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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. FBO at Mettetal Airport

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## Fall/Winter/Early Spring Meeting Reminder

Our fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the fixed-based operator (FBO) building at Mettetal Airport.

Canton–Plymouth Mettetal Airport is a public use airport located in Canton Township, Michigan, United States. The airport lies two nautical miles south of the central business district of Plymouth, in Wayne County. The airport is owned and operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

**Address:** 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187

Please check your email and the club Website, as the tentative date approaches, for possible last minute changes.

The FBO is the white building that is located closer to the runway than the EAA building near the entrance.

## The December 2023 Meeting

The Wednesday, December 7th meeting was our annual gab and snack meeting.

The members brought a lot of something sweet (dessert-like) or something savory (like cheese, crackers, etc.) to share, a lot!

There was also a not so white elephant “white-elephant” gift exchange for those who wished to participate. The “gift” was to be something that could be usable by another Midwest member.

The gift exchange was TOTALLY VOLUNTARY! The idea behind the gift was NOT to get rid of junk, but to give someone something that could be useful to them that you no longer needed. The gift was wrapped in holiday paper with a tag on it that just said **From:** with the gifters name on it.

Four folks participated this year in the gift exchange.

I was a fun time by all, eating, chatting, and eating.

There were a lot of questions about how we did with our Swap Shop this year, but no real answers yet. Those questions will be answered at the January meeting, so plan on attending.

Unfortunately, I was having such a great time, I forgot to take any photos!!! Ugh!

### **New Bitza Plane**

From Howard Evans

Forwarded by Pete Waters via email



Hi Pete

Hope all well in Florida.

Good here except hot and wet. Summer has arrived!

We are about to be evicted from our flying field and in process of moving.

One of our new neighbours has started complaining of noise - and we haven't flown there yet! (*Wow, kind of a universal problem! KM*)

See the new plane, it is wings and tail off a Hyperion Extra 260 and the Fuz is mine with no colour coordination. I used what film I had in workshop. 1.4m span 2.1kg

Goes well. Still trimming.

Take care,  
Howard

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

Indoor flying is now taking place through 2024 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.**

### **AN OLD FASHION HOBBY SHOP**

From Joe Hass via email

On Saturday October 21, 2023 we gathered at the 5 Steakhouse in Plymouth, MI to remember my father's hobby shop, Wayne Hobby Center.



A request from my son, Chris, for a history of the shop (he wasn't born yet), a request of my second son David for a Delta Dart with the store advertising coupled with multiple conversations with Denny Sumner of his memories of the store precipitated the event.

Joining us were Keith Shaw (Mr. Electric), Pete Waters (Past District 7 VP and owner of KMI) and Dennis Waske (Waske Signs). Dennis creates all the wonderful designs on my aircraft. His father, Paul, was my Dad's best customer buying virtually every new kit that came in.

We shared decades of aviation memories. I brought along a number of old kits to help set the mood. Most did not know of my Dad's nautical interests and experiences.





The photo shows Grandsons Davis Hass, Chris Hass, Keith Shaw, son Joe Hass, Dennis Waske, Denny Sumner, Pete Waters.

Wayne Hobby was very much a “man cave” before they were invented. The retail section was in front. The back room had a full workshop plus a full kitchen. The coffee pot was always full. A steel insert in a window allowed for the break in of unmuffled glow engines much to the neighbors delight.

During the winter, tethered glow engine aircraft were flown indoors. Yes, the store got smoky from the exhaust fumes.

After dinner, and most Saturdays and Sundays, modelers would come to the shop to work on their aircraft with a ready source of supplies just a few feet away.

My Dad was always willing to take anyone and everyone for a flight in his Cherokee Archer. It was mostly at night as he had to keep the store open. A quick trip to Willow Run would net a flight over the Detroit skyline or a flight to Toledo for coffee.

If you take a close look of the storefront photo (Joe is on the extreme left) you will see he is holding a VW Beetle model with wings. Joe fitted his full size Beetle with actual wings for promotional events.



One of his favorite aircraft was the Shriek flying wing (pictured in pieces). He was famous for low inverted passes, sometimes with disastrous results. I have his last Shriek and still fly it. It has gone through 3 different engine and radio configurations. I have a N.I.B. Shriek kit too.



It was a different, easier time 37 years ago, now lost to rules, regulations and business standards.

Joe Hass  
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# Indoor Flying

## United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex

867 South Blvd., Pontiac, MI 48341

# October 17<sup>th</sup> thru April 9<sup>th</sup>

Single Flying Session \$10  
25 Session Season Pass - \$150

## The Best Indoor Flying Venue In Metro-Detroit

All Pilots/Drivers must have proof of current AMA Membership. Spectators Welcomed Free.  
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Contact us at [indoorfly@skymasters.org](mailto:indoorfly@skymasters.org) or 248-403-8279

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**SKYMASTERS INDOOR FLYING**

**At UWM Sports Complex - Field # 1**

**For the 2023-2024 Winter Season\***

### OCTOBER\*:

Tues. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 24<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

### NOVEMBER\*:

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tues. 28<sup>th</sup>

### DECEMBER\*:

Tues. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 19<sup>th</sup>

### JANUARY\*:

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Tues. 30<sup>th</sup>

Flying sessions start at 9 am and end at 12: PM \*  
Please Bring Proper Change For Payment.

### FEBRUARY\*:

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 20<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 27<sup>th</sup>

### MARCH\*:

Tues. 5<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 19<sup>th</sup>  
Tues. 26<sup>th</sup>

### APRIL\*:

Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tues. 9<sup>th</sup>

\* Dates & Times  
Subject to Change or  
Cancellation Without Notice

For rules & additional information go to: [www.Skymasters.org](http://www.Skymasters.org)  
[Indoorfly@Skymasters.org](mailto:Indoorfly@Skymasters.org) or 248-403-8279



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

The 2024 membership application is available at the club Web site,

<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

### Upcoming Events

**Tentative 2023 & 2024 Midwest Events Schedule**  
Every Tuesday May through Oct. Sailplane league (5:30 pm.) Larry Markey CD.

April 5th - April club Meeting / EAA building

May 10th - May Club Meeting / At the field

June 7 - June Club Meeting / At the field - Club picnic ladies night

July 5 - July club Meeting / At the field - Pre Mid-AM , 6 p.m.

July 8th and 9th Annual Mid-Am electric fly. Ken Myers CD (*To include Open Air Swap Shop KM*)

Aug 5 - Aug club meeting / open - At the field **Saturday** (Lunch served)

Sept. 9 - Club Meeting / at the field. **Saturday** (discuss officer nominations) - No lunch unless someone volunteers to cook dogs - contact Greg as he still has some

Oct 4 - Oct club Meeting / Mettetal FBO / Officer nominations

Nov. 1 Nov club Meeting / Mettetal FBO (pre swap prep / elections)

Nov. 5 November Swap Shop / Northville Senior center

Dec. 6 - December club Meeting / Mettetal FBO

( Christmas snacks)

Still in question

???? - December Club dinner with wives @ Karls Cabin (*Actual date, time and place to be determined KM*)

Jan. 3, 2024, Wed / January club meeting / Mettetal FBO / 7:30 p.m. / Swap Shop wrap up & budget report

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