fuel, call VP Rick Hill & he will tell you if there is any left & how much it will cost you. I will avoid doing anything with numbers for the newsletter since I'm getting too old to handle em. You'll be lucky if I get the date & the time correct.

The new geomat is living at Les Mobley's place waiting on an installation date to be selected. Several suggested waiting till Fall to beat the extreme heat. Some details also have to be worked out. Will we pull up the old mat or lay the new material right over the old? Will we re-cover just like it is now or save the newer Western section that's down now & make the total matted area longer & more centered on the pilot's box? Do we put down fill under the new mat or just roll? Do we roll when it's dry or wet? Do we roll length-wise or cross-wise? This is your "official" notice that the mat installation plan will be finalized & voted on at the August 10th club meeting. I'm guessing that you may get an email about it also. It was also noted that the missing club roller is not lost. It's just on loan & will be back soon.

Instructions for the annual club picnic on July 31st will be emailed to the membership list.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve Dorsett covered several topics. Steve's neighbor donated a bunch of "like new" fence to the club. We will store it until we work out a plan to install it at the club field.

Steve is also working on the new windsock, frame & pole that go on the shelter at the club field. It should be finished soon.

Stick man also reported on the "Charlie Built" fly-in that took place in June at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville. Many of Charlie Thompson's creations took to the air & a good time

was had by all. Detailed cooking instructions for the pulled pork we enjoyed for lunch are available upon repeated requests.

The safety portion of Steve's report had to do with an article on LiPo battery safety.

Secretary Tim 3 Porter announced that the Monroe County Airport (BMG) is planning an extravaganza near the end of August (Saturday August 27th) that we may be able to participate in. Stay tuned for details as more information becomes available.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", current holder for the last several months Ted Backs finally found somebody to pass the award along to. He actually had to make a decision among several candidates. Some had speculated that Bill Von Harz might get it since Ted got wind that Bill had lost an airplane in the woods at Nebo recently but then president Mark Sexton volunteered information about an unplanned off field excursion his Air Tractor took at Nebo when the receiver didn't "lock on" and a short little nap his UMX Timber took in a big pine tree at Les Mobley's pond one sweaty Friday evening. Mark didn't even mention being run over by an eighth scale monster truck while standing out in the middle of a big field at Nebo that was being driven by that same president of the local R/C club! If that wasn't enough, Jerry Sanford volunteered information about a big tree East of the Nebo runway that jumped right out in front of his airplane. The resulting collision did not harm the tree in any way.

Then VP Rick Hill related a sad story told to him by Les Mobley (who wasn't at the meeting) about a club hat that was used as a defensive weapon against an aggressive wasp in the outhouse at the club field. Les wasn't stung but his club hat ended up down the hole in the open pit. You might think that would be the end of the story for the hat but several weeks later, evidently after our unit was serviced, Dave Poland found a "like new" club hat laying in the grass in the East end of the parking area. Hoping to return it to its owner, Dave threw it in his van. While on his way home Dave realized the hat had kind of an odor. After several washings & some time sitting in the sunshine & fresh air outdoors, the odor remains. Les ultimately won the "Dork Award" from Ted but

decided that Dave could "keep" the hat.

Thanks to everyone involved for providing the entertainment!

The meeting was closed at 7:59:58...

### Interesting Bits...

Happy 64th birthday to Bob Shireman on July 13th!

School will be starting again soon. Do we want to fly in the gym at Paragon Elementary School again this



Winter? Maybe after Labor Day? Let me know if you plan to participate!

Barb Hill is interested in posting some recipes for club members to share & swap. If you have a good one to share, send it to Barb at [hillb@indiana.edu](mailto:hillb@indiana.edu).

We had wonderful weather & ate very well at the annual club picnic on July 31st. It was a good day with lots of flying. Thanks to all the cooks & helpers Steve Dorsett, Tim 2 Mellott, Randy Byers & Mark Sexton! Thanks also to everybody who participated & brought all the good food! I forgot to get a group picture. If you have any good photos from the picnic please send one to me for the September newsletter. I did get a picture of the family of wild turkeys that paraded around the property early in the day but it wasn't usable.

Check your failsafe settings! Failsafe is not the same thing as "safe" in Spektrum lingo. It's what your aircraft does if it loses the signal from the transmitter. It's very easy to check. Restrain the aircraft, run the engine or motor up above idle & watch the control surfaces as you switch off the transmitter. The engine or motor should stop & the control surfaces shouldn't do anything violent. They should stay still (hold) or go to your pre-programmed setting. If you fly through the dead spot & get signal back, you may have to land dead stick but you probably needed some practice doing that anyway.

Monroe County Airport Saturday, August 27, 2022

# RUNWAY DAY

Original TOP GUN showing at dusk (bring lawn chairs)

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MUSICAL ACTS**  
O2R (Blues)  
Phree: A Tribute to Phish  
The Del Bianco Band (Blues)  
Space Captain Rik (Improv Jazz)  
Low Speed Chase (Rock)

**CONCERT STARTS @ 2 PM**  
(bring lawn chairs)

**Runway 5K @ 8AM**  
Register @ <https://tinyurl.com/airport5k>

**ALL EVENTS START AT 2 PM**

**HOT AIR BALLOONS** **DRONE/RC FLYING ZONE** **AIRCRAFT AERIAL DEMOS**

**CRUISE-IN** **"TOUCH A" TRUCK**

**AIRCRAFT STATIC DISPLAYS** **FOOD TRUCKS** **MAIN RUNWAY Walk/Run**

FREE ADMISSION NO RAIN DATE

Check the Monroe County Airport's Facebook @monroekbmg for more information

Here's a picture of our truck buster dirt pile at Nebo. The drivers get bolder & jump a little higher every time out. How bout that formation driving?



Thanks to Les Mobley for recruiting another club sponsor! Their sign will be on the shelter at the club field soon!



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## Event Calendar 2022

- August 10th Monthly Club Meeting
- August 13 Johnson County Model Aviation Day Fly-In
- August 14th "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field)
- August 27th Runway Day (BMG)
- September 10th Johnson County Never Forget Fly-In
- September 14th Monthly Club Meeting
- September 18th "Big Bird" Fly-In (Club Field)
- October 12th Monthly Club Meeting
- October 15th Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- November 9th Monthly Club Meeting
- December 14th Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- March 4th 2023 Annual Club Swap Meet (Fairgrounds)

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