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**Next Meeting: Date:** June 3

**Time:** TBD (to be determined) **Place:** TBD

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**Ken and Roger Visit the Flying Field**

On Friday, April 28, **Roger Wilfong** and **Ken Myers** met at the flying field.

Roger brought out the batteries for the garden tractors and installed them. Air was added to the garden tractor tires, as needed. The Ford tractor and mower were backed out and checked over.



They determined that the equipment was ready to go for at least for the first part of the flying season.

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

## The May 6 ZOOM Midwest RC Society Meeting

Because of the the COVID-19 virus, the May 6 meeting was held on ZOOM. It started at 7 p.m. Eighteen members attended the meeting.

Before the meeting, Roger Wilfong, club president sent out an email to all of the club members with the agenda for the evening.

The agenda order was followed here with updated information, and notes from the meeting, added.

### SWAP MEET UPDATE

Once again **Rudi Reinhard** is coordinating this event.

The hall will be reserved for Sunday, November 1.

**Arthur Deane** volunteered to be our Northville mailing address to get the resident discount.

IF the event needs to be cancelled, it should have a low financial impact on the club as the recreation center rental and AMA sanction would be returned. The tables are only ordered a couple of weeks before the event. The only monies not returned would be the AMA added insurance for the event.



### FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

There is now a new road from the track to the flying field thanks to Bill Brown, Jr. and Denny Sumner.

The map shows the new route in in yellow. It enters the flying field near the shed where the tractor is kept.

The old road is still serviceable.

At the time of the meeting, the flying field was dry but needing rolling.

Roger provided the following:

### BACKGROUND FOR 2020 RULES Due to COVID19

The club members are in the high risk category.

There is no vaccine available.

There is no effective cure.

The virus is easily spread from human-to-human.

We have not yet come out of the imposed state “stay at home” separation executive order.

There is a possibility of a second and/or third wave of infections until a vaccine is available.

### Health Officials Recommendations

Wash hands frequently and well

Don't touch your face

Maintain a 6' separation

Wear a mask

Avoid sharing tools, etc.

The following additional field rules were discussed and accepted at the meeting.

### Additional Flying Field Rules Until Further Notice!

1. DO NOT come to the field if you feel sick!
2. Practice social separation at the field
3. Maintain a 6' minimum between cars. It is suggested to use the sun shade and other poles as a guide.
4. Bring hand sanitizer and a mask to the field if you are going to interact with others and wear the mask and sanitize your hands when doing so.

### Special Flying Field Notices Until Further Notice!

No club Sun Shades are going to be setup at present  
No club field chairs are being set out (You can bring your own, but don't share!)

No club 72mHz pins will be out, bring your own clothespin, with your name on it, and place it on board.

### Port-a-Potty Warning

Assume it is contaminated inside and out, even more than normal. Take every precaution available to you.

A possible maximum number of people at the flying field was discussed, but NO MAXIMUM limit was set at this time, as long as all social distancing procedures are followed.

The proposed, and adopted, additional mowing crew rules were discussed, and they have been added in the mowing section of this newsletter.

A motion and second was made to open the flying field on May 7. The motion was passed 16 to 2. The flying field officially opened on Thursday, May 7.

Finally, FAA/AMA concerns were discussed.

It appears that our flying field is in a Class G airspace. **Larry Markey** discussed the impact of this on us.

The AMA is working with clubs to obtain ceilings higher than 400'. It seems that some AMA clubs are seeking 800' to 1200' ceilings.

The question was asked as to whether we should seek a higher ceiling. **Larry Markey** noted why he thought that doing so at this time was not necessary, but **Ted Flack** volunteered to start this process for Midwest.

**Larry Markey** noted that the Glider League would start on Tuesday, May 19 with some practice flying.

The meeting signed off ZOOM at approximately 7:45 p.m.

#### **Email Update to Roger From Ted Regarding Ceiling Height May 7, 2020**

Roger,

I have been in contact with the AMA. Here is the short version of the current status.

Because we are in Class G airspace we should just keep flying like we have been. There is no process or need to apply for a waiver for clubs in Class G. AMA is working with FAA for a waiver for all clubs in Class G airspace.

No further action is required on our part at this time.

Regards,  
Ted Flack

	2020 MOWING SCHEDULE					
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	13	10	8	5	2, 30	28
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	20	17	15	12	9	7
No 2 Team Captain John Gavasso 248-553-4783	27	24	22	19	16	14
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	6	3	1, 29	26	23	21

### **2020 Mowing Information**

#### **IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MOWING CREWS STARTING MAY 7, 2020**

Adopted at the May, 2020 meeting

1. Wear masks when not separated as part of work
2. Wear gloves
3. Only one person in a container at a time
4. Clean tractors and other shared equipment with soap & bleach compound (a jug and rags are in the Ford tractor storage container)
5. Wipe down seats, steering wheel, levers, etc.
6. Wipe down equipment before removing from storage containers
7. Wipe down equipment after returning to storage containers

#### **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: (TBD)**

**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.

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				Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264
Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602					
No. 3 Team		PM			No. 4 Team	AM
David Stacer	313-318-3288				Bill Brown Jr.	313-268-4167
Ken Myers	248-669-8124				Norm Peters	734-961-7975
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056				Jim Lapham	248-342-5405
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857				Jeff Byeon	734-478-1068

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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 248-349-9079.

### **A Hint for Using Duco Cement for Small Models**

From Pete Waters via email

We always spend the first three months in Seminole, Florida, and truck back to Michigan on the first week of April, but... yup, the sky fell in. So Rita and I managed to spend the extra time to do nothing.. sort of. She sewed and I repaired and built R/C models. However, I cannot tolerate any of the fast build cyano glues, and have been using Sig Bond, but missed the evenings, sitting, watching TV, chewing the set balsa cement off my fingers, and spitting the pieces at the cat.

Bill Brown, Senior, told me that as Ambroid is no longer readily available, the small model builders use Duco Cement. It dries fast and if double glued, really holds. BUT Bill said it has a large nozzle, about 1/8" diameter, and too much adhesive oozes out, He uses a toothpick to place the needed small drops on his stick construction models. It sure does. What a mess!

Having many hours to snooze and relax, I figured a solution to reduce the unused glue output. The photo shows the Duco tube, and it is much cheaper in 6 at a time on line, and following the sequence of the components shown.



You will need a tube of Duco, 1/8" drill, 1/8" long grip pop rivet, a short pop rivet, dikes.

1. Remove the green cap, a small amount of glue may ooze out.
2. Use a 1/8" inch drill and from its inside, drill a hole in the tip. It is easier from the inside.
3. Use a 1/8" pop rivet with a grip length of 3/8" and remove the arbor. I hold the rivet in a pliers and whap it on a hard surface.
4. Push the rivet through the drilled cap, from the inside, and press it in tightly.
5. Dike about 3/16" off the end of the glue, it may be messy, then use the removed arbor to open up the flat end.
6. Screw the modified green cap onto the glue.
7. Use a shorter 1/8" pop rivet to seal the end. I have that mounted in my bench, vertically, and shorten the length of the rivet's arbor.

### **The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2020**

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 18th year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, May 30, 2020. It is a one day event again this year.

The event consists of Open Electric Flying with a "Special Guest of Honor Theme", Happy Birthday Keith Shaw [June 6].

Enjoy a day with the "Pioneering Master of Electric R/C Flight". 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday. NO LANDING FEE! Donations for field maintenance and lunch appreciated.

For additional information contact;  
Dave Watson 517-250-6190 or  
flybuddy619@yahoo.com  
Contest Director: Dave Grife - E-mail:  
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.

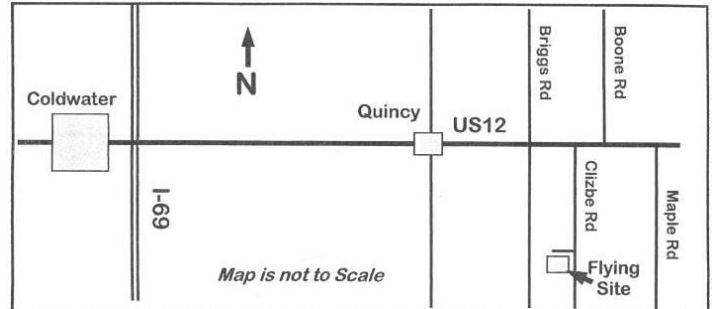
**Special Notice:** While there may be limited food and drink available at the flying field, it is recommended that you bring your own food and drink.

### **36th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2020**

### **AMA Sanctioned Event (Proof of AMA/MAAC membership required to fly)**

Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12, 2020

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 email  
kmyersefo@mac.org – <http://www.theampeer.org> for  
updates & info

Keith Shaw (734) 973-6309

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

Registration: 9 A.M. Saturday

Event Flying from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Sat. & 10 A.M.  
Until You Leave Sunday

(Open Flying Saturday after the Event & All Day  
Sunday, which is an all electric open flying day)

**Pilot Landing Fee - 18 and over**, \$10 for both days,  
Under 18, FREE (AMA/MAAC membership  
required)

No Parking Donation Will Be Requested from  
Spectators

### **Awards on Saturday Only**

Best Scale

Most Beautiful

Best Mini-Electric

Best Multi-motor

Best Sport Plane

Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft

CDs' Choice

Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award  
Plaques for winner in each category

The Field is Open for Open Flying All Day Friday  
and Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting,  
Friday & Saturday Nights  
Field Lunch (hot dogs, chips, water or pop) Available  
on Saturday  
Burgers, Brats and Potluck on Saturday evening for  
Pilots & Their Guests  
Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed  
electric flying.

### **The NCM (Not Conventional Materials) Event**

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.

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

**The 2020 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

**Upcoming Events:**

June 3, 2020, Midwest RC Society Monthly meeting, **Time and Place to be determined**

**May 30, Saturday**, Keith Shaw Birthday Party  
Electric Fly-in 2020 (details in this issue)

**July 11 & 12, Saturday and Sunday**, 36th Annual  
Mid-America Electric Flies, AKA the Mid-Am.  
More details to be published soon.

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**The Next Meeting:**  
**Date:** June 3, 2020  
**Time:** To Be Determined (TBD)  
**Place:** TBD