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Mid-America Electric Flies 2019
The 35th Annual
 By Ken Myers

It Was Another HOT One!!!

Southeastern Michigan had a lot of rain this spring. The Midwest RC Society Flying Field, where this event is held, was barely usable by the 3rd week in June!

Thanks to a last minute push by the Midwest RC Society Members, **Dave Stacer, Denny Sumner, Jim Lapham** and **Arnie Nielsen**, the flying field was in very good shape by Friday afternoon, July 12. That was cutting it close. Thanks guys.

Unfortunately, the weekend was oppressively hot!

As previously mentioned, the flying field was in good shape, with close cropped, thick grass.

Even though it was very hot and humid on Friday, the set up went quite smoothly.

Denny Sumner, Roger Wilfong, Charlie Dochenetz, Keith Shaw, CJ Wysocki, Dave Stacer, Jim Ouillette, Greg Eilers, Richard Utkan and myself

set up the flying field for the upcoming gathering. The signs were set out along the road to indicate the new entrance, as Midwest had lost the use of their main entrance. Keith Shaw's two large canopies were also erected. One of Keith's canopies is used to house the registration and the other is where Keith hangs his fantastic models.

The dining canopy, tables and chairs, from Suburban Part Rental, arrived on Friday morning. The tables and chairs were also set up on Friday.

By mid to late afternoon on Friday, many of our out of town guests started arriving. Don Belfort (West Chester, OH), John Kauk (Topeka, KS), Martin Irvine (Kingston, Ont., Canada), Doug Groutage (Mississauga, Ont., Canada), along with local fliers, set up their E-Z UP canopies and started some evening flying. It was a beautiful, if somewhat warm, evening for flying.

Friday afternoon and evening is always fun. There is a lot of relaxed flying and "catching up" with our many friends.

It should be noted that the Midwest RC Society graciously provides their flying field to be used for this annual meet.

The Weather During the Meet

Saturday's weather was sunny and extremely HOT and HUMID!!! The temperature reached over the mid-90s F with a heat index above 100. The wind started off fairly low, but picked up during the day, that is, picked up a lot! To complicate flying even more, the wind was not steady and it was always shifting.

The All-Up-Last Down event, AKA the **Foam Flurry**, for Not Conventional Materials aircraft, was postponed from Saturday to Sunday morning, due to the winds.

The very hot weather held through the whole day, including the Saturday evening steak sandwich and pot-luck dinner.

Sunday cooled down a bit, and the humidity dropped some. There was bright sunshine all day long. The breezes remained low and mostly from the west.

The Pilots and Their Planes

This year, our twenty-seven registered pilots came from all over Michigan, Ohio, Kansas, and Ontario, Canada.

It was a lot of fun catching up with our "old friends" and making new friends. That is what this meet is really about. Okay, the really "cool" planes are a very nice bonus.

A Word About the Photos

A few folks captured the images used to illustrate this article, and more are posted online in RC Groups Events section for the Mid-Am 2019. www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3271261

I am sincerely indebted to CJ Wysocki, Steve Labuta and Ken Myers for their photos.

Saturday's Awards

Don Belfort, of West Chester, OH flew a beautiful, scratch-built Globe Swift. It received the **Best Scale Award**.

Don's plane was created using scaled-up plans from a rubber powered model.



CJ Wysocki Photo



CJ Wysocki Photo

Denny Sumner, of Canton, MI, was awarded **Most Beautiful** for his 1/7 scale Globe Swift. The plane not only looks great, gleams in the sun, but it flies very nicely. Details of Denny's Swift build can be found on RC Groups.

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3154728>



CJ Wysocki Photo

Martin Irvine, of Kingston, Ont. Canada, flew a really nice looking Nieuport. It received the **Best Sport Plane Award**. This is the third color scheme

on this same airframe. But isn't it a scale plane? Well, yeah, but when he says this is the plane he flies all of the time, it became a sport plane.



CJ Wysocki Photo

Pete Foss, of Oxford, MI, flew his ducted fan powered Bat Wing and received the **Best Ducted Fan Award**.



CJ Wysocki Photo

Mark Rittinger, of Roseville, MI, was awarded the **CD's Choice Award** for his very nice looking and flying Albatross. The technique he used to

create the plywood fuselage was exceptionally well done.

Ken Myers' Photo



Roger Wilfong once again won the **Foam Flurry Event**. This was the third year for the event at the Mid-Am. Because of the high winds on Saturday, this event was postponed until Sunday morning. It was an all up/last down type of event for Not Conventional Materials aircraft. Roger repeated his win from last year with the same Ken's CAD Lazy Cub, which he flew for more than 24 minutes.

More information on the Lazy Cub kit can be found here - <https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2301541>



Sunday's Awards

CJ Wysocki photo

Mark Rittinger, of Roseville, MI, was awarded the **Most Beautiful** Award for his beautiful, scratch-built version of the P-63.

CJ Wysocki Photo on Previous Page



Stock photo, NOT CJ Wysocki's Plane - no photo was available

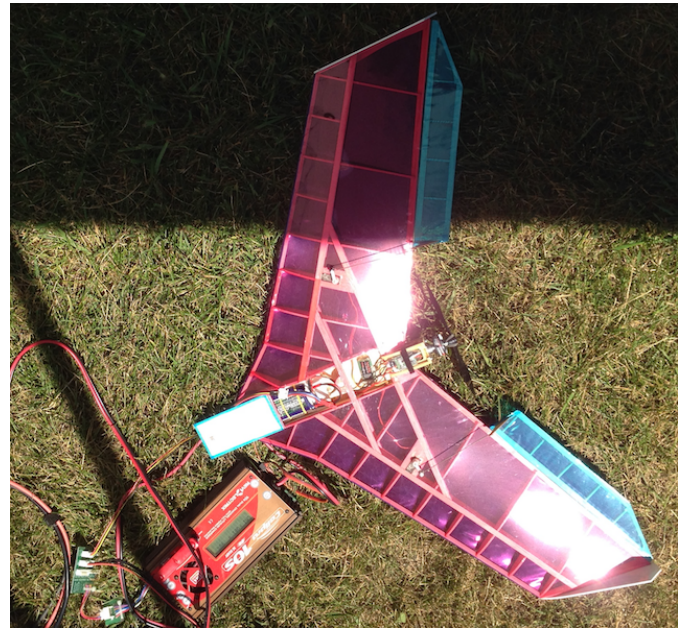
CJ Wysocki, of Saline, MI, flew his Sopwith Camel. It was awarded the **Best Scale** Award. It looked fantastic as it mixed it up with two other bipes in a mock dogfight.



Ken Myers Photo

Joe Hass, of Rochester Hills, MI, flew his foam Bronco. It received the **Best Multi-motor** Award on Sunday.

Dave Stacer, of Salem, MI, received the Best Mini-Electric Award on Sunday for his Swing 25 flying wing. It is a Steve Pauly design.

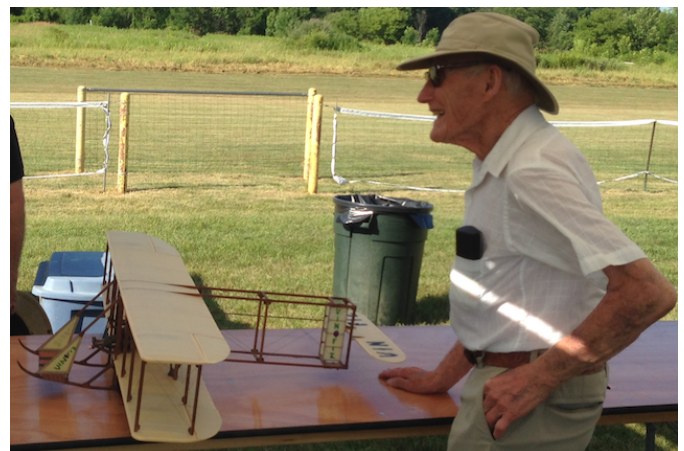


Ken Myers Photo



CJ Wysocki Photo

The award this year for the **Most Unique Not Conventional Materials (NCM) Aircraft** was awarded to **Steve Labuta**, of White Lake, MI for his self-designed, scratch-built canard. Steve is seen in the photo flying his design in the NCM Foam Flurry.



Ken Myers Photo

The **CD's Choice** Award was given to **Mr. Bill Brown**. Bill has been working on his Wright EX Vin Fiz early aviation scale model for a long time now. Keith had a chance to fly it for Bill, and it flies wonderfully now. Thanks for your persistence on this project Bill.

If you are not sure what a Wright EX named the Vin Fiz is, here is a link.
<https://airandspace.si.edu/collection-objects/wright-ex-vin-fiz>

It is the plane that Cal Rodgers crashed his way across America with in 1911 during the first transcontinental flight.

The Saturday Evening Potluck

Once the awards were presented, and the pilots' raffle held, it was time for the Annual Steak Sandwich and potluck dinner.

Unfortunately, **Dave Hares**, our head chef, was unable to attend this year. Keith Shaw had to bring the steak sandwich supplies and this resulted in Keith not being able bring some of his fantastic planes. **Dave Stacer** and **Christine Myers** pitched in to be our chefs for the evening. Dave Stacer had already worked a lot of positions during the day, but he still soldiered on as the steak cooker. Chris Myers fried up a ton of onions. Dave and Chris, along with a few other volunteers, provided the much needed help clean up the area after the potluck was over. A HUGE thanks go to both Dave and my Chris.



Ken Myers Photo

As usual, **Don Belfort**, from West Chester, OH, brought his "traditional" Mid-Am cake. This year's cake celebrated the 35th Annual Mid-Am. The cake tradition has been going on for almost as long as the Mid-America Electric Flies.

During, and after, the potluck is a wonderful time to be at this meet. This is the time when folks continue to get in more flights as well as 'sit around' and "catch up", talk planes, family, and politics and just relax. It is simply a marvelous time to be at the Mid-Am.

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank **Joe Hass** very, very much. He not only rounded up a 'ton' of prizes for the pilot's raffle, he also provided a good amount of 'seed' money to see that everyone got something cool. He collected items from Nankin Hobby, Beacon Adhesives and Flight Line Hobby. We cannot thank him enough. That was a great thing to do Joe!!!

Mark Rittinger provided four sets of plans this year, one for his Pharaoh sport plane and the other for his Omen III design.

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2514451>
<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?2287978>

He also provided his plans for his P-51 and Trishula, swept-forward design.

Mark Freeland, Mr. Retro RC, provided one of his dividers for storing LiPos in ammo cans and his latest model, a 1937 Slingby T7 Kirby Cadet.

<http://retrorc.us.com/retroemoth-1-2-1-2-1-1-3-1.aspx>

Thanks so much Mark, and congratulations on your induction into the AMA Hall of Fame!

Again, **Martin Irvine** provided many vintage, full-scale aircraft books. (*Again they proved to be a HUGE hit this year! KM*)

Keith and I want to thank all of our sponsors very much. We know that the registered pilots, who received items from our sponsors, are very grateful as well.

A HUGE Thanks to All Who Helped

Keith and I cannot thank enough all of the folks from the EFO, the Ann Arbor Falcons, and the Midwest RC Society who helped to make this meet the success it is.

It is pretty easy to go to a "meet" and enjoy the facilities and forget that it takes a lot of dedicated

and hard working people to pull it all together. The physical field needs to be in the best possible condition, the dining facilities, registration, concessions, potluck picnic grilling and a myriad of other details need to be taken care of. **Our behind the scenes folks are the best!** Guys, Keith and I cannot be more sincere when we say thank you, and we really couldn't have done it all these years without you!

Parking and Concessions

Parking and parking directions were handled by the Midwest RC Society members **Barb and Bob Weak, Arthur Deane, and Greg Eilers.**

Concessions were headed up by **Charlie Dochenetz.** He was helped out through the weekend by **Jim Ouillette,** and Charlie's friend Mike.

Registration



Rick Sawicki photo

Denny Sumner (right) and **Dave Stacer** (left) handled registration. Gotta love these guys. They are there all of the time to do anything and everything asked of them and more. Thanks so much!

And More Thanks

Keith and I sincerely thank Denny Sumner, David Stacer, Arthur Deane, Roger Wilfong, Barb and Bob Weak, C.J. Wysocki, Charlie Dochenetz, Jim Ouillette, and Greg Eilers for all of their super help and support. There were more members of the EFO, Ann Arbor Falcons and the Midwest RC Society who pitched in with other spur of the moment jobs. Thanks to you folks as well!

Also, a special thanks goes out to the **Midwest RC Society** for allowing us to use their field and flying time for the majority of our Mid-Am meets. You guys and gals are the very best!

It's Just 'Plane' Fun

Again this year we recognized the model **BUILDERS** who use Not Conventional Materials to construct their aircraft. These types of aircraft are popular with younger builders and we will continue to encourage this segment of the hobby with recognition for their efforts.

The photo shows the NCM aircraft and their builders at the Mid-Am this year.



CJ Wysocki Photo

The photo also shows the mass launch for the NCM Aircraft All-Up-Last-Down Event.



The Noon Demo, by Keith Shaw

CJ Wysocki Photo

Even with the limited space in his van, due to having to haul all of the potluck supplies, Keith still put on a great demo with his Dehavilland Comet. That plane is as old as this meet, 35 years!



Ken Myers Photo

Keith takes off his Antic Bipe with Snoopy in command in the pilot's seat.



Ken Myers Photo



Ken Myers Photo

Keith's Antic and his vintage PT.



The Keepers of the Light

CJ Wysocki Photo

Keith Shaw (left) and Ken Myers (right) briefed the pilots on the field safety rules and the procedure to follow in case of a fire.

Ken spent a good deal of time outlining the thirty-five year history of the Mid-America Electric Flies. He also introduced **Richard Utkan**, the EFO vice-president. Richard was at the first Mid-Am and has been with us all the way.

The P-51 Fly-By

Ken Sutton, longtime Midwest RC member and full-scale pilot, did a fly-by on Saturday morning to open the event. He recently purchased a 3/4 scale P-51. It is powered by a Honda engine, but looks all the world like the full scale P-51. Thanks for the fly over Ken!

More Photos from the Event



John Kauk Photo

It is always a thrill for Keith and I when our old friends return to this event year after year. Above are John Kauk, Doug Ingram, and Don Belfort.



CJ Wysocki Photo

It is always a great time spending the weekend with all FOUR Fosses!



CJ Wysocki got a very nice photo of Don Belfort and his Globe Swift (left) along with Denny Sumner and his Globe Swift (right).



Ken Myers Photo

Bill Brown (left) and Robert Throne (right) check out their versions of the Wright Flyer.



Steve Labuta Photo

Mark Freeland of Retro RC and one the AMA's newest Hall of Fame members, keeps his, and Mr. Bill Brown's planes in the shade, under his canopy.

Upcoming Event WOW Electric Fly-in (Rescheduled)

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: Sat-Sun - Aug 17-18, 2019

Pilots Meeting: 8:45 am

Flying From: 9am-5pm

AMA Sanction: 8885

Location:

RCCD Field: Wetzel State Recreation Area

(MI State Park Recreation pass required)

www.michigan.org/property/wetzelstate-recreation-area

Event Type:

Electrics only - Fun Fly

No size restriction - small or large
Helicopters / Quads welcome
110V AC On-site
Concessions Available
Raffles
Limited bleacher seating
EZ up tents and lawn chairs encouraged
Sun Shades Suggested
Vendors on site

CD's:

Kevin Glynn - 586-530-5659

Dan Galasso – 586-354-4122

Participant Requirements:

Bring your valid AMA card to fly
Legal aircraft radio frequencies only
All non 2.4GHz transmitters and modules will be
impounded over radio interference risk
Removal of 2.4 GHz modules from impounded
transmitters is not required

Spectator Admission – FREE!

Landing Fees for Pilots:

\$10 / Day - \$15 for both

All registered pilots will also receive one ticket,
good for a chance at one prize. You do not have to
be present to win, but please arrange to pick up your
prize.

COME JOIN US!

**IF YOU ARE INTO ELECTRIC FLYING, THIS
IS THE PLACE TO BE!**

RCCD's Annual Electric Fly-In has grown leaps
and bounds over the years boasting a large number
of pilots. Ample parking means all your friends and
fellow electric pilots will be here, and so should
you!

Contest Directors, Kevin Glynn, Dan Galasso, and
the rest of the RCCD family invite you to our
awesome flying site for a weekend filled with fun,
friends, great concessions, 50/50 raffles, vendors,
electric flying, prizes and more!

Google maps link

<https://www.google.com/maps/@42.7328486,-82.8469345,16z?hl=en-US>

Upcoming Event

**Cards of East Lansing, MI
9th Annual Electric Fly In
from Marvin Thomson**

When: Friday, August 23 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm and
Saturday August 24 from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Pilot and Aircraft Requirements:

Current AMA — Open to All RC Electric planes,
helicopters, and multi-copters/quads.

Best two runways in Mid-Michigan

Practice FPV Multicopter Course on N/S runway
open on Friday and Saturday from 4:00-9:00 pm

Pilot Raffle on Saturday

Pizza, pop, and water available on Saturday

Spectators Welcome

Landing Fees:

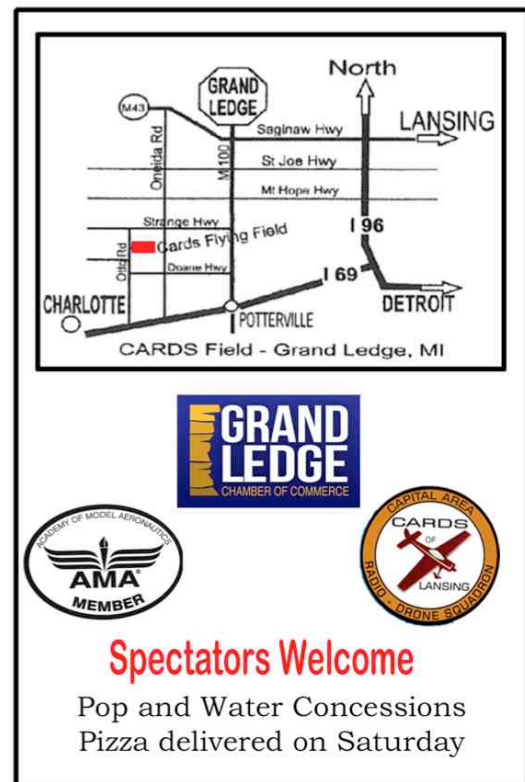
\$15 (includes Pilot Pizza & Soda)

CD Marv Thomson 517-802-7675 or

mthomson@wowway.com

Website: www.cardsrc.com

Address: 8328 Otto Rd, Grand Ledge, Mi 48837



Website:

<http://www.cardsrc.com/index.php/events/electric-fly-in>

Upcoming E-vents

August 3, Saturday, EFO Flying Meeting at the Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Road Flying Field, about 10 a.m., everyone is welcome, current AMA membership required to fly.

Aug. 17 & 18, Saturday & Sunday, Watts Over Wetzel (WOW) meet rescheduled to this date. (Information in this issue)

Aug. 23, Friday & Aug 24, Saturday, Capital Area Radio Drone Squadron (C.A.R.D.S.) (Lansing area) RC Electric Fly-in (info in this issue)

You are Invited!

Keith and I cordially invite you to join us for the 36th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies in July, 2020. See you then!

Another One Bites the Dust

July 15, 2019

Dear Valued Customer,

Heads Up RC will be closing at the end of August.

We have had a wonderful run and met a lot of great people in this hobby, but at age 64 I have decided to retire and close the store. Our last day will be Wednesday, August 28th.

We will be selling our remaining inventory at close out pricing, so please check the store often between now and August 28th for some super deals on your favorite products.

Thank you for your support these past 13 years.

Sincerely Yours,

Jeff Anderson

<https://www.headsuphobby.com>



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The Next Monthly Meeting:

Date: Saturday, August 3, 2019 **Time:** 10 a.m.

Place: Midwest 7 mi. Rd. Flying Field