



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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January Meeting Notes...

Several members arrived early for the January meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club to get their dues paid but Larry Deckard gets the early bird worm. He got to Dr. Matt's office at ten-to-six & wondered where all the cars were.

The meeting got started at 7:03:03 with twenty-five members in attendance. President Mark Sexton read a letter from the Bloomington hospice, acknowledging our donation in honor of our past vice president & good friend Bruce Hoffman.

We reviewed the pros & cons of the December Christmas dinner / meeting at KRC. Everybody enjoyed the evening but there are a few issues that need to be addressed if we decide to go there again on December 14th, 2011. We can get them to make enough food for our "professional" eaters or hire an "enforcer" to measure out the portions on the buffet line so that those in the back of the line get the same selection opportunity as those in the front of the line. If you have any suggestions, contact VP Rick Hill. We'll address the issue again in September as the dinner gets a little closer.

Rick Hill has finished the informational flyer that will be available to those interested in our corporate / business sponsorship / advertising program. The flyer will be available for download in PDF format from our club website (www.monroecountyrcc.org). Thanks Rick!

Several club members mentioned that they have been waiting several weeks for their 2011 Academy of Model Aeronautics membership cards to arrive in the mail. If you don't have your AMA card yet, get somebody with internet access to print your proof-of-membership from the AMA's website before you fly at the club field or attend any of the indoor flying events.

Darrell Sisson wasn't at the meeting but it was reported that a good time was had by all at the New Year's Day electric fly-in at the West Middle School gym in Martinsville. It was warm & dry in the gym & the wind wasn't a factor either. There were some who thought that helmets might be in order but all went well with no injuries. Darrell has reserved the West Middle School gym for the rest of the Sundays in January with the exception of the 16th. It will be open for indoor electric aviation by current AMA members from noon to 2:00 P.M. on January 23rd & 30th. Thanks Darrell!

It was also reported that a few brave souls also flew at the club field on New Year's Day. It was cold, windy, & pretty wet from all the rain we had on New Year's Eve but they had to get outdoors & "git-er-done" on January 1st as a matter of principal. Good work men!

Secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis is working on getting several club "intro pilots" registered with the AMA for 2011.

Mark Curtis asked to be added to the list this year. All "intro pilots" must already be paid-up AMA members & fill out the appropriate paperwork before taking a non-AMA member up.

Mark Sexton reported that there may be some flap coming from the FAA in the future concerning model aviation. The AMA is working with them on several issues & trying to protect our interests. It appears that (at this time) the main thrust of the new FAA rules will be aimed at those flying for hire. If you charge for your flying, you may be affected. Those of us who fly for fun, follow the AMA's safety guidelines, use common sense, & keep our aircraft in line-of-sight should be OK for now.

Joe Jackson brought in a fried LiPo battery for show & tell. It got knocked from a table to the floor but it was when his cat bit through the foil wrapper on the battery that the problems started. The cat is fine but the battery is toast. Be careful with those potential fire starters!

Several "outstanding service" certificates were passed out to those at the meeting who didn't get to attend the Christmas dinner.

Several new dates were added to the 2011 event calendar. Be sure to check it out at the end of this newsletter & make plans accordingly.

Tim Mellott reported that all the ducks are beginning to line up in a row for our annual swap meet in February. Several tables have been reserved & several are still available. Get yours reserved now! Don't wait until the last minute & expect tables to still be available.

Lane Jorgensen still has the coveted "Dork Award". He didn't make it to the big gym in Martinsville on New Year's Day to see the helicopter parts collected in the trash bin or see the airplane spot landings in the bleachers behind the flightline or the loop for an inverted field goal on the horizontal basketball backboard so he will be watching for the next recipient in the coming weeks.

The meeting was closed at 8:07:42...

Interesting Bits...

If you are flying your micro electric & it decides to take the space where you are standing, don't run, defend your ground & take it like a man! If it's bigger than a micro, you better run!

We're still flying in the gym at Paragon Elementary School on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. It's not quite as spacious as the big gym in Martinsville but we still have a good time & it's much closer to the "Tomato Pie" pizza joint. That's an important point for practicing fat boys...

It's been a busy Winter for those who enjoy flying from the snow on skis. Come out & shiver with us!



Event Calendar

- January 22 Charlestown Swap Meet
- February 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 12-13 Great Planes E-Fest
- February 26 Greenfield Swap Meet
- February 27 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 12 Columbus Swap Meet
- March 19 Converse Swap Meet
- April 1-3 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 7 Shoop's Butterfly Hills Fly-In
- May 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 13-15 Mount Comfort Airshow
- June 4 3rd Annual Heli Fly-In
- June 8 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 11 Muncie Swap Meet during National Electric Fly-In
- June 25 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo Field)
- July 9 Annual 4-Stroke Fly-In
- July 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 24 Annual Club Picnic
- July 25-31 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- September 27 IMAA Fly-In
- October 8 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 14 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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