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The Next Meeting: Thursday, October 5, at Dublin Community Center located on Union Lake Rd. near St. Pat's Church 7:30 P.M.

The HOT ONE

July 15 and 16 were two very hot days in Saline, MI. The Mid-America Fun Flies filled the skies with the best planes and pilots to date. The quality of the planes has reached the point where **very good** is the norm for performance and craftsmanship. There were some wonderfully outstanding efforts and e-power has definitely become the "experimenter's area" for model airplanes. Many of the planes were original, with some very interesting kit conversions from glow. I know that every year I say that, but it is true.

There were 53 registered pilots on Saturday and near 50 again on Sunday. With this many registered pilots, there were well over 200 planes at the field each day. Floaters, rockets, scale, fun-fly, sport, wings, deltas, ducted-fans, multi-motors, biplanes - just name it and they were there.

The Ann Arbor Falcons and EFO members worked very hard, in the broiling sun, to see that their guests had a good

time, and the contestants did, despite the oppressive heat. The frequency control went well, the food was ready, registration and impound were well manned - oops Debbie, Michele & Chris - I mean peopled!!!

As most of you know, Keith and I share CD duties, but many of you



may not know that Dave Grife is also a very important person for this contest. He is the one who has set up the KRC type flight stations and sees that all things run smoothly in this area. Good job.

This meet wouldn't be complete without the Saturday night picnic, which was truly outstanding. Dave Hare gets it all ready, made a wonderful, refreshing

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**Mid-America Electric Flies Special Issue
Plans from Bill Bowne**

fruit salad and grilled the steaks for the steak sandwiches. Wow, what a super job! Thank you so very much Dave.

The contestants, and interested spectators, are the

most important part of this event. They came from all over including; Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Texas, Ontario and, of course, all over Michigan. This is their contest and they took full advantage of the beautiful flying site to showcase their creations.

It used to be that Keith Shaw would go out and present his fantastic planes and flying ability, and the crowd would respond with very warm applause, and they still do, but applause punctuated the whole weekend, as wonderful aircraft strutted their stuff. Many of us owe it all to Keith for leading the way. He should be very proud of the pioneering work he has



The Sinke F-82

done. Because of him, many of us are "where we are today". We all salute you and thank you for your wonderful contributions to e-flight - Keith you are fantastic!

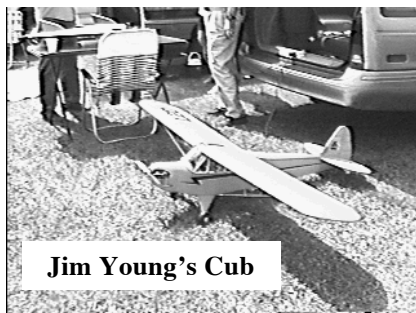
There were several special awards given out

on Saturday. Longest Timed Flight - Ken Bates; All up/Last down - Ken Bates (Wow, what a glider guider he is!!!) Most Beautiful - Jim Young for his 40 powered Skybolt; Best Scale - Lynn Carpenter for his Monocoupe; Best Multi-motor - Ralph Weaver for his C-130; and CD's Choice to Jim Young for his fantastic flying Cub, a 90% Goldberg scratch built.

On Sunday the awards went to: Longest Timed Flight - Wayne Fredette; All up/Last down - Les Garber; Best Ducted Fan - Jim Dorsey for his flying wing; Most Beautiful - Lynn Carpenter for his Tiger Moth biplane; Best Scale - Dick Cordray for his Taube - CD's choice Mark Thomson for his delta wing.

On Saturday there were 115 registered flights and Sunday 98. There were also the all up/last down flights as well as the ham and 27 Mhz bands, which brought the total number of sorties to near 300. What a busy weekend of flying.

Chad Sinke won the Airtronics radio, donated by



Jim Young's Cub

Airtronics! Cool.

Speaking of sponsors we had some great ones. Check out the sponsor list at the end of the article. These are the folks to support with your hard-earned hobby dollars. Not only did Kirk Massey support us, he came up from Texas to provide his great product line directly to us at the field. I believe that most fliers and spectators visited his booth and came away with something. I now have a 10 lb. digital scale, something I've always meant to get and since he was there - got it!

Speaking of Kirk, he found out just how fast our weather can change, when he was caught off-guard by a fast moving thunderstorm, late on Saturday afternoon. Thanks to several folks at the field, he did get most of his stuff packed up before it was totally soaked or blown away. A special thanks to those of you who helped Kirk secure his gear.



Doug Ingraham's Funfly

Luckily there were only a handful of oops. My best buddy, Jeff Hauser, lost his beautifully modified Sky Tiger due to flutter; Dave Henshaw lost one on a take-off oops; Wayne Fredette had a mid-air; and Dave Grife's TirStar blew apart in mid-air, all by itself, with a resounding **POP**, heard all over the flying site.



Dave Grife's Air Arm

This part is a bit difficult for me to write about, because it directly relates to me. For many years, Charlie Spear was a participant at our annual e-fly. He was a wonderful friend to e-flight

and really helped to bring it up to the state it is in today. He was always a joy at the field and shared all of his "newest" creations with a great zeal. For those of you who never had the chance to meet him, you missed meeting a true gentleman and great friend to e-power.

Keith and I had decided that we would start a perpetual "Charlie Spear Memorial Award" to be presented each year to someone who has advanced the cause of electric flight. There is a plaque, held by the Falcons, that will be brought to the field each year, with the winner's name added to it, and a separate plaque for the winner to take home.

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I was very much surprised when Keith called up John Mountjoy, Charlie's friend and co-author for the electric flight column in "R/C Report", and started to present the award.



Lynn Carpenter's Condor

Keith and I hadn't discussed who the award was going to, the reason for being surprised, but I figured he just went ahead and did it so that it could

be presented that day, and I always trust Keith's judgment anyway. In a few moments I found out why we hadn't discussed it - you guessed it. I was suddenly moved and extremely proud to be the first recipient of this award. Shaking hands with John and Keith, hands weren't the only thing shaking. I was truly overcome with emotion. I am very proud and happy to have received this award. I consider this the highest point I've ever reached in modeling. I am flattered beyond belief, and as I write this, my eyes are still honestly watering. Thank you all so very much. Thank you Charlie for being who you were, for you shall forever be a part of me, part of my e-flight experience, part of what is my life.

For those of you who sought me out to say thanks for the Ampeer, talk about making my day!!! I really appreciate the kind words. Ya think this wasn't a great weekend for me? Wow.

Again, thanks to all of the Falcons, E.F.O.ers and

contestants for making this one the great e-fly ins of the decade. I would recommend that you join us next July if you like e-flying, since this is what it is all about.

Please Note the Sponsors - They are the great ones!

A Great Way to Say Thanks

from Doug Ward, R.D. #1, Box 189, Irwin, PA 15642
Dear Ken,

You and Keith certainly do know how to run an event! In spite of the oppressive weather I was able to see more and talk to more people than would be otherwise possible at such attractions as the KRC. The turnout was excellent and all the work you guys did was first rate.

In keeping with the spirit of things, I have written a thank-you note to Kress Jets, Inc., expressing my gratitude for their raffle prize (copy enclosed). While I have seen some electric jet activity, I never gave it a serious thought until now. I might just give this thing a try.

In about three weeks Elaine and I will be setting out for an electric meet in Canada where I hope to do a little more cool weather flying. With our luck they'll be in the midst of the heat wave of the century, but it won't matter since I am now Michigan-trained to deal with it. After Canada comes the KRC followed by our own electric meet on September 30. Keith usually comes to this one. In October we will be veering south for the Gulf States Electric Meet in Louisiana --another excellent adventure--and that will probably end the contest circuit for the year. See what you can do when you're retired? (What a terrible thing to say!)

Let's make the next school year your best one. *Hals und Beinbruch!*

This is Doug's letter to Kress Jets, Inc.

Kress Jets, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Kress:

I recently participated in the Mid-America Electric Fun-Fly in Michigan, a fantastic meet under the blazing sun of Ann Arbor, and at the pilots' raffle I was fortunate enough to win one of your products, an EJK 3.33 Clipped Tip Electric Ducted Fan, KR-5 motor included.

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