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**Next Meeting: Date:** January 6, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. **Place:** On Zoom

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**A Message From Our New, 2021,  
President**

From Greg Eilers

**Midwest RC Society 2021 Season**

Coming in as the new Club President, I have some questions and a list of ideas, or thought starters, to get more participation and increase membership.

**Questions and Discussion Points**

1. Do we need a club meeting every month during the winter months, especially while during Covid-19? Can we do it every other month on ZOOM, unless an issue arises requiring a special meeting?
2. Do we have someone getting flyers and/or business cards to the local hobby shops?

**Some Thoughts on Possible Club events:**

1. New, interim outdoor swap shop (Covid)
2. Club airplane event? i.e. Flite Test foam airplane?
3. Potential Multi club fun fly.

4. Multi rotor day at the field? With AMA membership.

5. Saturday sailplane event (extension of club sailplanes)

6. Saturday hot dog cook out

7. Military Appreciation Day sport and scale fly. (Military Theme airplanes and veterans Buddy box)

**Tech Talk: ZOOM?**

1. Ken Myers Step by step Design a foam airplane?
2. Innov8tive Design Products
3. Mark Freeland (Retro RC) Free flight primer.
4. Midwest RC society (Youtube) channel. Tips and techniques.
5. Larry Markey, Demo/Spektrum IX20 program and features.
6. Details on getting Commercial Drone Certification?

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

These are just some of my thoughts for next year's club undertakings and activities. These are just some thought starters for discussion.

It would be good to try and determine what we think are the most important activities early on, so we can start planning how and when we are going to accomplish them. **If anyone has any ideas about how to increase membership or participation I'd be very interested to hear them.**

I really think we should try and figure out how to pull off some sort of swap shop just to help the finances. It could be outdoor, maybe mid-summer and then go back to our traditional one if the Covid issue gets resolved in time.

One other thing I think could be interesting, would be a multi club fun fly with a club airplane. Maybe the Flite test simple stick that Paul Sockow built. Seems cheap and a low financial investment.

### The December 2, 2020 ZOOM Meeting

**Roger Wilfong** hosted the December 2, 2020 ZOOM meeting. There were 15 members present.

Before the real model airplane talk began, when someone asked **Ken Myers** how teaching his granddaughter was going, he took a lot of time, off the model airplane topic, to discuss the problems he's seeing with the education system today.

**Lynn Morgan** had recently acquired a lot of very old model airplane magazines and shared them. They were wonderful to look at, note the price, and enjoy what 15 cents could buy!

The oldest that he shared was a 1941 *Flying Models*. That was the one marked for 15 cents.

Ken also shared some of his older magazines that he had authored articles for. He also share his original, 1957, Lionel catalogue.

**Greg Eilers**, our new president noted that he wanted ideas from the membership on ways that we could gain new members and to encourage more members to actual use the flying field.

It was noted that the Ribcrackers are having their field reduced to just the smaller planes and they are leaving that club to join other clubs. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Ribcracker

members to join Midwest without having to pay the \$25 initial fee.

**Mark Freeland** noted that he did look into auction sites. No action was taken at this time.

Greg noted that at the February meeting we will have a special guest at our ZOOM meeting.

Greg also asked Ken if he would work up a presentation for the January meeting and present some information on how he designed his RUA 2-4-10 trainer. Ken said that he would.

### IMPORTANT WARNING ABOUT USING OUR FLYING FIELD!

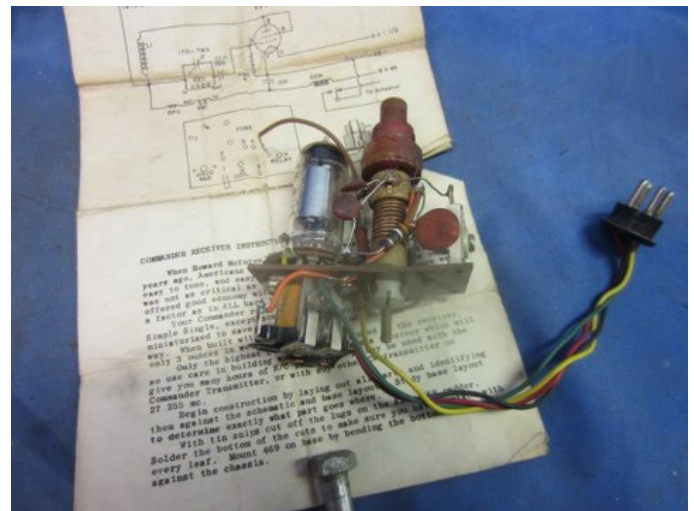
When the weather is going through constant freeze and thaw cycles, the flying field is to be considered CLOSED!!!

Neither the entrance road or the parking area cannot support vehicle traffic during these cycles.

Please, unless the ground is totally frozen solid, stay off the entrance road and parking area.

### A Bit of RC History

From Pete Waters via email



How about this very early single channel receiver. It was produced by Berkeley Models as their MKIV Aerotrol receiver.

It probably used several deaf aid batteries from early 1950s, of 22.5 v, and 3 of them, plus a filament of 1.5v and probably a 4.5 v for the escapement.

Note how large the components are.

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The 2021 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Starting Wednesday, October 14**, Indoor RC Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI (more details in this issue)

**Starting Thursday, October 15**, Indoor Free Flight Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI, 10 a.m. - ??? (details in this issue)

**On Thursdays**, Indoor RC Flying, Premier Sports Center, 23 Mile and Hayes, from 9 AM to 3 PM. (details in this issue)

**Starting Tuesday, October 27**, Indoor Flying at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, MI

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Midwest RC Society Monthly** meeting, 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. Be sure to check the club Website for any last minute changes and check your email for the Zoom meeting URL.

**Guest Speaker:** Ken Myers

**Topic:** Designing a simple foam board plane

**Renew your Midwest Membership today!**

Mail your application, found on our website, a copy of your AMA membership card and check to Lynn Morgan ASAP. His address is in the heading of this newsletter.

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