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April The MRCS Officers 2025

Table with officer names and titles: President (Greg Eilers), Vice-President (Ken Myers), Secretary (Lynn Morgan), Treasurer (Dave Stacer), Safety Officer (Bill Brown, Jr.), Head Flight Instructor (Dave Stacer), Newsletter Editor (Ken Myers), and Next Meeting details (Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 7:30 p.m. at Mettetal Airport).

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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 March 5, 2025 Meeting

Club president, Greg Eilers, called the Wednesday, March 5 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

He noted that our paid membership, at this meeting time, was 34. That was the same as last year.

Ken Myers noted that Midwest member, Mark Freeland was featured in a recent Model Aviation magazine this year.

Greg contacted our landlord, Marty, about having reduced rent in the winter, but he'd not heard back from her.

The weeding and feeding of the flying field was discussed again. It was decided that we are going to do it, as it REALLY needs to be done.

Greg also thanked those who have donated to the Friends of Field (FOF) fund this year. You extra donations are very much appreciated.

The following is a TENTATIVE list of events for 2025. Note TENTATIVE!!!

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Altitude Limited Glider Competition at the Field For This Year

This year we are planning to have the altitude limited glider competition at the field (schedule is TBD, probably the same as last year). **Ted Flack** is heading this event. It is LOTs of fun, so we hope you are considering coming out and participating!

We do appreciate your continued support of our club! Hope to see you at the field!

Lynn

Indoor Flying in Brighton Information

Indoor flying started at the Legacy Center on Wednesday October 9th. The flying time is 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The Legacy Center Website is:

legacycentermichigan.com

Address: Legacy Center, 9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

Indoor Flying in Pontiac Info

Indoor flying in Pontiac started on Tuesday, October 15th and continues on Tuesdays through April 15, 2025.

Full Information can be found at the following link.

<http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&type=detail&event=indoor>

Join us for indoor flying on Tuesdays throughout the winter! 9AM - 12PM. United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex is our host site. Located at 867 South Blvd in Pontiac, the facility features a 365 foot by 260 foot flying area with ceiling heights from 45 to 75 feet!

Weekly Indoor Flying is scheduled for Tuesdays from October 15, 2024 thru April 15, 2025 9:00 a.m. to noon.

A single flying session is \$10 and a 25 session season pass is \$150.

The Skymasters' Indoor Rules for 2024/2025 are linked here.

https://theampeer.org/2024-2025_Indoor_Rules.pdf

As a reminder:

1. Aircraft can weigh no more than 1-1/2 pounds All Up Weight. Helicopters & multi-rotor copters are limited to 250 maximum size. All aircraft must be powered by no more than a single 3 cell (11.1 volt) 1000 mAh battery.

2. First Person View-FPV is limited to micro quadcopters powered by a single cell battery (Max 500 mAh).

A quick reminder that indoor flying starts on Tuesday morning (Oct. 15th)! Remember we will be flying up front in the smaller room for the first two weeks. Please still park in the back.

<http://www.skymasters.org/index.php?page=events&id=16641>

Pete Foss

Upcoming Toledo R/C Swap Meet & Expo

Friday, April 4 & Saturday, April 5, 2025

9:00AM - 5:00PM FRIDAY

9:00AM - 2:00PM SATURDAY

Glass City Center - Main Floor

401 Jefferson Ave.

Toledo, OH

Admission: \$10

www.ToledoRCSwapMeet.com

www.facebook.com/groups/ToledoRCSwapMeet/

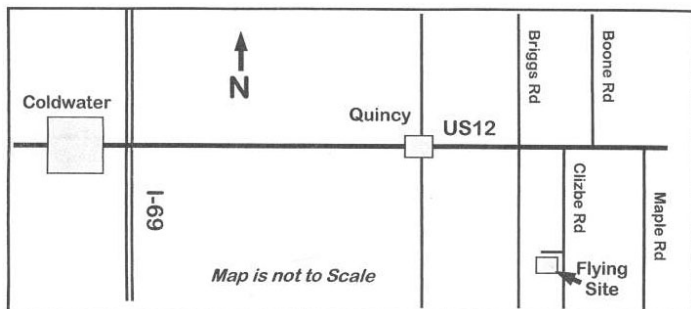
Manufactures, Distributors, and Businesses Welcome!

Questions Contact:

Hank Rauhaus

Phone: 330-419-2029

request info at: info@toledorcswapmeet.com



The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2025

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 23rd year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, May 31, 2025. It is a one day event.

The event consists of Open Electric Flying with a "Special Guest of Honor Theme", Happy Birthday Keith Shaw [June 6].

Enjoy a day with the "Pioneering Master of Electric R/C Flight". 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday. NO LANDING FEE! Donations for field maintenance and lunch appreciated.

For additional information contact;
Contest Director: Dave Grife - E-mail:
grifesd@yahoo.com or Phone: 517-677-9978
Please e-mail or call with any questions.

The field will be open for guests to fly on Sunday as well.

41st Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2025 & FREE Open Air Swap Meet

(See Swap Meet Note at the end of this announcement.)

AMA Sanctioned Event (Proof of AMA membership required to fly - Sorry MAAC membership is no longer accepted)

Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13, 2025

Hosted by the:

Ann Arbor Falcons, Electric Flyers Only and The Midwest RC Society

The 7 Mile Rd. Flying Site, Salem Twp., MI, is

Provided by the:

Midwest R/C Society

Contest Directors are:

Ken Myers phone (248) 669-8124 or email
kmyersefo@mac.org

Website for updates:

<http://www.theampeer.org> for updates & info

Keith Shaw (734) 973-6309

Flying both days is at the Midwest R/C Society Flying Field - 7 Mile Rd., Salem Twp., MI

Registration: 9 A.M. **Saturday**

Event Flying from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. **Saturday**

Open Flying 10 A.M. Until You Leave **Sunday**

**(Open Flying Saturday after the Event
& All Day Sunday
There are NO SCHEDULED EVENTS
on Sunday, just open electric flying)**

No Pilot Landing Fee

Donations will be gladly accepted

No Parking Donation Will Be Requested from Spectators or Those Participating in the Open Air Swap Shop

Donations to Midwest will be gladly accepted from Spectators and Open Air Swappers

Awards on Saturday Only!

Best Scale
 Most Beautiful
 Best Mini-Electric
 Best Multi-motor
 Best Sport Plane
 Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft
 CDs' Choice

Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award
 Plaques for the winner in each category

The Field is Open for Open Flying All Day Friday
 Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday &
 Saturday Nights

Field Lunch is provided to pilots and friends (hot dogs, chips, water or pop) Available on Saturday
Field Dinner is provided (Burgers, Brats on Saturday evening for Pilots & Their Guests)

Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed electric flying.

The NCM (Not Conventional Materials) Event

Traditionally, model aircraft airframes have been mostly constructed from balsa wood, plywood, spruce, and fiberglass. For the purposes of this meet, NCM airframes are mostly constructed from not conventional materials i.e.; sheet foam, foam board, cardboard, block foam, foam insulation material, etc.

Foam Flurry for NCM aircraft: This is a true event. It is based upon the all up/last down event of early electric meets. Any NCM aircraft may be used (no ARF types). Power systems are limited to a maximum of 3S (no paralleling) LiPo batteries or 4S maximum, no paralleling, for A123 packs. All planes qualifying for this event will launch at the same time, and the last one to land will be declared the winner.

VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR 2025 - THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FIVE YEARS AGO!

The old entrance to the Midwest RC Society flying field is **permanently closed!!! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE IT!!!**



This is what the flying field entrance looks like. Please Drive SAFELY

The field entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.5 Miles west of Currie Rd. entrance is on the north side of Seven Mile Road about 1.6 Miles west of Currie Rd.

The address is 7621 Seven Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The entrance is through a private residence drive and out past the barn.

How to enter the flying field, by going past the farm buildings, is shown in the following photo.



Directions from Google Maps to the flying field

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/MIDWEST+R%2FC+SOCIETY/@42.422025,-83.6170775,805m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m13!1m7!3m6!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dceb1!2s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+48167!3b1!8m2!3d42.4187058!4d-83.6190072!3m4!1s0x882355a2c9e29cb5:0xaaaf592068692b984!8m2!3d42.422025!4d-83.6148888?hl=en>

To locate the Midwest R/C Society 7 Mile Rd. flying field, site of the Mid-America Electric Flies, use the link for the map above.

Because of their convenient location and the easy drive to the flying field, the Comfort Suites and Holiday Inn Express in Wixom, MI have been added to the hotels' listing. They are only 10 miles northeast of the field and located near I-96 and Wixom Road. See the map-hotel .pdf for more details.

<http://www.theampeer.org/map-hotels.pdf>

Open Air Swap Meet

There is a designated area for swappers. Please check-in at the event registration table before setting up. Someone from registration will point out where you may set up. Bring your own table(s) and chair(s).

There is no swap meet fee. A donation to the Midwest RC Society, for the use of their flying field, would be greatly appreciated.

Estate Sale

From Lynn Morgan via email

Good afternoon,

My father had a lifelong passion for RC planes and over the years had amassed an extensive collection of RC planes, tools, supplies, accessories, kits - you name it! He loved to build and his craftsmanship was his pride and joy. We've cataloged 19 completed builds, 30 kits, a few partial builds, radios, motors, etc.

He recently passed and we are selling what remains of his RC plane collection. Everything must go!

If you can share the website below with your membership, it would be greatly appreciated. We've tried to summarize everything offered in the estate in one spot.

<https://wagsrcplanes.my.canva.site>

Please let me know if there are any questions. I can be reached at wagsrcplanes@gmail.com

Thank you!

Tony Wagensomer

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

**The 2025 membership application is available at the club Web site,
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

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The Next Regularly Schedules Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Place: Mettetal Airport FBO