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**Next Meeting: Date:** June 2, 2021

**Time:** 6 p.m. or earlier **Place:** The Flying Field

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**Upcoming "Wives" Night at the June 2 Meeting**

From Greg Eilers via email

We will be holding our annual Ladies' Night at the MRCS flying field on Wednesday June 2nd, 2021. The event will start at 6.00 PM.

Please make sure to tell your wife. There have been severe recriminations in the past for those who did not tell their family. Also please invite any friends or family who might enjoy the event or be interested in renewing old friendships. Please ensure that visitors are aware that the only entrance to the flying field is through the farm entrance (7621 7 Mile Rd).

The usual weather rescheduling will apply: Reschedule to the next day or following Wednesday depending on weather forecasts.

This is a potluck event. The organizers will provide Guernsey fried chicken. Ladies should coordinate food and other

arrangements with Margie Sievert  
248-349-8058 sievertmargie@gmail.com.

Attendees should bring their own drinks, plates, utensils, and chairs.

The combat display is always a favorite part of the evening and we would like a maximum turnout of pilots.

This is always a well-attended and fun event. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Greg Eilers  
MRCS President

**The May Flying Meeting**

Midwest president, **Greg Eilers**, opened the meeting by thanking **Lynn Morgan, Denny Sumners** and **Dave Stacer** for their hard work in creating our new solar powered charging station.

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21, 27, 29, 39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12



system is on. Turning it off allows it to catch up and have enough electrons for the next guy!

If you have left for the day, and forget to turn the system off, No Worries, the system will automatically shut off after a 12 hour period has completed.

#### **Power Disconnect Switch:**

The Power Disconnect Switch can be used as an emergency power off in case of any charger/battery issues.

This switch can be left in the on position. If the system is in sleep mode, no power will be on the charging bench until start is pushed.

If any problems are encountered, please contact Lynn Morgan, Dave Stacer, or Denny Sumner.

Lynn Morgan

Thanks so much Lynn!



How to use the solar powered charging station was presented to the membership.

**Lynn Morgan** recently sent out an email that covered this. That email is reproduced here.

Hello All,

#### **Operation:**

Press the push button once to start. (You will see the Volt/Ammeter turn on.)

Press the push button once to stop. (Puts the system in sleep mode.)

If you start seeing the battery voltage getting down in the 12.0 to 12.2 volt range, please refrain from using the system. Big charging systems, (5S & 6S), may experience this depending on overall system load.

If you are the last person to charge, and have finished for the day, please put the system in sleep mode. There is some natural current drain when the



**Greg Eilers** asked **Dave Stacer** if he'd contacted the Northville Senior Community Center about reserving it for our November Swap Shop, which would be on Sunday, November 7 this year. Dave said he'd contacted the lady in charge and that she'd penciled us in for that date. Greg also noted that **Rudi Reinhard** had again volunteered, for the umpteenth time, to head this event. Thanks so very, very much Rudi!!!

**Ken Myers** noted that the 2021 Mid-America Electric Flies will be a low-key event, similar to the 2020 event. He said that he'll be contacting folks that he needs for help.





**Greg Eilers** asked that anyone with ideas for our winter and spring meetings contact him and he will follow up on the suggestion.

**Arthur Deane** noted that the Ladies' Night is on for this year. (See the previous article.)



Our new members, **Mike Terrill** and his grandson **Nic**, were welcomed by the club members.

**Larry Markey** noted that the Tuesday evening "glider league" is in full swing. The "competition", its easy stuff folks, will run June through September, and that the "league" will continue on Tuesdays as long as the weather permits.

**Rick Sawicki** share his Flite Test Bloody Baron Speed Build Electric Airplane Kit (737mm).

<https://store.flitetest.com/flite-test-bloody-baron-speed-build-electric-airplane-kit-737mm-flt-1025/p673689>

He noted that he built it for the United Flying Organization (UFO) combat events. He noted that 15



UFO members ordered and built them. He says that it flies great.

### The Midwest RC Society & EFO Fly at the Plymouth-Canton Mettetal Airport



The Airport Setup. - Greg Eilers' photo

**Bill Brown, Jr.**, was asked by the manager of the airport if he could get some Midwest members to



come and fly at the airport on Saturday, May 15. The airport was closed because the runways were being



repaved.

### Just Enjoying the Day

**Ken Myers** had planned to have the EFO meeting on that same day at the Midwest flying field, and asked if the EFO members, most of whom are also



Midwest members, could join them.

### Some of the Spectators

That Saturday was a perfect May day for flying. The sun was out, the wind was low and the temperature was moderate.

**Bill Brown, Jr.** had gone out to the airport the previous evening and cut the grass short, at the south end of the hangars, to provide us with a grass runway for our models. Thanks Bill!

The guys started showing up about 10 a.m.



### The Bills Flying

There was a lot of flying throughout the day.

**Ken Myers** was able to introduce a new beginner to RC flying using his RUA 2-4-10.

There were hot dogs, provided by the airport, for lunch around noon.

It was a fantastic day of flying for us and bringing our hobby to the public's attention!

### 2021 Mowing Information

	2021 MOWING SCHEDULE					
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	12	9	7	4	1, 29	27
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	19	16	14	11	8	6
No 2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	26	23	21	18	15	13
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	5	2, 30	28	25	22	20

### 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).



Event Flyer at

<http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&pdflyer=data/flyers/2021/2021nightfly.pdf>

### **The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2021**

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 19th year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **May 29, 2021**. 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. - 4 p.m., Saturday. NO LANDING FEE! Donations for field maintenance and lunch appreciated.

For additional information contact;  
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.

### **37th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2021**

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

Saturday, July 10 & Sunday, July 11, 2021

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](mailto: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. Saturday  
Open Flying 10 A.M. Until You Leave Sunday

### **(Open Flying Saturday after the Event & All Day Sunday)**

**No Pilot Landing Fee**

**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  
Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday &  
Saturday Nights

**POSSIBLE** Field Lunch (hot dogs, chips, water or  
pop) Available on Saturday - depends on COVID  
protocols

**POSSIBLE** Burgers, Brats and Potluck on Saturday  
evening for Pilots & Their Guests - depends on  
COVID protocols

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 2021 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.

**Upcoming Events:**

**May 29, Saturday**, Keith Shaw Birthday Party  
Electric Fly-in 2021 (details in this issue)

**June through September 2021**, Weekly Float  
Flying on Wednesday Morning at Addison Oaks  
sponsored by the Romeo Skyhawks RC Club  
(details in this issue)

**June 2, Wednesday**, Midwest RC Society Monthly  
meeting, 6 p.m. or earlier for best parking. This is  
our annual "Ladies' Night". (See the details in this  
issue.)

**June 26, Saturday**, Skymasters RC Club Night Fly  
and Bonfire (details in this issue)

**July 10 & 11, Saturday and Sunday**, 37th Annual  
Mid-America Electric Flies, AKA the Mid-Am.  
(details in this issue)

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