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EFO Meeting Reminder

Please keep in mind that winter and early spring monthly EFO meeting dates are to be determined (TBD), as well as the place.

The meetings could be on Zoom or possibly at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI. It all depends on the weather.

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

Everyone is welcome, with indoor type planes and proof of AMA membership, and a \$10 fee, to fly at the Legacy Center.

Spectators are free.

The next EFO monthly meeting is scheduled for Wed., April 10 at 12:30 p.m. at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI. (See note in this issue.)

If the weather is not safe for driving on that date, the meeting will be postponed to a future date and members notified, via email, regarding any change in date, time or place.

The Non-March 2024 EFO Meeting

There was no "official" EFO meeting in March of 2024.

Do to my mobility issues, caused by debilitating sciatic pain, I was unable to leave the house during March for any extended period of time.

There WILL BE AN APRIL MEETING!

My physical progress will determine whether it will be a physical or Zoom meeting.

One way or another there will be an April meeting to catch up with what the EFO members have been doing through the winter.

Remote Identification Enforcement Has Begun

The enforcement of remote ID for "drones" began on March 16, 2024.

That means that if you are not flying at an AMA flying field designated as a FAA-Recognized Identification Area (FRIA), you are required to have a remote ID

device onboard your UAS (Uncrewed Aircraft System).



Dave Stacer is in the middle chair in this photo

Dave Stacer, EFO member and Midwest RC Society treasurer, updated info on the remote ID system that he is producing at the March 2024 Midwest RC Society meeting.

He shared the updates and improvements that he has been making to his Remote ID.

He had originally presented his information at the November 2023 meeting. That information is in the December 2023 issue of the Midwest club's newsletter.

<https://www.theampeer.org/midwest/news/mwdec23.pdf>

He's been working on more versions, including an even smaller one and adding the option, for the user, of using an external antenna.

He demonstrated one at the meeting and Greg Eilers, Midwest president, was able to see its location in the App on his phone.

You can learn more about Dave's project on RC Groups and how to order one, or more.

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?4450735-Remote-ID-Module>

Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI

Indoor flying is now taking place through 2024 at the Legacy Center Sports Complex, 9299 Goble Dr., Brighton, MI, 48116
phone: 810-231-9288

Wednesdays from 12:30 PM until 2:30 PM thru April 24.

The cost is \$10 per drop-in session.

Spectators Are Free

Toledo R/C Swap Meet & Expo

April 5 & 6, 2024

Glass City Center - Main Floor

The following is from their ABOUT page on their Website.

<https://toledorcswapmeet.com/>

2021 brought us to a new beginning for a decades-old event. After the disappointing announcement was made that the Weak Signals' Toledo R/C Expo was coming to an end, a small group of R/C enthusiasts (and swappers) weren't quite ready to see their early April swap meet shenanigans cease to exist. Through their growing partnerships with the Glass City Center (formally called Seagate Convention Centre), the Valley City Radio-Controlled Club, and the Tiffin Ohio R/C Modelers the swappin' fun continued!

2021 and 2022 were huge successes...especially considering it was smack dab in the middle of a pandemic! Last year's two-day modeling experience saw over 2000 swappers and vendors in attendance, with over 600 tables and booths of R/C goodness. It also featured two days of Indoor R/C flying and an R/C auction Saturday afternoon.

This year's AMA-sanctioned event will take place on Friday, April 5th (9:00 AM to 5:00 PM) and Saturday, April 6th (9:00 AM to 2:00 PM). The indoor R/C fun fly will again begin Saturday morning and the R/C auction will start promptly at the conclusion of the swap meet and expo on Saturday. One-day admission is \$10.00 for adults and women and children (under 12 years of age) are FREE! There will be R/C related merchandise raffles on both Friday and Saturday.

Concessions will be offered by the Glass City Center, and there is an ATM located on site. Vendors will receive 1 (ONE) FREE ADULT ADMISSION and 1 (ONE) FREE R/C RAFFLE TICKET with every table purchased!



Indoor Flying

United Wholesale Mortgage Sports Complex

867 South Blvd., Pontiac, MI 48341

October 17th thru April 9th

Single Flying Session \$10
25 Session Season Pass - \$150

The Best Indoor Flying Venue In Metro-Detroit

All Pilots/Drivers must have proof of current AMA Membership. Spectators Welcomed Free.
3 Month Trial AMA Membership is Available.

Contact us at indoorfly@skymasters.org or 248-403-8279



SKYMASTERS INDOOR FLYING

At UWM Sports Complex - Field # 1

For the 2023-2024 Winter Season*

OCTOBER*:

- Tues. 17th
- Tues. 24th
- Tues. Oct 31st

Flying sessions start at 9 am and end at 12: PM *
Please Bring Proper Change For Payment.

NOVEMBER*:

- Tues. 7th
- Tues. 14th
- Tues. 21st
- Tues. 28th

www.skymasters.org

FEBRUARY*:

- Tues. 6th
- Tues. 13th
- Tues. 20th
- Tues. 27th

DECEMBER*:

- Tues. 5th
- Tues. 12th
- Tues. 19th

MARCH*:

- Tues. 5th
- Tues. 12th
- Tues. 19th
- Tues. 26th

JANUARY*:

- Tues. 2nd
- Tues. 9th
- Tues. 16th
- Tues. 23rd
- Tues. 30th

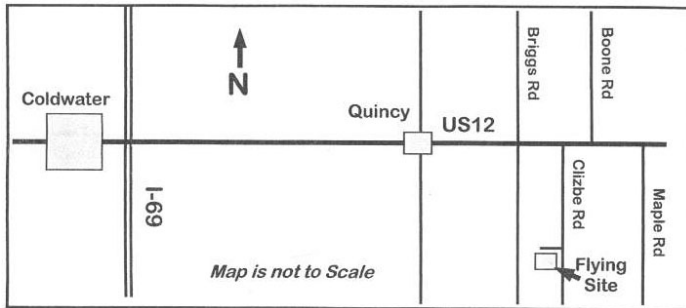
APRIL*:

- Tues. 2nd
- Tues. 9th

** Dates & Times
Subject to Change or
Cancellation Without Notice*

For rules & additional information go to: www.Skymasters.org
Indoorfly@Skymasters.org or 248-403-8279





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!

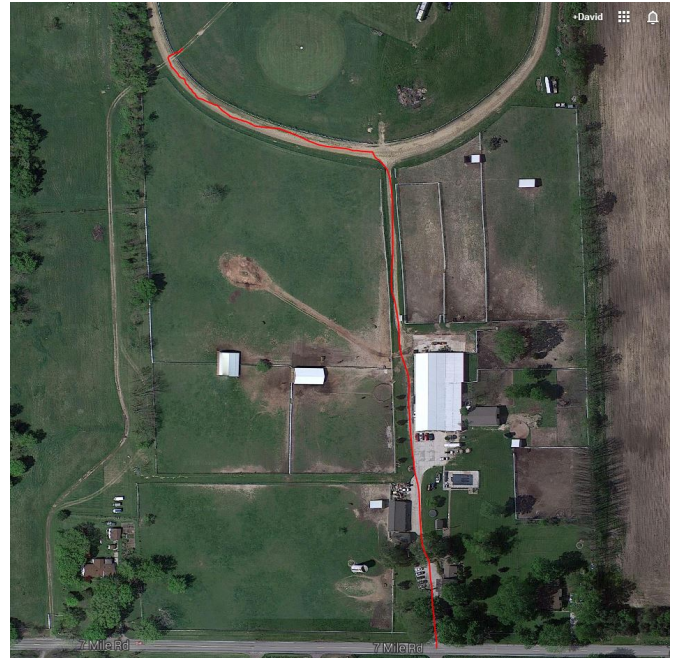
The old entrance to the Midwest RC Society flying field is **permanently closed!!! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO USE IT!!!**



**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!3d42.418705814d-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.

Upcoming E-vents

Tuesdays, Skymasters' Indoor Flying starts at the UWM Sports Complex in Pontiac, MI (details in this issue)

Wednesdays, Winter Indoor Flying at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI (details in this issue)

April 10, Wednesday, EFO Monthly Indoor Flying Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Legacy Center, Brighton, MI, proof of AMA membership and \$10 flying fee required to fly, NO SPECTATOR FEE, (See note at the beginning of this newsletter.)



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Upcoming April Monthly Indoor Flying Meeting:

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Place: Legacy Center, Brighton, MI