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Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023

Time: 7:30 p.m. FBO at Mettetal Airport

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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.



The September Field Meeting

Our flying meeting was held on Saturday, September 9. The day started crisp and clear with a bit of a crosswind from the north.

The day began with some flying and a lot of shivering and chatting.

Our Club President, **Greg Eilers**, held a brief meeting at noon.

He noted that, starting with the October 2023 meeting, our monthly meetings will be held at the Mettetal FBO building, instead of the EAA building. Thanks go to **Mr. Ken Sutton** for making this possible.

We are still planning on having our December dinner meeting, but that the location is not determined yet.



Larry Markey suggested, that to have more members during our field meetings in the spring, summer and early fall, we might want to consider having them on Tuesday evenings so that they will coincide with the glider league flying days.

Greg also mention that **Rudi Reinhard** had been working hard on getting out the info for our Sunday, November 5 Swap Shop in Northville. Details are in this issue.



Ken Myers said that he would man the swap shop admissions' table this year, as **Dave Stacer** will not be able to do it again this year.

Greg reminded everyone that nominations for our 2024 officers begin at the October meeting.

Dave Stacer noted that he had been doing some preliminary work on designing and pricing a more

permanent sunshade area where the charging station and tarp shade to its east are located.



There was quite a bit of discussion about this idea and **Larry Markey** then motioned that up to \$2000, of club money, might be used to bring this possible upgrade to fruition. There is still a lot of research to be done on this possible project. Permission from the land owner is required. The actual, size, placement and construction materials still have to be determined.

The motion was passed, and we'll be seeing how this whole concept plays out over the next few months.

Ken Myers stated that we are planning to host the 40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies in July of 2024.

After the "official" meeting, the sun finally began to warm the cool air, and flying continued.

Our October meeting will be held at the Mettetal Airport FBO building. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. See you all there.

2023 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)

2023 MOWING SCHEDULE						
	May----	June----	July----	August--	September	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	10	7	5	2,30	27	25
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	17	14	12	9	6	4
No 2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	24	21	19	16	13	11
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	3,31	28	26	23	20	18

Flight Instructors, please consult the mowing schedule and mowing team leader prior to scheduling

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road Year 2023 Mowing Teams					
No. 1 Team		AM		No. 2 Team	
Roger Wilfong		248-349-9079		Dennis Sumner	
Tom Cwynar		248-437-0602		Arnold Nielsen	
Ken Sutton		734-634-9801		John Gavasso	
Eric Flack		251-233-5333			
No. 3 Team		PM		No. 4 Team	
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	

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.



Midwest R/C SWAP MEET

Sunday, November 5th, 2023 8:15AM to
12:00PM

Location

Northville Community Center, 303 West Main
Street,
Northville, Michigan

Admission Charge

\$5.00 per person
active duty military and kids under 12 are
admitted free

Vendor Table Cost

\$25.00 per table, payable in advance
Vendor table cost includes one admission
and set up time is 7:30am.
Table reservations are recommended since **all
90 tables** are usually sold in advance and it
costs more at the door if tables are still
available.

For information and table reservations

Call Rudi at: 248-631-8205 or
e-mail: therudi@me.com

Directions

Take the 8 Mile Road exit off of I-275 and go
west 2.5 miles to Center Street.
Go south on Center Street and then west on
Dunlop Street. At Wing Street, go south to
Cady Street where you will find free parking
behind the facility.

LARGEST and BEST swap meet in SE Michigan!

To change your email address contact Ken Myers at kmyersefo@mac.com

**The 2023 membership application is available at the club Web site,
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

Upcoming Events

Tentative 2023 Midwest Events Schedule

Every Tuesday May through Oct. Sailplane league (5:30 pm.) Larry Markey CD.

April 5th - April club Meeting / EAA building

May 10th - May Club Meeting / At the field

June 7 - June Club Meeting / At the field - Club picnic ladies night

July 5 - July club Meeting / At the field - Pre Mid-AM , 6 p.m.

July 8th and 9th Annual Mid-Am electric fly. Ken Myers CD (*To include Open Air Swap Shop KM*)

Aug 5 - Aug club meeting / open - At the field **Saturday** (Lunch served)

Sept. 9 - Club Meeting / at the field. **Saturday** (discuss officer nominations) - No lunch unless someone volunteers to cook dogs - contact Greg as he still has some

Oct 4 - Oct club Meeting / Mettetal FBO / Officer nominations

Nov. 1 Nov club Meeting / Mettetal FBO (pre swap prep / elections)

Nov. 5 Nov Swap Shop / Northville Senior center

Dec. 6 - December club Meeting / Mettetal FBO (Christmas snacks)

Dec. 16 - December Club dinner with wives @ Karls Cabin (*If rebuilt & reopened after the fire on 02/15/23 KM*)

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