



# Sky Writer

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## President's Message

Hello all,  
 This is my first president letter. I would like to take a moment to thank some people who really made an impression on me this year. It is difficult to thank everyone at Skymasters because, so many people do so much, however, I would like to mention a few of the board members who are doing different jobs this year or not on the board for 2001. First I must thank our 2000 President Gary Weaks. Gary is a very dedicated Skymaster, (and person), who puts many hours into volunteer work. He has helped us grow as a club in many ways, and I thank him, and Phyllis, for their dedication. (Besides if I don't say something nice about him, he may not tell me what the President needs to do). {:-)) Also Steve Patterson our 2000 secretary. Steve has been keeping the notes and logs for over a year and now is going to be at the field more, I hope, to fly his powerful green and yellow electric plane. The Vice President Bill Wood also gave a year to the Skymasters board. I will remember him most for the milky spore so the skunks don't turn the field into a moon crater heaven. The field was great this year!

Thanks to Gary, Steve and Bill for a great 2000 board. Also, Darrell Watts who says he's not going to run the float fly this year. What a great event for Skymasters and Darrell deserves a huge thank you for all the hard work, long hours and an excellent float fly that without him may not have been the quality event it has become. So, Thanks Darrell. Chet Brady said it best, "you're one in a million".  
 Well, this has been a interesting year for me. I am almost finished with my Cap 232 that I started in November of 1999. You all know how it goes. I've been working on the barn, the furnace, dryer, toilet, the list goes on and on. I do enjoy fixing and building things, but.....  
 Speaking of fixing things, My son Joshua is healed now. Thank you for all the concern. His knee has healed nicely and his stitches came out of his eye a couple of months ago. He may have



been the first injury at a meeting, but knowing him he may be the second and third also. :-oo  
 By now the gifts have all been delivered to the neighbors. I have covered the entire neighborhood around us and I learned two things, 1) We have quite as few neighbors, and 2) the area around the field is beautiful. The massive, deep, heavy snow looked magnificent on the tree limbs on greenshields. The neighbors that were home were very nice. The snow was too deep to deliver on the weekend so I went on a week night. Even then the snow plows, who have done a great job this year, had some driveways blocked on scripps. I left my

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## President's Message

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van running, flashers on, in the road and ran through snow to the door. The van survived, but I never knew how much snow you can cram inside of a sock. Even with boots on. It really was a good time. One of the nice ladies offered me a cookie, but I was already on the other side of a huge snow bank so I said, "thanks anyway". I am looking forward to a great year. The board has some new faces this year

and it is good to get some new ideas and perspectives. Remember the officers, and all the Skymasters who are helping the club by doing a job, are volunteers, and are doing all we can to make the club fun for everyone. At times of the year we do get busy with work, family, and taking our son to the emergency room, so if something is not completed as fast as you think it should be, is probably not because we are lazy bums, (although the couch is calling

me), we are doing all we can.

Well, it's back out to the barn for me, hope to see you at the field, bring some tall boots, (maybe chest waders), warm clothing and I'll try to roost some snow during a touch and go with my electric razor.

Until then, keep it in the air and in front of the flight line.

Ross

## Events of the Past

### *Krazy Snow Fly* Steve Fredericks

This event sure did live up to its name this year. The snow and temperatures came down the beginning of December and after New Year's they are still here. We had to move to an alternate site. There was too much snow to plow out of the Scripps Road site. Also, the snow was knee deep from the shelter all the way across the runway with many snowmobile tracks in it. After a discussion with Gary Weaks about our options, he contacted Bob Reimer, the park manager. Bob suggested we try flying off Graham Lake. I think it turned out to be a good choice.

Sunday morning arrived partly sunny with no wind and temperatures predicted to rise to the high 20's. With

## Month

the help of Gary Weaks, Bob Donahue, Wade Wiley and Greg Cardillo, we started to work to set up a runway and shelter. The runway was ready when the pilots arrived. The first brave, or should I say crazy, pilots started flying at 10:00 a.m. The runway worked very well, as no one seemed to have any trouble getting airborne. By noon, 27 pilots had arrived. The types of planes were varied from trainers, fun flies, seamasters to a 1/4 scale One Design. Everybody got in from one to several flights.

The chili was ready before lunchtime. After eating a bowl or two of this chili, you did not need to stand next to the fire to keep warm. The flying continued with just a few minor mishaps. A drawing for gift certificates was held at 1:00 p.m. with 12 being

given away.

If you missed this Krazy Snow Fly you missed some good fun with some of our club's most dedicated pilots getting in their last flight of 2000. Fun was had by all.

I would like to thank the brave members who helped me set up the event and take down the equipment. Thanks to Gary Weaks, Greg Cardillo, Bob Donahue, Wade Wiley, Herman Grief, Darrell Watts and also to the brave pilots who made this event possible with their participation in the kraziest event of the year.

Thanks to all,

Steve Fredericks

(Thanks Steve for another great Snow Fly—and chili! See pictures on Page 7 of this issue. Ed.)

## From

Welcome to the January 2001 issue of Skywriter!



Skywriter has a new look for 2001 - both here and on the web. The driver behind the change was

a new (to me) software program. I am now using Microsoft Publisher 2000. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome as I work with this new format.

Please send me any input you may have for the newsletter. Articles, cartoons, flying related jokes all welcome. Other clubs—send your

event flyers. I'll include as many as I can. Note they must be received by the 20th for inclusion in the next issue. Copies on white paper or electronic format preferred. Please send via email to GMCardillo@att.net, or by mail to my address on back cover...

## Events of the Past Month

### *Skymasters Annual Christmas Party* Gary Weeks

Oh the weather outside was frightful! OK, it's wasn't even winter yet, be we really got our share of snow already. It may have prevented a few from attending but it was hard to tell. The cafeteria at Larson Middle School was transformed into a festive holiday venue complete with terrific food, music, table covers and a Christmas tree. Our



Santa arrives with gifts for the kids!



"Is it my turn now, Santa" asks Alyssa Cardillo as Samantha Foss looks on...

special guest, as always, was Santa (Thanks Ross Hardy) who came with gifts for all of the children there that night. There was also a good number

of airplanes on display, all who brought a plane were entered into the raffle for their choice of one of four kits. The winners were Bill Leppard, who selected the Top Flight Gold Edition Spitfire, Greg Brausa, who selected the Avistar Trainer ARF (and then promptly donated it to a new member who was in need of a good trainer – way to go, Greg!), Mike Katalinich,



Ben Walling telling Santa what he wants for Christmas.

who selected the Sig Four Star 40, and Gene Thuringer, who took the Great Planes Spirit Electric ARF Glider. All of the ladies in attendance took home an ornament hand-made by Phyllis Weeks and ten received holiday door prizes.

After dinner President Gary Weeks gave a quick recap of the year and thanked the membership for all that was accomplished in 2000. Thank you to all who brought in food for the party, it was good and we ate great. *(Thanks Gary for all your hard work throughout the year as our President! Ed.)*

## Upcoming Skymasters Events

**\*\*Reminder – In the event of inclement weather, we follow the Troy School District decisions on afterschool/evening activities. If the district closes for day or cancels afterschool activities, then our meeting is cancelled. The program for the evening will be rescheduled\*\***

*Wednesday, January 10 - 7:30 PM*  
**Skymasters Meeting—Larson Middle School, Troy**  
Darrell Watts will be discussing **Float Flying** – how to set up your plane for a fun day flying off water. Get the information you need to get your planes ready for our Spring Float Flies in May as well as our Midwest Regional Float Fly in September. Bring your float planes for Show and Tell.

*Wednesday, January 24 - 7:30 PM*  
**Skymasters Meeting—Larson Middle School, Troy**  
Tonight's program features a Scale Modeling Symposium. We will have 4 of the best scale modelers in the country joining us:

- George Maiorana – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Team Scale at

Mint Julip and Nationals

- Skip Mast – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in R/C Expert Sport Scale
- Dave Pingar - 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Team Scale at Mint Julip and Nationals
- Steve Sauger – 1<sup>st</sup> Place FAI F4C R/C Nationals; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place FAI F4B C/L Nationals

I know we have some great talent in our club as well, so bring your scale models for Show and Tell.

*Wednesday, February 14*

**\*\*No Meeting!!\*\***

Happy Valentines Day  
(To keep peace in families!)

*Wednesday, February 28 - 6:00 PM*

**Skymasters Swap Shop! -Larson Middle School, Troy**  
Doors open at 6PM for buyers and sellers. \$3 admission or \$5 for table (limit one!). No advance reservations. See flyer and signup sheet in this issue for more details. To help out, contact Gary Walling at 248-608-8508..

# Skymasters Events



## Skymasters Swap Shop

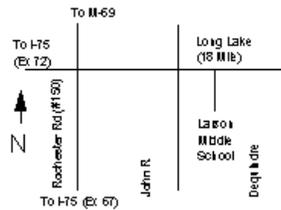
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club  
for our annual Swap Shop on :

### Wednesday February 28, 2001

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

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

- \* **TABLE \$5.00** One per person, first come first served. Includes one admission. No reservations.
- \* \$3-00 Admission - No table
- \* Kids under 18 - Free
- \* Door prize
- \* Refreshments available.
- \* 50/50 drawing.
- \* Raffles drawn throughout the evening.
- \* Please remember - no smoking in the school buildings.



Tables - \$5.00  
Food  
General Admission \$3.00  
Raffles  
Old 'gear'  
Drinks  
Junk  
Door Prize  
Crowds  
Stuff  
Lots of 'stuff'  
Sell outs  
50/50  
Bargains

For more information call Greg Cardillo on 248-391-6803

Our annual swap shop will help on Wednesday 28-Feb-2001 at Larson Middle School. Set-up time is 6PM with general entry at 7PM. Raffles will be drawn at 7:45PM and 9PM. The 50/50 and door prize will be drawn at 9PM too.

Gary has been busy trying to organize 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 daunting task of organizing the kitchen and so both of us will need some help. I have divided the event into 30 minute slots and would like people to sign-up for a given slot (or slots). Please consider helping out since it spreads the load and lightens it too. Note that we need people from around 5PM to help carry things and set-up the tables and afterwards to help clean-up.

In addition to the signup slots, we are looking for someone to work with Gary and learn how this event is run - and then to coordinate this event for 2002. Please let us know if you are interested in helping the club!

Please call Gary and he'll pencil you in for a time slot!

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						

# Other Area Events



# SWAP & SHOP

**R/C Airplanes, Cars, Boats, & Equipment**  
**Sunday, January 14, 2001**

**9a.m. 'till 3p.m.**  
 (Dealers at 8am)

**ADMISSION**

\$3 at Door  
 under 12 free

**TABLES**

\$12 advance registration  
 \$14 at door  
 Includes one admission

**LOCATION**

Monaghan 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.

Call Mike Cuba at 734 522 7638

**BARGAINS**



DOOR PRIZES

**RAFFLE**  
 A complete R/C model  
 Ready to Fly

**REFRESHMENTS**



Midland R/C Modelers Club  
 hosts  
**Second Annual**

# SWAP MEET

**SAT., JANUARY 20, 2001**



Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tables \$10 in advance OR \$13 day of Swap Meet

**ADMISSION \$3.00**



## FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Location: Freeland Convention Hall, M-47, 1 mile north of Freeland



**BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
 SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!**

**Contact:**  
 Dave Schmelzer  
 517-496-9154

**Mail:**  
 Midland R/C Modelers  
 118 Waldo Avenue  
 Midland, MI 48642

*Skymasters events listed elsewhere in this issue!*

- Saturday, Jan 13      Oakland Yard Indoor Flying, Waterford 9pm-1am, Oakland Yard 248-673-0100
- Sunday, Jan 14\*     DAM Swap & Shop, K of C Hall, Livonia, Mike Cuba 734-522-7638
- Saturday, Jan 20\*    Midland R/C Swap Meet, Freeland, Dave Schmelzer 517-496-9154
- Saturday, Jan 27     Oakland Yard Indoor Flying, Waterford 9pm-1am, Oakland Yard 248-673-0100
- Sunday, Jan 28\*     RCCD Swap Meet, Eastpointe, John Miklas 810-286-5143
- Sunday, Feb 4\*      Flint's R/C Swap Meet, Flint Baker College, Steve Polen 810-635-9392
- Saturday, Feb 10     Oakland Yard Indoor Flying, Waterford 9pm-1am, Oakland Yard 248-673-0100
- Sunday, Feb 18      GDSHS Sno-Fli, Addison Oaks Park, Art Slagle 248-477-2228
- Sunday, Feb 18      Chesaning R/C Swap Meet, Owosso Baker College, Carl Brausa 248-373-8949

*\*See additional information for these events in this issue of Skywriter!*

*Event info from mailings received, AMRCC, and Michigan RC Flying Times*

*Other clubs: DAM - Detroit Aeromodelers; GDSHS - Greater Detroit Soaring and Hiking Society;  
 RCCD - Radio Control Club of Detroit*

# Other Area Events



## Radio Control Club of Detroit 4th Annual SWAP MEET

January 28, 2001

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES HALL

No. 2495

14855 E. EIGHT MILE RD.

EASTPOINTE, MI 48021

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Vendor setup 7:30 AM

Tables \$10 each

Admission \$3

Contact: JohnMiklas

Day: 248-307-8189

Evening: 810-286-5143

E-Mail: john\_miklas@yahoo.com



OVER  
120 TABLES  
AVAILABLE

# Flint's R/C Swap Meet



DEALERS  
WELCOME!

Admission Fee Adults \$3.00, 17 and Under \$1.00

**Sunday**  
**February 4, 2001**  
**9 AM til 3 PM**

LOCATION:

FLINT BAKER COLLEGE GYM  
1050 W. BRISTOL RD.  
FLINT, MICHIGAN  
SEE MAP BELOW

FOOD and REFRESHMENTS

- > Airplanes
- > Kits
- > Boats
- HiTec Radio Raffle
- 50/50 Drawing
- Free Door Prizes
- Airplane Static Display Contest
- Helicopters <
- Gliders <
- Cars <

**D & J Electronics will be doing TX aligning and upgrades.**  
**With HiTec RCD equipment for purchase**

**WIDE SCREEN TV** Provided by: CHAMBERS TV/RADIO of Flint  
With R/C Videos Galore!

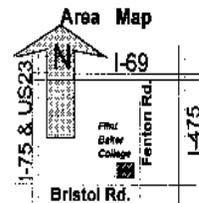
Advance Table Registration \$13.00

(If Received by Jan. 31st) \$15.00 at the Door  
(Includes One Admission per Table)

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For Advanced Table Registration  
Mail Check to:  
Gerard Klink  
Flying Aces R/C Club  
6310 N. Gale Rd.  
Ottisville, MI 48463  
810-631-6132  
  
Set-up 8:00 AM—Reserved tables will  
be held until 9:00 AM then released to  
be loaned as unreserved.  
Checklist Available at: The Flying Aces R/C  
Club, Inc.




**The Flying Aces R/C Club**  
**Swartz Creek, MI**

GENERAL INFORMATION:  
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510-635-9392

## AMA Safety Code Change—Combat

Last month we reported a change in the AMA Safety code for 2001 that restricted engine size and weight for combat flying.

Well, the safety code has been changed in this area once again. Per the AMA Web Site, the size/weight restriction has been removed. Instead a minimum

separation between Flight Line and Spectators is specified calculated based on the maximum engine displacement flying. 500 feet of separation is required for each cubic inch of engine displacement. The following is from the revised Safety Code on the AMA Web site (www.modelaircraft.org):

*6) For Combat, distance between flight line and spectator line will be 500 feet per cubic inch of engine displacement. (Example: .40 engine = 200 feet)*

Once the snow melts, we'll do some measuring at our field to see what options we have...

# Krazy Snow Fly Pict

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Our flying site for the day—frozen East Graham Lake



Darrel Watts using the most helpful Ronsonol Lighter Fluid for cold weather starting.



Joe Hass using the sure fire cigar lighter for windy weather.



Joe Hass' Seamaster gliding in to a successful dead stick landing on the



Herm Greif's Valley Flyer skis down the cleared runway on a takeoff run.

A few photos from the Krazy Snow Fly... We certainly have a bunch of crazy idiots... I mean dedicated flyers... in this club!



Herm Greif flying with Gary Walling looking on...

## Help Needed

We need help in several areas as we begin the year. Please consider helping out.

- Swap Shop – We need someone to work with Gary Walling this year and take over running the event in 2002. Contact Gary Walling for more information.
- Bald Mountain Involvement Day – We need a coordinator for this year Involvement Day (April). This is a very important event for the club – a day we give to the park to help out. Steve Fredericks has done this for several years now. Contact Steve if you would like more information.
- Camp Jeep 2001 will include R/C flying again. The dates are July 23-29. A group to travel to Virginia is again needed. In addition to the wonderful exposure for the hobby, this event brought \$1000 to the clubs treasury last year - \$500 from Daimler Chrysler, and \$500 from the RCTA
- Midwest Regional Float Fly Raffle Prize – We are planning to give away two planes this year – one completely ready to fly and one ARF assembled. We need volunteers to work on these (I believe we have some already for the ARF.) Let us know if you would like to help.



**SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN**

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*Upcoming Events:*

*January 10—Meeting: Float Flying  
January 24—Meeting: Scale Symposium*

*February 14—\*\*NO MEETING\*\*  
February 28—Swap Shop*

**Skymasters Infor**

**mation**

Skymasters field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park on Scripps Road (see map). State Park Permits are required and can be obtained from the Park Headquarters located on Greenshield Road or at club events. Flying is permitted from 10 AM to 8 PM. The noise limit for 2001 is 94 dBa at 10 feet—this noise rule is strictly enforced,

Wednesday evenings during the summer 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). Students are encouraged on other days and weekends as well. It is a great idea to come on Wednesday, meet the Instructors and arrange for more instruction time together. Our Chief Flight Instructor is Greg Brausa (248) 373-8949.

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—September to May—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 at 7:30 PM. 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 R/C clubs in the area and around the country. Any and all contributions are welcome. Please pass any articles to the Editor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our hobby (friend, relative, neighbor, colleague or acquaintance), please give them a copy of this newsletter or a copy of an AMA magazine. It may spark their interest and get them into our hobby!

