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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

Time: 6 p.m. or earlier **Place:** Club Flying Field

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FMA Closing Its Doors

*I received an email from **Dave Stacer** leading me to this announcement on RC Groups about FMA.*

Both Dave and I, as well as many of our club members, use FMA Chargers, so this announcement was very disappointing to us. KM

From Jamie Marks via RC Groups

"After 36 years in business FMA, Inc has made the decision to cease business operations, effective August 31, 2021. Also ceasing operations is the brand Revolectrix.

Started in 1985 by Fred Marks, FMA has proudly served the R/C Hobby Industry for 25 of its 36 years.

The pandemic brought multiple challenges to manufacturing FMA's products in Asia as disruptions in supply chains and multiple delays and staff shortages at our contract manufacturer all contributed to the decision.

As owners and officers of FMA, my brother Tim and I are reaching retirement age and looking forward to pursuing other interests.

Over the years we have made many friends in the business. We want to thank all those friends for the support and encouragement. Most of all we want to offer a special thanks to the thousands of customers who have made this family business a joy to operate.

The Revolectrix and FMA websites, including both stores, REVO USA and REVO Singapore, will become inaccessible in the coming days. Phone and email service will continue until August 31.

Our longest tenured employee and friend, Howard Matos, plans to continue serving the hobby community by offering a repair service for FMA and Revolectrix products. Howard's efforts will be unrelated to the FMA and Revolectrix business. More information will be available from Howard soon."

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3956535-FMA-Business>

Everything Changes. KM :-)

MRCA (Michigan Radio Control Association) Fun Fly Event

Saturday, October 2nd 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

The Fun Fly is free.

Open flying for all types of Radio Controlled Aircraft;
Sail Planes, Scale planes, Warbirds, Drones,

Helicopters,

Spot Landing Competition.

No food will be provided, so we are encouraging everyone to bring your own food/Lunch. Tail-gate style is perfect!

Invite your friends who fly at other clubs, family, guests, beginners.

AMA Membership is always required.

Contact information: Robert Throne email at:
rbthrone@comcast.net

Also Visit and contact through our Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/mrcacub>

The MRCA field is located on Begole Rd. just west of Platt Rd. York Township. Between Saline and Milan Mi. 300w Begole Rd.

GPS 42.133145,-83.707066

temperature was in the mid-70s. The winds were moderate and consistent from the east.



Dave Stacer works hard to complete the taxi course.



Lots of cheering came from the "peanut gallery".

The Following is Info from Our Event Director, Greg Eilers via email

Here is a quick summary of the fun fly.

The MRCS fun fly was held as planned Thursday Sept. 16th. Approximately 16 attendees showed up with 6 competing flyers and 10 spectators. Three separate tasks we flown by the 6 participants. They were; 1) 4 cone taxi race, 2) roll and loop 7 times, and 3) climb and glide.

The times for events 1 and 2 were added together and the glide portion of event 3 was deducted from the total of events 1 and 2.

The object was to finish with the lowest possible time.

The best time for each event was as follows. 1) Taxi race 66 seconds / Bill Brown, Jr. 2) loop and roll 54 seconds / Dennis Sumner 3) glide 123 seconds / Bill Brown, Jr.



Greg Eilers starts the event by demonstrating how NOT to do the Taxi Event

Club Fun Fly Report

Greg Eilers, Midwest RC Society president and event director, could not have picked a better day for our club Fun Fly.

The early evening of Thursday, October 16, was almost perfect for this event. The sky was blue. The

FINAL RESULTS:

1st place : Bill Brown, Jr., 19 sec total time. - Prize Willy Nillies Delta kit.

2nd place : Dennis Sumner, 108 sec total time. - Prize Retro RC Race-E kit.

3rd place: Greg Eilers, 122 sec total time

4th place : Dave Stacer, 126 sec total time - Prize Retro RC Battery dividers for ammo can.

5th place : Ken Myers 225 sec total time

6th place: Al Roberts DNF TAXI EVENT.



And the Winner Is: **Bill Brown, Jr.** shown on the left! Congrats!

Thanks to **Norm Peters** and **Gary Roberts** for being the official timers.

Thanks also go to the mowing team who had the field in excellent condition.

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

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.

**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.

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

Team members, PLEASE call your team leader if you

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2021 Mowing Teams			
No. 1 Team AM		No. 2 Team PM	
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079	Dennis Sumner	734-658-7931
Alan Minsterman	734-673-7863	Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264
Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602	John Gavasso	248-553-4783
Ron Krause	248-420-6678		
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	734-961-7975
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056	Jim Lapham	248-342-5405
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857	Ted Flack	248-804-5468

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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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.

The Charging Station Gets an Upgrade



On Saturday, September 18, 2021, **Dave Stacer** and **Denny Sumner** performed an upgrade to our flying field charging station. They upgraded ALL of the banana jacks to a much more robust type.

A word of caution to those of you that charge at 10 amps or more, be sure that the plugs that you have on YOUR charger can handle the 10+ amps. Many of those plugs, seen at the field, are for audio use and rated much lower than 10 amps.

Thanks Dave and Denny!!!



To change your email address contact Ken Myers at 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:

October 6, Wednesday, Midwest RC Society
Monthly meeting, 6 p.m. or earlier for best parking
and decent light.

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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