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**The Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 6, **Time:** 5:00 p.m. or earlier  
**Place:** 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field

**What's In This Issue:**

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**Ole Yeller and Friends**

From Arthur Deane

We are all familiar with Ole Yeller bouncing around the flying field finding and picking up stones that nobody else sees and moving soil with some plan only understood by the tractor and its helper, Mr. **Jim Lapham**.

This year Ole Yeller has been particularly busy at the flying field digging drainage ditches and grading the entrance road to remove the worst bumps. Rumor has it that some further grading efforts are planned.

Special thanks and recognition are due to both Ole Yeller and helper Jim for all their efforts. They can play at the field anytime.

Thanks are due to **Jim Lapham** and **Rich Sievert** for the spring cleanup. This year there was considerable additional effort involved. The extra rain accelerated the growth and required additional grass cutting. Cutting was also a problem due to the waterlogged

conditions. The field has dried out, been rolled and the grass cuttings removed. We can now enjoy the summer flying season.

Special thanks are also due to Jim for his continued maintenance of our equipment. We have grown to expect all our mowers to work and produce a perfectly groomed flying field. Jim's efforts in the background help make all this possible.

Each year he stores all the club's batteries in his heated basement, sharpens blades and changes oil and



**Helicopter Frequencies**

21,27,29,39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

filters as required. Anything mechanical that is worn or damaged is attended to. This year he completed major welding repairs on the Dixon mower and changed a head gasket on the Simplicity mower. This saved the club hundreds of dollars in repair costs.

Thank you Jim for all your hard work and help. It is very much appreciated.

**2011 Mowing Information**

Wednesday is mowing day (weather permitting) otherwise Thursday before 6 p.m.

Flight Instructors; please consult the mowing schedule prior to scheduling training sessions to avoid conflicts.

	2011 MOWING SCHEDULE					Rev. C
	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	
No.4 Team Captain						
Richard Sievert 248-349-8058	15	13	10	7	5	
No.1 Team Captain						
John Gavasso 248-553-4783	22	20	17	14	12	
No 2 Team Captain						
Jesse Brunais 734-679-8500	1, 29	27	24	21	19	
No.3 Team Captain						
David Stacer 248-924-2324	8	6	3, 31	28	26	

Mowing team members; PLEASE call your team leader if you are unable to show up for fieldwork.

All team members must check with their Team Leader for mowing time.

Any team member whose personal schedule conflicts with his team's mowing schedule should contact Bill Brown, 734 420-2733, for reassignment to another team.

All TEAM LEADERS AND MEMBERS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BEFORE RUNNING ANY OF THE EQUIPMENT USED TO TAKE CARE OF THE PARKING AREA OR FLYING FIELD.

The Teams and Members  
ARE  
The Guys we REALLY need to thank!!

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2011 Mowing Teams			
No. 1 Team	AM	No. 2 Team	PM
John Gavasso	248-553-4783	Jesse Brunais	734-679-8500
Bruce Ferns	734-451-2952	Michael Benjam	248-486-0872
Donald Frandsen	743-261-8886	Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602
Alan Minsterman	734-673-7863	Ronald Lorfel	248-661-0010
No. 3 Team	PM	No. 4 Team	AM
David Stacer	248-924-2324	Richard Sievert	248-349-8058
Ken Myers	248-669-8124	Jim Lapham	248-349-5405
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056	Arthur Deane	248-348-2058
Ken Funasaki	248-867-2931	Bob Weak	248-477-2554

**Ford Tractor Rules:**

- Check oil and water before mowing!
- Do not exceed 1850 RPM!
- Always mow in 2nd Gear- never in 3rd Gear!
- No high speed turns!
- Keep cut grass away from the grill and the radiator!

Report any equipment problems to Jim Lapham 248-349-5405 or Bill Brown 734-420-2733!

**SAFETY FIRST  
NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE STORAGE  
AREAS!**

**Midwest June Meeting**  
Reported by Arthur Deane



The Midwest June flying meeting was held after a series of weather delays on June 15th. Weather was not ideal there were high winds and a forecast of rain.

A number of pilots turned out and despite the stormy weather made a number of flights. Initially these tended to be simple foam models but as the wind died down more advanced models were flown. It was interesting to watch Roger's foam glider hover in the wind and go up and down VTO style.

**Jim Lapham** and **Rich Sievert** put on an excellent hot dog meal which was enjoyed by all. Thanks Jim and Rich.

Bob Williams, visiting from El Paso, gave a talk on the beta testing he is doing on an interesting Ruby autopilot system (<http://www.uthere.com/>). He demonstrated the system installation in his foam T-28.

The forecast rain finally arrived about 7:00 p.m. and put an end to the fun.

### **Friends of the Field Appeal**

The officers and all of the members would like to thank those very special members who responded to the President's "Friends of the Field" appeal and contributed funds for fertilizer and weed killer for the field and parking area. The materials were applied in a timely manner and have removed the majority of the weeds in the control line circle, the parking area and the runway. The fertilizer and rain have greened up the grass. Once again we have a flying field we can be proud of.

### **Seen at the Flying Field**

**Keith Shaw** maiden his Toledo winning Yak UT-1 at our Midwest field. Here's what he had to say about it.



May 21<sup>st</sup>: Just returned from a successful test flight with the Yak UT-1 that I built for Toledo. Actually it has been a long time coming as I started it three years ago, but for the two previous Toledo Shows, emergencies always came up to prevent me from finishing it.

The plane has been ready to go for almost a month, but the weather just hasn't co-operated. Today was no different with 90-degree crosswinds, but the bright sunshine, mild temperatures, and a feeling of optimism lead me to the field. Did all the final range and CG checks, and magically the wind decided to blow parallel to the runway. Takeoff, flight, and landing went well in this nice breeze, and about 10 minutes later the wind shifted crosswind once again.

Other than two clicks of up trim, the plane tracked well, and after a couple of passes, I basically did most of the Zlin/Stomo aerobatic routine. It handles more like the Bearcat, and cannot do the sharp cornered square loops like the Stomo, but otherwise it is a viceless, well-mannered gentleman.

I look forward to many more flights with my new friend. The Russian pilot was almost ready for the flight but needs a few more painting details.

We look forward to seeing you at Dave's meet in Coldwater. I already have my birthday present, a bouncing baby yak!

Keith

### **Midwest & EFO Members Fly June 18**

Many Midwest and EFO members enjoyed a great day at the field. Once again, Jim Lapham and Rich Sievert made the hot dog supreme luncheon available. It was a busy day with training going on with glow flight instruction, lots of electric flying and Vern practicing 'pattern'. The weather was perfect, for a change!



**Paul Sockow prepares his E-Flite Rhapsody for a very successful maiden.**

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

The 2011 membership application is available at the club Web site, <http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>, for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**IMPORTANT: Channels 36 & 56 May NOT be used at the 7 Mile Rd. Field**

#### Upcoming Events:

**July 6, Wednesday** Midwest monthly flying meeting. If the weather is bad or the field is inaccessible, an email will be sent to inform members of the postponement, as well as being posted on the Web site. Always check your email & Web site on meeting days.

**July 9 & 10 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-America Electric Flies** at the MRCS 7 Mile Rd. field. Sponsored by the Midwest RC Society, Ann Arbor Falcons and the Electric Flyers Only of southeast Michigan. For Information, contact Ken Myers



At the field, June 18



Paul Sockow's Rhapsody & Ken Myers' Super Stearman



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