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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., January 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.

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.

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

The December 2023 EFO Indoor Flying Meeting

The December EFO Indoor Flying Meeting was held on Wednesday, December 2, 2023 at the Legacy Center in Brighton, MI.

The meeting was well attended by EFO members. There were many members flying in the mix of other attendees for the indoor flying session that day.

The following photos were taken that day.



Denny Sumner, Mark Couling and Norm Peters flying



Keith Shaw and Roger Wilfong chat as Andy Tomasch flies



A couple of types of planes that are typically flown in the Legacy Center

New Bitza Plane

From Howard Evans
Forwarded by Pete Waters via email



Hi Pete,

Hope all well in Florida.

Good here except hot and wet. Summer has arrived!

We are about to be evicted from our flying field and in process of moving.

One of our new neighbours has started complaining of noise - and we haven't flown there yet! (*Wow, kind of a universal problem! KM*)

See the new plane, it is wings and tail off a Hyperion Extra 260 and the Fuz is mine with no colour coordination. I used what film I had in workshop. 1.4m span 2.1kg

Goes well. Still trimming.

Take care,

Howard

AN OLD FASHION HOBBY SHOP

From Joe Hass via email

On Saturday October 21, 2023 we gathered at the 5 Steakhouse in Plymouth, MI to remember my father's hobby shop, Wayne Hobby Center.

A request from my son, Chris, for a history of the shop (he wasn't born yet), a request of my second son David for a Delta Dart with the store advertising coupled with multiple conversations with Denny Sumner of his memories of the store precipitated the event.

Joining us were Keith Shaw (Mr. Electric), Pete Waters (Past District 7 VP and owner of KMI) and Dennis Waske (Waske Signs). Dennis creates all the

wonderful designs on my aircraft. His father, Paul, was my Dad's best customer buying virtually every new kit that came in.



The Delta Dart

We shared decades of aviation memories. I brought along a number of old kits to help set the mood. Most did not know of my Dad's nautical interests and experiences.

The photo shows Grandsons Davis Hass, Chris Hass, Keith Shaw, son Joe Hass, Dennis Waske, Denny Sumner, Pete Waters.

Wayne Hobby was very much a "man cave" before they were invented. The retail section was in front. The back room had a full workshop plus a full kitchen. The coffee pot was always full. A steel insert in a window allowed for the break in of unmuffled glow engines much to the neighbors delight.

During the winter, tethered glow engine aircraft were flown indoors. Yes, the store got smoky from the exhaust fumes.

After dinner, and most Saturdays and Sundays, modelers would come to the shop to work on their aircraft with a ready source of supplies just a few feet away.

My Dad was always willing to take anyone and everyone for a flight in his Cherokee Archer. It was mostly at night as he had to keep the store open. A quick trip to Willow Run would net a flight over the Detroit skyline or a flight to Toledo for coffee.



If you take a close look of the storefront photo (Joe is on the extreme left) you will see he is holding a VW Beetle model with wings. Joe fitted his full size Beetle with actual wings for promotional events.

One of his favorite aircraft was the Shriek flying wing (pictured in pieces). He was famous for low inverted passes, sometimes with disastrous results. I have his last Shriek and still fly it. It has gone through 3 different engine and radio configurations. I have a N.I.B. Shriek kit too.



It was a different, easier time 37 years ago, now lost to rules, regulations and business standards.

Joe Hass
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Skymasters' Indoor Flying Season Has Started From Pete Foss via email

Hey indoor pilots,

I'm very happy to announce that we will be hosting indoor flying at UWM Sports Complex

again this year! Tuesdays 9-noon just like last year. Please see attached for the complete schedule. First flying date was Tuesday October 17th, so get your indoor planes in order!

Thanks,
Pete

Pete Foss
President
Skymasters RC of Michigan
www.skymasters.org

An Important Note Regarding Skymasters Indoor Flying

From Pete Foss via email

Hi Guys

Please find attached the rules for flying indoors this year. I only made one change to them, **I changed the maximum battery size from a 3S 2600 to a 3S 1300.** We have been seeing some aircraft that were really too big to fly indoors over the last couple years so I decided to ratchet the max battery down

See you Tuesday at 9AM!

Pete Foss
President Skymasters RC of Michigan

While the PDF with the Rules is available on the Skymasters' Website, I've also posted them here with this link [2023-2024_Indoor_Rules.pdf](#).



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. 17 th Tues. 24 th Tues. Oct 31 st	NOVEMBER*: Tues. 7 th Tues. 14 th Tues. 21 st Tues. 28 th	DECEMBER*: Tues. 5 th Tues. 12 th Tues. 19 th	JANUARY*: Tues. 2 nd Tues. 9 th Tues. 16 th Tues. 23 rd Tues. 30 th	FEBRUARY*: Tues. 6 th Tues. 13 th Tues. 20 th Tues. 27 th	MARCH*: Tues. 5 th Tues. 12 th Tues. 19 th Tues. 26 th	APRIL*: Tues. 2 nd Tues. 9 th
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Flying sessions start at 9 am and end at 12: PM *
Please Bring Proper Change For Payment.

www.skymasters.org

** 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

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)

January 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.)



Upcoming January Monthly Flying Meeting:

Date: Wed. Jan. 10, 2024 **Time:** 12:30 p.m.

Place: Legacy Center, Brighton, MI