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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field - Ladies' Night

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Summer/Early Fall Meeting Reminder

Please be aware that all summer meeting dates are tentative and may need to be changed/moved due to weather related issues.

Please check your email and the club Website, as the tentative date approaches, for possible last minute changes.

The Upcoming Season Opener

Saturday, May 24th, is our season opener at the Flying Field at 10 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. or when you leave.

Field lunch, AKA hot dogs, will be available.

The Upcoming Annual Ladies' Night Potluck

Our annual ladies' night potluck is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4th.

Margie Sievert and **Arthur Deane** will be organizing again

Be there about 5 p.m.

Members, you will receive update emails soon. The emails will note how to contact Margie to let her know what you will be bringing to share.

WATCH FOR THOSE EMAILS!!!

This is also considered our June flying field meeting.

The May 7, 2025 Meeting

Club president, **Greg Eilers**, called the Wednesday, May 7, meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

As noted in bold font in last month's May newsletter, our starting time at the Mettetal FBO, for the late fall/winter/early spring meetings is 7:00 p.m.

<https://www.theampeer.org/midwest/news/mwmay25.pdf>

Greg noted that he has the Midwest RC Society Facebook page up and running.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=midwest%20rc%20sociey>

You may locate it by doing a search on Facebook for Midwest RC Society.

He said that **Bill Brown, Jr.** has made arrangements with the EAA to have a table at their Sunday, June 15, Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast.

We will have a static display. Greg also said that he'll prepare a flyer for having an "open house" at our field for buddy boxing and also bring an EZ-Up.

If you'd like to participate in the static display, please contact Greg.

For those who've not seen it, WE DO INDEED OFFER FREE FLIGHT INSTRUCTION. That information has been on our Website for DECADES!

<https://www.theampeer.org/midwest/freeinst.html>

He also talked about the installation of our new safety fencing. It is coming along quite well, but we will need a bit morning fencing.

The following photos were taken by **Dave Stacer** and show **Denny Sumner** and Greg working on the fence.



Greg painted ALL of the posts!

The results of their very hard work are shown in these two photos from our Facebook page.



Denny and Dave ground the posts smooth.





A HUGE THANKS goes to these three gentleman from all of us! Great work guys!

May Show and Tell

Roger Wilfong shared a couple of his interesting conversions from foam, hand-launched gliders to electric RC.



The first one that he shared was an old Hitec. Note that he converted it to a pusher with twin booms to the tail.



He also shared a new, much larger version of his converted Hitec Glider.

It was loosely based gliders available from a German grocery store named Lidl, that sells inexpensive foam gliders.

His new, larger version is based on the Good RC Albatross Model Glider Series that he purchased through Amazon and then highly modified it.
https://www.amazon.com/HXBER-FX707S-Airplane-Launch-Aircraft/dp/B0DF71PY9D/ref=sr_1_2?crid=20P3YAMD9U1JD&dib=eyJ2IjojMSJ9.hi-2r7ZHv8I16CzLGN35kCSciD7n8sb1m0r2_VFOjJgHeONDvsBydyEX3vf8RBbzrRIInuYmQEsYg4KhtHYPQA3Wv_RLP84QihJc6W7nNEwDT2nUfzX7sYEDwmo8uYBwOc0nNSNGUQOj4OFHhoVoWiM8WOL7a-XrcAY-WvY4Pu6poBMcdyVx9G2w2YctNz_N6.sdpIvMknJFWtFenS9crUrVwcyujy_vcbQnKerBIWDG0&dib_tag=se&keywords=FX707S&qid=1744908221&srefix=fx707s%2Caps%2C134&sr=8-2

(I also found it here, KM)

<https://windcatcherrc.com/product/120cm-1200mm-wingspan-fx707s-albatross-glider-molded-for-rc/?gQT=2>

His modifications included changing it to a twin boom pusher configuration, just as he'd done to the Hitec Glider. He did note that it was an easier

conversion as hinge lines and servo pockets are molded in and that the canopy is removable. Roger pointed out the moulding lines.

His new version uses a 3S 1000mAh LiPo with a 1500Kv outrunner using an 8" prop. It draws about 15 amps and flies under power for about 17 minutes.

He said that he'll be experimenting with a 1300Kv motor and different props to extend the flight time.

Thanks for sharing these interesting conversions with us Roger!

2025 Mowing Information

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.

2025 MOWING SCHEDULE						
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	7	4	2,30	27	24	22
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	14	11	9	6	3	1,29
No 2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	21	18	16	13	10	8
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	28	25	23	20	17	15

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)**

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2025 Mowing Teams			
No. 1 Team		No. 2 Team	
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079	Dennis Sumner	734-658-7931
Ken Sutton	734-634-9801	John Gavasso	248-986-7587
Joe Havens	734-330-08171	Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264
Jesse Brunais	734-679-8500	Aaron Heiner	734-620-3413
No. 3 Team		No. 4 Team	
David Stacer	313-318-3288	Bill Brown Jr.	313-268-4167
Ken Myers	248-669-8124	Norm Peters	810-923-1809
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056	Ted Flack	248-804-5468
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857		

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!

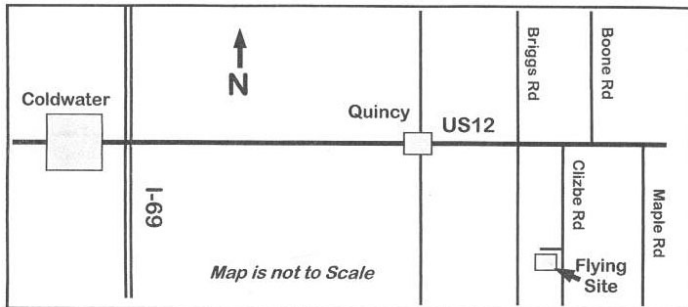
Do not exceed 1850 RPM!

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 Bill Brown, Jr. 313-268-4167 or Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079.



The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2024

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 22nd year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **June 1, 2024**. It is a one day event.

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 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.

The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2025

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 23rd year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, May 31, 2025. It is a one day event.

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". 9 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 or Phone: 517-677-9978
Please e-mail or call with any questions.

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

41st Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2025 & FREE Open Air Swap Meet

(See Swap Meet Note at the end of this announcement.)

AMA Sanctioned Event (Proof of AMA membership required to fly - Sorry MAAC membership is no longer accepted)

Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13, 2025

Hosted by the:

**Ann Arbor Falcons, Electric Flyers Only and The
Midwest RC Society**

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

Website for updates:

<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**

**There are NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
on Sunday, just open electric flying)**

No Pilot Landing Fee

Donations will be gladly accepted

No Parking Donation Will Be Requested from Spectators or Those Participating in the Open Air Swap Shop
Donations to Midwest will be gladly accepted from Spectators and Open Air Swappers

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 the winner in each category

The Field is Open for Open Flying All Day Friday
Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday &
Saturday Nights

Field Lunch is provided to pilots and friends (hot dogs, chips, water or pop) Available on Saturday
Field Dinner is provided (Burgers, Brats 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.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR 2025 - THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FIVE YEARS AGO!

The old entrance to the Midwest RC Society flying field is **permanently closed!!! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE IT!!!**



This is what the flying field entrance looks like. Please Drive SAFELY

The field entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.5 Miles west of Currie Rd. entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.6 Miles west of Currie Rd.

The address is 7621 Seven Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The entrance is through a private residence drive and out past the barn.

How to enter the flying field, by going past the farm buildings, is shown in the following photo.



Directions from Google Maps to the flying field

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/MIDWEST+R%2FC+SOCIETY/@42.422025,-83.6170775,805m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m13!1m7!3m6!1s0x8823559bd962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf1!2s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+48167!3b1!8m2!3d42.4187058!4d-83.6190072!3m4!1s0x882355a2c9e29cb5:0xaaaf592068692b984!8m2!3d42.422025!4d-83.6148888?hl=en>

To locate the Midwest R/C Society 7 Mile Rd. flying field, site of the Mid-America Electric Flies, use the link for the map above.

Because of their convenient location and the easy drive to the flying field, the Comfort Suites and Holiday Inn Express in Wixom, MI have been added to the hotels' listing. They are only 10 miles northeast of the field and located near I-96 and Wixom Road. See the map-hotel .pdf for more details.

<http://www.theampeer.org/map-hotels.pdf>

Open Air Swap Meet

There is a designated area for swappers. Please check-in at the event registration table before setting up. Someone from registration will point out where you may set up. Bring your own table(s) and chair(s).

There is no swap meet fee. A donation to the Midwest RC Society, for the use of their flying field, would be greatly appreciated.

We May Now "Fly Higher"!

Reposted from the May Newsletter in case you missed it!

From Lynn Morgan via email

Good Morning Gents,

I am happy to report that I have received new altitude information from the AMA yesterday.

A hardcopy will be kept in the club records per AMA's request.

New altitude limit 700 ft AGL during normal daylight operation hours, it remains 400ft 1/2 hour after sunset.

AMA Chartered Club Communication

AMA is excited to announce that we have been granted a National Authorization allowing our members at AMA club sites in Class G airspace to operate above 400 feet above ground level (AGL) for

routine, day-to-day activities. Your flying site, Midwest RC Society - 7 Mile Rd, has been granted a 700 foot altitude limit.

Lynn

To change your email address contact Ken Myers at kmyersefo@mac.com

**The 2025 membership application is available at the club Web site,
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

**Upcoming Events
Tentative 2025 Midwest Events Schedule**

May 24th, Saturday, season opener at the Field 10 a.m. Till 2:00 pm or when you leave

June 4th, Wednesday, June 4th Ladies' Pot Luck at the Field 5 p.m.

June 15, Sunday, Fathers day EAA pancake Breakfast Table and flyers at Mettetal Airport

July 1st, Tuesday, Meeting at the field Sailplane Combo All Members Welcome

July 11th-13th MidAm Electric fly at Midwest field (Club help) Friday, July 11th is field set up in the a.m. with guests arriving through the day.

August 2nd, Midwest open house and flying meeting with hot dog lunch, Invite friends and family.

September 3rd, Meeting at the field 6 p.m. Officer nominations open.

October 1st, meeting at Mettetal airport 7:00 p.m. / Per swap shop prep Officer Nominations

November 2nd, Sunday, Swap shop Northville Mi Senior center. (all members help) More details to follow.

November 5th, in person Meeting @ Mettetal airport. 7:00 p.m. Club Officers voting.

December 3rd, Christmas Snack Share and lightly used gift exchange. \$50.00 and over FOF gift card raffle. 7:00 p.m.

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The Next Regularly Schedules Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field - Ladies' Night