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Mid-America Electric Flies 2010
The 27th Edition

By Friday, July 8, **Jim Lapham** and **Rich Sievert** had the Midwest RC Society field grass close-cropped and swept. They were determined to have the field in the best possible conditions for all of our guests. They succeeded! The field was in great shape! Thanks Jim and Rich and Midwest mowing crew. We really appreciated your work and allowing us to use this very nice field for our meet.

Many EFO members were out early on Friday and helped with the field set up. Keith Shaw came out about one to do the final set up of the large sunshades for transmitter impound and the housing for some of Keith's great fleet. By early afternoon on Friday, we were ready for our guest fliers, and they started appearing and flying. Friday afternoon is always a fun day with a lot of relaxed flying and "catching up" with our many friends. Thanks to the wonderful weather this year, many, many great planes took to the air through the afternoon and into the evening. While

this is officially a two-day meet, lots of folks get a lot of flying in on Friday.

The Weather

Friday's weather was a preview of the good flying weather for the whole weekend. The event was blessed with sunshine, but with temperatures in the low-90's for the whole weekend.

When I arrived at the field on Saturday at about 7:15 a.m., Phil Alvarez of Windsor, Ontario, was already flying his slow fliers in the perfect conditions. By 8:00 many pilots were taking to the air using the field's frequency control pins. By the pilots' meeting at 10:00 the majority of the folks attending had at least one flight.

2.4 GHz transmitters were not impounded this year. There appeared to be no problem doing this and it did reduce the workload of our volunteers in the impound tent.

Registration was also handled at the impound tent with **Dave Stacer** handling the lion's share of the responsibility for this operation on Saturday with **Denny Sumner** help out then and on Sunday.

The Pilots

This year, our fifty-one registered pilots came from all over Michigan, Ohio, Iowa, and several places in Ontario, Canada. As always, it was great fun catching up with our “old friends” and making *new friends*. The Radio Control Club of Detroit (RCCD) had a large contingent of flyers present with some very nice planes. That is what this meet is really about. Okay, the really “cool” planes are a very nice bonus. ☺

A Word About the Photos

A lot of folks captured the images used to illustrate this article. Greg Cardillo captured many great images, and Plenny Bates, Willie McMath, Rick Sawicki, and Wade Wiley also captured images used here. Greg Cardillo has even more great photos of the 2011 event on his Web photo page found at <http://greggallery.gmcdesign.com/index.php?cat=8>. Greg’s great photos also cover the Mid-Am from 2004 through 2010. Rick Sawicki’s photos can be found on the Web at

<https://picasaweb.google.com/101603741372512372194/July92011MIDAMERI>
CAELECTRICFLY?authkey=Gv1sRgCM367fbUolaBYQ&feat=email

Awards

We give out some simple plaque awards on each flying day to recognize some of the great planes and pilots flying at the Mid-Am. To receive an award the model must fly at the event.

Saturday’s Awards



Plenny Bates photo

Don Belfort of Westchester, OH had a very nice Nesmith Cougar. It received the **Best Scale** Award on Saturday. It looks great and flies wonderfully!

Jim Young of Brighton, MI brought the beautiful second prototype of his 1/8-scale WACO YMF-5. Although it could have ‘won’ many of our awards, the WACO and Jim took home the **Most Beautiful** award on Saturday. To learn even more about this great flying biplane and order a kit for yourself, visit

<http://www.tnjmodels.rchomepage.com/>



Photo by G. Cardillo



G Cardillo photo

Jim Young of Brighton, MI had his very impressive ducted fan at the meet again this year. His self-designed Gloster Meteor won the **Best Ducted Fan** award. It is very impressive in both looks and flight. You can find out even more about it in his thread on RC Groups as well as leaning when the plans and short kits will be released.

(<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1161755>)



Mark Rittinger Photo

Mark Rittinger of Roseville, MI flew his self-designed version of Ken Willard’s classic and

received the **Best Sport Plane** award. Mark has plans available and there is a build thread on RC Groups at <http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1312209>



W. McMath photo

Willie McMath of Mt. Clemens, MI took this photo of his Loving's Love with CD Keith Shaw standing by it. This 1/3-scale beauty by Willie received the **CD's Choice** (Ken Myers) for his fine work on this scratch-built plane. That HUGE spinner is something to see!

The Saturday Potluck

Once the awards were presented and the pilots' raffle held, it was time for **Dave Hares** and his volunteers to get the steaks and onions going for the potluck. Thanks go again to Pam for pitching in on the potluck too. (She'd been helping in the concession stand all day as well!)

The pilots, friends and families provided a wide selection of foods to go with the steak sandwiches.

As usual, **Don Belfort**, *Flying Models* columnist from Westchester, OH, brought his "traditional" Mid-Am cake. The cake tradition has been going on for almost as long as the Mid-America Electric Flies.

After the potluck is a wonderful time to be at this meet. It is when folks continued to get in more flights as well as set around and "catch up", talk planes, family, and politics and just relax. The flying and gab sessions lasted well into the evening hours. It is simply a marvelous time to be at the Mid-Am. Several Midwest RC Society pilots joined us to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Sunday

The weather somewhat cooperated on Sunday with clear skies. The winds were pretty much out of the south making landing a challenge. A high temperature in the mid-90's and high humidity presented some challenges as well. Again, a lot of flying took place with many, many beautiful planes in the air for most of the day, until the heat caused an early wrap up of the event about 1:30.

Again, **Keith Shaw** handled the flight line beautifully on Saturday and Sunday as the flight line coordinator.

Sunday's Awards



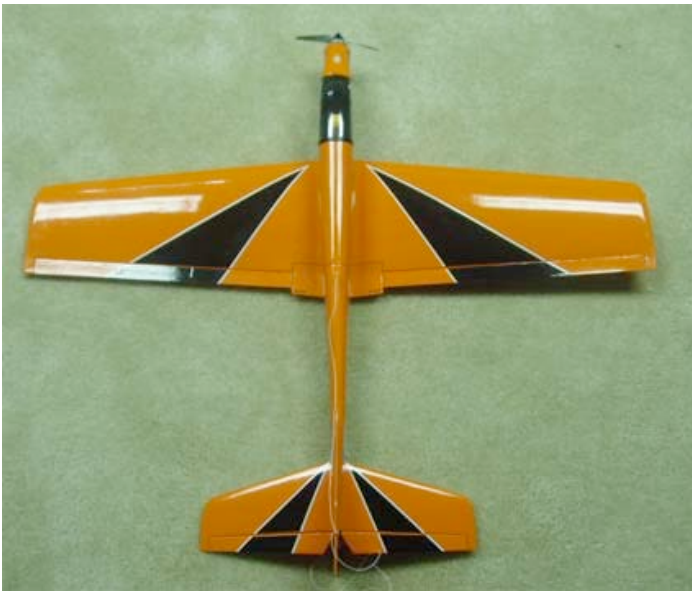
G. Cardillo photo

Mark Ritinger took **Best Scale** top honors with his P-63 Tucker clipped wing racing plane. It was not a pleasure to fly on Saturday, but with added nose weight on Sunday, it flew quite nicely.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1273688>



Roger Wilfong took home the **Most Beautiful** award for his very uniquely covered Tiger Kitten.



Mark Rittinger's scratch-built 1/2A Curare took home the **Best Mini-Electric** award.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=1002432>



Plenny Bates photo

Jim Young was awarded the **CD's Choice** (Keith Shaw) for his WACO. Part of the active flight line can also be seen in this photo.

Denny Sumner had his beautiful Mark Rittinger designed Super Sportwin flying very well. His scratch-built project, from Mark's plans, received the **Best Multi-motor** award.



G. Cardillo photo

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank all of our sponsors for providing some very nice "goodies" for our participating pilots.

At the field we had Radical RC, Air Hobby, Retro RC, T&J Models, Dan Schwartz and Mark Rittinger. Other very welcome donations came from Tower Hobbies, Carsten's Publications/Flying Models, Horizon Hobby, Inc./E-flite, and Sig Manufacturing Company, Inc. Plenny Bates and Ken Myers also donated to the pilots' raffle.

Keith and I thank all of our sponsors very much. We know that the registered pilots who received items from our sponsors are very grateful as well.

A HUGE thanks to all who helped



Registration and Impound (KM)

Keith and I cannot even begin to thank all of the folks enough from the EFO, Ann Arbor Falcons and Midwest RC Society who helped to make this meet the success it is. It is pretty easy to go to a "meet" and enjoy the facilities and forget that it takes a lot of dedicated and hard working folks to pull it all together. From the physical field being in the best possible condition, the special parking set up, dining facilities, porta johns, registration, impound, concessions, potluck picnic grilling and myriad of other details, these behind the scenes folks are the best. Guys and gals, Keith and I cannot be more sincere when we say thank you, and we really couldn't have done it all these years without you! Also, a special thanks goes out to the Midwest RC Society for allowing us to use their field and flying

time for the majority of our Mid-Am meets. You guys and gals are the very best!

Keith and I sincerely thank Denny Sumner, Paul and Pam Sockow, Dave Stacer, Arthur Deane, Jim Lapham, Roger Wilfong, Mark Lambert, Michael Benjamin, Walt Trancygier, Rich Sievert Frank Thibeau and Don Wilke for all their super help.

The Flavor of the Mid-Am



Wade's plane on a pass
G. Cardillo photo



It is very hard to describe what the Mid-Am is. It is friends, family, planes, camaraderie and just "plane" fun!



G. Cardillo photos
Keith Shaw on the left, Ken Myers on the right

In the Pits



Wade Wiley photo

Wade Wiley sent along a photo he captured on Sunday from his impressive aerial photo plane.



Some of the RCCD folks enjoying the day.
W. McMath photo



Martin Irvine of Kingston, Ont. heads to the flight line.



Keith Shaw getting ready to launch his Horten IX EDF



Ken Myers' Super Stearman & Flite 40



Some of the planes ready to take flight.



Tom Bacsanyi's Big, Powerful EDF
Power to weight ratio was awesome!



Plenny & Bob rest between searching for thermals with their gliders and old timers.



Wade did not make the local birds happy with his giant, soaring eagle!



Getting ready and seeking shade
Denny Sumner photo

In the Air

There were a lot of different types of flying machines that took to the air at the Mid-Am this year.



One of the more unusual creations at the meet.
This one by Le Phan.



Wade Wiley's Eagle scaring the heck out of the local birds
Plenny Bates photo



Keith Shaw's planes ready for the demo flights.
Dave Grife's Mystery Ship on the far right.
Plenny Bates photo



The tilt-wing takes off



Al Murok's Curtiss-Wright – G. Cardillo photo



Keith Shaw's Bugatti – G. Cardillo photo



Dave Grife's Me-163 – G. Cardillo photo



Keith Shaw's Czechmate – G. Cardillo photo



Ken Sulkowski E-flite PT-17



Me-163 gear drop – G. Cardillo photo



Keith Shaw's Yak UT-1 – G. Cardillo photo



Old Timer Thermaler – P. Bates photo



Parkzone BF-109



A Quadcopter in flight



Ray Foley's Glider – G. Cardillo photo



Flite 40 Takes flight



Roger Wilfong's oops with the Super Sportster
Flew in just fine – G. Cardillo photo



Impromptu Combat on Saturday afternoon

Upcoming E-vents

August 21, Sunday Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club Electric Fly-in & Pancake Breakfast, CD: Amy Klopman at the PMAC field, time not noted, but be early for breakfast. Info at: www.pmac.us

August 27 & 28 CARDS (Lansing, MI area) Electric Fly-In, www.cardsrc.com/2011/electric/electric_2011.pdf, contact Ross Wegryn-Jones/CD (248) 640-6887

Sept. 10, Saturday, EFO flying meeting at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mi. Rd. field, 10 a.m., Everyone with an interest welcome – AMA member to fly

Sept. 10 & 11 E-FI-Iowa, Darryl Miller, Morrison-Rockwood State Park 3 miles north of Morrison, IL. Morrison is 125 miles west of Chicago on US 30 about 4 miles north of I-88.

Direct questions or suggestions to Daryl Miller at dlmrcpilot@gmail.com




Bill Brown's Radical RC Wright Flyer

The Mid-Am, Final Thoughts, Until Next Year

Thanks to everyone that came, everyone that helped and everyone that has ever helped to make the Mid-Am what it is today, 27 years after its very humble beginning.

To my flying buddy, Keith Shaw, thanks, you've really made this "electric thing" all happen!



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