



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. **Clariti Advanced Vision** 481 S. Landmark  
**\*Club meetings June-September held at the club's flying site.**

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## December 2023 Edition

### November Meeting Notes...

The November 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order by president Mark Sexton at 6:58:02 In Dr. Matt's Clariti office with 21 members & two visitors present (as counted by Tim 2 Mellott). It was a record high for the date & time at 77 degrees, pretty windy, & really dark, thanks to the time switch trick. Ruth Engs & her husband were the guests & Ruth came to join the club. She has been working with VP Steve Dorsett training to fly quadcopters (spelled drones). Welcome Ruth!



Stick man reported that the new pit fence project is finished. Thanks to everybody that helped! There are also new anchor points on the fence to clip the pit stands to.

It was reported that the corn has been picked in the area around the runway at the club field. Enjoy the wide open spaces again!

Mark reported that the club apparel order was in & it was distributed. The embroidery company screwed up again & did the club logos all in white but those that ordered accepted their order again this time even though it wasn't what they ordered. We may be shopping for a new vendor next time.

Club secretary Tim 3 Porter reported that there will be a rocket launch at the club field on Friday morning, November 17th. Tim plans to be there to keep an eye on things.

Plans for the December 13th annual club Christmas dinner / meeting at Monroe County Fairgrounds were gone over again. Bring your own drinks (no booze), plates & tools, and a side dish to share. The club will provide the meat, buns, & sauce. The festivities should get underway around 6:00 P.M. with a short business meeting & slide show after dinner.

Mark reported on the Fall Festival fly-In at Nebo Field on October 12th. The flying conditions were great & we had a good time. A few spectators came out to watch even though there wasn't any pre-event advertising. Thanks to all that participated!

Bob Shireman reported that those who attended Dave Poland's food fest on the Saturday after Halloween had a great time & ate very well. Thanks to Dave & Janet for inviting us over & thanks to all who participated.

It was reported that there will be no more mowing this season. If the current drought continues that may be possible.

I guess it was mistakenly reported in the November newsletter that the club officer elections were a done deal & taken care of at the October club meeting. We went through the process at the November meeting & all the current officers agreed to hold their positions again for 2024. Be sure to thank them again for their loyal service!

In the "Dork Award" saga, current holder Les Mobley

passed the little gem to Tim 1 Sparks for losing his locator. Sparky may or may not be lost & his airplane isn't lost but the search continues for the locator that fell out of

the airplane over the corn. It may be ground up & living in a silo somewhere by now but time will tell.

The meeting was closed at 7:29:08...

### Interesting Bits

Our condolence to Randy Byers & family. Randy's older brother Joey passed on November 10th.

The rocket launch by the Boy Scouts was moved from Friday 11/17 to Saturday 11/18 if you didn't get the email from Tim 3 Porter.

You may notice from the picture that one of the vehicles lined up to start the race in the Paragon gym is not like the others. We don't normally race Vapors against the Losi Mini "T"s but the picture looked good. Reports say that the Mini "T" & Mini "B"s are no longer in production but several are still in stock at the local hobby stores. They run about 30 minutes on an 800 mah battery & cost around \$150.00, depending on if you find the brushless or brushed model.

We forgot to recognize our veterans at the November 8th club meeting. There are several of them so be sure to remind them that we appreciate their service!

Club secretary Tim 3 Porter sent the following report & three pictures of the rocket launch at the club field on November 18th. Thanks Tim!

Scout Troop 303 came out to the club field, and with the help of the Countdown Cardinals, eight or nine scouts got their rocketry merit badge. I didn't have a final total, if I get that I'll fwd it.

The cold morning turned into a perfect rocket day with mostly no wind.

Joe Ladwig was the main rocketeer and launch commander.

The scouts had built their rockets off site and came from an overnight campsite to make their launches.

After the safety briefing and checks, the engines were loaded and the rockets advanced to the launch rail in groups of four. With a five count countdown, the rockets were launched one at a time.

No "dorkable" events were noticed although Tim Sparks set the altitude record with a rocket he made years ago with his daughter.












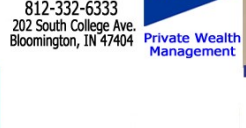









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March 2nd 2024 MCRCC Swap Meet

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