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## Michigan Whirlybirds

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The Purpose of the Michigan Whirlybirds is the promotion, advancement, safety and enjoyment of the sport of radio controlled model helicopter flying in accordance with the guidelines of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

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*Since 1972*

*Academy of Model Aeronautics  
(AMA) #1109*

*International R/C Helicopter  
Association (IRCHA) #10*

**Q: Where is your flying field?**

A: Our primary field is at the Freedom Hill park on Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Rd) between Schoenherr and Utica Rd. See the map in this folder.

**Q: When can I fly there?**

A: Primary field – whenever the field is not in use for overflow parking.

**Q: When can I find people flying?**

A: If the weather is nice, you will usually find members at Freedom Hill on any Wednesday after work hours and Sunday afternoon.

**Q: Do I need an AMA membership?**

A: Yes. Our field is a registered AMA flying fields and the liability insurance requires AMA membership.

**Q: Can I fly at the field as a guest?**

A: Yes. An AMA membership is required.

**Q: How do I get help setting up my helicopter?**

A: Contact one of the instructors (see list in this folder) or stop by the field when we are there. Anyone will be glad to help, or point out someone who can.

**Q: Can I get flying lessons?**

A: Contact one of the instructors (see list in this folder).

**Q: How much does it cost to join?**

A: See the list of membership fees in this folder.

**Q: Where and when are the meetings?**

A: Club meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at Freedom Hill during the summer and indoors in the winter. See our web site for specific dates, times and locations.

**Q: Does the club hold any special events?**

A: We have a fun fly open to everyone once a year in September and a club picnic, also once a year.

**Q: Is the field crowded?**

A: Our field at Freedom Hill can accommodate 3 pilots at a time if they are all practicing hovering and one at a time that wants to do aerobatic flying. Usually, everyone that wants to fly will find all the time they need.

**Q: How do you know who flies next?**

A: We are adults (our age would imply). We take turns. This can be a bit intimidating for a beginner. All of us were beginners at some point. We love to watch R/C helicopters fly – even it is only hovering.

**Q: How do you handle frequency control?**

A: 2.4 GHz technology has almost completely eliminated this concern. If you are using 72 MHz, check with those that are flying

**Q: Do you have a web site?**

A: Please visit our web site at <http://www.michiganwhirlybirds.com/>

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## Membership

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The Michigan Whirlybirds welcomes new members at any skill level and will help novices with equipment selection, set-up, and flight training. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in R/C Helicopters.

- Dues are \$30.00 per year. (Dues for new members enrolled after August 1st are \$15.00 for the remainder of the year.)
- Initiation fee is \$10.00 to new members and others renewing after February.
- Current AMA membership is required.
- See our web site for an application.

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## 2011 Club officers

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