



Skywriter

Academy of Model Aeronautics

Skymasters R/C Club Newsletter - August 1996



President's Message

Summer is flying on by (no pun intended...) We have a lot of old and new faces out at the field. Speaking of new faces, have you been to a student night lately?? We are averaging well over 30 people, with some nights as many as 50 with over 30 airplanes in the pits!! Its great to see so many pilots (new and old) and their families enjoying an evening at the field. If you haven't made it out to one yet, come join us!

Of course, as we grow, we need to increase our conciousness about safety. As was discussed at the July meeting (see minutes), we need to insure the safety of everyone. We've had some suggestions on improving safety; pointing planes toward the field when starting is one. Another safety suggestion. . . the Board Of Directors strongly suggests use of a restraint (mechanical or person) when starting your plane. This greatly reduces the chance of injury should something unexpected happen.

One other observation has to do with the impound area. First remember all transmitters must be in the impound area when not in use. When returning a transmitter, insure it is off. When picking up a transmitter, check other transmitters in the impound. We have found more than one on in the last several weeks.

We had two very successful events in July. Our annual Fun Fly run by *Jack Flemming* was held on July 14. Jack did a great job (on short notice) running the event, and all participants enjoyed the day. Our Warbirds and Scale fly in was on July 21. *Pete Foss* ran this one on a beautiful day. A wide assortment of planes and pilots made for a full day of flying. We even had a pilot visiting from Japan stop in and experience first hand the difference between mode 1 and mode 2 flying. Thanks to both Jack and Pete for their efforts. Their reports on

these events will appear in next month's newsletter due to an early deadline this month.

We have several more events to go this year.. Our Multi Engine/Multi Wing Fly In is August 11. Get out those twin engine (or more) models and the biplanes, triplanes, etc and bring'em out to fly! *Gary Walling* will be coordinating this one. Our Corn Roast/Top Gun Competition is August 25. A day of flying and food for all, topped with our Top Gun Competition. *Rob Fredericks* is the defending champion (2 years). Let's give him some more competition this year. They tell me the President runs this one...(at least the roast part)

Also coming in September is the Midwest Regional Float Fly, our largest event of the year (see lots of info inside this newsletter) *Darryl Watts* runs this event. Please let any of us know if you would like to help out with these events.

And now a word about noise... As you all know, we have a 96db noise limit enforced at the field. Many pilots that meet this limit still try to make their planes quieter! For those new to the club (and a reminder to the others) we do have neighbors surrounding our field. The quieter we can be (our engines that is), the better for us and our hobby.

To end this month, did you know we had an Olympian in our midst. Congratulations to *Randy MacInnes* for making the USA Olympic Team for muzzle loading rifle shooting! Hope you enjoyed Atlanta, Randy!

Happy Landings,
Greg Cardillo

1996 Club Officers

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Articles must be received by the 20th for the next issue. Articles may be reproduced from Skywriter.

06-Jul-96 Meeting at the field.

Previous meeting minutes were not read.

Treasurers report gave a current balance of \$7424.70

Old business - none

* The field is being mowed weekly for \$70.00

* Pumping the outhouse. This should now have been done.

New business

* Randy McGuiness has 12V Gel cell batteries for sale at \$10.50

* Pete Foss needs some help on 21-Jul-96 for the Warbirds and Scale meet. Contact Pete on 810-652-8756

* Gary Walling needs some help on 11-Aug-96 for the Multi Engine or Multi Wing event. Contact Gary on 810-299-4654.

* The position of the sun on summer evenings can present quite a problem. It was suggested that if there is NO WIND, then take off Left to Right and then get into the pattern. This should minimise being temporarily blinded by the sun.

* ALL transmitters AND receivers have to be narrow band.

* Everyone should identify their transmitters so that everyone else knows who is using which channels.

* Student night (Wednesday). Some points to remember:

* Keep children BEHIND the safety fence.

* Everyone at the field should pay attention - especially when near the transmitter impound checking

that ALL transmitters are OFF.

* Student night is primarily for students and as such signed off pilots should give the students maximum chance to fly.

The next meeting will be on 03-Aug-96 @12:00 Noon at the field.



Skymasters R/C Club

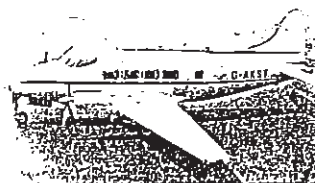
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for an R/C Aircraft event

Multi Engine or Multi Wing

Sunday 11 August 1996

at the Scripps Road field (see map).

Any R/C aircraft with either multiple wings, multiple engines or both is eligible. Event flying starts at 10AM, open flying will start at 2PM.

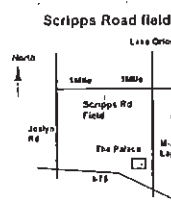


Multi Engine



Multi Wing

Noise limit - 96Db at ten feet - no exceptions.



- * Lots of parking.
- * Refreshments available at events.
- * Pilots prizes.
- * Great chance for the public to see this exciting hobby in action.
- * Toilet located at field.

The Scripps Road flying field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park about five miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills. All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Gary Walling on 810-299-4654

Hi, I would like some help for the 11th August Multi wing/multi engine event - especially for the kitchen. Please call me on 810-299-4654 if you can help out.
Thanks
Gary Walling

Skymasters 1996 Flight Instructors Roster

	Trainer or Advanced	On Call	Present at the field	Wed	Sat	Sun	Location	Phone
BELFI Dave	T		x					
BRADY Chet	A		x					
CARDILLO Greg	A	x	x	x			Lake Orion	810-391-6803
COTE Rob	T		x					
EPLETT Dale	T		x					
FERGUSON Jack	T	x		x			Shelby	810-731-3948
FINKELSTEIN Joe	T		x					
FOSS Pete	T	x		x			Shelby	810-652-8756
FREDERICKS Rob	A	x	x	x			Oxford	810-969-2020
FREDERICKS Steve	A	x		x			Oakland	810-693-6686
GARRET Roger	T		x		x	x		
GLAZA Al	A	x					Royal Oak	810-585-4065
HASS Joe	A	x		x			Troy	810-879-5817
HUDIK Ken	A		x					
KASILLY Mike	T			x				
KOLOMYJEC Harry	A		x					
KOSCIELSKI Frank	T		x					
KRAUER John	T			x				
LEPPARD Bill	A		x					
McGEE Al	T	x		x				810-589-0283
MORGAN Roy	A		x					
MROCK Al	T		x					
NYKANEN Berni	T		x	x				
O'BRIEN Tim	A		x					
OVERTON Graham	A (mode 1)		x					
OVERTON Terry	A (mode 1)		x					
PETTKE Vince	T			x				
PHILLIPS Kevin	A			x			Oxford	810-969-0245
SMITH Sterling	A			x				
SMEYERS Gene	T		x					
SOKACZ Ron	T		x					810-693-6767
VAN HEVEL Gary	T		x					
WATTS Darrell	T		x					

Wednesday night is instruction night at the field. There are instructors available for any students that would like to come out and fly. All of our instructors are excellent pilots. Check to be sure that you are flying with a registered instructor to ensure the safety of your airplane. Please, if you are not an instructor - do not fly students airplanes. If an accident were to happen, AMA insurance would not cover it unless you are a registered club instructor.

Chief Flight Instructor: Pete Foss 810-652-8756

Assistant Chief Flight Instructor: GRAHAM OVERTON

810-628-1651

Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for an R/C Aircraft event

11-Aug-96	Multi Wing/Multi Engine - Scripps Road field. Both multi wing and multi engine planes from biplanes to P38 Lightnings. The sound of a twin engined model aircraft is superb, coupled with some daring flying makes for a very entertaining combination. Gary Walling 810-299-4654
25-Aug-96	Corn Roast and Top Gun - Scripps Road field. This is the club event of the year with our annual 'Top Gun' pilot competition. A field full of aircraft and some great flying - a great day out for all club members and their families. Greg Cardillo 810-391-6803
14/15-Sep-96	Midwest Regional Float Fly - Island Lake State Park, Brighton. This is the big one. Float flyers from all over the Midwest bring all sizes, shapes and all colour of aircraft imaginable and fly them for two days solid. A blast! Darrell Watts 810-373-8777
29-Dec-96	Krazy Snow Fly - Scripps Road field. Come and give your planes and winter clothes an outing. There's plenty of hot food and drinks, a fire and some Krazy flying. The more snow the better! Steve Fredericks 810-693-6686

See article
on the '95 event
in Aug.'96 R/C Modeler

6th Annual

Over 100 models
every year since 1991!

Skymasters Mid-west Regional Float Fly

September 14-15, Island Lake State Park, Brighton, Michigan

"The best float flying site I've ever seen!"

----Dave Brown, President, AMA

*40 acre clear lake *1,000' gently sand beach *6 acre lawn with picnic tables

>>> Always a great Float Fly and now an even bigger "Social Event!"<<<

New for 1996 -- Saturday's flying will be topped off with a great western style cookout right at the flying site. A delicious grilled chicken dinner with all of the fixin's, including dessert! We'll even have a big tent just in case it decides to sprinkle on us.

This is a "fly for fun" event with all kinds of airplanes, from stick trainers, to electric Cubs, to performance models, to 12 foot span, twin engine scale jobs. Running concurrent with the fun flying are two "judged" events, one for sport planes and one for scale planes. (See the rules on the reverse side of this flyer.)

Along with the fun flying there are great pilot prizes! Already we have a Futaba and an Airtronics radio, a G&P Republic Seabee kit, an ACE Sea Dancer kit, a Dynaflyte 83" span PT19, some float kits, some engines and more arriving every day!

'96 Super Prize Raffle

Global
72" Cessna 182

Complete Package!
Ready to gas & fly!

ASP
80 4-stroke

Hitec
Focus 6

ACE Floats
From Ryder's Hobby

Balsa USA kits for the judged events:

** 1/3 scale Fly Baby w/floats for the scale winner!

** 83" span Taube w/floats for the sport winner!

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ AMA# _____ CLUB _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

PRIMARY AIRCRAFT: Model _____ Mfg. _____ Freq/Ch# _____

Help us plan: Will you enter in the "Judged" contests? Sport _____; Scale _____ Send \$5 ea. _____

ENTRY FEE (non-refundable unless event is canceled) \$10 if postmarked by 8/31/96; \$20 after 8/31/96

Cookout Reservation: _____ adults @\$9; _____ children @\$4. Incl. with entry fee _____

Mail to: Skymasters, % Darrell Watts, 124 Rose Brier, Rochester Hills, Mi. 48309

SKYMASTERS MID-WEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY

Flying site: Island Lake Recreation Area, Brighton, Mi., is located on the south side of I96 at Kensington Road (12 mi. west of the I96 - I275 intersection or 3 mi. east of the I96 - US23 intersection). Michigan State Park "Permits" are required and may be purchased at the gate.

The Event:

1. Flying from 9:30am to 4:00pm each day. -- Check-in begins at 8:30 each morning.
2. Aircraft must have been flown & checked for stability and safety before entering this event.
3. Prizes will be distributed by random drawing, raffle, and special categories as designated by the CD. The "Super Prize" will be by raffle.

The "Judged Events" criteria:

1. You may enter a maximum of 1 model in each class (Sport or Scale). Static score =1/3 and the flight score =2/3 of the total score.
2. Static score 0-100 based on "craftsmanship and finish."
3. Flight score 0-100 based on "smoothness & flight characteristics appropriate the model being flown." The flight will be judged for 3 minutes, including take-off - choose your own maneuvers. (The **landing** has been deleted from the judging this year.)
4. The flight judging will take place during one of your normally scheduled 10 minute "pin times." All other flight lines will be in operation so other airplanes will be in the air while you are judged.
5. In the SPIRIT of this "fun/sport" event the intent is to have a builder - flyer contest. However, if you have a disability which prevents you from flying your model you may have a friend fly it for you. Even though the prizes are large the intent is fun -- this criteria cannot avoid a certain amount of subjectivity, so please enter and fly your model for all to enjoy but **remember the intent** and that the decision of the judges and the Contest Director are absolutely final. If your are involved in a team project, please bring it, but don't plan on entering the judging.
6. To allow us the flexibility to get both the static and flight judging completed, please make every possible effort to attend both days. Winners will be announced at 2pm Sunday. If you win both classes you must choose between prizes. The prize you do not choose will go to the 2nd place entry in that class. **LAST YEARS WINNERS MAY NOT COMPETE WITH THE SAME MODEL.**

EVENT HEADQUARTERS: WYNDHAM GARDEN HOTEL

1. The Wyndham is an upscale hotel located only 8 miles east of the flying site. Exit I96 at Novi Road south, turn east into the Novi Town Center shopping area - the hotel is located on the access road, on the east side of the center.
2. Special Rates - Regular room for **only \$64** single occupancy, \$74 double occupancy.
3. Reservations - Make your own. Call by August 30th! Call: **810-344-8800**. Ask for the Skymasters rate.

OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA:

>Sheraton Oaks, Novi, Mi.	>Best Western of Whitman Lk., Mi.	>Knights Inn, Howell, Mi.
- \$74 single or double	- \$54 single or double	- \$36 single, \$40 double
across from the Wyndham	15 minutes south of the flying site	15 minutes west of the flying site
800-325-3535 or 810-348-5000	800-528-1234 or 313-449-2058	517-548-3510 (ask for Skymasters rate)

SKYMASTERS '96 AMA Sanctioned Events

Multi-engine or Multi-wing Fly In

August 11

Skymasters Scripps Rd. Field** - Fly for fun! Models as described in title

Skymasters 6th Annual Mid-West Regional Float Fly

Sept. 14-15

Island Lake State Park, Brighton, Mi. - (See reverse side for details)

* This is a fly for fun event with nominal pilot door prizes, usually gift certificates at local hobby shops.

** Skymasters Scripps Rd. Field -- Off of Lapeer Rd. (M24), approximately 3 miles north of the *Palace of Auburn Hills*. Take Scripps Rd. west about .7 of a mile, Skymasters entrance is on the south side of the road.

Dear Sir:

Rarely do I have a problem with the club publication, The Skywriter, but recent developments prompt me to write this letter.

My most recent copy of The Skywriter has in it what can only be described as a gross misjustice of literary standards. I make mention of the omission of the pride and joy of my fleet, "Ugly Bob". I'm not sure where the problem started but I am sure that proper administrative policies concerning publication of meeting minutes have been ignored and that has resulted in fall of one of model aviations greatest textual works. How can we credit ourselves with being a Gold Leader Club when our house publication is not in order? I, and others present at the meeting, feel the error was intentional as to slight the other less beautiful craft present at show and tell. Mr. Petke worked many long hours to achieve the collage effect that has become the trade mark of "Ugly Bob's" being. It is very difficult to make 17 different colors of covering work together as one and then have them come off in a timed fashion during flight take great skill. All this to have the plane merely overlooked in The Skywriter is an unbearable disgrace. Something is gravely wrong here gentlemen! These things should not take place!! We hurt to the point of tears!!! I shall not rest until justice has been served. I expect a full apology to both myself and Mr. Petke for leaving "Ugly Bob" out of the paper. My attorney, Mr. Fieger is very busy lately so please direct any response to my address.

Letter To The Editor

Kevin E. Phillips

Skymasters Club Dinner

Date: September 14th

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Island Lk. State Park

Yes, this is the dinner that follows the big Fall float-fly -- but we are really looking for a big turn out from Skymasters members whether or not you are planning on flying or helping with the float-fly itself. Not only is it going to be a super dinner at a super price, but it is our club's chance to shine in front of a lot of out of town pilots and distinguished guests such as Dave Brown the President of AMA.

This is going to be a great dinner, chicken cooked on the grille with all the fixin's -- salad vegetable, dessert and drink! And all of this for only \$9 per adult (\$4 for children under 12)! We also have arranged for a big (200 person) tent so the dinner goes on rain or shine.

Please help us plan for the quantity of food we are going to need by sending in your reservation early. Fill out the reservation form below and mail it with your check today!

Detach here and mail with your check

Yes, I plan on attending the Skymasters Club Dinner.

Mail by Aug. 31st

Please reserve _____ space(s) for adult(s) @\$9 and _____ space(s) for children @\$4.

TOTAL \$ _____

*****Make check out to Skymasters and mail to: Darrell Watts, 124 Rose Brier, Rochester Hills, Mi.48309. *****

No refunds available after Aug.31.

M.I.S.S.

Michigan International Soaring Society

M.I.S.S. is an AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) chartered club which supports the building and flying of radio controlled model sailplanes. Model sailplanes typically have wingspans of 6 to 10 feet and can be flown to altitudes of two thousand feet or higher with flight times of a half an hour or more. These planes are beautiful to watch fly as they soar like hawks and eagles. As a pilot it's fun to search for rising air that will carry the aircraft higher. As a hobby it's rewarding to construct with your own hands a well engineered and beautiful aircraft.

IF THIS SPORT INTEREST'S YOU, CONTACT M.I.S.S

- Talk with a club member to learn more about the sport.
- Visit a field site and watch club members launch and fly their sailplanes.
- Attend a monthly meeting and talk with members about radio equipment, models and building techniques.
- Build a sailplane this winter, members will help you select an aircraft.
(Almost Ready to Fly Aircraft are also available from retail outlets).
- An experience club pilot can teach you to fly your sailplane.
- Test your skill in friendly club competition.
- Participate in the League of Silent Flight.

Contact:	Bob Hatmaker	(313) 383-9103
	Norm Sorensen	(313) 534-0356
	Terry Povlich	(810) 476-2972
	Tom Blaszk	(313) 277-3365

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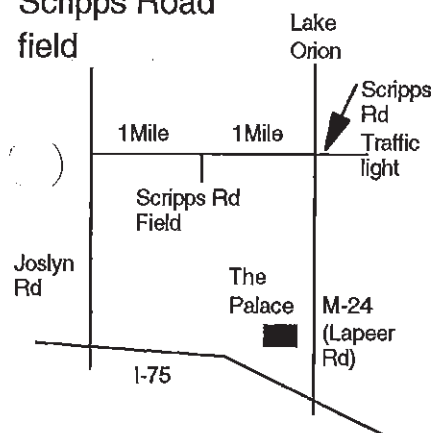
MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SOARING SOCIETY ANNUAL AMA SANCTIONED CONTEST SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 1996

SITE: ADDISON OAKS PARK ROMEO ROAD 3.5 MILES WEST OF ROCHESTER ROAD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:
• Al Sorensen CD (313) 274-8712
• Norm Sorensen (313) 534-0356
• Lonnie Herr (313) 453-2521

PILOTS MEETING: 10:00 AM

Scripps Road
field

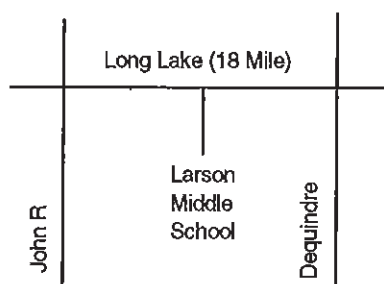


Skymasters information

Skymasters (AMA club # 970) field is located within the Bald Mountain State park (see the map). State park stickers are required and can be obtained from the Park Station located on Greenshield road which is couple of miles south of Scripps road on M-24. Flying is permitted from 10AM to 8PM. The noise limit for 1996 is 96Db at 10'. This noise rule is strictly enforced.

Students are encouraged at any time and co-ordination with a flight instructor may be advisable during week days. During the summer months Wednesday evenings is student night and there are usually instructors around all afternoon. Student night is also 'pot-luck' buffet night so that you can fly-n-feed (though not usually at the same time). Chief Flight Instructor : Pete Foss 810-652-8756, Assistant Chief Flight Instructor : Graham Overton 810-628-1651.

Winter meetings



From June to August Club meetings are held at the field on the first Saturday of the month at 12 noon - a great chance to fly and gossip too ! Winter meetings are held at Larson Middle School (on Long Lake just east of John R - see map) on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month and they start at 7:30PM. Show and tell, coffee and donuts, and model-speak are the order of the evening. Come along - they are fun.

The Skywriter newsletter is sent to all members, local hobby shops and other local R/C clubs. Any and all contributions are welcomed, please pass any articles to the Editor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our hobby (friend, relative, neighbour, colleague or acquaintance) - why not give them a copy of this newsletter or a copy of an AMA magazine.



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Radio Control Club of Michigan

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