

March

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Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6 - Video 7 Meeting 7:30 Place: EAA Building, Mettetal Airport, Plymouth, MI

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The February Meeting

Ken Myers provided a video from James Frolik, in Germany, on the development of a scale electric ducted fan airliner.



The guest speaker was Chris from Nankin Hobby in Farmington. He noted that they sell more electrically powered models than nitro powered versions and that most of them are ARF types.

Nankin Hobby is THE Compass helicopter distributor.

They have a Nankin Card. With use of the card, for every \$400 you spend at their store you get a store credit of \$20. They

are trying to be competitive with pricing as possible.

Several new products were shown including Mini Vapor and the new new UMx P-40. The UMx air vehicles include a 3 axis gyro.

There was a very nice mini-helicopter demo by Dave. The little indoor helicopter was extremely aerobatic!

Nankin Hobby held a lottery for the members. Bill Brown won a UMx Carbon Cub and Rich Sievert a Mini Vapor.

Arthur Deane started the business meeting with an air drop oops video.

Next he presented the financial report and noted that we came out on plus side. All of our expenses were pretty much in line with previous years.

We still need a lot of a lot of work on the road.

> **Helicopter Frequencies** 21,27,29,39,41 **Sailplane Frequencies** 11, 12

Club secretary, **Lynn Morgan**, noted the the membership renewal has been a little 'light' so far.

He also wants to pass along the following:

Hopefully, our winter building season will be coming to an end quickly. Spring is only 31 days, 10 hours, and 5 minutes away, but who's counting?

I thought I would send out this friendly reminder that our Midwest RC Society membership dues are due by the March 6th club meeting. The membership seems to be a little down this year, hopefully you are considering rejoining us for the 2013 flying season!

We do appreciate your continued support of our club!

Hope to see you at the field! Lynn

You should have received an email version of the above.

Ken Myers reminded the members about the Hobbico/Great Planes visit to the Ultimate Soccer Arenas, in Pontiac, on the evening of Feb 26 and during the indoor flying time on Feb. 27.

Ken Myers, head flight instructor, also said that he'd like to see new pilot status added between pilot and student. He suggested that provisional pilot be added.



Bill Brown showed his much crashed and repaired indoor flying, foam Zero. It has quite a bit of left thrust, as can be seen in the photo. The extremely odd thing about this large amount of left thrust is that is it still very stable in the air, turns left and right equally well and flies great just like it is. **Proposed Change to the Flying Field Rules** Proposal by Ken Myers, Head Flight Instructor

1.0 SAFETY

1.1 Fliers must provide proof of AMA, AMA Park Pilot, or MAAC membership. *Provisional Student pilots may only fly specific aircraft, designated by their primary flight instructor and reported to the head flight instructor, without direct pilot supervision.* Student pilots and visiting pilots fly flights under the supervision of MRCS "Pilot" members.

The sentence in *italics* is the proposed changed.

Proposed Change to the By-Laws Proposal by Ken Myers

The proposal is to 'clean up' the wording in ARTICLE 8: MEMBER STANDING, section 3. There is no such thing as a license issued by the AMA.

Currently

3. Flying members will be required to hold and maintain a license issued by the AMA. All first-time flying members' applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of membership in the AMA.

Proposed change:

3. Flying members are required to have a current AMA membership. All first-time flying member applicants, as well as present flying members seeking membership renewal, must show proof of current AMA membership.

The March Guest Speaker

The March 2013 guest speaker will be **Ken Myers**. Ken will be discussing the whys and hows of data logging/recording for nitro, gas and electric aircraft.

If anyone has any type of data logging/recording equipment including radio systems, stand alone data loggers or ESCs with built in data logging, it would be nice to bring them along to share with the membership during this discussion. To change your email address contact Ken Myers at kmyersefo@mac.com

The 2012 membership application is available at the club Web site, http://www.midwestrcsociety.org, for downloading with the link on the homepage.

IMPORTANT: Channels 36 & 56 May NOT be used at the 7 Mile Rd. Field

Upcoming Events:

February 25, Monday, 7 p.m., Hobbico (Great Planes) visit at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas, This is a must attend event. Can't say more than that right now. Joe Hass, 248-321-7934 or visit http:// www.skymasters.org

February 26, Tuesday, 11 a.m., Hobbico (Great Planes) visit at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas. This is a must attend event. (Yep, it is being repeated today

Midwest RC Monitor Editor: Ken Myers 1911 Bradshaw Ct. Commerce Twp., MI 48390 at 11 and coincides with the indoor flying time.) Joe Hass, 248-321-7934 or visit http:// www.skymasters.org

March 6, Wednesday, regular monthly Midwest meeting. Aircraft related video at 7 p.m. and regular meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker Ken Myers on data logging.

Important Notice!

The 2013 membership dues are due no later than the March meeting. If paid after the March meeting there is a \$25 additional fee. Please have your 2013 application, found online or available from Lynn Morgan, your \$100 check made out to The Midwest RC Society and a copy of your AMA membership card ready to give to Lynn at this meeting.

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