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EFO Flying Meeting Reminder

Please keep in mind that all summer monthly EFO flying meeting dates are tentative and quite fluid depending on the predicted weather.

The meetings are usually on Saturdays, but may change to the following Sunday or even possibly a week or more later.

Everyone is welcome and proof of AMA membership is required to fly.

The next EFO monthly meeting is the Mid-Am on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10. Details are in this issue.

The 38th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies Report (Part 1)

I arrived at the Midwest RC Society Flying Field about 10 a.m. on Friday, July 8, 2022. I noticed right away that the Midwest Flying Field was in superb condition. Midwest's mowing crew, consisting of Jim Latham and Bill Brown, Jr., had done an excellent job and they even took the time to slightly widen the flying field and roll the centerline area of

the field. They had done an EXCELLENT JOB!

They did an excellent job of getting the flying field in usable condition and I cannot thank them enough for their extremely hard work! Thank you gentlemen so very much!!!

The weather was almost perfect. The temperature was in the cool 60s and there were light winds and sunny skies.

Denny Sumner, Roger Wilfong, and Jim Ouillette came out to help with the set up for the meet.

Keith Shaw arrived shortly with his large sunshade. **C.J. Wysocki** had an early morning appointment, so he didn't arrive right away.

The setup went slow and easy all morning long. All hands pitched in to help erect Keith's big sunshade.

With most of the setup completed, the crew took some time for lunch and then enjoyed a few flights.

About 2 p.m. the weather changed abruptly! Storm clouds rolled in and it started to pour down rain all the way

through the evening! That ruined our Friday evening meet up with our out-of-town guests, which has always been a highlight of the Mid-Am. Bummer!!!

The following photos show some of the set up on Friday and the great crew. Thanks all!



The Cook Station Setup



Saturday, July 9, 2022

Dave Grife, of Coldwater, MI, was the first way out of town guest to arrive on Saturday morning, followed by **Don Belfort** of West Chester, OH, then **Jim Ryan**, from Cincinnati, OH was quickly followed by **Mark Wolf** from Brownsburg, IN, and **John Kauk** from Topeka, KS.

As they were arriving, many, many of our local area flying friends also arrived.

After a smaller event last year, due to the pandemic, it was great and very exciting to spend time and fly with all of our old friends!

The Weather for Saturday

For two weeks preceding the Mid-Am, southeastern Michigan was caught in an extreme heat and dry cycle.

A cool front passed through on the Thursday evening before the Mid-Am and brought some much needed and relatively cooler temperatures and low humidity. Even with the sun shining brightly most of the day, the midday high on Saturday was “only” in the mid-70 degree F range with low humidity. The winds, unfortunately, were relatively high with the direction switching throughout the day. There were also several thermals that popped through on occasion, and they made takeoffs and landings a bit exciting at times.

Except for the wind it was an almost perfect day for this event.



Keith Shaw and Ken Myers during the pilots’ meeting
Rick Sawicki photo

Once the pilots registered for the FREE event, they started flying.

A pilots' meeting was held at about 10 a.m. and Keith and Ken went over the field rules and special notifications as to "where not to land".

There was a lot of flying of different types of aircraft during the day.



Joe Hass battles the crosswind on take off.



Everyone told Mark Rittinger that his wings were on backwards!



Dave Grife's 1993 airframe Mosquito took many successful flights.

All three of the previous photos were captured by **Rick Sawicki**.

There was also a very special event that happened at the Mid-Am again this year.



EFO and Midwest RC Society member, **Bill Brown, Sr.** had turned 101 years young in June. **Joe Hass** provided Mr. Brown another cake and we all got to celebrate this remarkable event one more time. Congratulations Bill and Happy, Happy Birthday!!!



We also got to sing happy birthday to Bill, again. Thanks for the cake **Mr. Joe Hass!**

At noon we broke from flying for a FREE field lunch of hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks.

A HUGE thanks goes to **Denny Sumner, Norm Peters and Greg Eilers**. They not only handled the lunch crowd, but took on the extra duty of fixing the evening meal. Thanks so very much guys!

After lunch everyone took turns flying at their leisure. It was a very, very relaxed flying day!



Denny Sumner manning the grill (Rick Sawicki photo)

During the very pleasant afternoon of flying, beside sharing Mr. Bill Brown, Sr.'s cake, there was a time for photos with Bill and the other participants.



The Crew preparing for the lunch rush.



Bill Brown, Sr. and Jr. are seen in the Rick Sawicki photo with the model of their full-scale plane.

Most of the pilots at the 38th Annual Mid-America Electric Flies.





There was plenty of time, although it went by all too fast, for friends, flying and food.

CDs, **Ken Myers** and **Keith Shaw**, found some time to relax and chat during the meet. That's Dave Grife's old Hacker 3D plane in the foreground.



We were also treated to some combat. **Denny Sumner**, **Larry Markey** and **Rick Sawicki** pulled out their FliteTest Bloody Barons to have a go at and delight the crowd with their aerobatic performances during streamer combat.

Aurelio Gonzalez had a good time flying his FliteTest Sea Duck and sharing the day with his boys.



Lots of folks enjoyed sitting around, talking planes and life and just relaxing.



Larry Markey prepares his beautiful scale helicopter for a great, scale-like flight.



Larry's chopper in the air.



Mark Rittinger prepares to fly his wing-swept forward design.



Don Belfort watching Jim Ryan flying.

Saturday's Awards



The **Best Scale Award** was presented to **Don Belfort** of West Chester, OH. His Taylorcraft, from a much modified Icon Northwest kit, is a big, beautiful and an impressive flier.



The **Most Beautiful Award** went to **Steve Labuta**, of White Lake, MI, for his scratch-built and modified Mach 1 old-time pattern plane. What a beauty it is and it flies every bit as good as it looks.



The **CD's Choice Award** went to **Dave Grife** from Coldwater, MI for his 1993 scratch-built Mosquito. It is always a pleasure to watch this "older" electric airframe still flying.



Mark Rittinger photo

The **Best Multi-Motor Award** was presented to **Mark Rittinger** from Roseville, MI.

The **Best Mini-Electric Award** went to **Jim Ryan** of Cincinnati, OH. The airframe is his repainted and refreshed original version.

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Spectators Welcome

Pop and Water Concessions
Pizza delivered on Saturday

Weak Signals Swap and Fly
From Tom Kroggel via email

**Greetings From the Weak Signals RC Club
Electric Flyers Only Inc !**

I hope you're enjoying another great summer of flying with friends.

For the third year we are hosting the "Swap-N-Air Fair" at our home field. It's a great opportunity to buy and sell airplanes, fly with your buddies and meet up with people you might not have seen for a while.

This is a **FREE** Fly In with **FREE** Admision to a Swap Meet. (We will be charging a small fee for selling in the swap spaces.) All you have to do is show up with some airplanes, enjoy the and hope for great weather.

**"Swap-N-Air Fair"
The "Swap"**

A two-day outdoor show on September 10th & 11th, Saturday and Sunday.
A 15' x 40' swap spot is just \$30.00 for both days.
A 25' x 50' swap spot is just \$60.00 for both days.
Register by August 31 and save \$5

If you have one item to sell drop it off in our Swap Corral for \$5.

Gates Open for vendors and swappers at 7 a.m.
Public from 8 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. both days.

Spend the night. (dry camping)

The "Air Fair"

Flying demonstrations using our 400' paved runway.

FREE Open Flying with AMA Card

Food Trucks
50/50 Raffles

Reserve your spot today! This is the genuine Weak Signals R/C Club at the Weak Signals field 12000 Minx Road, Temperance, MI.

Link to Event Flyer
<https://www.toledoweaksignals.com/events/swap-n-airfair>

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Upcoming E-vents

July 24, Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Giant RC Estate Sale, (details into this issue)

August 6, Saturday, EFO Monthly Flying Meeting, 10 a.m., Midwest RC Society 7 Mile Rd. Flying Field, proof of AMA membership required to fly

August 26 (Friday) and August 27 (Saturday), C.A.R.D.S. of Lansing 12th Annual Electric Fly (Details in this issue.)

September 10 & 11, Weak Signals Swap and Fly (Details in this issue.)



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March Monthly Meeting:

Date: Sat. August 6, 2022 **Time:** 10:00 a.m.

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