

# Lake County Modelers and Flyers Asn.

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## Propwash

August 2018

**Ramblings - Lots of jet stuff going on. But the prop stuff seems to be dying off a bit.** The White Cloud fun-fly only had 7 pilots and about half the normal amount of spectators showed up. Our West Michigan RC Expo pilot attendance was down also. What's going on?

Maybe it's just me. But, ...It seems like there are many clubs that have added events and their leadership does NOT seem to be coordinating with the surrounding clubs. Also, some of the clubs have been moving around event dates to accommodate other activities in their local areas. I set the majority of my flying schedule in January. Late changes take me out of the picture!

LCMFA leadership has in the past chosen the second weekend of June, July, August and September for its four annual events. Apparently some clubs feel the second weekend is actually the first weekend because there was no Thursday on the first weekend. I still have not figured out the logic in that decision! But, maybe someday this will be our excuse for moving?

Also in the past, before occupying the second weekend end of August for a Jet Rally, I know that we waited 3 years for a State-level event to reappear, which it did not. Next year we are dropping the West Michigan Jet Rally title and just making it the Michigan Jet Rally!

With only 29 pilots registering for the West MI RC Expo (only 7 on Thursday) a suggestion was made to just drop the Expo. Last year, we had 37 pilots at the West MI RC Expo. This may be a topic for future discussion! I know poor food service is on this month's agenda!

**LCMFA Monthly Meeting- The next LCMFA monthly club meeting is scheduled for August 1 at 7:00 P.M.** Location will be at the RC Park. Backup for rain is at Len's house. 6589 S. James Road. If lost call (907) 903 - 3569. This meeting comes early as the first Wednesday comes on Aug 1.

### Ramblings (Cont.)

This year we had 42 pilots at the West Michigan Jet Rally. One could come to the conclusion that jets are taking over, except, ... several local pilots are out here every evening with their prop planes. We also have several additional prop pilots show up on our staffed Sunday and Wednesday public evenings!

So maybe it is time to dust off the prop planes and come out and give our RC Park a try. The N/S and the E/W turf runways are in pretty good shape. The fiber mat has held up well. Many of the guys are flying Ultra-micros just before dark when the winds drop to nothing almost every night!

The glider folks are still meeting on Tuesday afternoons 4:00 P.M. - whenever. It is never too late to start. I understand that some of this year's students have been very successful.

We have seen several new faces. But we are not seeing some of the folks that helped found this organization. Are we turning folks off? What are your thoughts? Please bring them to our meetings or at least let one of us know so that we can discuss it. I know that we have a healthy club. But, ... that does not mean we are not willing to make improvements. We just need to know what those improvements might look like.

### Remaining 2018 Event Schedule

**Michigan Jet Boondoggle — August 9, 10 & 11**  
**West Michigan Soar In — September 8 & 9**

**Please reserve these dates on your 2018 calendar!**

## More Food for Thought?

**The West MI RC Expo** had the new car track in operation, added two flight simulators that were set up in an air conditioned trailer and had the buddy box training going for Friday and Saturday. All the LCMFA folks putting this on were very busy! Thank you, Ray, Ted, Gerry, Jeff, Guy, Mac, Greg & Bill for putting on this added effort! If I missed someone, I apologize!

**Also we partnered with the Twisted Sticks** to man the Expo gate for donations. This effort proved very profitable. We are planning to share the profits with the Twisted Sticks. The amount is a subject of discussion in the next meeting. Thank you Tom and Daniell, Larry and others TW members for contributing to our event efforts! This past Winter we partnered for their indoor event! Maybe we should do this type of thing more often?

**The Expo exceeded our income goals.** While the weather forecast appeared to initially keep attendance low, we still had a good turn out on Saturday.

**Out on the Expo flight line,** it was slow on Thursday. Thursdays are typically a “test and tune” day. This concept is to allow our pilots some time to maiden and test different settings, etc. w/o having a large spectator crowd around. It has worked well for many of us. However, it has recently come to my attention that not many of the pilots were aware of this opportunity. This is airspace where we can spend the majority of our time helping each other solve issues w/o having to cater to or endangering spectators. Please feel free to take advantage of these test and tune days. They are for all of us no matter what type of plane you are flying.

**Also, it has been brought to my attention that during Expo events the larger plane pilots may be driving away the other flyers.** At the Expo event, we have always allocated time for all flyers of all types of planes and helis, including drones. At this year’s Expo, we even set up the drone race course for the one drone racer that showed up! If you want some airspace, please feel free step up to the flightline. We will get you flying! Don’t feel intimidated by the larger and faster planes. If you feel you need some airspace dedicated to you alone for a maiden flight or testing, please feel free to ask. The Jet Guys at the Expo are there for a reason. To keep the spectators there, they fill the airspace when things are dead. If the Jet Guys see someone else ready to fly, they gladly slip back in the shade and cater to the spectators’ questions. The RC Expos are for all of us!

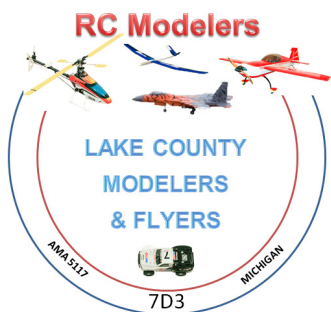
**The new car track is an interesting situation.** I was told by one person “it is still too small.” Then 5 minutes later, I was told “it is too big!” Wished these folks were around when we do the work! However, we can look for tight spots in the track and put in a few shortcuts. Plans are to add some clay to stiffen the track surface. I would like to see a lap counter as prices have come down.

**Not much drone activity going on.** We have the gates, pylons and a nice place for drone racing. What’s it going to take to get the drone racing going at the Baldwin RC Park?

**RC Pylon Racing** - As you probably know, RC Pylon Racing was not held at Baldwin this year. I have initiated contact with a person who has shown interest in getting it back going in Baldwin. I am following up with that person in a couple weeks. We’ll see if we can get that going for next year.

**Anyway, please come out and join us at the RC Park,** whether it be for flying, car or drone racing or just some plain ole’ B.S.ing. You are always welcome!





# Michigan Jet Pilot's Boondoggle August 9 thru 12 - Baldwin Airport

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- **Bring your sunglasses, favorite chair and a cooler. Come stay for the day.**
- **Airport is one mile south of Baldwin on M-37**
- **Aug 9 = 12:00 A.M. - Dusk**
- **Aug 10 & 11 = 9:00 A.M.—Dusk**
- **Aug 12 = Closed to Spectators**



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**Lots of jet activity this year!** The Jet Guys have been meeting just about every other week either to support an event or to just attend a mini-jet rally here at the Baldwin RC Park. Yesterday's mini-rally was the most fun I have had all season. Eight Jet Guys showed up, and we had perfect weather! Book motels way in advance! Our local motels were booked full again!

Also, I maiden'd the new T-One and had 5 perfect flights. Anybody want to buy an Ultra Flash? This year, I refused to give up on the UF. I am glad I didn't, as I finally got several good UF flights! But here is my new "go-to plane!" Not quite a rocket like the UF. But it flies like a dream and it still scoots fast enough for me to fly fast at half-throttle!



**Several of our Jet Guys have been flying various EDFs.** Manufacturers have come up with some really nice EDFs. Mark had a nice looking Hawk. Marshall had a fast flying F-86 which flew well even in the wind gusts. At the Expo, Jim had a nice Avanti. Other EDFs have shown up in the past few weeks. I may have to dust off the F-14 and join the crowd! By the way, EDFs are a cost effective way to get in the air during jet events and mini-rallies! EDF pilots just have to have a lot of batteries, which are a lot cheaper than turbines!

**This coming weekend I and several others are headed down to Monroe** for their fun-fly. This will be held at the Custer Airport. Anything that flies is welcome. Come on down and join us. The Sponsors are a really nice welcoming bunch of guys! If you have questions about this event, feel free to give me a call.

**The following weekend is the Michigan Jet Pilot's Boondoggle.** The pilot's dinner is Friday evening. All attending pilots and family members are welcome to join us. Please bring a dish to pass. Jon has grill duty that night. He provides and cooks a great steak! The Boondoggle Sunday is still available to fly as well as the Thursday - Saturday. We are just making it clear in the fliers to spectators to not expect a show on Sunday. And, ...If you are around Sunday evening, please join us for the open public evening.

**Jets Over the Valley** - Then for me, I am scheduled for a jet event (Jets Over the Valley) in Ohio on Aug 24th and 25th. Planning to take the RV down and stay for a couple days.

**BTW** - We only have 72 members this week! (Had to cut a few non-dues payers off the roster). But, ... hope to see all the rest of you before the season ends!

**Oh, .....** Just remembered that I have to build a rack in the RV for the new jet. Got to run off now and find something to build with. ... Check out our sponsors!



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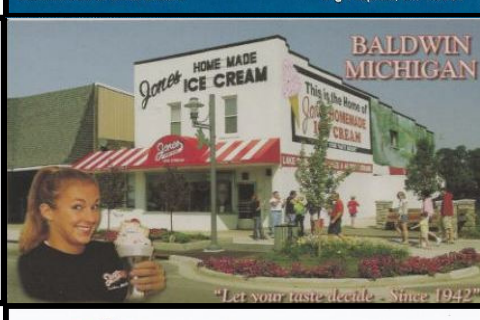
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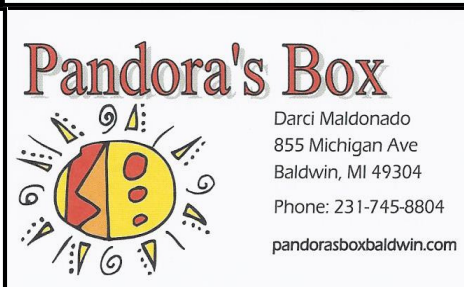


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