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September

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**Next Meeting: Date:** Wednesday, September 4  
**Time:** 6:00 pm or earlier, 7 Mi. Rd. Flying Field

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### The Midwest August Flying Meeting

Due to the poor predicted weather for Wednesday, August 7, the meeting was postponed to Thursday, August 8.

August 8 was a mostly sunny day. The winds were light and the club membership turnout was very good. There was a lot of flying and flight training going on.

**Jim Lapham** cooked up the field dinner and got everything set up for us. Jim, thanks so very much for this and all you do for the club!!!

There was a business meeting during dinner.

Due to the continual rain through the summer, the lush grass has presented a real problem this summer. Smaller wheeled aircraft have had problems pulling themselves out of the thick, green grass. The field really has needed mowing almost twice a week this summer, but the budget does not allow for that.

**Jim Young** had looked into GeoTex and other alternatives as a runway

covering. He proposed that we install one of the 'black plastic' alternatives 300' long and 30' wide at the east end of the field.

**Arthur Deane** said that he didn't think the alternative and lower cost material would be suitable for the job. He also noted that besides the cost of the material, the area for the material would have to be leveled.

There was also some discussion about purchasing a 'gang' mower for the tractor. It was noted that before we got our current mower, a 'gang' mower was used at the 5 Mile flying field. It had proved ineffective.

There was a lot more discussion about the grass 'problem'. It was finally motioned that the mowing be done on Thursday, and that for the rest of the flying season the mower height would be set to "Mid-Am" height or even a 1/2" lower.

**Helicopter Frequencies**

21,27,29,39, 41

**Sailplane Frequencies**

11, 12

The motion passed.

After dinner, everyone continued flying well into the evening.

Don't miss our next flying meeting on Wednesday, September 4.

**The Browns "Race" for Charity**



Joe Hass arranged an indoor charity fly for the Wounded Warrior Fund at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac on Saturday, August 17.

It was well attended, even through it was a 'perfect' outdoor flying day.

There was a lot of flying and a few short demo flights featuring Hobbico products. That P-38 is really nice!!!

One of the highlights of the day was when Bill Brown, Sr., Bill Brown, Jr., Mark Freeland, of Retro RC, and Joe Hass took their 'antique' planes into the air to the tune of "Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines" to recreate an early air race.

Great job guys!

**2013 Mowing Information**

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

Flight Instructors please consult the mowing schedule prior to scheduling training sessions to avoid conflicts.

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 mowing time.

Any team member whose personal schedule conflicts with his team's mowing schedule should contact Bill Brown, 734 420-2733, 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**

**SAFETY FIRST  
NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE  
STORAGE AREAS!**

Mowing Teams 2013			
<b>No. 1 Team</b>		<b>** No. 2 Team</b>	
Bruce Ferns	734-451-2952	John Gavasso	248-553-4783
Donald Frandsen	743-261-8886	Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602
Alan Minsterman	734-673-7863	Mike Russel	248-930-7837
<b>No. 3 Team</b>		<b>No. 4 Team</b>	
David Stacer	248-924-2324	Richard Sievert	248-349-8058
Ken Myers	248-669-8124	Jim Lapham	248-349-5405
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Jim McDonald	248-376-0857	Jim Rucker	248-348-5381

	2013 MOWING SCHEDULE					
	May	June	July	August	Sept.	October
<b>No.4 Team Captain</b>						
Richard Sievert 248-349-8058	1,29	26	10	7	4	2,30
<b>No.1 Team Captain</b>						
Bruce Ferns 734-451-2952	8	5	3,31	28	25	23
<b>No 2 Team Captain</b>						
John Gavasso 248-553-4783	15	12	17	14	11	9
<b>No.3 Team Captain</b>						
David Stacer 248-924-2324	22	19	24	21	18	16

**Best Wishes to the USA Precision  
Aerobatics Team Participating in South  
Africa  
Go Verne and Andrew!!!**

**Next Midwest RC Society Flying Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept. 4  
See you there!**

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

**The 2013 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

**IMPORTANT: Channels 36 & 56 May NOT be used at the 7 Mile Rd. Field**

**Upcoming Events:**

**September 4, Wednesday**, Midwest monthly meeting at the 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field, it's a flying meeting, 6 p.m. or earlier. Bring a plane and let's fly!

You may have seen this plane at our flying field. It is Ken Myers' Maxford USA Antonov An-2.



He has a full review and flight report of this ARTF (almost ready to fix) plane in the September 2013 *Ampeer*.  
<http://www.theampeer.org/ampeer/ampsep13/ampsep13.htm>

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