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**Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, August 1**

**Time: 6 p.m. or earlier (Always Check Website 4 changes!)**

**What's In This Issue:**

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**Midwest's FIRST MONTHLY  
FANTASY FUN FLY  
Sunday, June 24  
Via Email from Peter Waters**



The beginning session for this program was delayed through typical weather, but it finally happened on Sunday, June 24.

We had four tasks set to run, but the long grass eliminated one.

The first event was a climb and glide. The motor was run for 7 seconds and then shut down. The glide was to a spot landing. **Denny Sumner** managed 124.26

seconds using a modified Sig Four Star 40. During this event, it was possible to get triple the score if you glided inverted! Even though the gathering throng of spectators encourage the pilots to do the inverted glide (is that heckled?), no one chose to do so.

The second event was a "Virtual Limbo". Two poles, one on each side of the flying field, were used as gates, but there was no string across field. The "judges" decided "Yes or No" as to whether the plane passed under the tops of the poles. The contestant had one minute to get as many passes in as possible. **Dangerous Dennis** and **Rough Rider Roger** scored 4 passes each.

The third task was "Dunk the Can". An empty beverage can was tied on a long string to the model. The contestants were allowed three passes to "dunk" the can on

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

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the snow board target.

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Each flight ended with a spot landing, aiming at a towel. The closest through the program was **Larry Markey**. He won the ONLY prize, a turned wooden bowl.

It was a fun filled few hours, and will be repeated monthly for the two clubs.

Thank you to the side line spectators and helpers.

Don't miss out on the fun. Come on out to our next fun fly!

Pete Waters



The closest was **Larry Markey** using his giant model to tail hover... close but no prize. **Ken Myers**, flying his SuperEZ trainer, also managed to dunk the can just before the target twice and drag it across the target. That didn't count either!





**Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore Art Thou?**

From Pete Waters via email

A few years ago, we had a group of club members, who besides being mainly on the grass cutting teams, also flew in the mornings, and we had a picnic, mid-summer and a grand dinner out with our wives in mid-winter.

This became known as “The ROMEO Club” and even became sanctioned with the AMA. The ROMEO name, became decoded as the “Retired Old Men Eating Out”. We met each Wednesday morning for breakfast at the Coney Island, North East of Haggerty and Five Mile.

The time was, and still is, 7.30 am, but slowly the numbers have dwindled to a handful.

All members of Midwest and the EFO are invited to help bring back the larger number of participants. We ONLY talk modeling, no politics, and then drive over to the Midwest Field, where, grass cutting and flying takes place.

No, you do NOT have to be a grass cutter, just come along and encourage the workers.... sure.!!

There is plenty of table space, and Linda, our regular waitress, will be very happy to move tables and chairs.

Right now, Bill Brown, last to arrive, has to sit at the end of the table. By the way, we have no dues, just the tip for Linda.

Pete Waters

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**The July Field Meeting**

Wednesday, July 11 was a perfect day for our flying field meeting. The winds were light and temperature was very pleasant.

We had a very nice turnout for a relaxing evening of flying and Ken got in a little training as well.

We are looking forward to our next field meeting on Wednesday, August 1.

We hope you can make it out.

As the photos show, some of our members were well into high stress flying!





## 2018 Mowing Information

### Field Mowing Information

From **Bill Brown** and **Jim Cross**

#### Please Note:

1. The mowing schedule is presented as a general mowing guide to help insure that the field is mowed at least once a week.
2. As shown each of the 4 mowing teams usually have a period of 4 weeks between their respective turns to mow, but this is subject to change (see below).
3. The schedule is NOT intended to be an unbending, all encompassing rule that covers every situation.
4. Each Team Captain is empowered to adjust his team's mowing time and day if required due to weather, special events or another reason; he is responsible for communicating his adjustments to all the members of his team.
5. In case of vacation or a leave of absence, it is the Team Captain's responsibility to swap weeks with another Team Captain.
6. Additional cuttings are at the discretion of the Team Captains.
7. The attached schedule will NOT be modified for any of the changes listed in items 4, 5 or 6.

**Wednesday is mowing day (weather permitting)  
otherwise Thursday before 6 p.m.**

#### Typical Mowing times:

**Team #1:** Roger Wilfong 9:30ish a.m.

**Team #2:** John Gravasso 12:30ish p.m.

	2018 MOWING SCHEDULE					
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October
No.4 Team Captain <b>Richard Sievert</b> 248-349-8058	9	6	11	1,29	26	24
No.1 Team Captain <b>Roger Wilfong</b> 248-349-9079	16	13	4	8	5	3, 31
No 2 Team Captain <b>John Gavasso</b> 248-553-4783	23	20	18	15	12	10
No.3 Team Captain <b>David Stacer</b> 313-318-3288	2, 30	27	25	22	19	17

**Team #3:** Dave Stacer 4:00ish p.m.

**Team #4:** Rich Sievert 9:30ish a.m.

Midwest R.C. Field	7 Mile Road	Year 2018 Mowing Teams
<b>No. 1 Team</b> AM		<b>No. 2 Team</b> PM
<b>Roger Wilfong</b> 248-349-9079		<b>John Gavasso</b> 248-553-4783
<b>Donald Frandsen</b> 734-674-9478		<b>Dennis Sumner</b> 734-658-7931
<b>Alan Minsterman</b> 734-673-7863		<b>Bill Brown Jr.</b> 313-268-4167
<b>Norm Peters</b> 734-961-7975		<b>Arnold Nielsen</b> 248-305-8264
<b>No. 3 Team</b> PM		<b>No. 4 Team</b> AM
<b>David Stacer</b> 313-318-3288		<b>Richard Sievert</b> 248-349-8058
<b>Ken Myers</b> 248-669-8124		<b>Arthur Deane</b> 248-348-2058
<b>Richard Sawicki</b> 248-685-7056		<b>David Lewis</b> 734-748-3999
		<b>James Burke</b> 248-573-7548

**Flight Instructors**, please consult the mowing schedule and mowing team leader prior to scheduling training sessions to avoid conflicts.

**Team members**, PLEASE call your team leader if you are unable to show up for field work. All team members must check with their Team Leader for the actual mowing time.

Any team member whose personal schedule conflicts with his team's mowing schedule should contact Bill Brown, 248 379-4935, for reassignment to another team.

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### SAFETY FIRST

**NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE STORAGE AREAS!**

**NO REFUELING of EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE STORAGE CONTAINERS!**



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All Hand and Riding mowers: \*\*\*Check oil before mowing!\*\*\*

**Ford Tractor Rules:**

Check oil and water before mowing!

Do not exceed 1850 RPM!

Always mow in 2nd Gear- never in 3rd Gear!

No high speed turns!

Keep cut grass away from the grill and the radiator!

Report any equipment problems to Roger Wilfong  
248-348-2058.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  
**DUE TO SCHEDULING**  
**CONFLICTS AT VENUE, THE**  
**ANNUAL NOVEMBER SWAP**  
**SHOP WILL BE ON SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 18!**

More details will follow in next month's *Monitor*.

As always, we will need your help to 'pull off'  
another successful Swap Meet, so please put it on  
your schedule now!

**A Few 34th Annual Mid-America Electric Fly  
Photos**



One Shift of the Parking Crew Hard at Work



Our Concession Stand Folks



**To change your email address contact Ken Myers at [kmyersefo@mac.com](mailto:kmyersefo@mac.com)**

**The 2018 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday evenings:** The glider "league" flies at the field.

**Wednesday, August 1, 6:00 p.m., or earlier,** monthly Midwest field meeting, everyone with an interest is welcome, proof of AMA membership required to fly, see you then!

Sunday, November 18, Annual Midwest RC Society Swap Shop, more details to follow. PLEASE

**NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!**



**The Price-less Sale at the Mid-Am  
Thanks Pete!!!**

Ken and Keith want to thank all of the Midwest folks for their help with this event and the use of their flying field. Thank You ALL!

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**Place:** 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field