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### EFO Flying Meeting Reminder

Please keep in mind that summer flying EFO meeting dates are tentative do to weather.

The flying meetings are scheduled for a Saturday. Because of predicted winds or rain for the scheduled date, the actual date could be changed.

Members will be notified, via email, as to the correct time, date and place.

Everyone is welcome and proof of current AMA membership is required to fly.

Spectators and visitors are always welcome.

The next EFO monthly flying meeting is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 13 & 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field. It's the Mid-Am!

If the weather is not suitable on that date, the meeting will **NOT be postponed**. We will just have to handle it the best way we can.

### The Keith Shaw Birthday Fly-in Coldwater Area, Michigan

The Balsa Butchers held their annual Keith Shaw Birthday Electric Flight Fly-in on Saturday, June 1st this year. As usual, **Dave Grife** was the Contest Director (CD).

The Balsa Butchers had their flying field in great shape.

The weather was pretty good for early June. The day started off cool, but steadily warmed to a very pleasant temperature.

While it was not extremely windy, there was some unexpected turbulence at times which gave the pilots a bit of a challenge.

Folks came from many places in Michigan and Indiana.

There was quite a bit of flying, despite the occasional bits of excitement do to the turbulence.

About noon, the Balsa Butchers put on a great "field" lunch for all of the pilots

It was another wonderful get together of electric fliers.

Thanks go to **Dave Grife, CD**, and his Balsa Butcher helpers for putting on this

annual meet to celebrate Keith's birthday  
We all hope to see you there next year!

### A Few Photos From the Fly-in



The first two photos illustrate what a beautiful June day it was. It also shows some of the fliers, as well as the field lunch setup.



**Carolynn Foss** and **Chris Myers** catch up on what had been going on in their lives since they were last together.



**Ken Myers** and **Keith Shaw** celebrate his birthday and recovery, still in progress, from shoulder replacement surgery.

Keith's actual birthday was June 6, 1946. Seems we are all getting a bit older.

### The June EFO Flying Meeting

The monthly EFO flying meeting was held on Saturday, June 8, at the Midwest RC 7 Mile Rd. flying field.

It was another wonderful June day to be at the flying field.

The morning started off a bit cool, but warmed as the day continued.

The winds were a bit "shifty" and the velocity went up and down quite a bit.

That made for some "interesting" flights.



While the turnout was a bit lower than usual, the camaraderie was great. There was a lot of talking about planes, flying and life in general.

It is always a great pleasure to get together with these guys!



The July EFO flying meeting is the 40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies on July 13 & 14. We hope to see you there.

**A Few Photos From the Flying Meeting**



Ted, Denny and Arnie discuss some of the finer points of soaring with electric power.



Keith arrives at the flying field to test out his planes and his shoulder!



Lynn Morgan practicing pattern with his pattern plane.



Lynn's pattern plane is in the foreground as Denny prepares to fly his 4S powered T-28.

**Change of Email Address Requested**  
By Ken Myers

A reminder for *Ampeer* subscribers. If you wish to continue receiving the monthly notice, please update your email address whenever you change it.



Thanks,  
Ken

### Two Photos from the 2023 Mid-Am



The activity in the early morning on Saturday. Keith can be seen flying.



Some of the planes that Keith Shaw had at the 2023 Mid-Am.

### 40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies 2024 & 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 13 & Sunday, July 14, 2024**

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](mailto: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 2024 - THE FLYING FIELD ENTRANCE TO THE MIDWEST FLYING FIELD CHANGED FOUR 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.



**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!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf1!2s7419+7+Mile+Rd,+Northville,+MI+48167!3b!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, look near top left corner of the map, where the star marks the spot, near Seven Mile Road and Currie Rd.

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.

### Some Free Chargers Available and A Note From Walt Thyng via email



Ken,

The items shown were given to me from a flier's estate. They are like new. A couple of them have the original boxes. I will give them free to anyone who would like them. The only cost would be shipping. I would prefer to move them all at once, but will break the lot up if I have to. Contact me at: [thyng@att.net](mailto:thyng@att.net) or 815-404-1086.

If nobody is interested, I will donate them to my club's table at our next swap meet. If they don't sell there, they will be trashed.

Walt Thyng

FYI: Due to accumulating health issues, I am restricting my hangar to mostly 800mm wing span models. I recently acquired an Eflite Aerescout. With the gyro on, we (there are at least ten in the FVAC), regularly fly in 20 mph winds. With the gyro off, it is highly aerobatic. Perhaps the most fun plane I have ever had!

**Long Time Midwest and EFO Member, Bill Brown, Sr. Turns 103!**

On Wednesday, June 12, 2024, long time Midwest RC Society member, Bill Brown, Sr. turned 103!

His birthday party was held on Saturday, June 15th at Bill Brown, Jr. house in Northville, MI.

Bill Sr. was in GREAT spirits on that day as he greeted all of his guests.

Donna and Bill Jr. provided a wonderful feast for all of the guests, and there were a lot of guests!!!

The weather cooperated perfectly and it was a super fine day for the celebrations.

Congratulations Mr. Bill Brown, Sr.



Bill Jr.'s wife, Donna is centered in the photo. Many of the Midwest members can be seen at the table behind Donna. There were also two other tables of Midwest and EFO members. What a great turnout it was.



As usual, Bill Sr. was the life of the party!

### Upcoming E-vents

**July 13 & 14, 40th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies**, the Mid-Am, at the Midwest RC Society, 7 Mile Road Flying Field (complete info in this issue)  
This is our monthly flying meeting for July as well.

### You're Invited to Fly

**A Special Invitation From Midwest  
Please Note the New DATE!!!**  
from Greg Eilers, Midwest RC Society  
president, via Email

On **Saturday, August 10**, Midwest is holding the "Dog Days" open fly for all

Midwest and EFO club members, guests and friends at their 7 Mile Rd. flying field.

Flying starts at 10 a.m.

A "flying field lunch" will be served at about noon,

We hope to see many of you then.

Come on out for a day of flying, friends and food!



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