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February The MRCS Officers 2025

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**Fall/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.

**Upcoming Midwest Luncheon at Karl's
Cabin**

At noon, on Saturday, January 25, 2025 we are having a luncheon for all Midwest members and their families at Karl's Cabin. It starts at noon and runs to 2 p.m. Each member is responsible for their own bill.

The Karl's Cabin restaurant is located at 6005 Gotfredson Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170.

If you plan to attend, please send **Greg Eilers** an email to confirm and let him know how many. His email address is gregory.eilers2016@gmail.com.

We all hope to see you there!

**Membership Renewal Time and More
From Lynn Morgan via email**

Happy New Year to all!!

I thought I would send out this friendly reminder that our Midwest RC Society membership **dues are due by the first club meeting in March**. We hope you are considering rejoining Midwest for the 2025 flying season!

Membership Form For This Year

For new members, please remember to submit a signed MRCS membership application form this year, 2025.

Membership applications are kept on file, as it is an agreement that each year that you are a member, you will abide by all Club Field Rules and By-Laws.

After the first signed document, you only need to submit a membership application if there are any changes to your Location/Contact info, or Work Commitment, otherwise everything carries over into the new year.

During the following years, membership is as simple as submitting a check, cash, or PayPal that has Name & AMA #.

PayPal is an option for payment, put "please submit a 2023 membership app for this year".

All members must have a valid AMA card or Proof Receipt to be able to fly at the MRCS field.

A copy of your AMA card is no longer required with the membership application.

FYI.... Please remember that Club Dues are batch processed one month at a time. Checks are handed over to the Club Treasurer at the first Wednesday meeting of the following month. Checks are then typically deposited within a week of when the Treasurer receives them.

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 LOT's 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

Important Information From Our President

From Greg Eilers via email

November 23, 2024

Greetings all Midwest Members. As a result of a low attendance at the November meeting, I feel the need to update our membership on the latest club news. Some of these items were in the latest club newsletter which **Ken Myers** had published in the past week. Because some of this information is relevant to 2025, I'm reposting some items, but in a bit more detail.

Firstly, the club officers will be the same as the past 5 years. Again, we had no more nominations for new leadership. With that being the case. We, (officers) assume that the membership feels the current club leaders are doing a great job, or are just apathetic. If we could do a better job at something, please let us know. I'm always interested to hear new ideas to help grow our club. Specifically, if you have ideas on increasing our membership.

Secondly, for those unaware. This has been a sad year for the club. We have lost two long time members of our flying community. Earlier this year **Robert Weak** passed away after a long illness. And just recently we lost **Larry Markey** to a 3 year battle with cancer. Both of these members made many contributions to the club over many years. They will be sorely missed. Besides their contributions, more importantly their friendships will be the most notable loss.

I'd like to take a minute to thank **Pete Waters**, **Don Lipke**, **Dennis Sumner** and **Jim McDonald** for helping sell and move Bob's RC equipment. I'd also like to thank **Barb Weak** who donated 50% of the revenue from the sale to the club for helping sell Bob's planes.

Our First meeting of 2025 will primarily be dedicated to club finances. **Dave Stacer** will present our current budget situation. (*A note about a change to this plan follows. KM*) For those of you who have not followed our membership number the past few years. The club is shrinking consistently by roughly 3

members each year. From discussions with other clubs, this is not unique to Midwest. None the less, it does affect the clubs operating budget. With lower membership numbers, our typical revenue from Membership Dues is dropping while expenses have continued to increase.

Yes, we have continued to have our swap shop which helps financially. But we have had a consistent increase in field maintenance cost. Examples include parts needed for the lawn tractors. Thanks to **Lynn Morgan, Dave Stacer, Dennis Sumner** and **Bill Brown Jr.**, the actual repair labor cost has been completed without repair labor expense to the club.

Going into the 2025 flying season field upgrades will be needed. Safety netting will need to be replaced. We are considering the need to return to applying weed and feed. Something we stopped a few years ago to help save the club money. But it is much needed with clover and larger weeds on the runway surface.

As we review finances at the January 2025 meeting. (*Changed to the February meeting. KM*) We will begin to evaluate next seasons field improvement needs. We have already begun assembling a short list.

While not discussed much recently, our FRIENDS OF THE FIELD fund still exist!. This was an initiative was started when **Arthur Deane** was president. Wisely, Arthur initiated the fund to help cover other field needs (namely weed and feed) without the need to raise dues. This allows committed club members to increase their monetary donations to the club for specific field improvements without raising the regular membership dues. Donations to FOF can be made anytime throughout the year. But consider donating another 100 dollars to the club FOF when you renew your membership for 2025. Dues and FOF donations can be made using PayPal. When you donate to FOF, you can also send a note to Dave on a specific thing you are donating for. IE: Weed and feed, Fencing etc.

Going forward. I have asked **Dave Stacer** to report again on our finances at the June Meeting. At that time, we will review the results on both Membership numbers and additional donations to the Friends of the Field Fund. If it appears we are still going in a

negative direction. The club officers will review a likely Dues increase for the 2026 flying season to be voted on by membership in the Fall next year.

I would like to issue a club member challenge. As President, I will provide a hobby related gift certificate to be raffled off at next years Decembers Christmas social meeting. However, only members who have contributed at least \$50.00 to the Friends of the Field Fund between now and the 2025 Christmas meeting will be included in the Raffle. The gift certificate, will be for \$25.00 for every \$500 received in FOF. The more donated the bigger the gift certificate.

Finally, the December meeting will be our annual social and goodies meeting. The location will be the Mettetal Airport FBO. Bring a goodie dish to share. Also is Ken's Gift Swap which is completely voluntary. Bring a gift get a gift. The gift is a slightly used or new item you don't have need for but is a good usable item. Please wrap for the exchange.

Best Regards,
Greg

December 21, 2024

Greetings and Happy Holidays! As Club President I would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

A couple important club items as we go into 2025.

First, now is a great time to get your 2025 Membership renewal in. According to our secretary **Lynn Morgan**, renewals have been slow so far. I would encourage everyone to get their dues paid as soon as possible. Remember also that your AMA membership must be current as well. Lynn will check with the AMA to verify your status. You can go to the club website and download a membership form if you intend to pay with a check. Which can be sent to Lynn, or brought to a meeting, or you can pay with PayPal. That goes directly to the club through **Dave Stacer**. Be sure to use friends and family.

Additionally, a donation to the friends of the field (FOF) fund can be made at the same time you renew your dues. If paying by PayPal. Just note to Dave your specific donation amount. Again, we will have a

raffle at the next Christmas meeting in 2025 for anyone donating at least \$50.00 to friends of the field. Donation totals will determine the gift certificate amount.

An Important Note About Our January Meeting at Karl's Cabin

Typically our January meeting is the treasure's report. Unfortunately, Dave's schedule has to be very fluid in January. I have decided to push the budget review out to the February meeting.

Therefore our social gathering at Karl's cabin on Saturday, January 25th at 12 noon will be considered our regular meeting. There will be no business meeting, just lunch and fun discussions. Any member's family and friends are welcome. As always, each member is responsible for their own bill. But it's fun to get together and enjoy friendships. Plus Karl's has great food. If you plan to attend, please email me and let me know your intention to attend and a number. I will make reservations at Karl's the week before. Cut off date to respond is 1/18/2025.

One other note about 2025. I'm thinking about new activities that can be added to our calendar to help increase member participation. If you, as members, have any specific ideas. Please pass them on for consideration.

Hopefully, everyone will be spending the winter building.

Stay safe. I hope to see everyone at Karl's in January.

Best Regards,
Greg

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.**

Upcoming Events

Tentative 2025 Midwest Events Schedule

Jan. 25, noon, lunch at Karl's Cabin (info in this issue)

Feb. 5 - December club Meeting / Mettetal FBO - treasurer's report and more

Indoor Flying in Brighton Information

"Indoor flying started at the Legacy Center on, Wednesday Oct 9th.

The times are - 12:30 to 2:30.

legacycentermichigan.com

Legacy Center, 9299 Goble Dr, Brighton, MI 48116".

Skymasters' Indoor Flying Info

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

Weekly on Tuesdays, October 15, 2024 thru April 15, 9 a.m. - Noon.

United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex, 867 South Blvd. Pontiac

Facility features a 365 foot by 260 foot flying area with ceiling heights from 45 to 75 feet!

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

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

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

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