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**Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, July 11**

**Time: 6 p.m. or earlier (Always Check Web site 4 changes!)**

**What's In This Issue:**

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**Midwest Fly for the Heck of It Event**

**Sunday, June 24**

Via Email from Peter Waters

There will be three goofy tasks for any model or skill level. Coffee and donuts will be supplied for a donation. It's guaranteed to be fun for doers and watchers. Please come.

I am hoping to make it a monthly program, and not be boring.

If the weather is bad, we'll slip it back one week.

Pete

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**The PRICELESS Sale,  
Or Our Begging Program!**

From Pete Waters via email

Last year, at the annual Electric Flies, we used a novel method to dispose of R/C and other merchandise, provided from members of our clubs, that helps cover the

needs of the Midwest R/C Club's flying field maintenance and rent. The total membership dues plus the Swap Shop profit and Electric Flies parking donations are a great help, but we still rely on the "Friends of the Field" to fill the tractor and feed the grass.

Last year, I had a large quantity of deceased club members modeling items, and by using a sale, without placing prices on the items and relying on the honesty of the buyers, we made close to \$600.00. No prices were used as a value of the items, as we make 100% profit, and any dollar amount is a plus.

This year, I am doing the same program, with the 20 x 10 tent and another couple of the 12 ft squares. I need more "gifts" and it does not matter what it is that you can contribute. Please look around your shelves and storage room for anything

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

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you can give us to dispose at the meet. Any items left over, I also dispose of on E-Bay, a slower process but does the trick. If you have items just gathering dust, or no long running on glow fuel, old servos, 72 MHz items, kits that you will never build, all will do.

NOW here is another deal... One other tent will have items YOU WISH TO SELL, you can place them there with your price tag... BUT it has a 50% fee of the selling price. You need not be there, as I and Brody will take great care to see they are safe. FURTHERMORE, I will have a table where everything will be \$1.00, the Electric Flies "DOLLAR STORE". So props and tanks, and whatever are there.

Come and support this program. If you need to, drop the items off at my home, across the street, inside the garage back door.

PLEASE

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### **Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore Art Thou?**

From Pete Waters via email

A few years ago, we had a group of club members, who besides being mainly on the grass cutting teams, also flew in the mornings, and we had a picnic, mid-summer and a grand dinner out with our wives in mid-winter.

This became known as "The ROMEO Club" and even became sanctioned with the AMA. The ROMEO name, became decoded as the "Retired Old Men Eating Out". We met each Wednesday morning for breakfast at the Coney Island, North East of Haggerty and Five Mile.

The time was, and still is, 7.30 am, but slowly the numbers have dwindled to a handful.

All members of Midwest and the EFO are invited to help bring back the larger number of participants. We ONLY talk modeling, no politics, and then drive over to the Midwest Field, where, grass cutting and flying takes place.

No, you do NOT have to be a grass cutter, just

come along and encourage the workers.... sure.!!

There is plenty of table space, and Linda, our regular waitress, will be very happy to move tables and chairs.

Right now, Bill Brown, last to arrive, has to sit at the end of the table. By the way, we have no dues, just the tip for Linda.

Pete Waters

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### **The June Field Meeting and Potluck**

Wednesday, June 6 was a perfect day for our annual Potluck and flying field meeting.







We had a wonderful turnout. Thanks so very much to all who came to enjoy this wonderful evening with friends and family.

A very special thanks go to Margie Sievert for coordinating this wonderful event. Thanks also go to the Sieverts and Deanes for providing the wonderful fried chicken. Thank you Charlie Dochenetz for getting everything ready at the field.

The weather could not have been better for the picnic and some laid back flying.

There were also a couple of exciting rounds of combat flown by our intrepid combat pilots. Thanks Denny, Bill and Rick!

Bob McDonald brought out his new Top Flite Spitfire to share. He's just finishing it up, and it's a beauty.

Bob also gave us a treat when he flew his precision aerobatics routine with his control line stunter.

Be sure to join us next year for this wonderful event.

Rick Sawicki has posted more photos of this evening at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/pRhSKMraec4l6xaL2>.

Be sure to check them out. They are really, really great photos.

Thanks so very much Rick!!!

### **2018 Mowing Information**

**Field Mowing Information**  
From **Bill Brown** and **Jim Cross**

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2018 MOWING SCHEDULE						
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October
No.4 Team Captain <b>Richard Sievert</b> 248-349-8058	9	6	11	1,29	26	24
No.1 Team Captain <b>Roger Wilfong</b> 248-349-9079	16	13	4	8	5	3, 31
No 2 Team Captain <b>John Gavasso</b> 248-553-4783	23	20	18	15	12	10
No.3 Team Captain <b>David Stacer</b> 313-318-3288	2, 30	27	25	22	19	17
<b>Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2018 Mowing Teams</b>						
<b>No. 1 Team</b>	<b>AM</b>			<b>No. 2 Team</b>	<b>PM</b>	
<b>Roger Wilfong</b>	<b>248-349-9079</b>			<b>John Gavasso</b>	<b>248-553-4783</b>	
Donald Frandsen	734-674-9478			Dennis Sumner	734-658-7931	
Alan Minsterman	734-673-7863			Bill Brown Jr.	313-268-4167	
Norm Peters	734-961-7975			Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264	
<b>No. 3 Team</b>	<b>PM</b>			<b>No. 4 Team</b>	<b>AM</b>	
<b>David Stacer</b>	<b>313-318-3288</b>			<b>Richard Sievert</b>	<b>248-349-8058</b>	
Ken Myers	248-669-8124			Arthur Deane	248-348-2058	
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056			David Lewis	734-748-3999	
				James Burke	248-573-7548	

**Please Note:**

1. The mowing schedule is presented as a general mowing guide to help insure that the field is mowed at least once a week.
2. As shown each of the 4 mowing teams usually have a period of 4 weeks between their respective turns to mow, but this is subject to change (see below).
3. The schedule is NOT intended to be an unbending, all encompassing rule that covers every situation.
4. Each Team Captain is empowered to adjust his team's mowing time and day if required due to weather, special events or another reason; he is responsible for communicating his adjustments to all the members of his team.
5. In case of vacation or a leave of absence, it is the Team Captain's responsibility to swap weeks with another Team Captain.
6. Additional cuttings are at the discretion of the Team Captains.
7. The attached schedule will NOT be modified for any of the changes listed in items 4, 5 or 6.

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

**Typical Mowing times:**

**Team #1:** Roger Wilfong 9:30ish a.m.

**Team #2:** John Gravasso 12:30ish p.m.

**Team #3:** Dave Stacer 4:00ish p.m.

**Team #4:** Rich Sievert 9:30ish a.m.

**Flight Instructors**, please consult the mowing schedule and mowing team leader prior to scheduling training sessions to avoid conflicts.

**Team members**, PLEASE call your team leader if you are unable to show up for field work. All team members must check with their Team Leader for the actual mowing time.

Any team member whose personal schedule conflicts with his team's mowing schedule should contact Bill Brown, 248 379-4935, 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.**

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**SAFETY FIRST**

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

**NO REFUELING of EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE STORAGE CONTAINERS!**

All Hand and Riding mowers: \*\*\*Check oil before mowing!\*\*\*

**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 Roger Wilfong 248-348-2058.

**34th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2018**

AMA Sanctioned Event

**Saturday, July 14 & Sunday, July 15**

Hosted by the:

**Ann Arbor Falcons and Electric Flyers Only**

**The 7 Mile Rd. Flying Site, Salem Twp., MI, is**

Provided by the:

**Midwest R/C Society**

Contest Directors are:



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*kmyersefo@theampeer.org*

*http://www.theampeer.org* for updates & info

**Keith Shaw** (734) 973-6309

Flying both days at the Midwest R/C Society Flying  
Field - 7 Mile Rd., Salem Twp., MI

**Registration:** 9 A.M. both days

Flying from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sat. & 10 A.M. to 3  
P.M. Sunday

**Pilot Entry Fee:** 18 and over, \$15 Sat. - \$10, Sunday,  
(ask about the family rate),  
Under 18, FREE

**Parking Donation Requested from Spectators**

### **Saturday's Awards**

Best Scale

Most Beautiful

Best Ducted Fan

Best Sport Plane

**New Foam Flurry for NCM Aircraft**

CD's Choice

### **Sunday's Awards**

Best Scale

Most Beautiful

Best Mini-Electric

Best Multi-motor

**New Most Unique NCM Aircraft**

CD's Choice

Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award

Saturday's & Sunday's Awards:

Plaques for 1st in each category

**Open Flying Possible on Friday**

**Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting,**

**Friday & Saturday Nights**

Refreshments available at the field both days.

Potluck picnic at the field on Saturday evening.

Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed electric  
flying.

Come, Look, Listen, Learn - Fly Electric - Fly the Future!

**Merchandise drawing for ALL entrants**

**New Events for this year for NCM (Not  
Conventional Materials) aircraft.**

Traditionally, model aircraft airframes have been  
mostly constructed from balsa wood, plywood,  
spruce, and fiberglass. For the purposes of this meet,  
NCM airframes are mostly constructed from not  
conventional materials i.e.; sheet foam, foam board,  
cardboard, block foam, foam insulation material, etc.

**Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft:** This is a true  
event. It is based upon the all up/last down event of  
early electric meets. Any NCM aircraft may be used  
(no ARF types). Power systems are limited to a  
maximum of 3S (no paralleling) LiPo batteries or 4S  
maximum, no paralleling, for A123 packs. All planes  
qualifying for this event will launch at the same time,  
and the last one to land will be declared the winner.

**Most Unique NCM Aircraft Award:** An award will  
be given on Sunday to an aircraft in the NCM  
category that is judged as 'most unique' by the Mid-  
Am panel of judges.

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### **Also This Year!**

The Priceless Sale & Open Air Tailgate Swap Meet

### **More Information on the Priceless Sale and Open Air Swap Shop**

From Pete Waters via email

At the **PRICELESS Sale**, a part of the 34th Annual  
Mid-America Electric Flies on Saturday,  
July 13th and Sunday July 14th the aircraft and equipment  
will have no prices!

The aircraft, etc., are mostly from the estates of passed  
members and any redundant stuff you have are also  
welcomed as donations.

All of the proceeds from the sale are for the Midwest  
R/C Society's Friends of the Field Fund.

**SALE STARTS AT 9 AM EACH DAY**

There is also an area designated for a Tailgate Swap  
Shop.

**NO TABLE CHARGE!**

Bring your stuff to sell

Come and watch or fly, in the oldest continuous  
electric event in the country.

Watch special noontime demonstrations with flights by  
recognized experts and the legendary Keith Shaw.

A \$5.00 per Car Spectator Parking Donation is  
requested from spectators and those participating in the  
open air swap shop

Refreshments are available for purchase at the field.

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

**The 2018 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday evenings:** The glider "league" flies at the field.

**Sunday, June 24** Club Fly 4 Fun Event (see this issue for details)

**Wednesday, July 11**, 6:00 p.m., or earlier, monthly Midwest field meeting, everyone with an interest is welcome, proof of AMA membership required to fly, see you then!

**July 14 & 15**, 34th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies, full details in this issue.

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Registered Pilots and their guests, please stay for the Steak Sandwich and Pot Luck Dinner on Saturday night at 5 PM  
(Donations Accepted)

For Mid-Am information: Ken Myers call 248-669-8124 or email [kmyersefo@mac.com](mailto:kmyersefo@mac.com)

For the PRICELESS SALE, contact Pete Waters 1-248-924-0223

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**The Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. or earlier for best parking

**Place:** 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field