



SkyWriter

Skymasters R/C Club Newsletter - January 1997

President's Message

Welcome to 1997 and Happy New Year! It seems (to me at least) that 1996 just started... This begins my second year as Skymasters President, and my 20th as an R/C pilot! I am looking forward to a lot of flying this year... But first, there is a lot of time left in Swap Shop season, and Toledo 97 is fast approaching!

Last months events included our annual **Christmas Party**. We had approximately 100 people and about 20 planes on display. **Kevin Phillips** brought his Jazz Band from Clawson Middle school to entertain us, and **Santa** visited us with gifts for the kids! Many people pitched in to help out including my wife **Denise**; **Vince & Shirley Pettke**; **Bob & Donna Burns**; **Pete, Carolyn, and Samantha Foss**; **Kevin and Terri Phillips**; **Fred and Jerry Johnston**; **Paul & Linda Shurtliff**; **Carl & Cindy Long**; **Bill Dezur**; and many others I am sure I am forgetting. Thank you to all, and I hope you enjoyed yourself!

Once again, **Carl Long** and I played Santa to our neighbors around the field on December 14. We were met with many smiles and thank yous as we delivered tins of cookies. Several neighbors were not home and found their tins waiting for them

(unlike last year, we had a nice day this year...) I have received several thank you notes from our neighbors, as well as the many thanks we got that day.

By the time you read this, our last event of the year, the **Krazy Snow Fly** will be history. Hopefully, mother nature cooperated with us one last time for 1996.

We will be determining our event schedule for 1997 in early January. If you are interested in helping out, or maybe coordinating one of our events next year, let me know. Some of our past event directors are looking for either additional help, or someone else to coordinate the event. Here's a chance to help out the club (and you will get plenty of help as well.) Our events include float flies; mammoth fly in; four stroke and majestic; fun fly; warbirds and scale; multi engine / multi wing, kids day, and our corn roast / top gun. There is something here for everyone.

Our first event of 1997 is our annual Swap Shop on Wednesday, February 26 at Larson Middle School (our regular meeting night). **Gary Walling** is again coordinating this event. So start going through your shop, and find those things you don't need, and

figure out what you would like to buy! As last year, there is only a \$3 entry and *no charge* for a table! There will be many door prizes as well. See flyer in this newsletter for more information.

We are still looking for a volunteer to take over as custodian for our video library. Want to know more about what's involved, contact **Bill Shaffmaster**. Bill is looking for a replacement after 8 years of service.

We are looking for input from you for what you would like to see in 1997. There is a questionnaire in this newsletter. Think about what you would like to see at meetings, meeting frequency, ideas for the field, events, etc. Please take a few minutes, and answer the survey. It can be returned via mail to me or placed in a box we will set out at our January meetings. This is your club and your input counts.

Happy Landings,
Greg Cardillo



1997 Club Officers

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Editor:	Gary Walling	3403 Nichols Dr, Auburn Hills	810-299-4654

Articles must be received by the 20th for next issue.

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If there is anybody who is considering becoming a Skymaster Flight Instructor for 1997 - call Pete Foss (810-652-8756) or Graham Overton (810-628-1651) for more information.

SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB

1997 APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____ Birthdate: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Street: _____ Home Phone: _____

City: _____ R/C Experience: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ AMA#: _____

Other Family members who fly:

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

Name: _____ AMA#: _____

FIELD RULES

- 1) Field hours are 10 AM - 8 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS!)
- 2) Noise limit for 1997 is 95 DB at 10 feet.
- 3) All transmitters must be narrow band (Gold Stickered)
- 4) All receivers must be AMA approved narrow band.
- 5) Membership card must be placed in slot on frequency board.
- 6) You must not fly behind the flight line.
- 7) AMA Safety Code must be followed.
- 8) All Vehicles are required to have a 1997 State Park Permit.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them and all other Skymasters and AMA rules and regulations.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Date: _____ Dues Paid: _____ AMA Verified: _____

To renew by mail send:

- 1) Check for \$50 (\$55 after February 28, 1997).
- 2) Photocopy of 1997 AMA Card.
- 3) 1996 Skymasters Card.
- 4) Self addressed stamped envelope.
- 5) Sign Application !!!

TO:

Kevin C. Satchell
821 River Valley Drive
Lake Orion, MI 48362
Phone: 810-693-8213

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AIRBUS BULLISH ABOUT VERY LARGE AIRPLANE



Airbus Industries reports "keen interest" from world airlines in its proposed A3XX world's largest airliner, which would carry between 555 and 800 passengers up to 8,500 nautical miles in greater comfort and with better economy than any airliner flying or planned, and as a brand-new design will have far greater growth-potential than projected derivatives of existing designs, the company claims.

Airbus is working with a core group of interested airlines to define the A3XX, with the aim of launching it in time to

start passenger service in the year 2003. It sees very large airplanes (VLAs) such as this as the most efficient and economical way to meet the forecast threefold increase in air travel over the next two decades without building new airports, and believes there will be a \$300 billion market for 1,380 airliners of 500+ seats capacity up to 2014. Four main markets have been identified for the A3XX: within Asia, Asia-Europe, transatlantic and transpacific.

According to Airbus, by limiting its wingspan to 259 feet and fitting sufficient

wheels to spread its maximum ramp weight of up to 500 tons, the A3XX will be able to use existing airport runways, taxiways and stands with minimum changes that can readily be introduced as part of airports' normal evolution. In its initial A3XX-100 version the airplane will return direct operating costs (DOCs) at least 15 percent better than the largest airliner now flying. The stretched A3XX-200, seating 656 passengers in three classes or up to 990 all-coach, will have at least 20 percent better DOCs per seat.

With its spacious cabin the A3XX will offer travelers the widest seats yet and unprecedented space for carry-on baggage, Airbus claims. It will be the first airliner with four aisles, two each on main and upper decks, allowing a good flow during boarding and disembarking and an airport turnaround time of 90 minutes or less. Options are being studied for the semi-automated distribution of meals; a fast-food outlet is one possibility. Some potential customers are looking at the possibility of installing bedrooms, conference rooms, a mini-gym and a medical center.

First estimates of A3XX development cost suggest that it could be up to \$8 billion. The investment will be raised from Airbus Industries' partners through repayable government loans and via equity participation from other aerospace companies around the world.

ATTENTION RETIREE'S AND WANT-A-BEE'S

WHAT-----COME JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST FROM 9 O'CLOCK AM TO 11 O'CLOCK AM.

WHEN-----THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH. STARTING JANUARY 6TH 1997

WHY-----TO SWAP STORIES AND DISCUSS YOUR WINTER FLYING PROJECTS

WHERE---DENNY'S RESTAURANT 714 ROCHESTER ROAD, ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN

THIS IS THE DENNY'S RESTAURANT THAT IS AT THE NORTH END OF THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER. (ROCHESTER ROAD IS ALSO CALLED MAIN STREET)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME-- SEE YOU THERE BOB BURNS

RADIO CONTROL & ROCKET HEADQUARTERS

FULL
SERVICE



EXPERIENCED
HELP
HELPS

MON. - SAT. 10:00-7:00
SUN. 10:00-3:00

MILES

Remember folks - the noise limit for 1997 is **95Db at 10'**.

Two "EXTRA-300" aircraft belonging to Dave Grip were stolen from Canby Field, South of Portland, Oregon, on the night of September 6, 1996. One was a Midwest and the other a PMP kit. Both have Moki 1.8 engines and JR radio systems. The color scheme for each is yellow with blue and white trim. The wings are white underside with blue leading edge and fluorescent red stripes. AMA 24756 is inside and outside on both aircraft.

The aircraft were cable locked between the owner's camper and pickup truck at the event site. The thief(s) cut the cable and took the two aircraft with the 80" plus wings installed. If you see these planes, please contact Dave Grip, 205-546-5159

Skymasters 1997 Swap Shop - Gary Walling 810-299-4654

Our annual Swap shop will be held on Wednesday 26-Feb-1997 at Larson Middle School. Set-up time is 6PM with general entry at 7PM. Raffles will be drawn at 7-30PM, 8-15PM and 9PM. The 50/50 and door prize will be drawn at 9PM too.

I have been busy trying to organise the event and now need to call on our club members to help me by volunteering some of their time to help out during the evening. There are various jobs to be done, some light work and some heavier - but there will be jobs for all ! Bill Dzure has accepted the job of organising the kitchen for the event and so both of us will need some help. This year we will try to schedule people before the event with small half hour 'slots'. If you would like to volunteer then please call me on 810-299-4654 and we can 'pencil you in !' The following 'slots' are available :

Time	Door 1	Door 2	Kitchen 1	Kitchen 2	Raffle 1	Raffle 2
5.30 - 6.00						
6.00 - 6.30						
6.30 - 7.00						
7.00 - 7.30						
7.30 - 8.00						
8.00 - 8.30						
8.30 - 9.00						

Please, please, please consider helping out, it spreads the load and lightens it too. Please note that we also need people from around 6PM to help unload cars and afterwards (at 9.20 ish) to help tidy up. About three people (Skymasters randomly drawn from the crowd) will also be needed at each raffle drawing to help distribute the prizes.



Skymasters Swap Shop

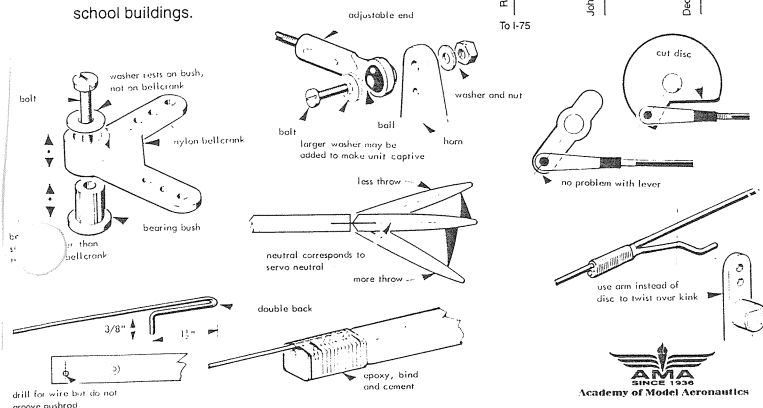
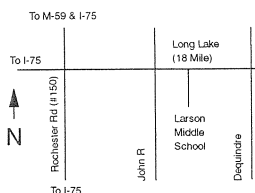
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club
for our annual Swap Shop on :

Wednesday 26th February 1997

Table set-up - 6PM, general entry - 7PM

Larson Middle School
Long Lake (18 Mile), east of John R., Troy

- * \$3-00 Admission includes :
Door prize ticket.
One free table (first come - first served)
- * Refreshments available.
- * 50/50 drawing.
- * Raffles drawn throughout the evening.
- * Please remember - no smoking in the school buildings.



Event schedule courtesy of Michigan Flying Times.

January 12: Detroit Aero Modelers R/C Swap & Shop, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.; AMA sanctioned static scale contest at 1 p.m. at K of C in Livonia. For table reservations or information, call Tom Weedon, 313-697-0875.

January 12: Kalamazoo Indoor Flyers meet and fly free flight, rubber, electric and compressed air power, "stick and tissue" airplanes at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College gymnasium. 1-4 p.m. \$3-\$5 to cover gym rental. Contact Dave Dobbs at 616-624-6956.

January 19: Metro Miniature Aircraft Association 5th Annual R/C Swap 'N' Shop in Westland. For information, call Larry Dalrymple, 313-722-2489.

January 26: Sturgis WingDingers 19th Annual Swap Shop at the Sturgis Armory on N. Centerville Rd.

February 2: Flying Aces Swap Meet. For information, call Dave Davies, 810-229-0802.

February 9: Swapaganza '97 sponsored by Western Michigan Radio Aircraft Flyers Club at Barry County Expo Complex in Hastings. For more information, call Sue Schmidt, 616-243-9149.

February 9: Kalamazoo Indoor Flyers meet and fly free flight, rubber, electric and compressed air power, "stick & tissue" airplanes at Kalamazoo Valley Community College gymnasium. 12:30-3:00 p.m. \$3-\$5 to cover gymnasium rental. Call Dave Dobbs at 616-624-6956.

February 16: Mid-Michigan Radio Control Swap Meet sponsored by Chesaning Area R/C Modelers at Baker College on Gute St. in Owosso. Airplanes, helicopters, boats, cars. For table reservations, call Paul Binkley, 810-639-2711 before 12/21 or after 1/12/97.

February 17: Ribcrackers Auction at Livonia Senior Center. For information, call Greg Bessette, 810-229-9732.

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

Skymasters 1997 Members Survey

This survey is intended to get YOUR input on what you like (and don't like) about the club; what you would like to see differently; ideas for meetings, events, etc. Please take a moment and give us your thoughts...

Meetings:

We currently have 2 meetings per month (except school holidays) from January thru May and September thru December; and 1 meeting per month in June thru August. This is: (Circle one)

A: Too many meetings

B: Too few meetings

C: Right number of meetings

Comments _____

Our meeting format is normally information-sharing about events, a program, show and tell, old & new business. Please comment about what you would like to see done differently at our meetings:

Comments _____

Do you regularly attend our fall/winter/spring meetings? YES NO

Do you regularly attend our summer meetings at the field? YES NO

If you answered no to either or both, is there something we could change that would increase your attendance?

Comments _____

Please provide any suggestions for meeting programs; any topics you would like to see discussed.

Comments _____

Flying Field

How often do you fly?

A: Rarely

C: Once a Week

E: Other _____

B: Once a Month

D: More than Once a Week

What do you like about our field?

Comments _____

What would you suggest to improve or change our flying field?

Comments _____

Events

In 1996, Skymasters hosted 10 flying events; 8 at our Scripps Road field.

How many events did you attend?

A: None

C: 3 - 4

E: 7-8

B: 1 - 2

D: 5-6

F: 9-10

The number of events held each year is:

A: Too many

B: Too few

C: Right Number

Comments _____

If you could add/delete an event, which event would you suggest and why?

Comments _____

General

What you like most about Skymasters is:

Comments _____

What you like least about Skymasters is:

Comments _____

Anything else you would like to say:

Comments _____

When complete, please fold in thirds on dotted lines and mail to Greg Cardillo, or return at a January Club Meeting.
Your Opinion Counts!



Skymasters R/C Club
2086 Cedar Key Court
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Place
Stamp
Here

Greg Cardillo
2086 Cedar Key Court
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Flying Pilgrims R/C Club



4th Annual



Swap Meet

Sunday • March 9, 1997

9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

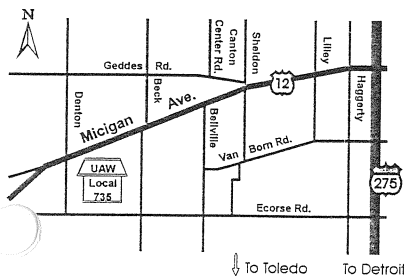
Door Prizes - Refreshments

Admission \$ 3.00

Tables \$10.00 • 1 Free Admission per Table

8:30 A.m. setup

For table reservation contact: Ralph Lesko (313) 675-5769



Make Checks payable to:
Flying Pilgrims
Mail to: Ralph Lesko
3510 Rose Circle
Trenton, MI 48183

UAW Local 735 Hall
48055 Michigan Ave.
Canton, MI 48188
Between
Beck and Denton Rd.

METRO MINIATURE AIRCRAFT ASSOC.

PRESENTS
5th ANNUAL

R/C SWAP "N" SHOP

SUN. JAN. 19th 1997

OPENS 9:am

TABLE SETUP 8:am

DOOR PRIZES

REFRESHMENTS

WAYNE FORD
CIVIC LEAGUE

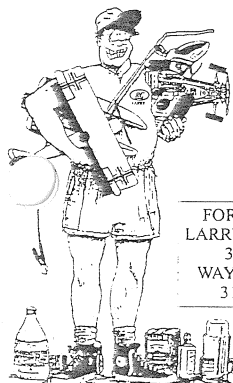
1661 N. WAYNE RD.
WESTLAND, MICH.

TABLES \$12.00

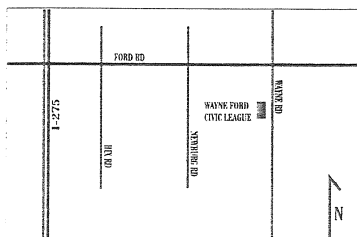
ADMISSION \$3.00

MULTI-TABLE DISCOUNTS

WOMEN & CHILDREN UNDER 16
FREE

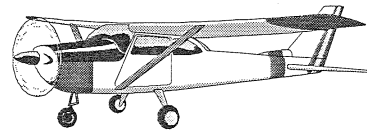


FOR INFO, CALL
LARRY DALRYMPLE
31590 TAFT
WAYNE, MI. 48184
313/722-2489



MID-MICHIGAN RADIO CONTROL MODEL

SWAP MEET



FEB. 16, 1997

SUN. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Baker College
Gute St.
Owosso, MI

Ample Parking

★**SWAP**

★**SELL**

★**TRADE**

- HELICOPTERS
- AIRPLANES
- KITS
- BOATS
- CARS



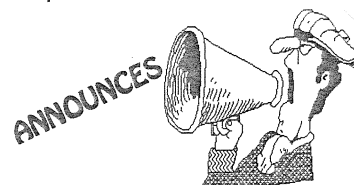
D. & J. Electronics
will be here to
check out your
radio's for you,
Gold Sticker, etc.

Admission - \$3.00
17 & under - \$1.00

Tables - \$12.00

Make Checks Payable To:
Chesaning Area R/C Club

All Tables MUST be paid in advance by no later than
January 31st, 1997 or your reservations will be void.
THIS SHOW IS ALWAYS A SELL OUT!
FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE



R/C SWAP & SHOP

R/C Airplanes, Cars, Boats, & Equipment

! DOOR PRIZES every 1/2 HOUR !

ADMISSION

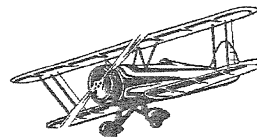
\$ 3 AT DOOR
UNDER 12 FREE

TABLES

\$12 ADVANCE REGISTRATION
\$14 AT DOOR
INCLUDES ONE ADMISSION

RAFFLE
a complete R/C model
ready to fly !

9 A.M. till 3 P.M.
Sunday, Jan 12, '97



LOCATION

Monahan K Of C Hall
19801 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, Mich.
Between 7 & 8 Mile Rds.
2 miles East of I-275 & 7 Mile Rd. exit
3 1/2 miles North of I-96 & Farmington Rd.

REFRESHMENTS

♦ ♦ ♦ BRING YOUR BEST MODEL ♦ ♦ ♦

STATIC SCALE CONTEST
Trophies for first three places in the
following categories:

1. Scale War Planes
2. Scale Civilian Planes

AMA Sanctioned, Judging Rules
come early - space limited.
Previous Winners not Eligible.

Judging starts at 1 p.m..
One model per contestant.

FOR TABLE RESERVATIONS, CALL TOM WEDDON 313-697-0875 or MIKE CUBA 313-522-7633

SHOP TILL U DROP