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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m. meeting, EAA Building

What's In This Issue:

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The February 2023 Meeting

The 7 p.m. video was from AMA films and titled, "Walt and Bill Good: The Pioneers of Radio Control Aeromodeling - AMA Films".

<https://youtu.be/jduj1wkGFT0>

This is an excellent film and well worth watching to learn how our great hobby evolved from the early steps of these innovative pioneers to our present day systems.

Lynn Morgan, club secretary, noted that we have 17 members who have signed up so far for 2023. Remember that your 2023 dues are due by the March meeting. Everyone must submit a new renewal form for this year, but if you remain an active member, you'll no longer be required to do this every year.

The membership form is on our Website.
<http://www.theampeer.org/midwest/currentapp.pdf>

Our announced guest speaker, John Hoover, was unable to attend. We are going to try to reschedule for a better weather month at the flying field to allow him to demonstrate the models of his designs.

Once again, it was noted that our Friends of the Field needs more donations and there was a HUGE thanks to those who have already donated.

Our dues will be reevaluated as soon as we know what the membership will actually be for 2023.

Greg Eilers, club president, asked for ideas to get more folks to ur flying field for a chance to increase our membership. We really need to get more folks out to see our facility.

Having some weekend meetings was noted.

Ken Sutton said that he talked with he airport manager and said that we can have our meetings, on Wednesday evenings,

there at the airport, but not at the EAA building.

We are planning to do that starting next fall.

Greg Eilers' Latest Poll

Greg is working extremely hard to keep our club viable and to listen to the membership and what they want and are most concerned with.

He recently conducted a poll to find out where our membership wants the club headed and what their biggest concerns are.

He sent all of the members an email copy of the results, as well as sharing his thoughts and a tentative schedule for the rest of the year.

The results of the poll were presented in a Power Point format and attached to his email.

<http://www.theampeer.org/midwest/Midwest-RC-report-and-calendar-2023.pptx>

His Observations, Recommendations and the **tentative 2023 Activity Calendar** are reprinted here.

Survey results : Observations

More members and member participation is a reoccurring theme.

More club activities seems to be one thing the majority, feel they would like to see happen. (Does this seem to focus on fun flies? Possibly? Although the one fun fly held in 2021 only had 6 fliers participating.

Flying with food seems to be a desired activity.

While everyone likes the Midwest field, there is an underlying tone that many feel we pay too much for the field.

Increasing member numbers is both obvious and the seemingly number one priority.

General sport flying is the greatest interest and sailplanes are popular. Are there other event we could have to help increase either of these interests?

Other possible events, maybe center around control line, scale or free flight.

Field updates should focus on tree trimming and cutting of areas impacting takeoff and landing areas.

Also, possible revision to a centralized gathering area around charging station.

Sense that club may need an image update. More accessibility? (Not sure what that means exactly.)

Some interest in club promotional items for club support. (likely to require some more producible art)

President Recommendations: 2023

Revisit budget and friends of the field fund in July.

Based on membership numbers and friends of the field fund. Consider raising club dues \$20.00 a year for 2024.

Reinstall club sign at road

Repair or rebuild two of the field prep tables this year. (paint?)

Trim lower bushes at the east end of the runway

Replace two more tennis nets each year till all have been replaced.

Begin meeting at Mettetal FOB for winter meetings. Starting October 2023. Saving \$350.00 a year.

Hold 2 club meetings on Saturday with club served lunch and invite other local clubs to participate. (On schedule)\

Consider refresh of club image getting club promotional items? Decals, shirts or jackets maybe hats?

Revise club logo. Needs change or update to club by laws?

Add another yearly Event: Summer open house. Fly anything to any AMA member. New to the hobby Buddy box IE cub scout example. Field swap shop or fund raiser auction (Pete Waters make an offer)

Featured suppliers / retro RC. Aspect laser, Willy Nilly's etc. Served lunch.

Expand old frequency board. Possibly add or purchase simple pavilion to include picnic tables. Central meeting area. Keep tarps sunshades at flight line. (set up separate fund to support this project)

Host either a sailplane / scale model event

Once a month new pilot introduction class during summer months. / Once a month building class during winter months.

Consider participating in some club promotional activity at a farmer's market or street fair. EAA open house?

2023 Activity Calendar:

January club Meeting / EAA building Jan 4th
Budget review : D Stacer

February club Meeting / EAA building Feb 1st
Guest cancelled. Dues increase discussion.

March club Meeting / EAA building Mar 1st
Guest John/ Tracie Hoover Aspect laser

April club Meeting / EAA building April 5th

May Club Meeting / At the field May 10th

June Club Meeting / At the field June 7th Club
picnic ladies night

July club Meeting / At the field July 5th / Pre
Mid-AM

July 8th and 9th Annual Mid-Am electric fly.
Ken Myers CD (*To include Open Air Swap Shop KM*)

Aug club meeting / open At the field Saturday
Aug. 5th (Lunch served)

Sept. club Meeting / at the field. Saturday
September 9th (nominations)

Oct club Meeting / Mettetal FBO Oct 4 th

Nov club Meeting / Mettetal FBO Nov 1st (pre
swap prep / elections)

Nov Swap Shop / Northville Senior center / Nov
5th

December club Meeting / Mettetal FBO Dec 6th
(Christmas snacks)

December Club dinner with wives @ Karls Dec
16th (*If rebuilt & reopened after the fire on 02/15/23
KM*)

Every Tuesday May through Oct. Sailplane league
(5:30 pm.) Larry Markey CD.

Thank you Greg for all of your extremely hard
work for our club. We all appreciate it a lot!!!

Theft of Charging Equipment at the United Flying Organization (UFO) Flying Field

From a forwarded email from Greg Staeuble
February 9, 2023



What was missing was 4 of the solar panels,
2000W power inverter, and 4 batteries with all large
cables to hook them up. Both sheds were busted open
but nothing was obviously missing.



The generator is also missing. And our gas
powered ring pot heater (I have no idea what it is
actually called).

There is evidence that they carried everything out
to the gate. I found some of the wiring next to the
gate and an insulator from the wiring next to the rock
by the gate.

Most likely the theft was by some one that did not
have lock access. Walk from gate to flying site is
1500 feet or better.

Greg Eilers and the other Midwest Officers are
discussing this problem and Rick Sawicki is sharing
this information with other local clubs.

The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2023

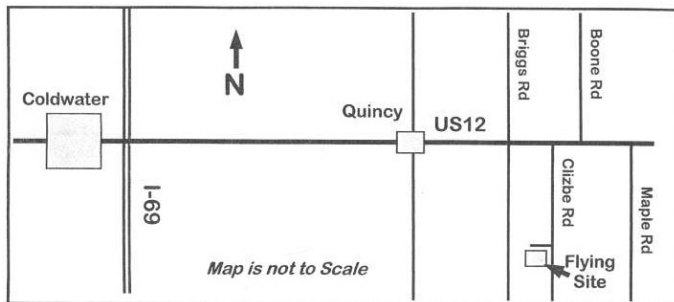
The Balsa Butchers are hosting the “Keith Shaw
Birthday Party Electric Fly-In”, for the 21st year, at
their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place
on Saturday, **June 3, 2023**. It is a one day event.

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.



39th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2023 & 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 8 & Sunday, July 9, 2023

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 Show**
**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 2023 -
THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE
MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FOUR
YEARS AGO!**

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



**This 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.



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!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf1!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, look near top left corner of the map, where the star marks the spot, near Seven Mile Road and Currie Rd.

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.

Skymasters' Winter Indoor Flying in Pontiac, MI

From Pete Foss via email

Hi All,

I'm very happy to announce that we have secured a spot at the UWMSC (UWM Sports Complex), 867 S Blvd E Pontiac, MI 48341, calendar for indoor flying.

WE ARE BACK TO TUESDAYS FROM 9 AM - 12 PM!

Registration for indoor is up for gold cards!

<http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&id=15924>

Gold Cards, season passes, are \$150 and single sessions \$10.

Thanks,

Pete Foss

President Skymasters RC of Michigan

www.skymasters.org

Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying takes place from November 2nd, 2022 until April 26th, 2023 at the Legacy Center Sports Complex, 9299 Goble Dr., Brighton, MI, 48116

phone: 810-231-9288

Wednesdays from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM.

The cost is \$10 per drop-in session.

Eating and Gabbing

Help Wanted

From Pete Waters via email

We need help to fill the empty seats on **Wednesday mornings** at **The Conners Coney Island Restaurant** situated at the N.E. Corner of 5 Mile and Haggerty.

We meet at 7:30 a.m., and cover many topics, except Politics and Religion.

This get together, used to have several tables filled, but time has passed, and now we're down to just a few. This is an ideal stop off for the field workers, breakfast and then the field. Please make an effort, we used to be **"The R.O.M.E.O. Group, "Retired Old Men Eating Out!"**

Winter Meeting Reminder

Our late fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the EAA building through April 2023 at Mettetal Airport in Canton, MI, which is just south of Plymouth, MI.

The address is 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187.

The EAA building is the first building on the right when entering the airport.

There is usually an aviation related video at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Many meetings have guest speakers whose topics relate to both model and full scale aviation.

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

The 2023 membership application is available at the club Web site,

**<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesdays:

Indoor Flying 10 a.m. Pontiac (details in this issue)

Wednesdays:

Indoor Flying 12:30 p.m. Brighton (details in this issue)

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Toledo Swap Shop, April 1 - 2, 2023 Seagate Centre, Toledo, OH

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