





Enjoying Friday Afternoon

I had been home only a few minutes when I received a call from Greg. Shortly, after all the folks left for the evening, a tremendous storm, with extremely high winds, hit the field. Greg and his camping buddy, Agnes the dog, were fine but there was a lot of wind damage.

I got hold of Keith and told him I was on the way back to the flying field because we had storm damage.



When I arrived I saw that Mark's E-Z Up was rolled into a ball, one of Keith's large canopies was terribly twisted and a mess, John's canopy was bent, and the dining canopy was down and torn. Yikes!!!

Greg helped me sort out the dining canopy mess. Five of the long spikes holding it to the ground were pulled out, many of side poles and a main

pole had fallen and the right 1/3 of the canopy had a huge rip in it. We semi-erected it, so it could be used, if I couldn't get hold of Kenny & Co.

Fortunately, I was able to contact Frank Kenny and he assured me he'd have a replacement dining canopy up by the start of the meet the next day. He did!!! Thanks Frank!

Greg and I extricated Mark's E-Z Up from the pole it was tangled on and moved it out of the way. We inspected John's canopy and found it bent but somewhat usable.

Greg and I set Keith's canopy top on the ground and removed the three bent poles. By then, Keith had arrived, but it was getting late, after 9:30 p.m. Keith was able to make it to a Home Depot just before closing and had three new poles cut. The canopy was set up, ready for use very early the following morning, Saturday.

Whew.



### The Weather During the Meet

Saturday started off totally overcast and extremely cool for southeastern Michigan in July. The winds turned out to be 'moderate', a far cry from the high winds predicted by the weather prognosticators. The sun came out after noon, and things warmed up for some nice flying during the day and great weather for the on-field potluck and evening flying.

Sunday was warm and sunny with lightly shifting breezes. It was a great day for flying.

### The Pilots and Their Planes

This year, our thirty registered pilots came from all over Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kansas, South Dakota and Ontario, Canada.

It was a lot of fun catching up with our “old friends” and making new friends. That is what this meet is really about. Okay, the really “cool” planes are a very nice bonus.

### A Word About the Photos

A lot of folks captured the images used to illustrate this article and more are posted online in RC Groups Events section for the Mid-Am 2016. <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2651807>

I am sincerely indebted to C.J. Wysocki, Steve Labuta, Johan Kauk and Greg Cardillo for their great photos.

Greg provided the photo's of the storm damage from his phone. Besides providing some of the photos from this years' Mid-Am, he also has a Web site with photos taken at the Mid-Am meets dating back to 2005. You should check it out!

[www.gmcdesign.com/gallery/midam](http://www.gmcdesign.com/gallery/midam)

### Saturday's Awards



CJ Wysocki photo

**Jim Young**, of Brighton, MI, flew a beautiful Monocoupe 90A. It received the **Best Scale Award**. It looks great and flies extremely well! Great design Jim!

Details of Jim's Monocoupe can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2359828>

**Dave Grife**, of Coldwater, MI, brought an Airworld Me-262 electric ducted fan (EDF) and was awarded **Best Ducted Fan**. It is very, very impressive in flight. It comes somewhat in kit form, but there is a lot of work to be completed by the builder.

Details of Dave's Airworld Messerschmitt Me-262 can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1848258>



John Kauk photo



Greg Cardillo photo

**Mark Rittinger**, of Roseville, MI, was awarded **Most Beautiful** for his Pharaoh low-wing sport plane. The plane not only looks great, but it flies very nicely.

Details of Mark's Pharaoh can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2514451>



CJ Wysocki photo

**Mark Rittinger**, of Roseville, MI, flew his new Skoda-Kauba V4. It is a great flying plane and Mark was awarded **CD's Choice** for it on Saturday.

Details of Mark's Skoda-Kauba V4 can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2534907>

**Denny Sumner**, of Canton, MI, flew his Don Dewey's New Era III ex-pattern style, low-wing sport plane. Denny built and converted it from a vintage kit. Denny was awarded **Best Sport Plane** for his fine efforts.

Details of Denny's New Era III can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2125057>



Greg Cardillo  
Archive photo 2014 Mid-Am  
**Sunday's Awards**



CJ Wysocki photo

**Denny Sumner**, of Canton, MI, brought his nice flying, beautiful Mooney Mite. Denny was presented with Sunday's **Best Scale** award. Details of Denny's Mooney Mite can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2533763>



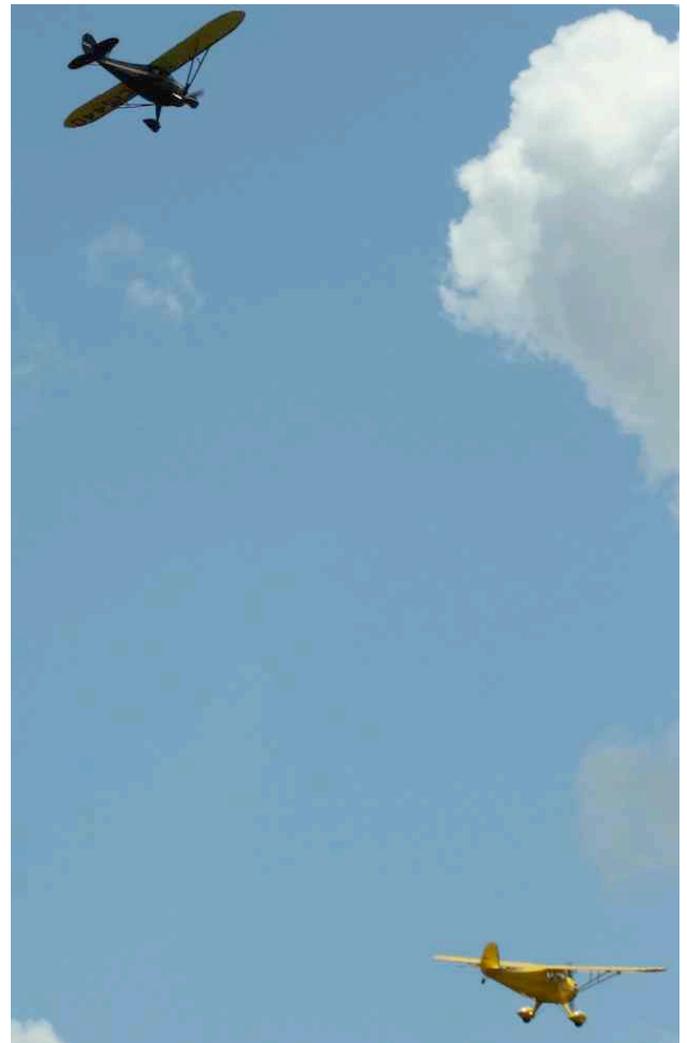
CJ Wysocki photo

**Mark Rittinger**, of Roseville, MI, flew his small, 3.5 oz. Dauntless. It was awarded **Best Mini-Electric**.

**Jim Young**, of Brighton, MI, with his beautiful Monocoupe 90A, received the **Most Beautiful Award** on Sunday.

Details of Jim's Monocoupe can be found on RC Groups.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2359828>



CJ Wysocki photo

The photo shows Jim's Monocoupe flying in formation with Robert Throne's. Jim supplied Robert with a prototype of his kit. These are two great looking and flying aircraft.

**Dave Grife**, of Coldwater, MI, received the **Best Multi-Motor** award on Sunday for his Me-262.



CJ Wysocki photo  
**Mark Rittinger**, of Roseville, MI, received the **CD's Choice** award again on Sunday. Receiving the CD's Choice award on both days hardly ever happens. Ken selects the CD's Choice on Saturday and Keith selects it on

Sunday. They were both very impressed with this plane!

**Jim Young** is seen launching Mark's plane for another great flight.

### The Saturday Evening Potluck

Once the awards are presented, and the pilots' raffle held, it was time for the Annual Steak Sandwich and potluck dinner. **Dave Hares** and **Dave Stacer** prepared the steaks and onions. Dave Stacer had already worked pilot registration and then helped out with the potluck. He provided the much needed help in preparation and clean up. A HUGE thanks go to both Daves.



Ken Myers photo

As usual, **Don Belfort**, from West Chester, OH, brought his "traditional" Mid-Am cake. This year's cake celebrated the 32nd Mid-Am. The cake tradition has been going on for almost as long as the Mid-America Electric Flies.

During, and after, the potluck is a wonderful time to be at this meet. This is the time when folks continue to get in more flights as well as 'sit around' and "catch up", talk planes, family, and politics and just relax. It is simply a marvelous time to be at the Mid-Am.



It was a total surprise to have our old friend, **Doug Ingraham**, join us this year after more than a decade. Fantastic!

This great tradition WILL BE CONTINUED! It is just

too great to let go!

During the evening flying time, I flew the Old Fogey 1.22x. Keith Shaw asked, "Does it loop?" I said I didn't know, as it was used as a primary, introductory trainer. After loading in a new battery, Keith flew it. Even with the reduced control throws, Keith looped, rolled and stall turned all over the sky with it. Does it loop? You betcha.



The photo of the Old Fogey 1.22x was not taken at the Mid-Am. It is from the Skymasters' Web site of photos from their electric fly-in.

<http://www.skymasters.org/gallery/thumbnails.php?album=230>

### Our Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors for providing some "goodies" for our participating pilots each day.

**Mark Rittinger** provided plans for two of his great flying planes, a Pharaoh and Omen III.  
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2514451>  
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2287978>

A very special thanks goes to **Joe Hass** for making the great donations from Hobbico and Beacon Adhesives happen!

**Hobbico:** Flyzone Extra 300SX Brushless Rx-R 41.5" & Hobbico hat

<http://www3.towerhobbies.com/cgi-bin/wti0001p?&I=LXFBLM&P=ML>

**Beacon Adhesives:** several 1 oz. FOAM-TAC Adhesive & FOAM-FINISH

<http://www.beaconadhesives.com/all/rc-planes/foam-tac/>  
<http://www.beaconadhesives.com/all/rc-planes/foam-finish/>

**Retro RC/Mark Freeland:** Baby Biwinger & camp e'Racer

<http://retrorc.us.com/katana-3-2-2-1-1-1-2.aspx>  
<http://retrorc.us.com/katana-3-2-2-1-1-1.aspx>

**Roger Wilfong** Maxford USA Nieuport-17 WWI EP 60" ARF

<http://www.maxfordusa.com/nieuport-17ep60arf-1.aspx>

**Doug Ingraham** 6 vintage RC kits

**Martin Irvine** - many vintage, full-scale aircraft books (*proved to be a HUGE hit! KM*)

**Ken Myers** Flyzone Extra 300SX Brushless Rx-R 41.5"

Keith and I thank all of our sponsors very much. We know that the registered pilots, who received items from our sponsors, are very grateful as well.

#### **A HUGE thanks to all who helped**

Keith and I cannot thank enough all of the folks from the EFO, Ann Arbor Falcons, and Midwest RC Society who helped to make this meet the success it is.

It is pretty easy to go to a "meet" and enjoy the facilities and forget that it takes a lot of dedicated and hard working people to pull it all together. The physical field needs to be in the best possible condition, the dining facilities, registration, concessions, potluck picnic grilling and a myriad of other details need to be taken care of. **Our behind the scenes folks are the best!** Guys, Keith and I cannot be more sincere when we say thank you, and we really couldn't have done it all these years without you!

#### **The Flight Line**

**Keith Shaw** handled the flight line beautifully on Saturday and Sunday as the flight line coordinator. He also put on noon demonstration flights both days.

#### **Parking**

Parking and parking directions were handled by the Midwest RC Society members.

#### **Registration & Impound**

**Denny Sumner** and **Dave Stacer** handled registration and a bit of transmitter impound. Gotta love these guys. They are there all of the time to do anything and everything asked of them and more. Thanks so much!

Keith and I sincerely thank Denny Sumner, David Stacer, Dave Hares, Arthur Deane, Roger Wilfong, Barb and Bob Weak, C.J. Wysocki, Kevin Hille, Norm Peters, Pete Waters and Charlie Dochenetz, and especially this year, Greg Cardillo for all of their super help and support. There were

more members of the EFO, Ann Arbor Falcons and the Midwest RC Society who pitched in with other spur of the moment jobs. Thanks to you folks as well!

Also, a special thanks goes out to the **Midwest RC Society** for allowing us to use their field and flying time for the majority of our Mid-Am meets. You guys and gals are the very best!

#### **Our Potluck Chef Dave Hares**

Many folks attending the Mid-Am know Dave as **THE MAN** attending to the grilling at the Saturday evening potluck. For more than 20 years he's filled this extremely important position. Besides cooking the steaks and sautéing the onions, with an able assist from Dave Stacer, he has been the organizer of the potluck and chief wrangler to see that everything is there for our guests. That is no small feat.

Thanks again Dave for another special year at the traditional Saturday evening potluck. Also, a huge thanks to Dave Stacer for pitching in after working a full day at registration. Dave Stacer was also able to give a helping hand this year during the potluck setup and clean up.

#### **It's Just 'Plane' Fun**



C.J. Wysocki photo



John Kauk photo

At the turn of the century, **Jim Ryan**, designed, published and produced kits for several very successful 'Speed 400' stand-off scale kits. He flew his 2002 F4F Wildcat and P-38 once again at this year's Mid-Am.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=38463>



Greg Cardillo photo



Greg Cardillo photo  
C.J. Wysocki Cub photo  
Robert Throne

flew his beautiful, Jim Young designed, Monocoupe as well as his converted

Goldberg Anniversary Cub. Both are great fliers.

Jim Ryan, of Cincinnati, OH, once again had his great flying OH-6 LOACH scale helicopter. It

uses T-Rex 600 mechanics and a scale body. Jim love's flying this one all the time.



C.J. Wysocki photo



EFO archive photo

Keith Shaw prepares to take off his GeeBee, in 1989, at the Mid-Am.



C.J. Wysocki photo (2016)

Keith recently refurbished the GeeBee, note that I said refurbished, not rebuilt, and flew it very well, once again at the 2016 Mid-Am.



Greg Cardillo photo  
Keith at the 2016 Mid-Am

Pictured below.



Greg Cardillo photo

During the noon demos, Keith flew his crowd pleasing Bugatti, as well as the the Goon, Horton and GeeBee.



Greg Cardillo photo

Not sure what the grimace is for, but that's me, Ken Myers, CD, at the 2016 Mid-Am.

Yep, both Ken and Keith have gotten a bit more gray over the years, but we are still very much enthused about electrically powered models.

Steve Labuta captured Ken's Son of Swallow, Old Fogey 1.22x and modified Sig 4-Star 40.



Greg Cardillo photo



Mark Freeland, mister Retro RC, demonstrated the fun flying ability of his new Saucerus RC. What a fun flying aircraft!

Greg Cardillo photo



Greg Cardillo Photo

Mr. Bill Brown brought his Maxford 1/6 Blériot XI ARF for Keith to maiden for him.

<http://www.maxfordusa.com/geebeemodelfarf-1-2-2-1.aspx>

It was quite a handful for Keith on Saturday, as it was 'way' tail heavy. With a pound of lead added to the nose, it was much, much more controllable on Sunday.



Steve Labuta captured Dave Grife's planes on the ground.

### Sad News Regarding Charles Langley

Posted on RC Groups by his son

Charles Langley's son posted the following about Charles, AKA everydayflyer, on RC Groups.  
<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2702873>

"I just wanted to let everyone know that the day before yesterday (*July 15, I believe KM*) my father Everydayflyer username on here and on Helifreak had a massive Stroke and he is in the hospital. He cannot use his left arm or hand at all, and they're going to be doing rehab for him to get his speech back. Yesterday was the longest, worst day I have had in many many years. I guess I was in shock all day and the way my mom was acting she was also. My parents have been married 53 years. My dad is 71 years old.

### Upcoming CARDS Electric Fly In

On **Saturday, August 27**, the CARDS (Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron) present their 6th Annual Electric Fly-in from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The CARDS flying field is located at 8328 Otto Rd., Grand Ledge, MI, 48837.

The event is open to all RC electric fliers that have proof of current AMA membership. Planes, multi-copters and helicopters are all welcome.

The flying field features the best two runways in Mid-Michigan.

The field will be available to registered pilots for electric only open flying on Friday, Aug. 26 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

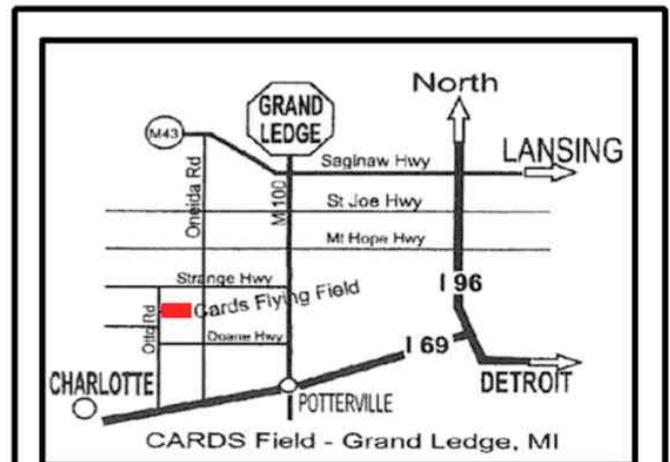
There are pilot prizes and a raffle on Saturday.

The **landing fee is \$15**, which includes pilot pizza and soda.

For more information contact the CD, Marv Thomson, phone 517-802-7675 or email [mthomson@wowway.com](mailto:mthomson@wowway.com)

### Spectators Welcome!

There will be a pop and water concession.



**Spectators Welcome**

Pop and Water Concessions  
Pizza delivered on Saturday

### Upcoming E-vents

**August 6** EFO Flying Meeting at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Road Flying Field, about 10 a.m., everyone is welcome, current AMA membership required to fly.

**Aug. 27 Saturday**, Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (C.A.R.D.S.) (Lansing area) RC Electric Fly-in, (info in this issue)

**More Mid-Am 2016 Photos can be found at:**

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2651807>



John Kauk photo

Jim Ryan's Cheyenne, which is beautifully crafted, is shown at the lower left and flies as good as it looks.

The online version of this issue contains even more photos from the 2016 Mid-Am.

<http://www.theampeer.org/ampeer/ampaug16/ampaug16.htm>

**Details on the Upcoming CARDS Meet in this issue**

**ALL ELECTRIC  
AIR SHOW**  
August 27, 2016  
9:00 am - 9:00pm  
8328 Otto Rd., Grand Ledge MI



The Ampeer/Ken Myers  
1911 Bradshaw Ct.  
Commerce Twp., MI 48390

<http://www.theampeer.org>

#### The Next Monthly Meeting:

**Date:** Saturday, August 6, 2016 **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Place:** Midwest 7 mi. Rd. Flying Field