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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022

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

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Time to Renew Your Membership

From Lynn Morgan via email

Hello All Midwest Members,

Happy New Year to all!!

I thought I would send out this friendly reminder that **our Midwest RC Society membership dues are due by the March 2nd club meeting.** We hope you are considering rejoining Midwest for the 2022 flying season!

This year we are planning to have the altitude limited glider competition at the field (schedule is TBD, probably the same as last year). **Larry Markey** is heading this event; it is **a LOT of fun** so we hope you are considering coming out and participating!

FYI.... Please remember that Club Dues are batch processed one month at a time. Checks are handed over to the Club Treasurer at the first Wednesday meeting of the following month. Checks are then typically deposited within a week that the Treasurer receives them.

The January Club Zoom Meeting

Again, because of the continuing pandemic, the Wednesday, January 7, 2022 meeting was held via Zoom.

Club president, **Greg Eilers**, noted that Lynn Morgan, **club secretary, is looking** into simplifying the renewal of the membership process. He also noted that everyone's response to the holiday dinner was very positive and that we should do it again this year. He would also like to hear from members on activities that they would enjoy doing in the up-coming year.

Dave Stacer, club treasurer, shared the annual financial report. He noted that while there was a very slight decline in membership for 2021, it wasn't too bad. Also, the Swap Shop brought in about \$1360, which is about \$1000 less than previous years.

Dave gave the break down of our club's income and expenses. If you have

specific questions about our club's finances, please contact Dave.

Financially, we are spending more each year than we are taking in. What to do about this will be discussed at future meetings.

Dave also noted that he had taken the batteries out of the tractor and solar charging box and taken them home.

Greg mentioned that he'd like to have some kind of family day at the field to promote model aviation to youth. There was some discussion about that topic. There was mention that we did something similar with Cub Scouts for several years and the results did not yield any new members.

Winter, Indoor Monthly Club Meeting Information

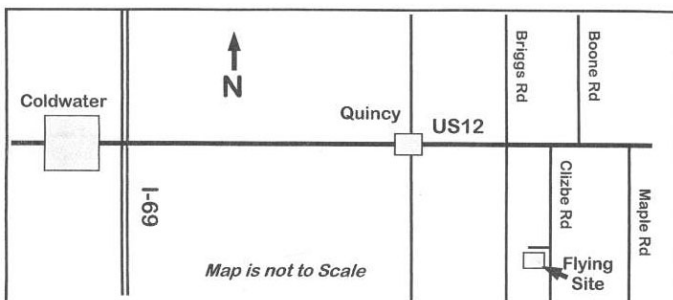
During the winter months, the club's monthly meetings are held at the EAA building at the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal. Airport, 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

[https://www.google.com/maps/place/Canton-Plymouth+Mettetal+Airport+\(1D2\)/@42.348509,-83.4574059,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xe86a0bfb10bd82b!8m2!3d42.348509!4d-83.4574059](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Canton-Plymouth+Mettetal+Airport+(1D2)/@42.348509,-83.4574059,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xe86a0bfb10bd82b!8m2!3d42.348509!4d-83.4574059)

The meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. There is usually an aviation related video from 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and usually includes a guest speaker.

The EAA building is the first building on the right when entering off of Lilley Rd.

Everyone with an interest is welcome.



The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2022

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 20th year, at

their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **June 4, 2022**. It is a one day event again this year.

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.

Mid-America Electric Fly Dates Announced

Keith Shaw and Ken Myers announced that the 38th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies (AKA the Mid-Am) will be held at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Road flying field on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10.

More details will follow shortly.

Skymasters Indoor Flying

From Pete Foss, Skymasters' President

HELLO INDOOR FLIERS!

We're back for Indoor Flying **starting October 20th!** I'm very happy to announce that through the efforts of Fred Engleman and Paul Goelz we have an agreement with **Reimagine Recreation** to fly on **Wednesdays** at **United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex (formerly Ultimate Soccer)**. It was a bit of a struggle dealing with the new owners of the facility and I would really like to thank Fred and Paul for stepping up and pushing us to the finish line!

There are some differences beyond the fact that we will be flying on field 4 (the one in the back) since field 3, where we used to fly, is now a basketball and volleyball arena. **Everyone who enters the building for any reason during our time slot MUST SIGN A LIABILITY WAIVER.** It would be helpful if you

print a copy, sign and bring to your first flying session but we will have printed waivers on hand too. Park out back by field 4. You will not be allowed to enter the front door.

To simplify this year, we went with only Gold (season pass) cards for \$150 and single sessions at \$10 each. Also, since ReImagine charges Skymasters for each and every pilot who flies, youths and spouses are no longer free.

Here is a direct link to register and purchase a Gold Card or print out a registration form for your first single session.

<https://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=register&event=indoor>

Hope to see many of you on the 20th, or before, at the Night Fly and Free Tailgate Swap at Skymasters Field.

Indoor Flying - **Wednesday**, October 20, 2021 - UWM Sports Complex, 837 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI Time: 10:00 AM

Sponsor: Skymasters

Indoor Flying At UWM Sports Complex

On Field #4 (Park and Enter on the north "back" end of the complex)

Wednesdays starting October 20, 2021 thru April 13, 2022

View Event PDF Flyer.

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Contact: **Fred Engleman** Phone: (248) 770-3239

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Updated Information

11/01/21: FYI - For those of you who want to park a little closer, we found out that the early morning Wednesday, UWM Training Sessions let out at 10 and the parking lot empties out quickly making more room for us closer to entrance of Field #4.

Season Passes are still available online for \$150 at www.Skymasters.org. If you have any problems with the online registration process, give me a call at (248) 770-3239. Or you can purchase a \$10 Single Session at the door (NOTE: there is no longer an ATM machine in the building, so you will need to bring the proper change/cash only).

Pilots/Drivers and Spectators you can read the Indoor Flying Rules, Schedule and Release Form Liability Form on-line at www.Skymasters.org **Each Pilot/Driver and Spectator will be required to sign a onetime Release Form Liability Form.**

11/10/21: It seemed to work well that pilots who arrived few minutes after 10 were able to park closer to entrance for Field #4.

With a ceiling height of 75 feet pilots do not have luxury of flying 3 mistakes high. We are also surrounded by 4 walls, fellow pilots and spectators all around. The utmost care must be taken when flying at all times. Pilots flying the faster delta wing planes must give way to slower planes. That said, if you are flying a slower plane, you may want to land when faster planes are in the air. Batteries only last a short time and you can return to the air to fly without costly mishaps. Everyone wants to have a good time and return home with our planes intact.

A quick reminder, if you are charging batteries the batteries must be in or on a fire retardant surface like a LiPo sack. **No charged or discharged batteries may be left at UWMSC.**

Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying takes place from November 3rd, 2021 until March 30th, 2022 at the Legacy Center Sports Complex, 9299 Goble Dr., Brighton, MI 48116, phone: 810.231.9288, on 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 Connors 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!"**

To change your email address contact Ken Myers at 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:

Wednesdays:

Indoor Flying 10 a.m. Pontiac (details in this issue)
Indoor Flying 12:30 p.m. Brighton (details in this issue)

Wednesday, Jan. 5, Midwest RC Society Monthly meeting, 7:00 p.m. video (TBD) 7: 30 meeting, EAA building at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, Midwest RC Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m. video, 7:30 business meeting, anyone with an interest is welcome.

Toledo Swap Shop, April 1 - 2, 2022 (more details to follow)

Saturday, June 4, 2022, Keith Shaw Birthday Celebration Fly-in, Coldwater, MI (details in this issue)

Saturday and Sunday, July 9 & 10, 2022, Mid-America Electric Flies (the Mid-Am), (details to follow)

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