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**The May Flying Meeting**

The May monthly flying meeting had been postponed to Wednesday, May 10, due to poor entrance road and field conditions.

The evening of May 10 was pretty nice. It was cool, but not cold. There was a bit of wind, but it really did not hamper flying too much.

The turnout was quite good.

Several new members joined, and we send a warm welcome to them and a big thank you for joining our group.

All types of aircraft took to the air and, of course, there was a lot of catching up to do from over the winter.

Unfortunately, Ken was too busy with the new members to get any good photos of the turn out and planes at the field.

We hope you can join us at our next monthly flying meeting Wed., June 7.

Always check the Midwest Web site for latest field and entry conditions as well as possible meeting date changes due to weather.

**Some Safety Considerations and Other Reminders**

From **Rich Sievert**, Field Safety Officer

Please be sure to observe **ALL club flying** rules and especially these two.

1. Launch, or hand launch, your airplane or glider from the centerline of the runway, not from the pilot line area. Use proper procedure when entering and leaving the runway.
2. Secondly, conduct your flight path over the far side center of the runway or tall grass, not south of that over other pilots and spectators.

I've violated these rules myself, so shame on me! Let's not have any injuries out there. We've had a good history so far. and from **Ken Myers**

I did allow a new member to hand launch from the flight line and across the field. That was MY mistake, not his. I

<p><b>Helicopter Frequencies</b> 21,27,29,39, 41</p> <p><b>Sailplane Frequencies</b> 11, 12</p>
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really should have known better, as I had just gone over the field rules with three new members.

Thanks so much Rich for this safety reminder. Much appreciated.

**2017 Mowing Information**

**Field Mowing Information**

From **Bill Brown** and **Jim Cross**

**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.

	April	May	June	July	August	September	Rev. C
No.4 Team Captain Richard Sievert 248-349-8058	-	10	7	5	2,30	27	October 25
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	-	17	14	12	9	6	4
No.2 Team Captain John Gavasso 248-553-4783	26	24	21	19	16	13	11
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	-	3,31	28	26	23	20	18

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road		Year 2017 Mowing Teams	
<b>No. 1 Team</b>	AM	<b>No. 2 Team</b>	PM
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079	John Gavasso	248-553-4783
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>	PM	<b>No. 4 Team</b>	AM
David Stacer	313-318-3288	Richard Sievert	248-349-8058
Ken Myers	248-669-8124	Arthur Deane	248-348-2058
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056	Jim Rucker	248-348-5381

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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 Arthur Deane 248-348-2058.

## The Tuesday Evening Glider "League"

From Larry Markey

I have been using the Midwest RC sailplane league Facebook group for all the notices and other information.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/416965601979513/>

It works well, as it is private. Only interested people can join. Anyone in the group can post to it.

I do not have access to the club mailing list and I would not want to send mail to the club members that have no interest in the sailplane group. We are going to try to fly every **Tuesday** evening starting at 6:00 pm. For the next few weeks, we are just practicing and getting people used to how the event will be run and how to fly it.



## And From Lynn Morgan May 10

Hello all MRCS members,

Tuesday evening, May 9th, was a very successful first practice for the Midwest ALES Sailplane league. We had 7 participants which had a great time with the challenge at hand: motor cut off at 150 meters, 5 minute total flight time, with a spot landing. Fun was had by all!!

A very competitive glider that was used by several pilots yesterday evening was the Horizon BNF Radian. The Radian is a motor, rudder, elevator configuration with some very good thermaling capability. The Radian sailplane is packaged with a 4

ch Spektrum receiver, servos, and motor/esc/folding prop. If you use a different brand radio, you can remove the Spektrum receiver and Larry can give you a \$10.00 credit.

Just add a CAM (altitude motor shut off, \$40.00), DSM2 or DSMX transmitter, 1300–2200mAh 3S 11.1V Li-Po battery, and a lipo charger and your road to Soar!

The Radian BNF currently goes for \$179.99. This is a onetime offer for a new in box Radian BNF for \$165.00, this offer will expire **Friday May 19th**, so get one while you can... Cash payment is expected upon pickup, delivery is expected within a couple of weeks of order.

Larry will have one available this Friday May 12th, first come first serve.

If you are interested in this one time offer, please respond to Larry Markey at [larry@pflumber.com](mailto:larry@pflumber.com).

*Here is a link to the ALES Glider Pack with a lot of info on equipment used for this event. KM*  
[http://theampeer.org/midwest/ALES Glider packet.PDF](http://theampeer.org/midwest/ALES%20Glider%20packet.PDF)

## Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2017

From CD Dave Grife via Email

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 16th year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, June 3, 2017. It is a one day event again this year.

The event consists of Open Electric Flying with a "Special Guest of Honor Theme".

Enjoy a day with the "Pioneering Master of Electric R/C Flight". 8 am - 5 pm Saturday, \$15 landing fee.

For additional information contact;

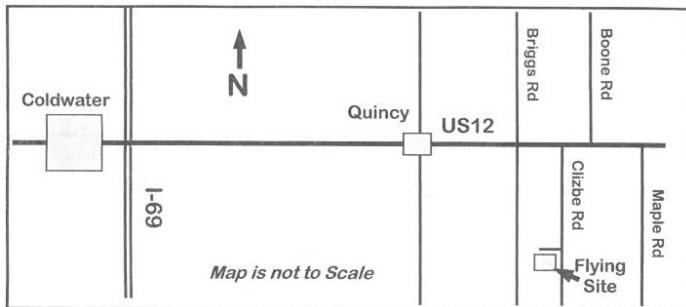
Dave Watson 517-250-6190 or  
[flybuddy619@yahoo.com](mailto:flybuddy619@yahoo.com)

Contest Director: Dave Grife - E-mail:  
[grifesd@yahoo.com](mailto:grifesd@yahoo.com) or Phone: 517-279-8445

Please e-mail or call with any questions.

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





**Directions:** Quincy is approximately 4.5 miles east of I-69. Clizbe Road is approximately 1.6 miles east of Quincy. The Flying site is approximately 1.5 miles south of US-12 on the west side of Clizbe Road.

### Upcoming 33rd Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2017

AMA Sanctioned Event

**Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9**

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:

**Ken Myers** phone (248) 669-8124 or

**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:** A new 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.

### Photo of Keith Shaw's Award Winning 8-Ball



**Complete info in the June 2017 Ampeer.**

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

The 2017 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesdays**, 6:00 p.m., Glider League flying,  
Midwest 7 Mile Rd. flying field

**May 20 & 21** Radio Control Club of Detroit's 12th Annual All Electric Fly-In, Watts over Wetzel (Wetzel State Park), large number of pilots, awesome flying site, Great food, Raffles and prizes, email the contest director, John McCormick, for more details or visit theRCCD Web site.

**May 28** "John's Jets", at Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club (No further info available - see PMAC Web

**June 3, Saturday**, Keith Shaw Birthday Electric Fly in (details in this issue)

**June 7, Wednesday**, MRCS flying meeting, 6 p.m. or earlier for best parking. See ya there! Everyone with an interest is welcome. Proof of AMA membership is required to fly.

**June 10, Saturday** morning, Fun fly events hosted by Peter Waters

**July 8 & 9, Sat. & Sun.**, 33rd Mid-America Electric Flies (details in this issue)

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**The Next Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday, June 7, 2017

**Time:** 6 p.m. 1st flying meeting of the year

**Place:** @ the flying field, early birds get best parking