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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 8

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

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[https://youtu.be/hHApAWHO\\_bc](https://youtu.be/hHApAWHO_bc)  
**Electric Powered Beaver Worth Noting**

There have been several prototype full-size airplanes that have been using electric power.

On December 10, 2019, the British Columbia, Canada, based seaplane airline Harbour Air did a successful test flight of a retrofitted, all-electric commercial seaplane, a 1956 de Havilland Beaver. It was piloted by Greg McDougall the CEO of Harbour Air.

The flight covered 16 km, about 10 miles, and was four minutes long.

The planes range is 160 km, or just a tad shy of 100 miles. Harbour Air plans on converting their entire fleet in two years.

## The December 2019 Meeting

**Denny Sumner and Roger Wilfong** arrived early.

By the time other members started arriving, about 7 p.m., Denny had the coffee going and Roger had another glider video playing.

The members placed their delicious treats and goodies on the counter for others to enjoy as they arrived.

At about 7:30ish, Roger announced that he does not have any speakers lined up for this winter's meetings, and asked for suggestions. We are still looking for speakers and topics for this winter's meetings.

**Ken Myers** took charge of getting the gift exchange under way, and many folks got some very useful "surplus" items from others.

The members stood and sat around

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

in very fluid groups throughout the evening. They discussed this past year, what they will do this coming year, and any other topics on their minds.



It was an extremely pleasant evening, which was enjoyed by all.

## The Upcoming January 2020 Meeting

Please note that the upcoming January meeting date is Wednesday, January 8 with an aviation related video at 7 p.m. and the meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. The date had to be changed because the first Wednesday of the month was January 1, New Years Day.

The meetings will continue to be the first Wednesday of the month. It is just this January meeting that has been changed.

**You're 2020 dues are due now.**

## I Could Use Your Help - Radio System Research

From Ken Myers  
kmyersefo@mac.com

I am doing some research into the radio systems that we are using now, and what we have used in the past.

For those who wish to participate in my research, if you could send me an email with the following information, I'd really appreciate it.

### Current System(s)

What brand(s) of Transmitter(s), Transmitter model number(s) or other designations are you currently using? (If it is **NOT** a 2.4GHz radio, could you please note that, otherwise I'll assume that it is a 2.4GHz system.)

What brand(s) of Receivers(s), Receiver model number(s) or other designations are you currently using? (If it is **NOT** a 2.4GHz radio, could you please note that, otherwise I'll assume that it is a 2.4GHz system.)

### Previous System(s)

What brand(s) of Transmitter(s), Transmitter model number(s) or other designations did you previously use? (Please indicate frequency range. 2.4GHz, 72MHz, 27MHz, etc.)

What brand(s) of Receivers(s), Receiver model number(s), if you can remember them, or other designations did you previously use. (Please indicate frequency range. 2.4GHz, 72MHz, 27MHz, etc.)

Thanks, Ken

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## Schedule:

### DECEMBER:

\* Mon. 23rd-4 hrs

\* Mon. 30th-4 hrs

### JANUARY:

Tue. 7th

Tues. 14h

\* Mon. 20th-4 hrs. MLK Day

Tues. 28th

### FEBRUARY:

Tues. 4th

Tues. 11th

Tues. 18th

Tues. 25th

### MARCH:

Tues. 3rd

Tues. 10th

Tues. 17th

Tues. 24th

Tue. 31st

### APRIL

Tues. 7th

Tues. 14h

Dates & Times Subject To Change.

**Please note that a special area is set aside for electric RC Drivers. Did you note that Driving was added to the title?**

Costs and dates are the same for drivers as fliers.

## Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

**Start Date:** Wednesday November 6

**Time:** 12 p.m.- 2 p.m.

**Place:** Legacy Center Sports Complex

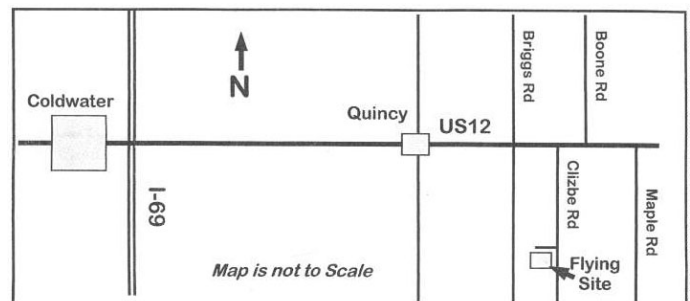
9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

Cost: \$10 cost per session

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Website

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The 2020 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Oct. 29 - Apr 14, mostly Tuesdays**, Indoor Flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas (details in this issue)

**November 6 and on:**

Indoor flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI, (details in this issue)

**January 8, Wednesday**, Midwest RC Society Monthly meeting, 7:30 p.m. meeting, EAA Building Mettetal Airport, everyone with an interest is welcome, 2nd Wed. This month only.

**The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2020**

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 18th year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, May 30, 2020. 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. - 5 p.m., Saturday. NO LANDING FEE! Donations for field maintenance and lunch appreciated.

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Contest Director: Dave Grife - E-mail:

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Please e-mail or call with any questions.

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

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