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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, June 6

Time: 5 p.m. or earlier (Always Check Web site 4 changes!)

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The May 9 Meeting at the Flying Field Report

Unfortunately, the meeting was rained and 'winded' out, so there is nothing to report, except that it was nice to be able use our 'usual' flying field entrance.

Upcoming June 6 Potluck at the Flying Field

This is always a great time for members and their spouses. Please plan on attending. This is our regularly scheduled June meeting.

When: Wednesday, June 6

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: Midwest 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field

Come join us for a potluck dinner at the Midwest flying field.

Please bring a dish to pass (Sieverts and Deanes will provide fried chicken), your own plates and place settings, what you want to drink, as well as lawn chairs. Bug spray is not be a bad idea.

If you could contact me at :
margsievert@comcast.net and let me know what you will be bringing it would be helpful.

Thanks,
Margie Sievert (248-349-8058)

**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

Helicopter Frequencies

21,27,29,39, 41

Sailplane Frequencies

11, 12

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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 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

Pete Waters

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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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Phone: 1-248-924-0223

I’ve Been Working On the RailRoad

Sunday, May 5 was a perfect day for working on our flying field entrance road.

We had a wonderful turnout. Thanks so very much to all who came to lend a hand.



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Unfortunately, the project turned into a bit of a nightmare. We thought we were going to be able to dig down and put a culvert in on the low corner of the road.

There was a HUGE surprise waiting for us there.



Someone had previously put in drain tile to drain the paddock above the road to the east. This was not known to us before we started.



Greg, our Bobcat operator broke through the top of the tile drain and we had a small gusher for quite a bit. RATS!!!

It took several hours, and a lot of frustration, for Greg to get the work done to install the drain. It also used up all of the rock that we had.

Roger ordered more rock and it was delivered on Tuesday.

Ken, Rich and Roger smoothed out the area of rock above the culvert and then move more of the rock to some of the deeper holes on the way into the flying field.

Thanks to all of those who came out on Sunday. I hope I have all of you listed; Bill Brown, Rich Sievert, Ken Sutton, Dave Stacer, Denny Sumner, Roger Wilfong, Arnie Nielsen, and Ken Myers.

A HUGE, GRATEFUL, WONDERFUL,



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO GREG FOR HIS TIME AND EXTRA SPECIAL EFFORT, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL!

2018 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.

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2018 MOWING SCHEDULE						
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October
No.4 Team Captain Richard Sievert 248-349-8058	9	6	11	1,29	26	24
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	16	13	4	8	5	3, 31
No 2 Team Captain John Gavasso 248-553-4783	23	20	18	15	12	10
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	2, 30	27	25	22	19	17
Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2018 Mowing Teams						
No. 1 Team	AM				No. 2 Team	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
No. 3 Team	PM				No. 4 Team	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				David Lewis	734-748-3999
					James Burke	248-573-7548

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.

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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.

The Tuesday Evening Glider "League"

Larry Markey has 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.

They are going to try to fly every **Tuesday** evening starting at 6:00 pm.

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:

Ken Myers phone (248) 669-8124 or

kmyersefo@theampeer.org

<http://www.theampeer.org> for updates & info

Keith Shaw (734) 973-6309

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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

**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:

Wednesday, June 6, 5:00 p.m., the June flying meeting.

Come join us for a potluck dinner at the Midwest flying field.

Full details are in this issue.

Bring some planes to fly after filling your stomach with delicious chicken and other goodies!

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)

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

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