



# Lake County Modelers and Flyers Assn.

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**April 2026**

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**The next LCMFA Monthly Meeting is April 8 at 7:00 PM at the Baldwin Village Hall located a 610 Washington Street in Baldwin**

## New Sponsors

Every year in January I start a campaign to round up sponsors. We always lose a couple. Then I have to go look for some new sponsors. These losses happen with our local and national sponsors.

In December I prepare the fliers, the sponsor proposal letters and hardcopy proposal packages. Then they get mailed. This year I sent out 50 proposals to our past and prospective national sponsors

I seldom get responses from our past national sponsors. Occasionally I get responses from a few new potential sponsors. It all comes together when I follow-up with phone calls to our past sponsors. Then I know who I can contact to fill in any lost ones.

So far, this year we added Boomerang RC Jets from Indiana and On Top of the World Resort/Home complex from Florida. The Lake Osceola State Bank also sent a nice donation to renew their Gold Sponsorship. BVM has also confirmed. Now comes the work revising annual event fliers, the annual poster and the links in our website to their websites. And then there are the 14-16 local sponsors who I have not even approached yet. It is a little too early for that. It has been a busy couple months!

## Flying Season is Upon Us!

The field is open for business. Yesterday I went out to the field to fly my EDF Viper. It is always good to start the season with an inexpensive plane. Some folks do that every time they come out to fly.

Last Sunday Jon and Dan were out there test flying an F-18. They were working out some issues with retracts. Too bad it was about 40 degrees F and there was a 7-10 mph crosswind. I stayed for a while, but Daisy and I were getting cold, and I had a head cold. Not a good time for me to be flying.

Today, April 1, I'll put in a NO-TAM for the remainder of the season. If approved, then no one needs to be calling, etc.

Don't forget your 2026 LCMFA membership card. If you have not paid your dues, you do not have a card. Unless there is an sanctioned event, non-members should NOT be on the field unless escorted by a member. Our license with the Village requires that you be an LCMFA and AMA member or escorted by a member. Village employees are also approved.

## LCMFA 2026 Event Schedule

**Midwest Jet Pilot's Spring Fling - June - 9 - 13, 2026**

**West Michigan RC Expo - July - 7 - 11, 2026**

**Midwest Jet Pilot's Boondoggle - August 11-15, 2026**

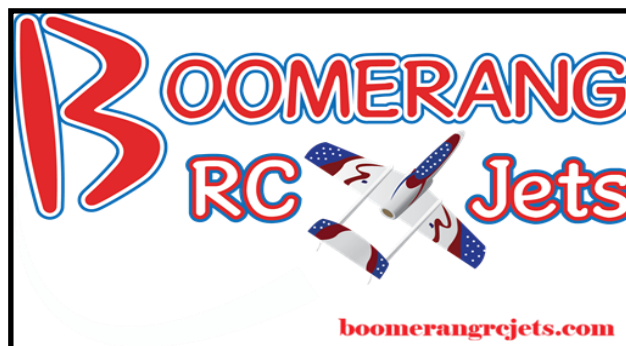
**West Michigan Fun-Fly - September 11 - 13**

[www.LCMFA.com](http://www.LCMFA.com)

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## Gold Sponsors of the Month

It has been a few years since Boomerang RC Jets has been a sponsor. The last time, there was a different owner. However, at the 2025 Boondoggle the current owner, Greg Alderman, showed up and had a great time. So this year they are coming back. We already have registrations on RC Nation from some of their employees.



On Top of the World is a resort/home complex located in Ocala, Florida. They have an RC Park within their complex. I visited there a few years back. It is a nice place to fly prop planes and they do allow jet flying on Sundays. My kids are bugging me to get a place in Florida. After this past winter. I just may do that.

BVM has been with us for years. Rob told me the other day that they are continuing as a Sponsor. Last year, BVM was at the Boondoggle. We are hoping to see them back this year! Rob is great guy to get to know. He has a wealth of knowledge and is always willing to share it!



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Gator RC is another sponsor who has been with us for many years. While they can't always make it to our events, they provide us with many items that are very useful for the pilot's raffle as well as we get an occasional large model airframe too. Mike is an avid supporter of the hobby and their product line has become quite extensive!

While Lake Osceola State Bank is not directly in the RC business they have been a gold sponsor for many years. Being in the money business is quite handy for LCMFA as we can always use a nice cash infusion. Thank you Debbie!



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## Website Updates

I can't tell you how many members do not access our website. But sometimes long time members ask for the club's mailing address. ... the same members year after year! The address is all over the website.

Many videos are linked to the website's TECH TALK page. Frequently I get a call asking for help, I typically go to that web page and review the video and then call them back.

Our fliers for 2026 are already posted on the website in the EVENT FLIER page. How many of our members have ever taken the time to print a couple out and post them in conspicuous places in their local area?

Our minutes are posted on the website. Our policies are on the website. There is a link to pay your dues on-line. Or, ... you can register for our events and even rent a tent or RV outlet!

Did you know that there is a direct link to the weather station at the RC Park? It tells you the current weather in real time vs. some outdated forecast!

<https://www.LCMFA.com>

## Required Review

Now that the FAA regulations have been clarified regarding the remote ID and altitude waivers for our site, I have summarized the requirements on pages 4 & 5.

Please take a few minutes to review the listed requirements. Because individual members can access the flying site at any time, each member must be aware of the requirements to fly W/O Remote ID and flying over 400' AGL.

I know that most of you have been aware of the basic requirements. However, there are some additional requirements that I sat on communicating until I had some specific clarification.

While the U.S. Congress is considering additional relief, until said relief is passed into law the requirements listed on pages 4 & 5 are mandatory.

The last thing we want to do is cause a crash or other damage when we are not following the rules. No member is exempt!

Jane Allison

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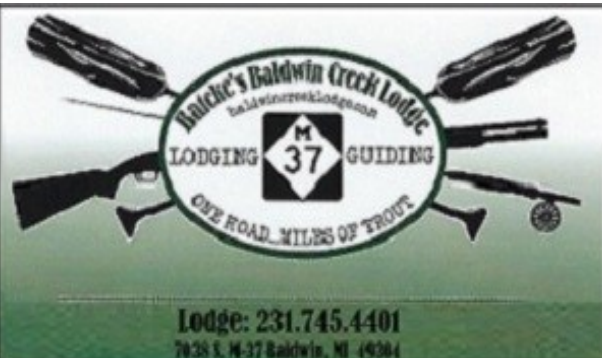
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## Remote ID Limited Exemption & Altitude Waiver Requirements



**Remote ID Exemption** - At the Baldwin RC Park, LCMFA has an exemption from the Remote ID requirements. The above picture shows the limits of the area for which there is an exemption from Remote ID requirements. If our UAS remain within the boundaries of the above map, remote ID broadcasts are not required. The exemption area is within the white boundaries on the above picture.

**Altitude Waiver** - LCMFA has a permanent altitude waiver. UAS are allowed up to 700' AGL within the boundaries of the Remote ID Exemption area on the above picture. **The following are requirements specifically related to the Altitude Waiver:**

1. The Altitude Waiver of 700' AGL is limited to the hours between civil sunrise and civil sunset. Night operations are limited to 400' AGL and must be in accordance with the AMA Safety Guidelines.
2. The Person in Charge (PIC) must ensure that all members are aware of and always adhere to the altitude waiver's requirements.
3. Operation of UAS above 400' requires that there be at least 3 miles of visibility and 3,000' AGL of ceiling.
4. All UAS operations must remain within visible line of sight.
5. The PIC must ensure all pilots are aware of the potential for crewed aircraft traffic at any time.
6. The PIC or Spotter must ensure that all pilots of UAS in the air are made aware of crewed aircraft that may be entering or have entered the Airport's approaches.

**NOTAM Requirements** - For the Remote ID Exception and Altitude Waiver to be active, a NOTAM must be issued by the airport authority. Currently the airport authority issues one NOTAM for the period of April 1 through October 31 to address these requirements. Flying at the RC Park without remote ID or above 700' outside of this period requires that the Airport Manager or his delegate be contacted 24 hours prior to issue an appropriate NOTAM. **(Continued on Page 5)**



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## Remote ID Limited Exemption & Altitude Waiver Requirements (Continued)

### OTHER SITE REQUIREMENTS

1. On the right (East) side of the above picture is the Village Wastewater Treatment site. It is required that we do NOT fly over this site.
2. Part of the area within the boundary on the north side of the picture is owned by the Lake County Sportsmen's Club. While we normally can fly over their area, we have agreed to avoid flying on October 1st and November 15<sup>th</sup>. Also, during the months of October and November flying before 9:00 AM and after 5:30 PM is prohibited. This is to avoid disrupting deer hunters on the opening days of deer seasons.
3. The Operational Rules is our Letter of Agreement with the Airport Authority. The Operational Rules must also be adhered to at all times.

## Support Our Sponsors



Throughout this issue I have been highlighting our sponsors. Each year our local and national sponsors support us in various ways. Our events have grown to the point where we have a large number of pilots showing up. This offers additional opportunities for our sponsors to rub el-

bows with our pilots. Our sponsors do this not only to get your business. They are going to great expense to help us better utilize and understand their products. So when you are looking for a specific product please go to our sponsors first! Do so not only to help them as a business but this also helps them justify continuing to support us on-line and in the field.



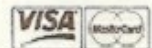
Their onsite presence helps them understand what we as pilots are going through trying to use their products. All this makes for better products! Face-to-face Networking with your products' providers is important!



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## Your RC Park needs some TLC!

. There are several projects coming up at the RC Park. We need to set up the nets and benches for the season. We also need to seal or paint the RC Car observation stand. We need to cleanup the spots in the grass that were disturbed by the snow plowing. We also need to replace some boards on the bleachers and in the pavilion. The Pavilion could use some painting also. Not sure about the condition of the benches. We probably should run the 9,000# roller over the turf runways before they get too dry.

If our grant proposal is awarded, we may be adding several more RV outlets in the main event area. We may also be replacing some solar panels. As usual there is road grading to do and fertilizer to spread. We have to replace part of the sprinkler system header that cracked due to freezing. This needs to be redesigned a bit to add an additional drain.

The Main Event Area's Pit Row is in excellent shape due to the seal coating and re-painting that was done last year.

So there is a lot to do. But last year, members we not showing up for work parties. So, ... We will be scheduling work parties to start catching up on what we have been neglecting for a couple years now! Please keep an eye out for work party notices and make an effort to help! Helping is a good way to cut you dues in half!



### LCMFA Event Registration is Open on RC Nation

Registration for our events is now done via RCNation.com. Our registration site takes in your information and develops an invoice for your registration. Then the invoice is processed through Paypal. You can use a credit card, Paypal or Venmo to pay for your registration in advance. If you want a tent or an electric RV connection you can reserve it via this registration system. It is really easy to use. Also, it remembers your info for any event you later register for.

Here is a link to the [Midwest Jet Pilot's Spring Fling](#) registration page.

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