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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Time: 7:30 p.m. FBO at Mettetal Airport, Canton, MI

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Fall/Winter/Early Spring Meeting Reminder

Our fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the fixed-based operator (FBO) building at Mettetal Airport.

Canton–Plymouth Mettetal Airport is a public use airport located in Canton Township, Michigan, United States. The airport lies two nautical miles south of the central business district of Plymouth, in Wayne County. The airport is owned and operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Address: 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187

Please check your email and the club Website, as the tentative date approaches, for possible last minute changes.

The FBO is the white building that is located closer to the runway than the EAA building near the entrance.

The March 2024 Meeting

Greg Eilers started the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

He welcomed our new member, **Jim Senia**. Welcome Jim!!!

Greg called on our club secretary, **Lynn Morgan** who noted that at this time we have 34 members, 30 paid and 4 life. Several folks also paid their dues now.

Dave Stacer commented on the problems we've had with accessing our Website at times. There were a lot of issues with domain name provider. The issues appear to have been worked out, with a lot of effort on Dave's part. Thanks Dave. The urls midwestrcsociety.org and midwestrcsociety.com should work now.

Greg spent quite a bit of time going over our proposed 2024 schedule. The schedule can be found in our monthly newsletter and on our club Website.

He also noted that there will be an AMA sanctioned glider event, possibly in September, and CDed by Larry Markey.



Indoor Flying

United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex

867 South Blvd., Pontiac, MI 48341

October 17th thru April 9th

Single Flying Session \$10
25 Session Season Pass - \$150

The Best Indoor Flying Venue In Metro-Detroit

All Pilots/Drivers must have proof of current AMA Membership. Spectators Welcomed Free.
3 Month Trial AMA Membership is Available.

Contact us at indoorfly@skymasters.org or 248-403-8279

www.skymasters.org



SKYMASTERS INDOOR FLYING

At UWM Sports Complex - Field # 1

For the 2023-2024 Winter Season*

OCTOBER*:

Tues. 17th
Tues. 24th
Tues. Oct 31st

NOVEMBER*:

Tues. 7th
Tues. 14th
Tues. 21st
Tues. 28th

DECEMBER*:

Tues. 5th
Tues. 12th
Tues. 19th

JANUARY*:

Tues. 2nd
Tues. 9th
Tues. 16th
Tues. 23rd
Tues. 30th

Flying sessions start at 9 am and end at 12: PM *
Please Bring Proper Change For Payment.

FEBRUARY*:

Tues. 6th
Tues. 13th
Tues. 20th
Tues. 27th

MARCH*:

Tues. 5th
Tues. 12th
Tues. 19th
Tues. 26th

APRIL*:

Tues. 2nd
Tues. 9th

* Dates & Times
Subject to Change or
Cancellation Without Notice

For rules & additional information go to: www.Skymasters.org
Indoorfly@Skymasters.org or 248-403-8279



There was discussion about getting on the South Lyon Parks and Recreation schedule and what Midwest could do when partnered with them.



Dave Stacer shared updates and improvements that he has been making to his Remote ID.

He had originally presented his information at the November 2023 meeting. That information is in the December 2023 issue of our club's newsletter. <https://www.theampeer.org/midwest/news/mwdec23.pdf>

He's been working on more versions, including an even smaller one and adding the option, for the user, of using an external antenna. He demonstrated one at the meeting and Greg was able to see its location in the App on his phone.



Jim Senia shared his beautifully completed NIEUPORT 28, which was constructed from a Dumas kit.

<https://www.dumasproducts.com/?product=nieuport-28-kit-1819>

It is covered with MonoKote and weighs in at 10 oz. with no battery installed.

It has not been flown yet.



He also had his e'SinBad the Sailor 36 glider kit, from RetroRC, that he's working on.

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

He noted that it is the first plane he's ever built that had no full size instructions.

He had a lot of questions regarding its power system.

We suggested that he contact Midwest RC Society member, **Mark Freeland**. Mark is Retro RC and can answer, very authoritatively, any questions about his fine kits.

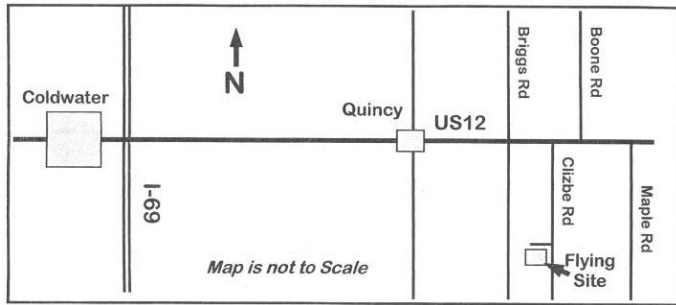
See you at the next meeting, Wednesday, April 3 at the FBO at Mettetal Airport.

Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying is now taking place through 2024 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. thru April 24

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



The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2024

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 22nd year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **June 1, 2024**. 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.

40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2024 & FREE Open Air Swap Meet, Sat. July 13

(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 13 & Sunday, July 14, 2024

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 2024 - 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!!!**

**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.



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!4m1!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).

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

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

The 2024 membership application is available at the club Web site,
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

Upcoming Events 2024

Indoor Flying:

Tuesdays, Starting at 9 a.m. at the United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex, Pontiac, MI (details in this issue)

Wednesdays, starting at 12:30 p.m., Legacy Center, Brighton, MI (details in this issue)

Every Tuesday, May through Oct. Sailplane League (6 p.m.) Larry Markey CD.

Tentative 2024 Midwest Events Schedule

April 3rd Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7:30
May 15th Club flying meeting @ the Field.
June 5th Ladies Night flying & picnic
Saturday June 22nd Dog Days open fly all Midwest and EFO club members and guests. Lunch served Noon
Flying at 10am.
July 3rd Club meeting and flying @ the field 6pm
July 13th – 14th, 40th Annual Mid-Am Electric Flies
Aug 7th Club meeting and flying @ the field 6pm
September 11th Club Meeting and flying at the 6pm
Officer nominations
September SAT. TBD AMA sponsored Sailplane event.
Larry Markey CD.
Oct 2nd Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm. Officer nominations
Nov. 3, Sunday, Annual Swap Shop
Nov 6th Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm Officer voting
Nov 16th year end social dinner. Location TBD.
Dec 4th Christmas meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm. Snack and gift exchange. Optional.

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