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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. video, 7:30 meeting, EAA Building

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## John Hoover Inducted Into the AMA Hall of Fame

From Joe Hass via email



On Sunday, September 19, 2021 it was my pleasure to present John Hoover with his plaque and paperwork inducting him in to the Model Aviation Hall of Fame.

Once I confirmed John's induction, I worked with John's wife Tracie and family for a "surprise" event at his hobby shop (Flightline Hobby in Lake Orion, MI). The

local clubs that John supports were on board. More on the "surprise" later.

I have a very specific program for HOF inductees. The announcement letter is framed with a generous mat so that those attending can sign and add their personal messages. There is a specially decorated cake. In this case we also had sandwiches, snacks and beverages. I also create a presentation binder with the nomination and other related memorabilia.

As she has done so many times in the past Erin Dobbs, from AMA headquarters, provided that unfolded announcement letter as well as the supporting documents and plaque in record time. Prior to that Erin helped with a last minute addition to the nomination to get it in before the deadline.

Coincidentally, I had submitted an article about John to Jennifer Alderman for the VIEWFINDER. While the article documented John's many contributions it did not include anything about the HOF.

I submitted an amended article with the HOF announcement and Jennifer used that in the October issue of MA. She also got me a PDF of the article so I could have it printed and framed for John before the presentation.

With a series of less than truthful stories I got John to agree to use the front of his store for a “surprise” presentation. Tracie confirmed that John had no idea what was going on.



Three days before the “surprise” I stopped in the store for some supplies. Tracie happened to be there and whispered to me “John knows”. With the publication of the digital version of MA the world knew of John’s induction. The first congratulatory communication to John came from France! The cat was out of the bag. While we didn’t have quite the “surprise” we were planning we had a great time thanks to the work of Erin and Jennifer. (See *Model Aviation*, October 2021, *Viewfinder*, p. 22 to learn more about John. KM)



Thanks,  
Joe Hass

### Info On the Upcoming MRCS November Swap Shop

From Rudi Reinhard via email

**MIDWEST R/C SOCIETY R/C SWAP MEET**  
**Sunday, November 7th, 2021**  
**8:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.**

#### Location

Northville Senior Community Center  
303 West Main Street  
Northville, Michigan  
Latitude 42 43 04 North Longitude 83 48 60 West

#### Admission Charge

\$5.00 per person-donations always welcomed  
(active duty military, kids under 12, and women are admitted FREE)

#### Vendor Table Cost

\$20.00-\$25.00 per table, payable in advance, depending on table location

The vendor table cost includes one admission. Vendor set up time is 7:30am.

Advance table reservations are recommended since walk-in tables might not be available and they cost \$5 more at the door!

#### For information and table reservations

Call Rudi at: 248.631.8205 or  
e-mail: [therudi@icloud.com](mailto:therudi@icloud.com)

#### Directions

Exit I-275 at 8 Mile Road and go west 2.5 miles to Center Street. Go south on Center Street for a 1/2 mile and then west on Main Street. The Northville Senior Community Center is located at 303 West Main Street. There is free parking in the back of the building, off Cady Street.

**As always, the LARGEST and BEST swap meet in SE Michigan**

#### 2021 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.

2021 MOWING SCHEDULE						
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	12	9	7	4	1, 29	27
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	19	16	14	11	8	6
No.2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	26	23	21	18	15	13
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	5	2, 30	28	25	22	20

**Wednesday is mowing day (weather permitting)  
otherwise Thursday before 6 p.m.**

**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.

**ALL TEAM LEADERS AND MEMBERS MUST BE CHECKED OUT BEFORE RUNNING ANY OF THE EQUIPMENT USED TO TAKE CARE OF THE PARKING AREA OR FLYING FIELD.**

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### **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!

Report any equipment problems to Bill Brown, Jr. 313-268-4167 or Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079.

### **Skymasters Indoor Flying**

From Pete Foss, Skymasters' President

HELLO INDOOR FLIERS!

We're back for Indoor Flying **starting October 20th!** I'm very happy to announce that through the efforts of Fred Engleman and Paul Goelz we have an agreement with **Reimagine Recreation** to fly on **Wednesdays** at **United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex (formerly Ultimate Soccer)**. It was a bit of a struggle dealing with the new owners of the facility and I would really like to thank Fred and Paul for stepping up and pushing us to the finish line!

There are some differences beyond the fact that we will be flying on field 4 (the one in the back) since field 3, where we used to fly, is now a basketball and volleyball arena. **Everyone who enters the building for any reason during our time slot MUST SIGN A LIABILITY WAIVER.** It would be helpful if you

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2021 Mowing Teams			
<b>No. 1 Team</b>	AM		<b>No. 2 Team</b>
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079		Dennis Sumner
Alan Minsterman	734-673-7863		Arnold Nielsen
Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602		John Gavasso
Ron Krause	248-420-6678		
<b>No. 3 Team</b>	PM		<b>No. 4 Team</b>
David Stacer	313-318-3288		Bill Brown Jr.
Ken Myers	248-669-8124		Norm Peters
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056		Jim Lapham
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857		Ted Flack



print a copy, sign and bring to your first flying session but we will have printed waivers on hand too. Park out back by field 4. You will not be allowed to enter the front door.

To simplify this year, we went with only Gold (season pass) cards for \$150 and single sessions at \$10 each. Also, since ReImagine charges Skymasters for each and every pilot who flies, youths and spouses are no longer free.

Here is a direct link to register and purchase a Gold Card or print out a registration form for your first single session.

<https://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=register&event=indoor>

Hope to see many of you on the 20th, or before, at the Night Fly and Free Tailgate Swap at Skymasters Field.

Indoor Flying - **Wednesday**, October 20, 2021 - UWM Sports Complex, 837 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI Time: 10:00 AM

Sponsor: Skymasters

Indoor Flying At UWM Sports Complex

On Field #4 (Park and Enter on the north "back" end of the complex)

Wednesdays starting October 20, 2021 thru April 13, 2022

View Event PDF Flyer.

[http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&flyer=data/flyers/2021/2021\\_indoor\\_full\\_pg\\_color\\_flyer.png](http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&flyer=data/flyers/2021/2021_indoor_full_pg_color_flyer.png)

View Event Map.

[http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?](http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=information&type=wherewefly&item=ultimate#ultimate)

[page=information&type=wherewefly&item=ultimate#ultimate](http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=information&type=wherewefly&item=ultimate#ultimate)

Contact: **Fred Engleman** Phone: (248) 770-3239

Email: [indoorfly@skymasters.org](mailto:indoorfly@skymasters.org)

### The October 2021 Midwest Meeting

Because of the weather, the meeting had been postponed to Wednesday, October 13 at the flying field.

The weather was pretty good for this outdoor meeting. The temperature was moderate and the sky had some clouds. There was a bit of a breeze, but that did not keep **Dave Stacer** from working with his student pilot, **Arron Heiner**. It was good practice for Aaron to fly in some "wind".

Besides those in attendance, shown in the photos, we had many, many uninvited guests present. They were a lot of very pesky mosquitoes! Did I mention that there were a lot of them.

**Greg Eilers** noted that we'd not heard yet whether or not we have the EAA building for our November meeting. The Website and newsletter versions will be updated as needed. Greg will also send out an email to all members noting whether the meeting will take place at the EAA building or on Zoom.

He also noted that we are still planning on having a dine out get together on, or about, December 11 at the Cabin. It will be a pay your own bill type affair. The first Wednesday of the month, December social and desert meeting, is planned to take place along with the "I've got useful stuff that I don't need anymore" gift exchange overseen by **Ken Myers**.

**Rudi Reinhard** brought us up to date with the plans for the November 7th Swap Shop. He noted that the table pre-sales have been lighter than in past years, and because of the on going pandemic, through the door admissions may be lighter.

We found out why we'd not seen **Roger Wilfong** in awhile. He'd had COVID-19 as well as his wife. Both had been fully vaccinated and they are mask wearers. How they got it is unknown, but he's recovered and Grace is on the mend.

The many pesky mosquitoes broke up the meeting at about 6:30.



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

The 2021 membership application is available at the club Web site,

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**Nov. 3, Wednesday**, Midwest RC Society Monthly meeting, 7 p.m. video, 7: 30 meeting, EAA building at Mettetal Airport, 8550 N Lilley Rd, Canton, MI

**November 7, Sunday**, 8:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. Midwest RC Club Swap Shop, Northville Senior Recreation Center (details in this issue)

**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!**"

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**Place:** EAA Building, Mettetal Airport, Plymouth, MI