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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2024

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. FBO at Mettetal Airport, Canton, MI

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## Fall/Winter/Early Spring Meeting Reminder

Our fall, winter and early spring meetings are held at the fixed-based operator (FBO) building at Mettetal Airport.

Canton–Plymouth Mettetal Airport is a public use airport located in Canton Township, Michigan, United States. The airport lies two nautical miles south of the central business district of Plymouth, in Wayne County. The airport is owned and operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

**Address:** 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187

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

The FBO is the white building that is located closer to the runway than the EAA building near the entrance.

## The February 2024 Meeting

**Greg Eilers** started the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The members were reminded that their 2024 dues are due by the end of the March meeting

Some folks are having trouble using PayPal to pay their dues, but it seems as if it is on an individual case bases. If you are having a problem with this, please call **Dave Stacer**.

**Lynn Morgan** said that we only have 21 paid and 24 total total members at this point.

The Rib Crackers have lost they flying field. After much discussion, it was decided that the Rib Crackers would be contacted with an offer to join Midwest with our usual initiation fee waved.

There a lot of Midwest members that go to the Legacy Center, in Brighton, to indoor fly. You might want to join them. They have a great time!!!



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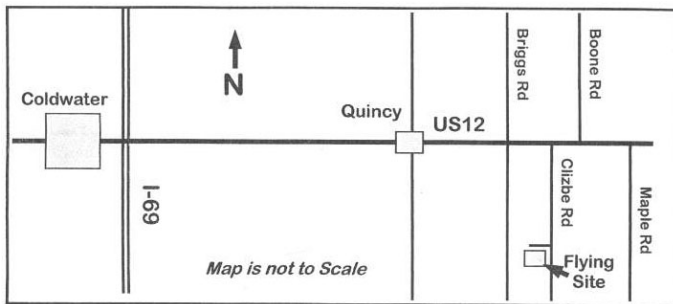


### Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying is now taking place through 2024 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.**



### 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.

**40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2024 & FREE Open Air Swap Meet, Sat. July 13**  
(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 13 & Sunday, July 14, 2024**

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 2024 -  
THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE  
MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FOUR  
YEARS AGO!**

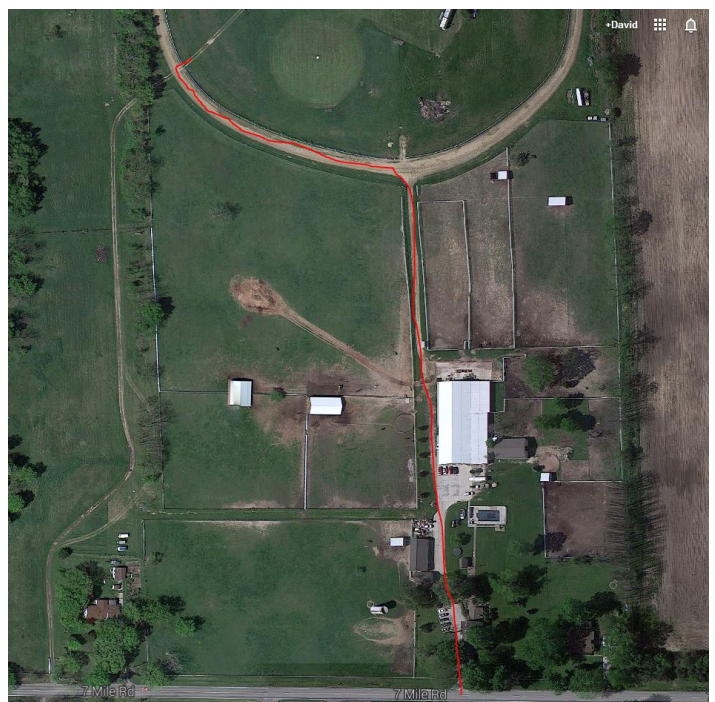
The old entrance to the Midwest RC Society flying field is **permanently closed!!! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE IT!!!**



**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, Saturday at the Mid-Am**

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.

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

The 2024 membership application is available at the club Web site,

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

### Upcoming Events 2024

#### Indoor Flying:

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**Wednesdays**, starting at 12:30 p.m., Legacy Center, Brighton, MI (details in this issue)

**Every Tuesday, May through Oct. Sailplane league (6 p.m.) Larry Markey CD.**

### Tentative 2024 Midwest Events Schedule

Mar 6th Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7:30  
April 3rd Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7:30  
May 15th Club flying meeting @ the Field.  
June 5th Ladies Night flying & picnic  
Saturday June 22nd Dog Days open fly all Midwest and EFO club members and guests. Lunch served Noon  
Flying at 10am.  
July 3rd Club meeting and flying @ the field 6pm  
July 13th – 14th 40th Mid-am. Electric Flyers.  
Aug 7th Club meeting and flying @ the field 6pm  
September 11th Club Meeting and flying at the 6pm  
Officer nominations  
September SAT. TBD AMA sponsored Sailplane event.  
Larry Markey CD.  
Oct 2nd Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm. Officer nominations  
Nov 6th Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm Officer voting  
Nov 16th year end social dinner. Location TBD.  
Dec 4th Christmas meeting Mettetal FBO 7pm. Snack

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