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October The MRCS Officers 2024

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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.

**The September Flying Field Meeting  
A Report from Greg Eilers, President**

Ten members were present. The meeting started at 7:35

**Old Business:**

The yearly officer nominations were opened and will continue at the October meeting. The vote will be held at the November Meeting. I will confirm the status of current officers and board members. Greg reiterated that members can nominate themselves if willing. The response was pretty much crickets.

**Update on Swap Shop**

Greg confirmed that **Rudi Reinhard** is willing to organize the swap shop again. He is currently distributing flyers and has tables and chairs reserved. **Dave Stacer** has the venue reserved and ads for the swap meet are paid for with the AMA. The ad should appear in two issues of *Model Aviation*, which is better than last year.

**New business:**

We will soon revisit our field safety policies due to a recent injury at the field.

**Dennis Sumner** purchased two tourniquets and they are located at the charging station. We had a review on how to apply them.

Greg distributed a video to all members on how to use them, especially when alone at the field.

We discussed what other things we could do to better help with safety. Two items were specifically mentioned.

1. Relocation of safety first aid kit. It was very difficult to access when needed. It was difficult to get it from its original location.
2. We need to get with the Salem fire chief and invite to field to help responders locate the actual flying site off 7 mile road. In the incident, the responders arrived within 10 minutes, but had a difficult time pin-pointing the exact location just by the address. This was mostly due to confusion with dispatch.

All agreed that the entire incident would have turned out differently had **Joe Hass** had not left a tourniquet at the Midwest field at the Mid-Am. Also, if the action taken by other members had not happened so quickly.

An update on the injured member’s status was given and he is doing well and recovering.

The meeting adjourned approximately 8:45.

**2024 Mowing Information**

**Please Note:**

1. The mowing schedule is presented as a general mowing guide to help insure that the field is mowed at least once a week.
2. As shown each of the 4 mowing teams usually have a period of 4 weeks between their respective turns to mow, but this is subject to change (see below).
3. The schedule is NOT intended to be an unbending, all encompassing rule that covers every situation.
4. Each Team Captain is empowered to adjust his team's mowing time and day if required due to weather, special events or another reason; he is

responsible for communicating his adjustments to all the members of his team.

5. In case of vacation or a leave of absence, it is the Team Captain’s responsibility to swap weeks with another Team Captain.

6. Additional cuttings are at the discretion of the Team Captains.

7. The attached schedule will NOT be modified for any of the changes listed in items 4, 5 or 6.

**Wednesday is mowing day (weather permitting)**

	May----	June----	July----	August--	September-	October
No.4 Team Captain Bill Brown Jr. 313-268-4167	8	5	3,31	28	25	23
No.1 Team Captain Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079	15	12	10	7	4	2,30
No 2 Team Captain Dennis Sumner 734-658-7931	22	19	17	14	11	9
No.3 Team Captain David Stacer 313-318-3288	1,29	26	24	21	18	16

**otherwise Thursday before 6 p.m.**

Midwest R.C. Field 7 Mile Road		Year 2024 Mowing Teams	
<b>No. 1 Team</b>	AM	<b>No. 2 Team</b>	PM
Roger Wilfong	248-349-9079	Dennis Sumner	734-658-7931
Tom Cwynar	248-437-0602	Arnold Nielsen	248-305-8264
Ken Sutton	734-634-9801	John Gavasso	248-986-7587
Jessie Brunais	251-233-5333		
<b>No. 3 Team</b>	PM	<b>No. 4 Team</b>	AM
David Stacer	313-318-3288	Bill Brown Jr.	313-268-4167
Ken Myers	248-669-8124	Norm Peters	810-923-1809
Richard Sawicki	248-685-7056	Jim Lapham	248-342-5405
Jim McDonald	248-376-0857	Ted Flack	248-804-5468

**Typical Mowing times: (TBD)**

**Flight Instructors**, please consult the mowing schedule and mowing team leader prior to scheduling training sessions to avoid conflicts.

**Team members**, PLEASE call your team leader if you are unable to show up for field work. All team members must check with their Team Leader for the actual mowing time.

Any team member whose personal schedule conflicts with his team's mowing schedule should contact Bill Brown, 248 379-4935, for reassignment to another team.

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### SAFETY FIRST

NO SMOKING IN OR AROUND THE STORAGE AREAS!  
NO REFUELING of EQUIPMENT INSIDE THE STORAGE CONTAINERS!

All Hand and Riding mowers:

\*\*\*Check oil before mowing!\*\*\*

#### Ford Tractor Rules:

Check oil and water before mowing!

Do not exceed 1850 RPM!

Always mow in 2nd Gear- never in 3rd Gear!

No high speed turns!

Keep cut grass away from the grill and the radiator!

Report any equipment problems to Bill Brown, Jr. 313-268-4167 or Roger Wilfong 248-349-9079.

#### Let's Be Careful Out There!

By Ken Myers

We have a problem that many of us may not recognize or realize.

Many of us have been in the hobby for decades. We have derived a great deal of pleasure from the aircraft that we've built and flown, as well as the friends we've made.

A great many of us have flown accident free at the flying field for decades, but...

Recently two flying buddies have had serious injuries at the flying field. Both are excellent fliers and both have been flying for decades.

Both injuries required a tourniquet to stop the bleeding. Luckily, both had others around them to immediately apply a tourniquet and both were rushed to a hospital.

One of the accidents, was caused by not having a large scale, gas powered plane not properly restrained while starting. The accident, involving the propeller, lacerated both of his legs, and one of the legs almost required amputation.

The other accident involved a 12S helicopter. The flyer was struck by the blades in the hand. A throttle kill switch was not applied at the time this happened. His hand bumped the throttle. The accident required significant first aid by the other fliers at the field. Once again, a tourniquet was applied at the flying field.

He had to have one digit on his hand amputated and another with a significant amount of lacerations.

Let's not get complacent folks.

If your flying field does not have a tourniquet with its first aid supplies, get one for your field. Remember that you don't usually need one, but when you do, you do!

Use a proper restraint when starting glow and gas engines.

Program your transmitter with a throttle cut off. If you don't know how to do that, ask some folks at your flying field. In the meantime use the old rubber band trick!

In the January 2015 issue of the *Ampeer*, I describe the use of a rubber band for a throttle lock.

<https://theampeer.org/ampeer/ampjan15/ampjan15.htm#LOCK>

And don't Fly Alone!

I would hope to never hear about anymore of these horrific accidents.

I send my best thoughts to the fliers involved in these accidents and wish them the best possible recovery.



# Midwest R/C SWAP MEET

Sunday, November 3rd, 2024 8:15AM to 12:00PM

## Location

Northville Community Center, 303 West Main Street,  
Northville, Michigan

## Admission Charge

\$5.00 per person. Active duty military and kids under 12 are admitted free.

## Vendor Table Cost

\$25.00 per table, payable in advance. Vendor table cost includes one admission and set up time is 7:30am.

**Table reservations are recommended** since all 90 tables are usually sold in advance and it costs more at the door if tables are still available.

## For information and table reservations

Call Rudi at: 248-631-8205 or  
e-mail: [therudi@me.com](mailto:therudi@me.com)

## Directions

Take the 8 Mile Road exit off of I-275 and go west 2.5 miles to Center Street.  
Go south on Center Street and then west on Dunlop Street. At Wing Street, go south to Cady Street where you will find free parking behind the facility.

**LARGEST and BEST swap  
meet in SE Michigan!**

**To change your email address contact Ken Myers at [kmyersefo@mac.com](mailto:kmyersefo@mac.com)**

**The 2024 membership application is available at the club Web site,  
<http://www.midwestrcsociety.org>,  
for downloading with the link on the homepage.**

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Tentative 2024 Midwest Events Schedule**

**Every Tuesday, May through Oct. Sailplane League (6 p.m.) Larry Markey CD.**

Oct 2nd Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7 pm. Officer nominations

Nov. 3, Sunday, Annual Swap Shop

Nov 6th Club Meeting Mettetal FBO 7 pm Officer voting

Nov 16th year end social dinner. Location TBD.

Dec 4th Christmas meeting, Mettetal FBO, 7 pm. Snack and optional gift exchange.

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