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Sat., Nov. 2, 10 a.m., Midwest 7 Mi. Rd. Flying Field

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Upcoming Events

**MIDWEST R/C SOCIETY
R/C SWAP MEET**

Sunday, November 3rd, 2019
8:30AM to 11:30AM

Location

Northville Senior Community Center
303 West Main Street
Northville, Michigan
Latitude 42 43 04 North
Longitude 83 48 60 West

Admission Charge

\$5.00 per person-donations always
welcomed
(active duty military, kids under 12,
and women are admitted FREE)

Vendor Table Cost

\$20.00-\$25.00 per table, payable in
advance, depending on table location
The vendor table cost includes one
admission.

Vendor set up time is 7:45am.

Advance table reservations are
recommended since it costs more at the
door!

**For Information and Table
Reservations**

Call Rudi at: 248.631.8205 or
e-mail: therudi@icloud.com

Directions

Take the 8 Mile Road exit off of I-275
and go west 2.5 miles to Center Street.
Go south on Center Street for a ½ mile
and then west on Main Street.
The Northville Senior Community
Center is located at 303 West Main
Street.
There is free parking in the back of the
building, off of Cady Street.

**THIS IS THE LARGEST and
BEST swap meet in Southeastern
Michigan!**

Priceless Sale at the Midwest Swap Shop

As part of the Midwest Swap Shop there will be a Priceless Sale with all of the proceeds going directly to the Midwest RC Society.

What is a Priceless Sale?

Great models and modeling items are placed on the selling tables and it is basically make a somewhat reasonable offer, and the item or items are yours.

It is a great way to get some super buys!

2019 - 2020 Indoor Flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas

2019 -2020 Skymasters R/C Club Indoor Flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas

The Best Indoor Flying Venue Anywhere!

Join Us on Tuesdays*

At the Ultimate Soccer Arenas
Where It Is Always Warm and Dry!

Located at 867 South Blvd., Pontiac, MI 48341

October 29th through April 14th
From 10 AM through 1 PM*

Spectators Welcome and FREE
Trainer Planes on Site
Come Check It Out

Single Flying Session ONLY \$10
Any 5 Session Punch Card \$40
25 Season Season Pass \$120

Pay at the door or register online at:
<http://www.skymasters.org>

Have Any Questions?
Contact the Event Director at:
indoorfly@Skymasters.org
Or call Fred at 248-770-3239

All Pilots MUST Have Proof of Current AMA
Membership
A Special 3 Month Trial AMA Membership is
Available

* Consult the Schedule on the Skymaster's Website
for Exact Times and Dates

Preregistration is now open at the Skymasters'
Website

<http://www.skymasters.org>

Indoor Flying to Start Soon at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Start Date: Wednesday November 6

Time: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Place: Legacy Center Sports Complex
9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

Cost: \$10 cost per session

Don't let the cold keep you from flying

**For More Information Visit the Hamburg Flyers
Website**

<http://hamburgflyers.org/forum/>

Richard Utkan,

EFO vice-president and so much more!

Rich Utkan passed away suddenly and without warning on Saturday, September 21, 2019. He was 72 years old.

I got a call on Sunday afternoon, Sunday, from Richard's daughter and it hit me like a ton of bricks, to say the least.

I am still trying to process this.

Richard and I go way back to the days of the original Union Lake Flying Organization (UFO).

He's been my/the EFO's vice-president since its inception in 1988.

My mind is filled with his unique voice and speech patterns and I can hear him constantly in my head now. Only about a month before we were having such an enjoyable time together at the CARDS meet.

My last photo of Richard was taken at the CARDS flying field on that day.

I received the following from Mark Williams of the United Flying Organization, where Richard was also an active member.

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I must inform you that our fellow club member Richard Utkan passed away. This tragic event occurred Saturday, September 21st, 2019.

He laid down to take a nap and did not get up.



Richard is a distinguished pilot, builder, US Air Force veteran, and recipient of the Carl Goldberg Vital People Award from the AMA. Most of all Richard is our dear friend.

He has been a member of the UFO club since records were kept. He joined in 1984. He was a member of the lawn crew and a club student trainer.

Richard would help other members and provide advice and help both on and off the field. Richard pushed the envelope with new building techniques and scratch-built designs that were often very successful.

This truly is a detriment to the RC community and to our club.



Richard is the Vice-President of the EFO, the electric only spin off of the original Union Lake Flying Organization, UFO club. Their field was located on Wise Road, near Union Lake, MI at the old Nike base.

The EFO members include Keith Shaw and Ken Myers, editor of the *Ampeer*, the oldest electric RC publication still in existence.

Richard was among the founding fathers of electric RC, especially modern Electric RC. Among his peers are the best and most famous pioneers of RC flight.

Sincerely,
Mark Williams

Richard's Obituary is located at
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/white-lake-mi/richard-utkan-8865044>

The following is from his obituary, and really notes what a great kind of guy he was. "From 1966-1970, Richard proudly served his country in the United States Air Force as a crew chief on the F-111. Upon receiving his honorable discharge, he began his career as an assemblyman for Ford Motor Company. He worked at Ford for many years, until his retirement in 2007. Throughout his life, Richard enjoyed camping, hiking, cooking, and being outdoors. Richard greatly enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, and was a member and vice-president of the Electric Flyers Organization. He was also a devoted member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in South Lyon for many years."

Richard was based in Thailand and we had many a talk comparing his service in Thailand to my service in South Korea from 1968 - 1969. I'll miss those talks a lot! Like me in Korea, he continued to be a model builder in Thailand.

I will just plain miss him so very, very much.

Upcoming E-vents

October 29th through April 14th, Indoor Flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac from 10 AM through 1 PM (details in this issue)

November 2, 2019, Saturday, EFO flying meeting, 10:00 a.m. Everyone with an interest is welcome. AMA membership required to fly - watch for possible date changes on the EFO Web site.

Nov. 3, 2019, Sunday, Midwest RC Society Swap Shop, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Northville, MI (details in this issue)

Nov. 6, 2019, Wednesday, 12 p.m.- 2 p.m., indoor flying at the Legacy Center Sports Complex, 9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116 (details in this issue)



Rest in Peace My Friend



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The Next Monthly Meeting:

Date: Saturday, November 2, 10 a.m.

Place: Midwest RC Society 7 Mi. Rd Flying Field

