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December

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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022

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

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**Winter Meeting Reminder**

Our late fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the EAA building 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.

**Info Regarding the Upcoming December 2022 Meeting**

The Wednesday, December 7th meeting is our annual gab and snack. Members are asked to bring something sweet (dessert-like) or something savory (like cheese, crackers, etc.).

There will also be a not so white elephant "white-elephant" gift exchange for those who wish to participate. Remember the "gift" should be something that can be usable by another Midwest member.

**The White Elephant Gift Exchange at the Dec. 7th Meeting**

The gift exchange is TOTALLY VOLUNTARY! If you bring a "gift" you will receive one. The idea is NOT to get rid of junk, but to give someone something that can be useful to them that you no longer need. Please wrap the gift in holiday paper and put a tag on it that just says **From:** with your name following it.

This is always a fun meeting, so plan on being there.

**Wives and/or Significant Others Social Gathering at Karl's Cabin**

From Greg Eilers

Saturday, December 17th will be our

second wives / significant others social gathering at Karl's Cabin in Plymouth.

Karl's Cabin is located at 6005 Gotfredson Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

We will gather at 5:00 p.m. sharp.

Last year's meal was awesome.

Members are responsible for their own meal(s) and bar tabs.

I can only reserve spots for 30 people. I currently have 13 spots spoken for. I would like anyone interested in attending to confirm their reservation before November 30th, which is the hard cutoff date, so that I can provide Karl's Cabin with a final count. Anyone interested can respond with their numbers to Greg Eilers at [gregory.eilers2016@gmail.com](mailto:gregory.eilers2016@gmail.com) or phone 517-416-2685.

### The November 2022 Meeting

The 7 p.m. video was really good. It covered the entire history of the ERCOUPÉ/Aircoupe. Fascinating!

Club president, Greg Eilers started the meeting by calling for any more officer nominations. That was followed by a moment of silence, and the nominations were closed. A motion was made to accept the nominated slate of officers. The motion was followed by a unanimous vote to do so.

### The Elected Officers for 2023

president - Greg Eilers

vice-president - Ken Myers

secretary - Lynn Morgan

treasurer - Dave Stacer

field safety officer - Bill Brown, Jr.

two board members at large on the board of directors - Denny Sumner and Bill Brown, Sr.

**Rudi Reinhard** presented an update on the upcoming swap shop. He noted that all of the table's had already been sold and that we should do well.

He also noted that the cost of the tables rent had increased \$2 per table over the previous years.

Rudi said that he had gotten a lot more calls than usual this year regarding the swap shop.

Everyone thanked Rudi with HUGE applause for his continued efforts.

**Greg Eilers** confirmed that he will be handling the concessions.

**Roger Wilfong** said that he would, once again, handle the 50/50 raffle.

Everyone was reminded to be there at 7 a.m. for the swap shop setup and that the vendors were to be allowed in at 7:30.

**Lynn Morgan**, club secretary, noted that the new, 2023 membership application form is on our club Website.

(<http://www.theampeer.org/midwest/currentapp.pdf>)

He reminded the members that once this application is filled out for 2023, it won't have to be done again. No ID cards will be issued and it's the member's responsibility to keep their AMA current.

He reminded us that PayPal is now available as a payment form, as well as checks to the Midwest RC Society.

He also reminded us to keep in mind a Friends of the Field donation, which is always very much appreciated.

**Dave Stacer** noted that we did get a replacement lawn tractor for the Craftsman. It's a John Deere with hydrostatic drive.



Dave sent a photo of the replacement John Deere LA125 in the upper left.

Good job folks! It's looking good for mowing in 2023!

**Lynn Morgan** presented his plane retrieval system for planes caught up in a tree.



A sling shot is used to shoot the weighted monofilament line up and over the plane. The stronger rope is then attached to pull the plane from the tree.

The retrieval system is stored in the container with the combination lock for everyone's use. If the system is used, please return contents in same condition that you found them.

Via email to all midwest members, **Greg Eilers** noted, "**Ken Myers** has served as the club's head flight instructor for a number of years (*since 2009 km*). Ken has decided to step down from that position. **Dave Stacer** has volunteered to take over as our new head instructor.

I would like to personally thank **Ken Myers** for the years of service to the club in heading up the flight instruction program.

Ken has left the program in good hands with Dave. If you know of anyone wanting to get started in our great hobby. Have them get with Dave to begin the instruction process."

## Models of the Month

AMA Hall of Fame member, and Midwest RC Society member, **Mark Freeland** shared two planes with us.



The first one was a rubber powered plane that he designed to be used in the Science Olympiad as well as other STEM activities. He noted that it flies great.

He also noted that he'll produce about 100 or so of these kits for schools.



He also shared a 1941 Tiger Shark Monoline control kit that he picked up recently as a "new in the box" kit. It is a very complete kit that includes the covering, glue and dope.

The kit was made by the Victor Stanzel & Co.

Mark is planning to make this 36" Wingspan plane into U-control version instead of monoline.

Mark sent along the following information and photos of these via email.

The museum that the Tiger Shark "G" Line kit came from is:

Stanzel Model Aircraft Museum, 311 Baumgarten, Schulenburg, TX 78956 979-743-9119.



Mark's photo taken at the museum

The Tiger Shark was the first "control line" model airplane marketed as a kit. Victor Stanzel filed a patent on November 6th 1939 for the "G Line" method of flying powered model airplanes. The Tiger Shark first appeared in the December 1939 Model Airplane News Magazine. The wing span is 36" and length 31 1/2", and is intended for Class B and Class C ignition engines. Several other derivatives were designed and produced in the early 40's including a 24" span Baby Shark and a rubber powered Shark-P60.



Mark's photo taken at the museum

Victor and Joe Stanzel are also well known for two free flight designs, the Interceptor, and the Texas Ranger. But they are best known as the inventors of the Mono Line control system, which is most often used for CL speed models.



The museum has a good number of these kits left, I was told about 300. The kit is selling for \$60 and the museum is happy to ship them.

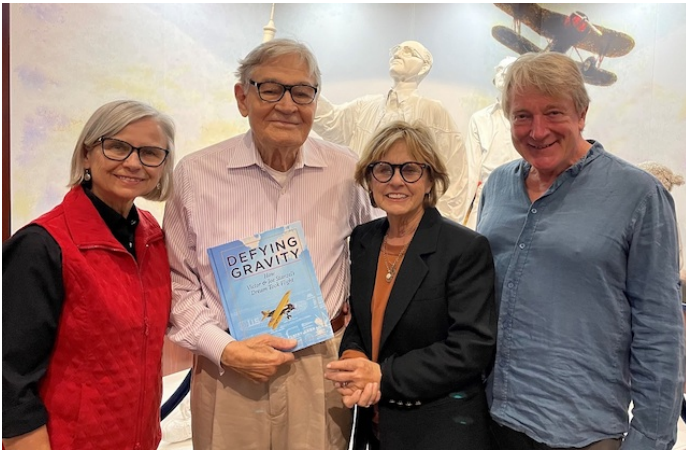


The folks there are very nice and helpful.

I was escorted around the facility by Victor and Joe Stanzel's Nephew Ted Stanzel (now in his 80's) and niece Lucy Stanzel, which was a real treat as Ted had worked at the factory with Victor after Joe's

death, so was very knowledgeable about everything in the exhibits.

The book, shown in the photo, is called "Defying Gravity, How Victor and Joe Stanzel's Dream Took Flight, by Ted Stanzel and Elaine Thomas. It is also available from the museum for \$35 in paperback.



Attached photo left to right is of Elaine Thomas, Ted Stanzel, Lucy Stanzel and myself.

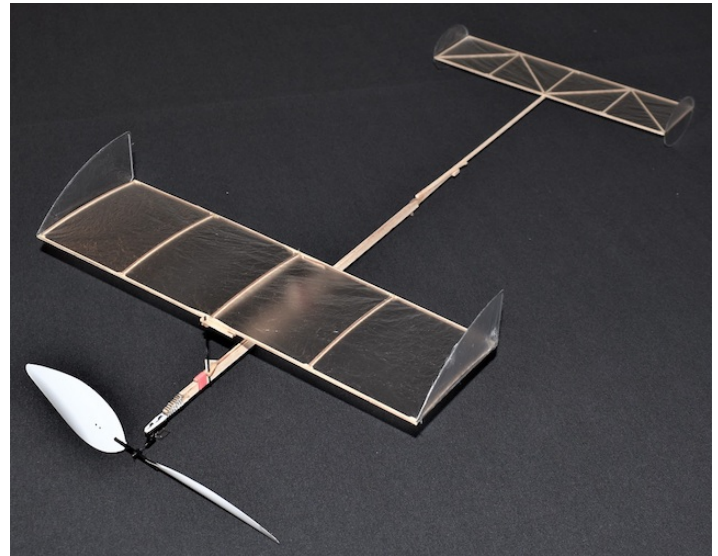


The Science Olympiad kit I showed this evening is the 2023 Cloud Dancer.

Model weight is 8g without motor (prop is 2g of this 8g) and flies with a 2g strip of 3/32" FAI Super Sport rubber. The prop is a Indoor Free Flight Supply Co. 9 1/2" Medium prop cut down to 9" diameter. Best flight time to date is 2 min 22 sec.

I hope this helps!

I am also uploading links for a video of the Science Olympiad Cloud Hopper (Bi-Plane for Div C) and the airplane I showed the Cloud Dancer so you can see how they fly! Bit large to attach!



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Mark Freeland

Retro RC LLC & Campbell's Custom Kits

### 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 GOING 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>

Similar to last year we will be offering Gold Card season passes for \$150 and single sessions for \$10.

Thanks,  
Pete Foss  
President

Skymasters RC of Michigan  
[www.skymasters.org](http://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.

### The November 6, 2022 Midwest RC Society Swap Shop Photos



Inside the main swap shop area shortly after opening to the public.



The setup in the hallway.



Concessions



Ticket sales and raffle ticket sales

## 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!"**

**Midwest RC Society Annual Swap Meet**

## RC Equipment For Sale

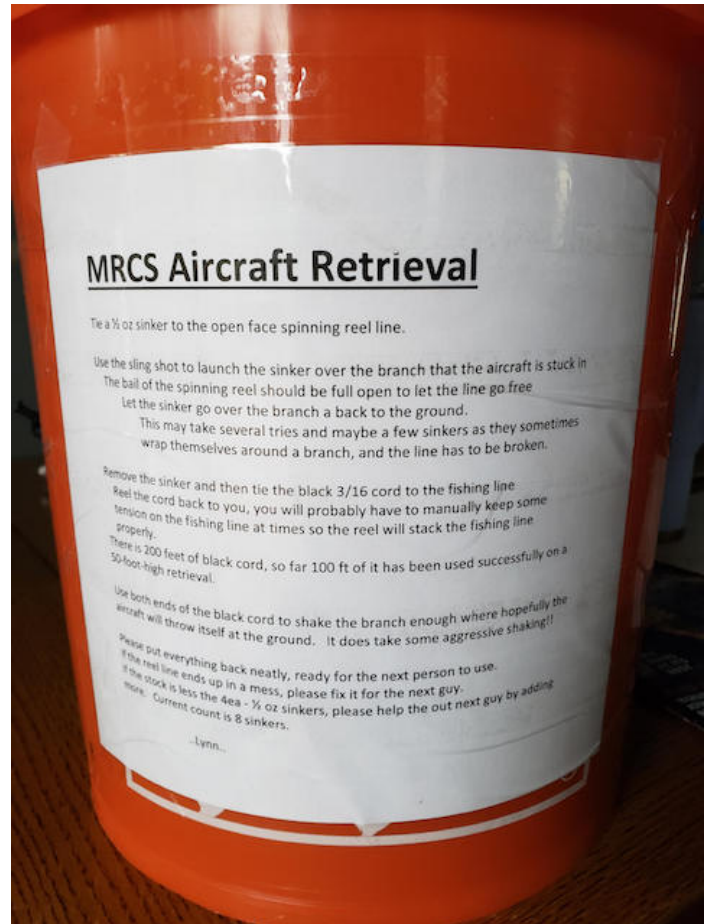
Diana Mozurkewich is selling off Steve and Wally Mozurkewich's RC items. You can reach her at 586-255-5425 for specific information.

## Our Club's Plane Retrieval System

From Lynn Morgan via email

**Lynn Morgan** designed this system and sent along a few photos to explain it.

Thanks so much Lynn!



This information is archived to our club's Website homepage for future reference.

## Bill Brown, Sr. Featured in Model Aviation's Viewfinder

Our own Mr. Bill Brown, Sr. was featured in the Viewfinder section of Model Aviation, December 2022. Joe Hass authored the article and presented Bill with a framed version of it.

Thanks so much Joe for doing this for a guy who has contributed so much to this hobby!!!



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

The 2022 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Wednesday, December 7**, Midwest Meeting, **No aviation related video this month**, 7:30 social meeting (details in this issue)

**Saturday, December 17**, 2nd Annual Wives and/or Significant Others Social Gathering at Karl's Cabin, 5:00 p.m. (details in this issue)

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