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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. FBO at Mettetal Airport

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Winter/Early Spring Meeting Reminder

Our fall, winter and early spring, through May, 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.

The April 9, 2025 Meeting

Because of some violent predicted weather for our area on Wednesday, April 2, our April meeting was moved to Wednesday, April 9.

Club president, **Greg Eilers**, called the Wednesday, April 9, meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FUTURE MEETINGS AT THE METTETAL FBO WILL START AT 7:00 P.M.

When we used to meet at the EAA building at Mettetal Airport, we'd have a video from 7:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. and then start the business part of the meeting at 7:30. The FBO is not conducive to having a video, therefore it was decided to start all of the future meetings at 7:00 P.M., with no video. PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE.

Greg turned the meeting over to **Dave Stacer**. Dave shared information that he'd gathered regarding the commercial

application of weed killer on the field this year. For a spring and fall application of weed killer, it will cost \$534. He also checked the price of having the field sprayed commercially for ticks. The cost was \$295.

After much discussion, it was decided that we'd do our own tick prevention.

A motion was made to allow Dave to use treasury funds to set up the weed killer sprayings. The motion passed.

Dave had also researched materials for replacing the flight line safety barrier. It was moved, and passed, that he may spend \$100, of club funds, to experiment with new fencing for the flight line barrier.

Long time Midwest Member, **Jim Cross**, sadly noted that he can no longer participate in our hobby. He has a lot of planes and things in his basement to GIVE AWAY to any Midwest member that wants them. Please contact Jim via email at jcross0243@sbcglobal.net.

Jim also noted he will be setting up the mowing schedule again this year for one last time.

We gave a special thanks to Jim, as well as **Bill Brown, Sr.**, for setting up this schedule for decades!!! A HUGE THANK YOU GUYS!

Greg Eilers noted that he will soon be starting a new facebook page for the Midwest RC Society. He had read that Facebook was a good way to advertise our club.



Denny Sumner shared his newly completed CannonsHOT. It was based on a Ken Willard's CannonsHOT design from 1975.

https://outerzone.co.uk/plan_details.asp?ID=1247

He also used a thread on RC Groups as a resource.
<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3853331-Ken-Willard-s-CannonsHOT>

Denny's completed model weighs in at 4.1 ounces, and uses a tiny Hacker outrunner motor with a 2S 300mAh LiPo battery.

As usual, it is a beautifully executed model!



Greg also mentioned that our May meeting will once again be held at the Mettetal FBO and our opening day at the flying field is scheduled for Saturday, May 24 beginning at 10 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45.

Indoor Flying in Brighton Information

Indoor flying started at the Legacy Center on Wednesday October 9th. The flying time is 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Legacy Center Website is:

legacycentermichigan.com

Address: Legacy Center, 9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

The last day of indoor flying at the Legacy Center is Wednesday, April 24, 2025.

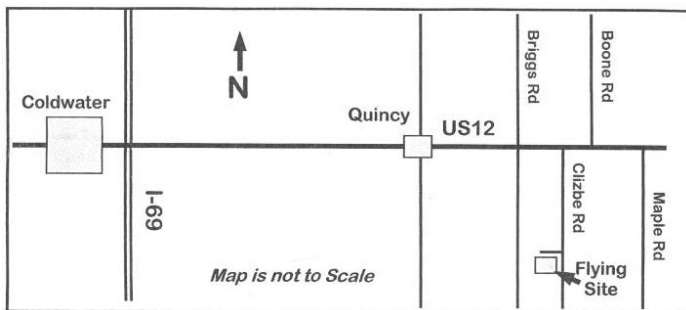
Indoor Flying in Pontiac Info

The last day of indoor flying in Pontiac, MI at the United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex was on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Altitude Limited Glider Competition at the Field For This Year

This year we are planning to have the altitude limited glider competition at the field (schedule is TBD, probably the same as last year). **Ted Flack** is heading this weekly event. It is LOTs of fun, so we hope you are considering coming out and participating!

We do appreciate your continued support of our club! Hope to see you at the field!
Lynn



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!!!**

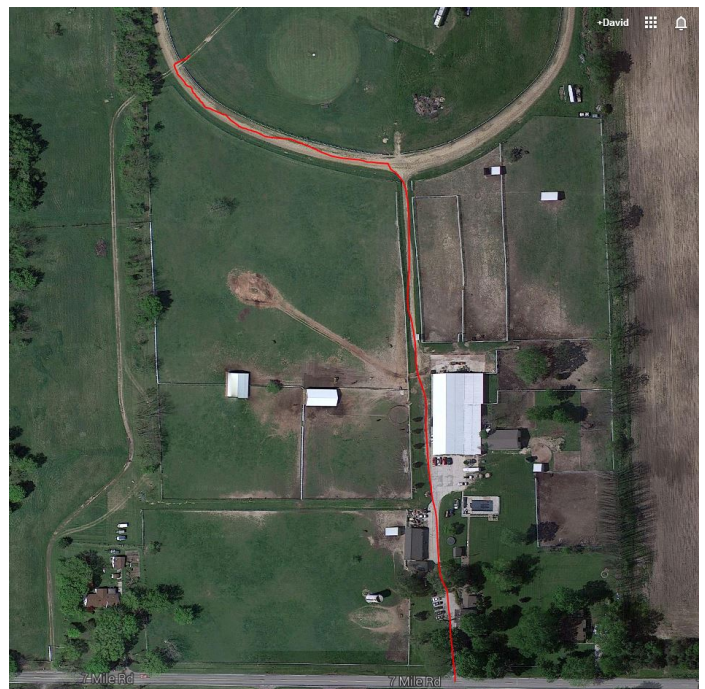


**This is what the flying field entrance looks like.
Please Drive SAFELY**

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!1s0x8823559bd962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf112s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+4816713b1!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"!

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 7th In Person Meeting @ Mettetal Airport 7:00 p.m.

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 6 p.m.

June 15, Sunday, Fathers day EAA pancake Breakfast Table and flyers (Bill Jr. investigating)

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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