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Monitor

May The MRCS Officers 2024

Table with officer roles: President (Greg Eilers), Vice-President (Ken Myers), Secretary (Lynn Morgan), Treasurer (Dave Stacer), Safety Officer (Bill Brown, Jr.), Head Flight Instructor (Ken Myers), Newsletter Editor (Ken Myers), and Next Meeting details (Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024; Time: 6 p.m.; Place: 7 Mi. Rd. Flying Field).

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Summer 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 April Meeting

Greg Eilers, Midwest RC Society president, provided the following information regarding the April 2024 meeting.

Greg Eilers opened the meeting with 10 members present.

An AMA video titled, "The Grand Illusion" was shown.

The official meeting started at 7:40 p.m.

With a recent rash of vandalism at local RC clubs, we discussed our

insurance coverage and if our charging station components are covered for vandalism.

Dave Stacer said that he will review the contract to determine the status.

There was also discussion of the addition of a remote camera to see who goes back to the flying field. Our thoughts were to investigate a two view camera on the large barn at an inaccessible height. The pros and cons of a camera were discussed.





Greg said that he'd reach out to Marti to see if she is open to allowing a camera installation. **Ken Sutton** suggested adding signs, on the white fence, stating that the field is under surveillance.

Greg said that he'd reached out again to South Lyon Parks and Recreation to see if we can get listed in the South Lyon enrichment program. He noted that he is still waiting for a reply.

Dave Stacer has already reserved the Senior Center gym for our Swap Shop in November. Greg will verify with Rudi his willingness to run the Swap Shop again this year.

Dave said that he will try and get out to the field to spread Sevin on the flight line and pits to keep ticks away. Dave will also renew the contract for the Porta-Potti.

There was some discussion regarding having a maintenance day for the lawn cutting equipment. Dave, Denny and Bill Jr. will organize the soonest possible day, once the field is accessible.

The field cutting schedule is expected to be put together again by Jim Cross. Greg will verify that with Jim.

Lynn Morgan reported that the current membership is 40 Members with 35 paid. He expects there may be additional members who will pay late. Last year we had a total of 45 members.

Denny Sumner reminded the attendees of this weekend's Swap Shop at Toledo on April 5th and 6th. Three or four of our members noted that they were potentially going.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Thanks for your report Greg.



Keith Shaw on the RC Roundtable Podcast via email from Keith Shaw

A couple of weeks ago Terry Dunn and the guys at the RC Roundtable interviewed me for an episode of their podcast. It is now available for your amusement. We ended up talking about a wide range of topics.

You can listen to the audio-only podcast at the RC Roundtable Podcast, Episode 195, The Godfather (03/27/2024):

<https://rcroundtable.com/>

Or watch the youtube video RC Roundtable Podcast- Ep 195/ "The Godfather":

<https://youtu.be/AmbB8d4VpbY>

It bought back a lot of memories.

Keith

Upcoming 13th Annual Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club's John's Jet Jam 2024 from John Hoover via email

This event will be held at the PMAC flying field on Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 3 p.m.

The event CD is John Hoover. For further info, John can be reached at aspectav5429@yahoo.com.

This is a RC Jets Airshow that is free to the public. AMA members are welcome.

A full flyer, with all of the details is here:

<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org/photos/JJ+2024.pdf>

2024 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.
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)

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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Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2024 Mowing Teams

No. 1 Team		AM	No. 2 Team		PM
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079		Dennis Sumner	734-658-7931	
Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602		Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264	
Ken Sutton	734-634-9801		John Gavasso	248-986-7587	
Eric Flack	251-233-5333				
No. 3 Team		PM	No. 4 Team		AM
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		Jim Lapham	248-342-5405	
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857		Ted Flack	248-804-5468	

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!

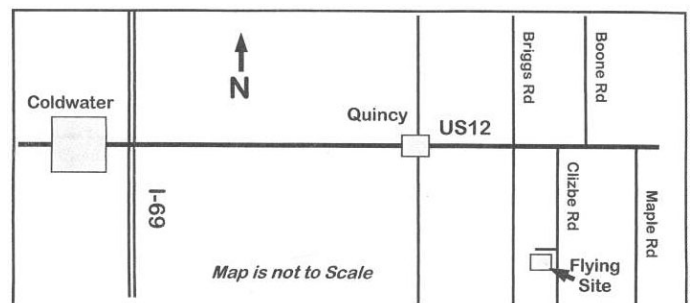
Always mow in 2nd Gear- never in 3rd Gear!

No high speed turns!

Keep cut grass away from the grill and the radiator!

	2024 MOWING SCHEDULE					
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September-	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	8	5	3,31	28	25	23
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	15	12	10	7	4	2,30
No 2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	22	19	17	14	11	9
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	1,29	26	24	21	18	16

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.

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!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dceb1!2s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+48167!3b1!8m2!3d42.4187058!4d-83.6190072!3m4!1s0x882355a2c9e29cb5:0xaaf592068692b984!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

**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

Tentative 2024 Midwest Events Schedule

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

May, 15, Wed. Club flying meeting at the Field, 6 p.m.

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 10 a.m.

July 3rd Club meeting and flying @ the field 6pm

July 13th – 14th, 40th Annual Mid-Am Electric Flies

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. 3, Sunday, Annual Swap Shop

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 and gift exchange. Optional.

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