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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m. meeting, EAA Building

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The March 2023 Meeting

The 7 p.m. video was about Miles Aircraft and their absorption by Hadley Page.

The Meeting

Greg Eilers introduced our special guests from Aspect Aviation, **Tracie** and **John Hoover**.

John noted that he started Aspect Aviation in 1995 to provide hard to get hardware. He put it all together and sold it in his shop.

He was the owner of Flightline Hobbies 15 years. Unfortunately, his rent went way up, so he had to close.

He also noted that he had worked for Rider's Hobby Shop as an assistant manager, but mostly in RC.

He bought a laser to start up his own kit business, based on his own designs, as well as engraving.

His first kits are the Lil Bubba, which he designed 25 years ago and the 15/16 from 1976, which was his first design.

He includes real plans and instructions in the kit so that you don't have to download anything from the Internet.

He also produces catapult gliders to be used as educational tools..

After Mr. Hoover finished **Mr. Bill Brown Sr.** told about his first RC flight. It didn't go that well! The plane flew into an open car door!

Lynn Morgan, club secretary, gave a membership update. At the time of the meeting we had 27 paid and a total of 32. He also said that probably about 8 more would join soon. In 2022 we had 40 members so that we are not too far off, but not there yet.

He reminded the members that their completed 2023 application will be held through the future and that members will not have to fill out a new membership

application every year.

It was noted that our dues will be reevaluated as soon as we know what the membership will actually be for 2023.

Greg Eilers said that we need more ways to get folks out to the flying field so that we have the possibility of increasing our membership.

Mark Freeland, of Retro RC, said that he is no producing tabulators.

Ken Myers forgot his phone, so **Dave Stacer** provided the following photo of Tracie and John Hoover. Note the engraved objects that they also do on the laser.



Thank you Tracie and John for coming and sharing your business with us.

For those who missed it, I've reprinted the following from the February 2023 newsletter. regarding Aspect Aviation.

About John Hoover and Aspect Laser Aspect Laser Cutting

From John Hoover via email

Good morning,

We closed our hobby store in Michigan, Flightline Hobby last year.

I am now designing, manufacturing and selling my laser kits. Could you please pass along our website?

Check it out!

www.aspectlaser.com

Thanks and good flights,
John and Tracie Hoover
Aspect Laser

And From Joe Hass via email: Introducing Aspect Laser

Model Aviation Hall of Famer John Hoover and his wife Tracie have opened a new online store called Aspect Laser.

<https://www.aspectlaser.com>

John is using his decades of aeromodeling experience to supply high quality kits, laser services and a vast line of hardware (over 200 items) specifically packaged for the modeling community. The website is a work in progress so check back often.

There are currently 4 kits available:



Lil' Bubba (balsa) (*photo in John's info about this plane KM*)

<https://aspectlaser.com/collections/balsa-rc/products/lil-bubba-laser-cut-balsa-rc-radio-controlled-airplane-kit>

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Aspect Laser Lil' Bubba 17.75" Span Laser Cut RC Radio-Controlled Balsa Airplane Kit RC-1
\$79.99

Aspect Laser 15/16th's 37.5" Span Laser Cut RC Radio-Controlled Balsa Airplane Kit RC-2
\$89.99

COMING SOON! 2023 Aspect Laser Worm Killer 37.75" Span Laser Cut RC Radio-Controlled Balsa Airplane RC-3
\$89.99 Sold Out

COMING SOON! 2023! Aspect Laser TD-etta Delta Wing 22" Span Laser Cut RC Radio-Controlled Balsa Airplane Kit RC-4
\$0.00 Sold Out



15/16's (balsa)

<https://aspectlaser.com/collections/kits/products/15-16th-laser-cut-rc-radio-controlled-balsa-airplane-kit>

Aurora (foam)

<https://aspectlaser.com/collections/foam/products/aurora-foam-rc-airplane-kit>





F-106 (foam)

<https://aspectlaser.com/collections/foam/products/f106-delta-dart>

I have flown the Aurora and the F-106. Both are fantastic with wide flight envelopes.

Attached are a few words from John on the Lil' Bubba. (*The info from John is after Joe closes his email. KM*)

John has power systems for all of his kits.

John can provide laser engraving and laser cutting too. Attached are pictures of some of his laser products. These would make great, practical prizes for club events.



International shipping is available.

More kits are on the way.

You can reach John at aspect5429@yahoo.com.

Joe Hass
248-321-7934

Aspect Laser Lil' Bubba 17.75" Span Laser Cut RC Radio-Controlled Balsa Airplane Kit RC-1

- Full laser cut wood kit that you build
- Detailed full size plans and instructions
- American hardware where possible
- Photos of the build are available, many detailed shots, available in the "Media" section of our website.
- The "Small Plane Foam Stand" you see in the photo on the Webpage is included in the kit. This stand is CNC cut by my friend Scott at Mega Jets.
- Power system and all necessary building tools are available from Aspect Laser.

The Lil Bubba model was originally based on my "Auffangen" design #47 built in 1983. She flew with a Charlie's RC Goodies G Mark 061 glow engine.

My idea was to design a good flying, small plane that built quickly.

The wing is a flat bottom airfoil that builds flat to the plan and the fuselage is built upside down in the same flat fashion. Bubba is a quick build, I could frame one in a day,

The Lil' Bubba is a nice size, fitting in even a small car in the car.

Lil' Bubba is a quick but predictable flyer.

Later I decided to manufacture a few kits, The new 2022 Lil' Bubba (Aircraft #433) is very close to the 1998 plane except I added a top front magnet hatch to facilitate battery change. She is a steady flyer for her size but requires previous flying skills to fly her.

New electric motors and batteries allow for a nice bird like the original.

She could still be built as a glow model without too much modification. If you go glow, I would suggest .061 size range engines.

Good Flights!
John Hoover

The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2023

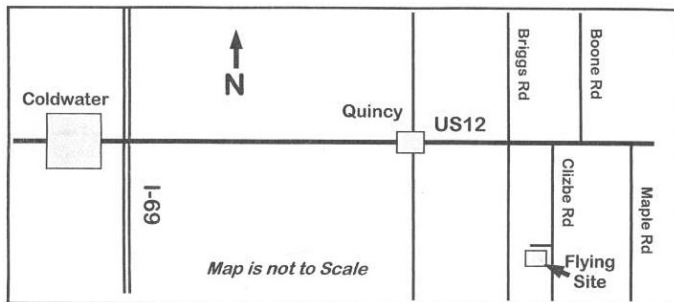
The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 21st year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **June 3, 2023**. It is a one day event.

The event consists of Open Electric Flying with a "Special Guest of Honor Theme", Happy Birthday Keith Shaw [June 6].

Enjoy a day with the "Pioneering Master of Electric R/C Flight". 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday. NO LANDING FEE! Donations for field maintenance and lunch appreciated.

For additional information contact;
Contest Director: Dave Grife - E-mail:
grifesd@yahoo.com or Phone: 517-279-8445
Please e-mail or call with any questions.

The field will be open for guests to fly on Sunday as well.



39th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2023 & FREE Open Air Swap Meet, Sat. July 8
(See Swap Meet Note at the end of this announcement.)

AMA Sanctioned Event (Proof of AMA membership required to fly - Sorry MAAC membership is no longer accepted)

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9, 2023

Hosted by the:

Ann Arbor Falcons, Electric Flyers Only and The Midwest RC Society

The 7 Mile Rd. Flying Site, Salem Twp., MI, is

Provided by the:

Midwest R/C Society

Contest Directors are:

Ken Myers phone (248) 669-8124 or email
kmyersefo@mac.org –

Website for updates:

<http://www.theampeer.org> for updates & info

Keith Shaw (734) 973-6309

Flying both days is at the Midwest R/C Society Flying Field - 7 Mile Rd., Salem Twp., MI

Registration: 9 A.M. **Saturday**

Event Flying from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturday

Open Flying 10 A.M. Until You Leave Sunday

**(Open Flying Saturday after the Event & All Day Sunday
There are NO SCHEDULED EVENTS on Sunday, just open electric flying)**

No Pilot Landing Fee
Donations will be gladly accepted

No Parking Donation Will Be Requested from Spectators or Those Participating in the Open Air Swap Show
Donations to Midwest will be gladly accepted from Spectators and Open Air Swappers

Awards on Saturday Only!

Best Scale

Most Beautiful

Best Mini-Electric

Best Multi-motor

Best Sport Plane

Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft

CDs' Choice

Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award
Plaques for the winner in each category

The Field is Open for Open Flying All Day Friday
Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday & Saturday Nights

Field Lunch is provided to pilots and friends (hot dogs, chips, water or pop) Available on Saturday

Field Dinner is provided (Burgers, Brats on Saturday evening for Pilots & Their Guests)

Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed electric flying.

The NCM (Not Conventional Materials) Event
Traditionally, model aircraft airframes have been mostly constructed from balsa wood, plywood, spruce, and fiberglass. For the purposes of this meet,

NCM airframes are mostly constructed from not conventional materials i.e.; sheet foam, foam board, cardboard, block foam, foam insulation material, etc.

Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft: This is a true event. It is based upon the all up/last down event of early electric meets. Any NCM aircraft may be used (no ARF types). Power systems are limited to a maximum of 3S (no paralleling) LiPo batteries or 4S maximum, no paralleling, for A123 packs. All planes qualifying for this event will launch at the same time, and the last one to land will be declared the winner.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR 2023 - THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FOUR YEARS AGO!

The old entrance to the Midwest RC Society flying field is **permanently closed!!! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE IT!!!**



Directions from Google Maps to the flying field

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/MIDWEST+R%2FC+SOCIETY/@42.422025,-83.6170775,805m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m13!1m7!3m6!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf1!2s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+48167!3b1!8m2!3d42.4187058!4d-83.6190072!3m4!1s0x882355a2c9e29cb5:0xaaaf592068692b984!8m2!3d42.422025!4d-83.6148888?hl=en>

To locate the Midwest R/C Society 7 Mile Rd. flying field, site of the Mid-America Electric Flies, look near top left corner of the map, where the star marks the spot, near Seven Mile Road and Currie Rd.

Because of their convenient location and the easy drive to the flying field, the Comfort Suites and Holiday Inn Express in Wixom, MI have been added to the hotels' listing. They are only 10 miles northeast of the field and located near I-96 and Wixom Road. See the map-hotel .pdf for more details.

<http://www.theampeer.org/map-hotels.pdf>

Open Air Swap Meet, Saturday at the Mid-Am

There is a designated area for swappers. Please check-in at the event registration table before setting up. Someone from registration will point out where you may set up. Bring your own table(s) and chair(s).



This what the flying field entrance looks like. Please Drive SAFELY

The field entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.5 Miles west of Currie Rd. entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.6 Miles west of Currie Rd.

The address is 7621 Seven Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The entrance is through a private residence drive and out past the barn.

There is no swap meet fee. A donation to the Midwest RC Society for the use of their flying field would be greatly appreciated.

Skymasters' Winter Indoor Flying in Pontiac, MI

From Pete Foss via email

Hi All,

I'm very happy to announce that we have secured a spot at the UWMSC (UWM Sports Complex), 867 S Blvd E Pontiac, MI 48341, calendar for indoor flying.

WE ARE BACK TO TUESDAYS FROM 9 AM - 12 PM!

Registration for indoor is up for gold cards!

<http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&id=15924>

Gold Cards, season passes, are \$150 and single sessions \$10.

Thanks,

Pete Foss

President Skymasters RC of Michigan

www.skymasters.org

Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying takes place from November 2nd, 2022 until April 26th, 2023 at the Legacy Center Sports Complex, 9299 Goble Dr., Brighton, MI, 48116

phone: 810-231-9288

Wednesdays from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM.

The cost is \$10 per drop-in session.

Eating and Gabbing

Help Wanted

From Pete Waters via email

We need help to fill the empty seats on **Wednesday mornings** at **The Conners Coney Island Restaurant** situated at the N.E. Corner of 5 Mile and Haggerty.

We meet at 7:30 a.m., and cover many topics, except Politics and Religion.

This get together, used to have several tables filled, but time has passed, and now we're down to just a few. This is an ideal stop off for the field workers, breakfast and then the field. Please make an effort, we used to be **"The R.O.M.E.O. Group, "Retired Old Men Eating Out!"**

Winter Meeting Reminder

Our late fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the EAA building through April 2023 at Mettetal Airport in Canton, MI, which is just south of Plymouth, MI.

The address is 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

The EAA building is the first building on the right when entering the airport.

There is usually an aviation related video at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Many meetings have guest speakers whose topics relate to both model and full scale aviation.

To change your email address contact Ken Myers at kmyersefo@mac.com

The 2023 membership application is available at the club Web site,

**<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays:

Indoor Flying 10 a.m. Pontiac (details in this issue)

Wednesdays:

Indoor Flying 12:30 p.m. Brighton (details in this issue)

Tentative 2023 Midwest Events Schedule

Every Tuesday May through Oct. Sailplane league (5:30 pm.) Larry Markey CD.

April 5th - April club Meeting / EAA building

May 10th - May Club Meeting / At the field

June 7 - June Club Meeting / At the field - Club picnic ladies night

July 5 - July club Meeting / At the field - Pre Mid-AM

July 8th and 9th Annual Mid-Am electric fly. Ken

Myers CD (*To include Open Air Swap Shop KM*)

Aug 5 - Aug club meeting / open- At the field **Saturday** (Lunch served)

Sept. 9 - Sept. club Meeting / at the field. **Saturday** (officer nominations)

Oct 4 - Oct club Meeting / Mettetal FBO

Nov. 1 Nov club Meeting / Mettetal FBO (pre swap prep / elections)

Nov. 5 Nov Swap Shop / Northville Senior center

Dec. 6 - December club Meeting / Mettetal FBO

(Christmas snacks)

Dec. 16 - December Club dinner with wives @ Karls Cabin (*If rebuilt & reopened after the fire on 02/15/23 KM*)

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The Next Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Time: 7 p.m video (TBD) 7:30 p.m. meeting

Place: EAA Building, Mettetal Airport, Plymouth, MI