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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, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field.

If the weather is not suitable on that date, the meeting will be postponed to a future date and members notified, via email, regarding any change in date and time. The change will also be published on the EFO Website.



**Keith Shaw, RC Test Pilot - Update**  
 From Keith Shaw via email

In the May issue of the *Ampeer*, Keith told us how he was the test pilot for a group of students at the U of M.

<https://www.theampeer.org/ampeer/ampmay24/ampmay24.htm>

The following is an update, from Keith, on how the team faired at their event.

I just received a report from the UM Aero team. They passed the tech inspection and have made several mission 1 flights.

Right now they say they are in the lead as it flies with very tight turns around the course at full speed.

One of the students on the team flies and builds R/C as a hobby, and he reports



"it flies like a dream".

They did not get a chance to paint it so it is still in primer grey, but did send three photos of the beast.



Remember it is limited to a 60" span and when folded must fit between two walls separated by 30". Apparently they were the only ones who did it with a folding fuselage, ergo the scorpion moniker.

Keith

### Keith Shaw Surgery Update:

Keith had shoulder replacement surgery on May 7. I did talk with him recently, and he sounded good.

Just as I was putting this article together, I received an email from Keith with photos of his x-rays before and after surgery.

The email was sent to a bunch of Keith's friends and Greg Gimmick has already chimed in with, "hear six million dollar man music!!!!!"

Yep, my cyborg friend is on the mend again. Take care now Keith.

### Change of Email Address and More

From Laurie Baldwin via email  
Melbourne, Australia

I recently received the following from Laurie.

Ken,

Firstly thanks for your service to electric flight and the production of the *Ampeer*. It's always a pleasure to get your notice of the latest version. It's much appreciated.

Secondly, could you amend my email address. (*Which I did. KM*)

Finally, another thank you, illustrated by the attached pics.



I got started in electric flight in the era of Speed 400s with models like the Squert.

My more recent builds were of the Boulton Paul Defiant.

Your publication has helped me along the way and I trust it will continue.

Cheers,  
Laurie



*Thanks for sharing Laurie.*

*This also serves as 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*

### **The May EFO Flying Meeting**

The May EFO monthly flying meeting was held at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Road flying field on Saturday, May 18.

It had been postponed from the previous week because of the weather.



The weather could not have been more perfect for flying. The sky was blue. The temperature was in the mid-70s and the wind was almost nonexistent. Now that's what I call GREAT!!!

There was a lot of flying and catching up chat to do since this was the first flying field meeting of the year.

Before flying, there was a lot of charging going on at the Midwest charging station.



One thing was a bit different.



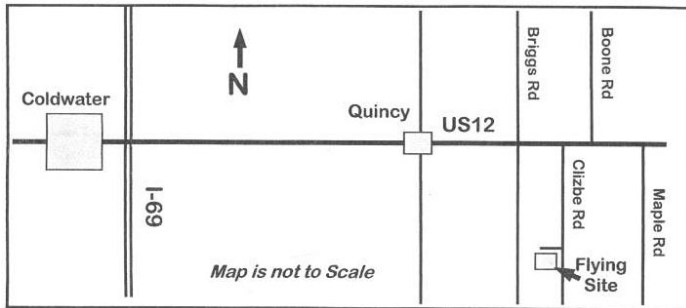
Many of the EFO members are also members of the Midwest RC Society.

Midwest has a glider league and they meet every Tuesday evening for some friendly competition and a trip for food and drinks following the fun at the field.



It was a great day for setting up new gliders and flying in general.

Everyone had a great time.



### The Upcoming Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2024

The Balsa Butchers are hosting the "Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-In", for the 22nd year, at their field near Coldwater, MI. The event takes place on Saturday, **June 1, 2024**. 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". 8 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: 517-279-8445  
Please e-mail or call with any questions.

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

### 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 –

**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!4m1!1m7!3m6!1s0x8823559bdf962b57:0xd100df97d9dcebf1!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, 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).

### Upcoming E-vents

**June 1, Saturday, Keith Shaw Birthday Party Electric Fly-in 2024**, Balsa Butcher's flying field near Coldwater, MI. (more info in this issue)

**June 8, Saturday, EFO Flying Meeting**, 10:00 a.m., Midwest RC Society Flying, Everyone is welcome, proof of AMA membership is required to fly.

**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)

### You're Invited to Fly

**A Special Invitation From Midwest** from Greg Eilers, Midwest RC Society president, via Email

On **Saturday, June 22**, 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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