

## President's Message

This spring has been a wet, cold, windy one for the most part. Many have taken advantage of the few nice days we have had. Don't forget to check over your plane before flying, especially for the first time this season... You never know; a motor may fall out in flight!

Unfortunately we have some sad news this month. Jerry Schoenbeck lost his battle with cancer. Jerry passed away on Thursday, May 15. There is a memorial service scheduled for Saturday, May 31. See inside for more details. We will miss you Jerry.

We had a busy month in May... **Carl Long** and I gave a presentation about the club and R/C to the *Friends of Bald Mountain* at their monthly May meeting. Several planes were hanging from the ceiling; combined with a video and talk. Thanks to Wade Wiley and Joe Haas for photographing and piloting over our field and the park.

Our flying events for the year have begun. The Seven Lakes Float Fly and the Bald Mountain Float Fly have come and gone. Thanks to **Chet Brady** and **Carl Long** for coordinating these events. Saturday was cool, but no wind for most of the day. Sunday had the sun, but the wind kicked up

as well. There was plenty of flying (and retrieving by the boats) both days!

We are now on our summer schedule. Our first *Student Night / Pot Luck* Dinner is Wednesday June 4! Our meetings are the first Saturday of the month at noon at the Scripps Road Field; the first is June 7. Be sure to bring a plane with you! Our summer meetings are typically short with lots of time for flying.

We have several events in June as well. June 8 is our *Kid's Day*. This is a chance for kids (of all ages) to try flying a radio controlled airplane. The club provides the planes, instructors, fuel, etc. The kids get a ground school on how to control the plane, and a chance to fly on a buddy box. We are looking for trainer planes and instructors for the day. Contact **Carl Long** for more info or to volunteer yourself or your plane.

Also in June is the *Harold 'Big H' Mesales 4 Stroke and Majestic Flyers* on June 22 hosted by yours truly. Any plane with a 4 stroke engine or old timers, slow biplanes, etc. are invited to fly.

The *Chet Brady Memorial Mammoth Fly In* is making its June debut on the 29 in search

of better weather. Any monoplanes over 80"; biplanes over 60", or quarter scale planes are welcome. **Bill Leppard** is coordinating this one for us.

I would like to pass on a thank you to **Bob Greer** this month. Bob has been taking care of the mailing of our newsletters for a while now. Picking up at printer; folding; stapling; and mailing. Bob is moving to Canton this year. Thank you for all your help.

Some reminders and information as we get into the peak flying season to close out the month....

There are now no left turn signs posted on M24 North at Scripps Road! Be careful or you might be supporting the OCS!

If you are breaking in an engine at the field, bring it to the far west side of the pits near the tall grass to minimize the distraction to others.

Our flying hours are 10am to 8pm with no exceptions.

More from the survey results next month... ran out of time this month...

Happy Landings,  
Greg Cardillo



## 1997 Club Officers

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## 1997 SKYMASTERS INSTRUCTOR ROSTER

		Trainer or Advanced	Oncall	Present at Field	Mornings	W	Sat	Sun	Phone Number
Belfi	Dave	T		X					
Brady	Chet	A	X						810 469-3079
Brausa	Greg	T		X					
Burns	Bob	T		X	X				
<b>Cardillo</b>	<b>Greg</b>	A	X			X			810 391-6803
Eplett	Dale	T		X					
Ferguson	Jack	T	X			X			810 731-3948
<b>Finkelstein</b>	<b>Joe</b>	T	X			X			810 375-0530
<b>Foss</b>	<b>Pete</b>	A	X			X	X	X	810 652-8756
Fredericks	Steve	A	X			X			810 693-6686
Garret	Roger	T		X			X	X	
Hass	Joe	A	X			X			810 879-5817
Knee	Chris	T		X					
Kolomyjec	Harry	A		X					
Leppard	Bill	A		X					
McGee	Al	T	X			X			810 589-0283
Middleton	Marv	T		X	X				
Morgan	Roy	A		X					
Mrock	Al	T		X	X				
O'Brien	Tim	A		X					
Overton	Graham	A*		X					
Pettke	Vince	T		X		X			
<b>Phillips</b>	<b>Kevin</b>	A	X			X			810 969-0245
<b>Satchell</b>	<b>K.C.</b>	T	X						810 693-8213
Smith	Sterling	A		X		X			
Smyers	Gene	T		X					
Sokacz	Ron	T	X		X	X			810 977-1404
Van Hevel	Gary	T		X					
Watts	Darrell	T		X					
Weeks	Gary	T	X						810 540-8358

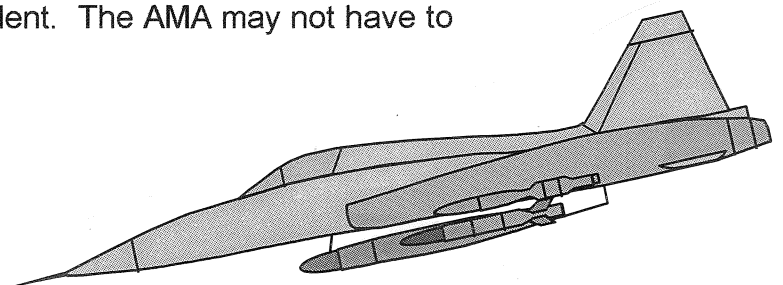
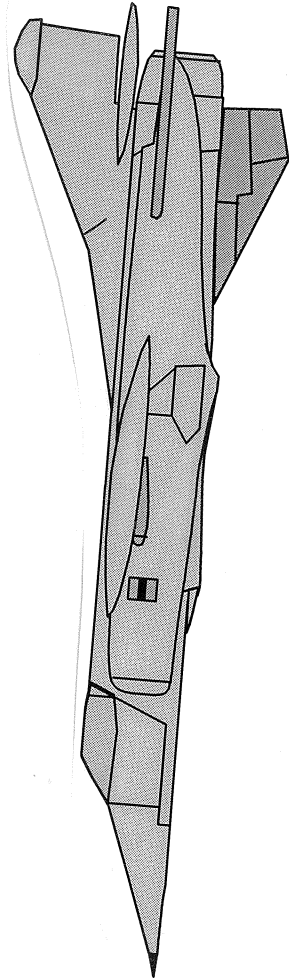
Names in bold are AMA Into Pilot instructors who can fly someone for 30 days without AMA membership.

A\* Graham Overton flies Mode 1 not Mode 2.

Please find above a tentative instructors list for 1997. Several past instructors who have not paid their dues yet are not included. If and when they pay, the board will discuss whether they should be instructors. Also not included are several prospective instructors who don't seem to want to follow club rules. Since instructors have a huge effect on their students behavior, that's the last person we want as an instructor.

Finally, a note to the students. If you fly with someone who is not an instructor while you have only a student card, you are breaking club and AMA rules. You are putting all of us at risk in the case of an accident. The AMA may not have to pay for damages in that case!

Pete Foss Chief Flight Instructor



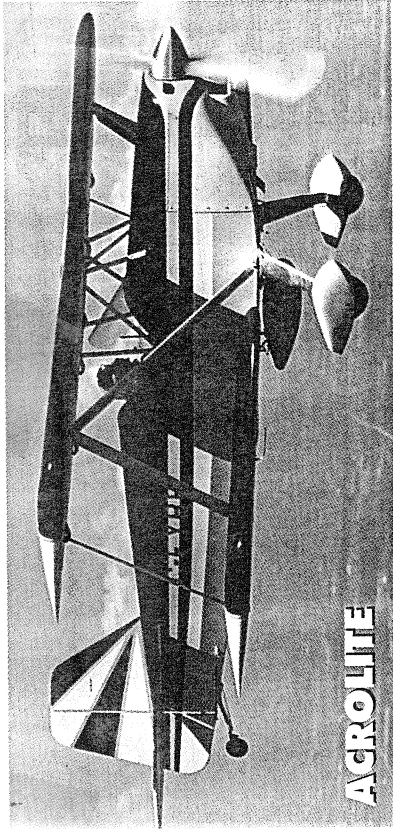
## Jerry Schoenbeck

For those who don't know, Jerry Schoenbeck lost his battle with cancer on Thursday May 15th. A memorial service with a reception to follow will be held for him on Saturday May 31st at 2:00 at:

St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church  
55355 Mound Rd.  
Shelby Twp, MI 48316  
(North of 25 Mile Rd)

Donations in Jerry's name may be made to:

- 1) St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church Building Fund  
55355 Mound Rd.  
Shelby Twp, MI 48316
- 2) St. Joseph of Macomb Hospice  
43411 Garfield Rd Suite B  
Clinton Twp., MI 48038
- 3) Karmanos Cancer Institute  
15111 13 Mile Rd.  
Warren, MI 48093



Aircraft Spruce & Specialty is offering plans and kits for the new Acrolite, one of the winners in an Aircraft Spruce design contest. Designed to be powered by a two- or four-stroke Rotax engine of between 65 and 80 horsepower, the single-seat Acrolite is intended for sportsman-level aerobatics. A scratchbuild-package for the airplane, which includes a complete set of plans, instruction manual and maintenance manual, costs \$300. A complete construction kit costs approximately \$6,500. For additional information, call Aircraft Spruce West at 800/824-1930 or Aircraft Spruce East at 800/831-2949.

If you want to send a card to his wife, you can reach Lorraine at:

38712 West Golf View  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

## BUNKERED

Scandinavian Airlines System came up with an original explanation for why several of the carrier's airplanes are being grounded because of spares shortage: The spare parts supplier was unable to meet the airline's demands because of a shortage of titanium caused by the rising demand for that metal in the manufacture of golf clubs.

**TRIANGULATION**  
Reports are circulating in England of sightings of a mysterious flying triangle-shaped airplane operating mostly in an area off the northwest coast. Observers have reported the craft as being perfectly triangular in planform, wedge-shaped in side elevation, with a wingspan of 30-50 feet. It is said to be extremely maneuverable, performing such very high speed climbs and high-G turns that speculation is rife that it could be unmanned, yet it can also hover. Many witnesses report that it has dull red and yellow lights, like a flashlight with dying batteries, and is sometimes seen to have peripheral flash-sighting reports the triangle overlying an east coast seaside resort at 200 feet, accompanied by two Tornado fighters, the trio heading toward an offshore air combat maneuvering range, again prompting speculation that it might be remotely piloted from one of the forming aircraft. The triangle might be connected with an incident in January 1995 when the crew of a British Airways Boeing 737 on descent into Manchester Airport filed a near-miss report on an unidentified wedge-shaped airplane that passed it at high speed on a reciprocal heading, so close that the 737's copilot ducked. Extensive investigation of the incident by U.K. civil and military authorities failed to identify the aircraft, concluding that its nature and identity are unknown.

↑ FROM JUNE '97  
'FLYING' MAG ↓

# Bald Mountain Involvement Day

The weather was perfect and the turnout of Skymasters was excellent. The park rangers were ready when we arrived. This year I tried again to assign jobs ahead of Involvement Day so members knew ahead of time what to expect when they arrived. It takes a little time to get everybody placed on the job they requested. The rangers have to go out with each group to show them what they want done and how to accomplish it.

Bob Riemer and George Launiger were in charge of leading each group. I think they did a great and thorough job, especially considering that they had a minimum of ten different groups to get set up. The projects this year were: building two horseshoe pit and fences for them, spreading gravel and raking on the Rathburg trail, tearing down the old oil shed, painting the containment building, painting trash barrels, building trash corrals, refinishing the Skymaster's entrance sign, repairing picnic tables, picking up trash in the park and a few other fill in jobs.

Thanks to all the park employees working hard to keep everyone busy, things went very smooth and almost all of the projects were completed before 4:00 p.m. This is our most important event to help assure the continued existence of our field at its present site. I and the other club volunteers look forward to this day as a day of enjoyment, knowing we helped our Bald Mountain State Park as they have helped us in the past. They provide us with a field close to our club members and help us retain it for future club members.

This was a special year for park manager Bill Stark who is retiring this year. Our club thanks him for all his past efforts to work with us. Without Bill there probably would not be a Skymaster's field in the park. We wish him the best of luck in his retirement and hope he'll stop by at some of our events and enjoy some great memories.

Thanks again Bill, and thanks to all the club members who showed up for Involvement Day: Mary Middleton, Kirby Elliot, Sandy Demaggio, Carl Long, Chris Lagerould, Chester Brady, Herman Greit, Dick Chapman, Jim Schwarz, Ron Greening, Doug Riley, John Verbruggen, Bill Leppard, K.C. Satchell, Rob Fredericks, Al Mroek, Doug Riley Jr., Otto Gutzell, Ron Sokacz, Bud Howard, Darrel Watts, Scott Robinson, Ron Thuringer, Gene Thuringer, Jim Fritcher, Jim Zagacki, Pete Foss, Carolyn Foss, Sam Foss, Paul Shurtliff, Bud Alexander, Bob Veller, Dave Lange, Al Post, Mary Post, Dave Claus, Kevin Phillips. Also thanks to anyone who missed signing their name on the list. You were all very much appreciated by the club and the park staff.

Thanks again,

Steve Fredericks

Jul 1-22	Buy & Fly Tailgate Swap Meet	
Saturday & Sunday	Lee Tait - (810) 781-6287	
Sunday	Randy Des Rosiers - (810) 588-0315	
July 12	AMA WWII Combat Meet	
Saturday	Greg Rose (CD) - (810) 391-2149	
	Lee Tait - (810) 781-6287	
July 26	Romeo Fun Fly - Members Only	
Saturday	Pete Gayner - (810) 652-0843	
Aug 9	Fun Scale Meet	
Saturday	John Albers - (810) 650-2331	
	Randy Des Rosiers - (810) 588-0315	
Aug 24	Club Picnic - Members & Guests	
Sunday		
Aug 31	Peach Festival Air Show	
Sunday	Bill Mullaly - (810) 798-8701	
	Randy Des Rosiers - (810) 588-0315	
Sept 6	Youth Day - All Invited	
Saturday	Tom Rasmussen - (810) 628-7003	
Sept 7	Whirlybirds Helicopter Meet	
Sunday	Bill Davie - (810) 979-6459	
Sept 13	AMA WWII Combat Meet	
Saturday	Greg Rose (CD) - (810) 391-2149	
	Lee Tait - (810) 781-6287	

## 1997 Schedule of Events Romeo Area Radio Control Airplane Club Skyhawks

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

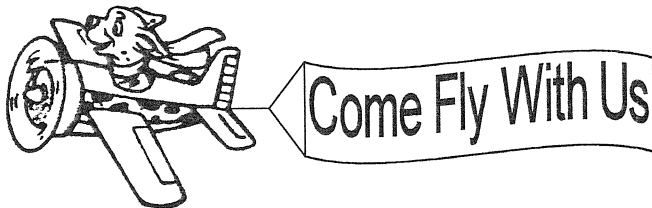
## Kids Day

Sunday 8 June 1997

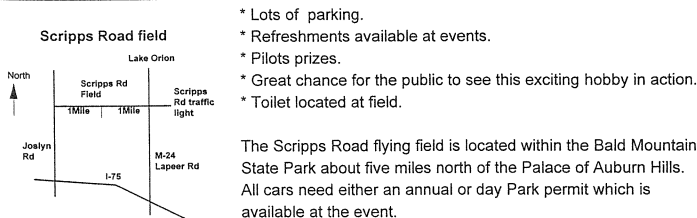
at the Scripps Road field (see map).

Club aeroplanes and Instructors will be on hand to give small kids (and big Kids) a chance to fly a real R/C aeroplane.

Event flying starts at 10AM.



Noise limit - 95Db at ten feet - no exceptions.



- \* Lots of parking.
- \* Refreshments available at events.
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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 Carl Long 810-254-0048

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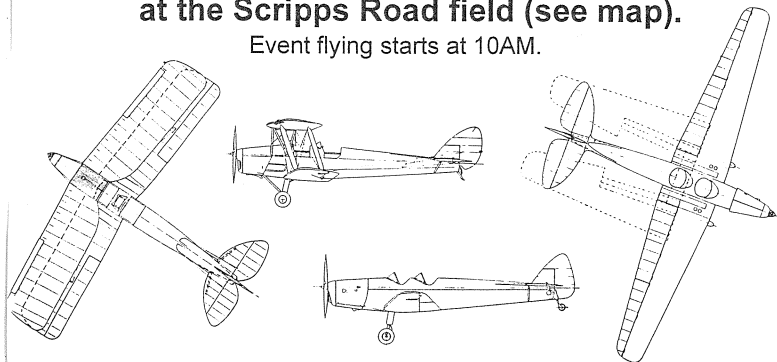
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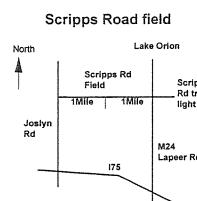
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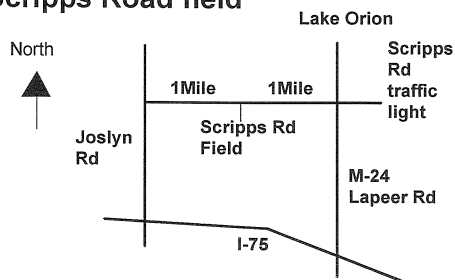
# Skymasters R/C Club

## 1997 events

19-Apr-97	Bald Mountain Involvement Day. A great start to the year - come out and volunteer to help our park prepare for the summer season. There's light jobs, heavy jobs and all sorts of things in-between ! Steve Fredericks 810-693-6686
17-May-97	Seven Lakes Spring Float Fly - Seven Lakes State Park, Holly. AMA. This is the first float event of the year. It adds a whole new dimension when flying from water - its also great to watch. Chet Brady 810-469-3079
18-May-97	Bald Mountain Float Fly - Bald Mountain Recreation Lake. AMA. The beach will be closed and R/C float planes will take the place of bathers. Another fun day on a great float plane site. Carl Long 810-254-0048. The Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event.
8-Jun-97	Kids Day - Scripps Road field. Come and try R/C flying, trainer aircraft and instructors will be available to guide the kids through a short flight of a real R/C aircraft. Carl Long 810-254-0048
22-Jun-97	Harold 'Big H' Mesales 4 Stoke and Majestic Flyers - Scripps Road field. AMA. Anything with a four stroke or a majestic flyer - old timers, slow biplanes. Come and hear the fantastic sound of these miniature four stroke engines. Greg Cardillo 810-391-6803
29-Jun-97	Chet Brady Memorial Mammoth Fly in - Scripps Road field. AMA. Dust off the plane and recharge the batteries - flying time is here ! 80" span mono-planes and 60" span biplanes. Come and see the big planes. They are a great sight both on the ground and in the air. Bill Leppard 810-693-2415
13-Jul-97	Fun Fly - Scripps Road field. Lots of exciting flying events, lots of fun and even some prizes. There are pilot categories from mild (beginners using buddy cords) to wild (experts using purpose designed fun-fly aeroplanes). Darrell Watts 810-373-8777
20-Jul-97	Warbirds and Scale - Scripps Road field. From P51's to Tiger Moths. AMA. There should be lots of variety both in the air and on the ground. Pete Foss 810-652-8756
10-Aug-97	Multi Wing/Multi Engine - Scripps Road field. AMA. 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 expert flying makes for a very entertaining combination. Gary Walling 810-299-4654
24-Aug-97	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
13/14-Sep-97	Midwest Regional Float Fly - Island Lake State Park, Brighton. AMA. 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
28-Dec-97	Krazy Snow Fly - Scripps Road field. Come and give your planes and winter clothes an outing. Theres plenty of hot food and drinks, a fire and some 'Cool' flying. The more snow the better ! Steve Fredericks 810-693-6686

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### Scripps Road field



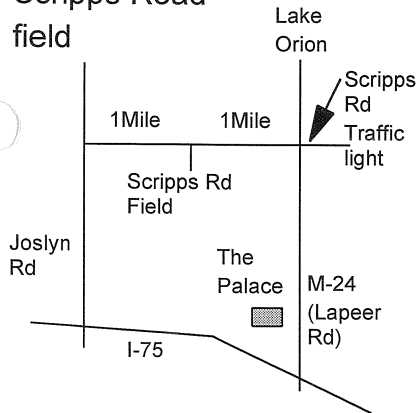
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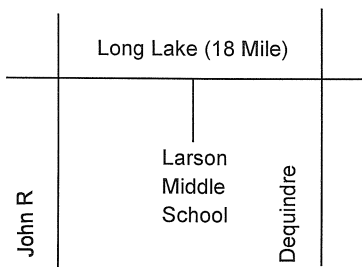
Scripps Road  
field



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 1997 is 95Db at 10' and 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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## Skymasters

Radio Control Club of Michigan