

SUPER RC FLYER



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MRCMC May 7th 2025 Meeting Minutes

Board meeting- Dennis Albee called the Board Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Dennis Albee.

Board members present – Karl Eckerle, Dennis Albee, Kevin Alfonso, Ken McNurlen, Ron Helmer, Frank Lee

General Meeting- Dennis Albee called the General Meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members present – Jim Clark, Justus Dean, Fred Schulz, Jim Poznel, Jim Nieman, Dave Kasper, Bob Hill

Visitors present– **Randy Gibson AMA District VII Vice President attended the meeting.** See picture below.

Last meeting minutes- approved.

Treasurer report- approved.

Old Business

- **Dues** – Karl Eckerle. Dues are due for the 2025 season – Karl
- **Field Cleanup** – Karl Eckerle. Went well, willows were cut out of the center area that were invasive. Brush cleaned up around the flying area. Garage is cleaned, and a couple picnic tables were power washed. In the fall we will use the power washer to clean up the flight stands.
- **EAA Breakfast** – Karl Eckerle. Went well with display table and talked to a lot of visitors/handed out new tri folds. Helped the EAA with airplane duties.
- **Memorial Day Parade** – Ron Helmer. and Bob Hill. Karl and Bob ask for some members to help set the trailer up at the parade, since planes and signage cannot be set to go down the road to the parade. Meet at the parade start at 9am and parade starts at 10am. Need 5-6 donated planes for displaying on the trailer. If anyone wants to help contact Bob or Karl for pre-event and day of event set up. **May 20th for trailer set up** and **May 26th for the parade day.**
- **Phone Tree** – Ron Helmer. Will not be pursued at this time.
- **Midland Mall Show** – Ron Helmer. In the next week or two Karl and Ron will contact mall management and set something up for us to display.
- **Tri Fold Brochure** – Kevin Alfonso and Ron Helmer. New format is well received. Before the next big event they will be finalized and professionally printed. **Feedback is requested by May 16th to Ron or Kevin via email** for final changes before being printed. A draft for your review is shown below. Please wait for the final version to hand them out.

- **Gold Leader Status** – Ron Helmer. MRCMC has been reinstated and certificates have been received.

New Business

1. **RC Flight Instruction Night** – Karl Eckerle. **Instructors will be at the airfield every Monday, now to October 12th, from 5:30 PM to dusk.**
2. **Float Fly** – Bob Hill. Done. It went well. See pictures below.
3. **400' Ceiling is Now 700'** – Karl. Received a notification from the FAA/AMA for approval and will be posted at our field

Program

FPV – Dennis Albee. Dennis brought his Albatross foam plane fitted with a miniature camera/transmitter and FPV goggles, to demonstrate first person view flying equipment. Thank you Dennis, it was a good presentation. See a picture below.

Meeting Adjourned- by Dennis Albee at 8:11pm.

2025 Club Schedule

May 26th – Memorial Day Parade
June 14th – Electric and Sailplane Fly
July 13th – Family picnic
August 2nd – Combustion engine fly
August 16th – National Model Aviation Day fun fly
September 5th – Airshow setup
September 6th – Swap meet
September 6th – EAA Breakfast and Fly In
September 7th – Airshow
September 27th – Fall Float Fly
October 25th – Fall field cleanup
Cub Scouts rocket launch - TBA

Who can I contact for more information?

Club Secretary: Ron Helmer
(989) 395-3436 /
ron.helmer@gmail.com

Chief Flight Instructor: Karl Eckerle
(989) 225-0475

We fly several different types of aircraft at the field:



About Us

The club is dedicated to flying radio-controlled model aircraft and sharing the hobby with others. The club currently has approximately 70 members of all ages. Many members are active flyers, and one or more members can usually be found at the field when the weather is good.

Members find that aeromodeling is much more fun when shared with others and look forward to seeing friends at the flying field. The club is dedicated to teaching others the joys of aeromodeling.

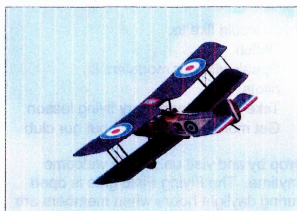
The club has an active instructor program where certified instructors are paired with student pilots until the student has earned their wings and can safely and comfortably fly on their own.

The club is registered as 501 (c) 3 Charitable and educational organization. We hold monthly membership meetings which anyone is invited to attend.

The flying Field is located at **200 Patterson Rd, Midland, MI.**



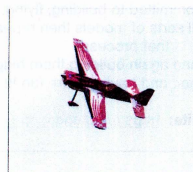
The club has been recognized as a Gold Leader Club by the Academy of Model Aeronautics.



Midland R/C Modelers Club



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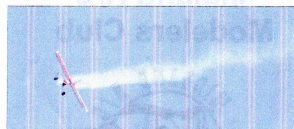


We welcome your visit or phone call

If you would like to:

- Watch
- Speak with our modelers & pilots
- Take a complimentary flying lesson
- Get more information about our club

Drop by and visit us. All are welcome anytime. The Flying Field gate is open during daylight hours when members are flying.



We are committed to building, flying, and crashing all sorts of models then repeating that process again and again building them bigger, stronger, and having more fun !!!

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is aeromodeling expensive? The typical startup cost is approximately \$300 to \$500. Some equipment can be reused in other aircraft.

Can I try flying before I spend that much money? Perspective members are welcome to visit the club field throughout the flying season for a complimentary flying lesson, providing an instructor is on site.

How hard is it to learn to fly? It is difficult (and usually expensive) to learn to fly without proper instruction. The club is dedicated to teaching students to fly. Club instructors typically use a "buddy box" system with an override so they can save the students plane when they get into trouble.

How long does it take to learn? The amount of time it will take you to learn to fly is hard to predict. Time to solo can take from a few weeks to an entire flying season. It will depend on the student's ability and hand-eye coordination and the frequency of their instruction.

Do I need to build a plane before I can fly? Many flyers build their planes from kits but good "almost ready to fly" (ARF) kits are also available. Often, good used equipment is available from the club members.

Club Events 2025

See website for detail listing

- May 10 - Spring float fly.
- May 26 - Memorial Day Parade.
- Jun 4 - Monthly meeting 6:30pm Flying Field.
- Jun 14 - Electric and Sailplane fly.
- Jul 2 - Monthly Meeting 6:30pm Flying Field.
- Jul 13 - Club Family picnic Noon Start.
- Aug 2 - Combustion Engine Fly.
- Aug 6 - Monthly meeting 6:30pm Flying Field.
- Aug 9 - National Model Aviation Day fun fly.
- Sep 3 - Monthly meeting 7:30pm EAA bldg.
- Sep 6 - Club Hosted Swap Meet 8:00am.
- Sep 7 - Annual Club Air Show 10:00am.
- Sep 27 - Fall float fly.
- Oct 1 - Monthly meeting 7:30pm EAA bldg.
- Nov 5 - Monthly meeting 7:30pm EAA bldg.
- Dec 3 - Monthly meeting 7:30pm EAA bldg.
- * Cub Scouts rocket launch - TBA.

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Instruction Night

Every Monday from 5:30pm - Dusk.
From May 12th - Oct 20th, Our Certified Instructors are available to speak, help, and teach at the flying field.

