



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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September 2010 Edition

August Meeting Notes...

The August meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got started at 7:02:57 under mostly sunny skies with a temperature of 93 degrees F. Twenty-three members were present with one visitor. Chris Corns came to join the club & was voted in. Welcome to the club Chris!

President Mark Sexton announced that Leslie Hoffman may have another memorial gathering for Bruce later in the year than the October 9th event that is already scheduled. Several club members will be busy on the 9th with the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In in Martinsville.

A report on the annual club picnic revealed that all who attended had a wonderful time despite the hot weather & that nobody left hungry. Thanks to Randy Byers & Tim Mellott for slaving over the hot grills & to everyone who participated!

Mark is gathering information on getting a plaque made to honor club members who have passed away. If you have information on anyone who should be included, please contact Mark.

Several new club sponsors/advertisers were announced. Grubb's Garage, Parker Insurance, Bland's Auto, & Hudson's Photo & Hobby have stepped up to help support the club along with our other sponsors. Check out their graphics at the end of this newsletter, read about them on the club web page, check out their signs on the club shelter, & remember to shop with them whenever possible. Thanks to Mark Sexton for recruiting them!

Dennis Friesel has an idea to cover part of the runway with a material used in highway construction to allow aircraft with wheels too small to handle the grass to be able to take off & land at the club site. Details will be available for discussion at the September club meeting.

The Falcon 56 mid-wing trainer donated by Gary Monahan's widow has been refurbished & test flown by Dennis Friesel & Lane Jorgensen. It has been named "Dude" in Gary's memory & is now available for advanced training.

Information for the 2011 swap meet needs to be finalized now to meet the deadline for advertising in Model Aviation magazine. Flyers for swap meet should be available soon. There was some discussion about renting an additional "mystery connecting room" for the swap meet to add some additional table space. Tim Mellott will go over to the fairgrounds & try to find the room that several believe is there. Prices for the 2011 event were set at \$5.00 admission, \$10.00 per table advance sales (includes 1 admission), & \$15.00 per table day of show.

A portion of the proceeds from the September 12th club airshow will be donated to charity. It was suggested that it go to the hospice organization that assisted Bruce during his final

days. Mark will check on this & let Tina Rogers know. Tina is working on the newspaper & radio advertisements for the airshow.

The International Miniature Aircraft Association Fly-In at the club field scheduled for August 28th will have lunch included with the \$10.00 landing fee. Those who don't already belong to the IMAA may fill out an application & join at the event for \$25.00.

Safety Officer Randy Byers reminded everyone that the No-Fly Zone or "O" line is everything South of the runway centerline. It seems that several aircraft have been observed lately flying over forbidden territory.

The "Dork Award" saga was continued until next month. Lane Jorgensen is the current holder & could not find a suitable candidate to pass on the coveted award to. It must have been a quiet month.

The meeting was closed at 7:43:38 so that everybody could head somewhere with air conditioning!

Interesting Bits...

Quote of the month goes to Darrell Sisson. While flying his electric Slo-Stick at Nebo one Thursday evening, Darrell was trying to convince new member Steve Dorsett to take it for a spin. Steve was a little reluctant but Darrell pointed out that it was easy to fly & not nearly as difficult as he was making it look.

Lane shouldn't have any trouble getting rid of the "Dork Award" this month. The only problem may be trying to decide who deserves it the most. There was the incident at the field on a Tuesday trainer nite when an instructor explained how easy the restored Falcon 56 was to fly & how it nearly landed on its own, just before it crashed on the runway & ejected it's wing. Then there was the incident on Lake Monroe where a non-aerobatic sea plane did some impressive aerobatics with a guest pilot at the controls, right up until the time it hit the water & exploded. There was also a nice P-51 that was freshly repaired after a doink at the 4-stroke fly-in. It took it's final dirt nap at the Columbus field after it got a little slow on approach. At last report, there is still a big chunk of an Alpha 60 trainer in the bean field Northeast of the runway at the club field. While practicing some rolls, the wing decided to leave the rest of the aircraft. The story of the three "old guys" searching the bean field in the heat was pretty scary but they all finally made it out of the field (without the plane). Then there was the "close call" at Nebo one windy Thursday evening involving an out-of-control Cub on final approach & a trainee with his instructor that sacrificed the trainer to run for their lives. Two badly damaged airplanes resulted but thankfully there was no blood involved.

And those were just the ones that I heard about. I'm sure there were other incidents that haven't gone public yet...

The shelter painting party went well on August 25th. It kinda reminded me of a county highway work detail. Just replace the shovels with paint brushes (its much easier to lean on a shovel handle). Steve Dorsett brought a paint gun & a compressor to knock out the tough areas & Dave Poland brought the generator & his mower to tidy up the grass. Pizza from Swing-In fed the hungry volunteers. The weather turned cooler just in time to make it a pleasant evening for manual labor. Other members



*Look for an article from Mark Sexton with photos by Barb Hill from the August 28th IMAA event in next month's edition...



who volunteered their time were; Mark Sexton, Rick Hill, Brian Elliott, Charlie Thompson, Jim Scott, Tim Mellott, Steve Jackson, Michael Friesel, Delbert Davis, Carl Ward, Jim Kryway, Mark Claerbout, Jeff Stone, & Randy Byers. Thanks to all for your assistance!



William Reliford and Steve Dorsett have completed the requirements to earn their solo certificates! Congratulations men! Joe Rogers presented William with his certificate at the August club meeting & we presented Steve with his certificate while he was working at the shelter painting party...



Event Calendar

- September 8 Monthly Club Meeting (last 1 at the field)
- September 11-12 Tri-County Aero WW2 Salute
- September 12 Annual Club Airshow
- September 19 Airshow Rain Date
- September 21 Lake Lemon Float Fly
- September 28 Float Fly Rain Date
- October 2&3 IMAA Jamboree (Morristown)
- October 9 Celebration of Bruce's Life (Hardin Ridge)
- October 9 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 16 Shoop's Chili Cook-Off
- October 29-31 EAA B-17 at Monroe Co. Airport
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 27, 2011 Annual Club Swap Meet

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