



Sky Writer

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President's Message

Hello all,
I must be getting older. (I hope I am). I actually like the crust on the pizza and bread. I look forward to going to lunch in the cafeteria when they have broccoli. When I talk to my kids, I sound just like my father and my fathers' father. I tell my kids how cheap gas was in the 70's when there was a gas war. I tell them how I carried my souaphone a mile and a half to school everyday because it would not fit on the bus. I enjoy a nap in the afternoon, (although I hardly ever get one), when it is cold outside and warm inside. However, having admitted, and accepted, my place in time I must also tell you, I still love to play. I cannot wait until a new model I have built, lifts off the ground for the first time. My hands, (and thumbs), are shaking, even when Greg was flying them for me, my legs are weak and I am astonished each time this little model of a full size flying machine stays in the air. How can it do that? Oh, I know all of the aerodynamic explanation by people much more intelligent than I. I hear about lift, drag, wing loading per square foot. (Or square inch). OK! I have heard all the mathematical for-

mula explanation my head can absorb. What I mean is, how can it do that! I never get used to it. It is getting easier for me to do my own first flight. However the feeling of opening a Christmas gift that I really wanted as a child, is still with me each time I lift off a brand new plane.

What a cool hobby. I just love it. It's not just the flying; it's also the great people this hobby attracts. Some of them, I may not have anything else in common with. Some are younger than I, some are older, but I still feel a common bond. Each time Otto does low to the ground, fast as you can loops, I chuckle because I know Otto is having a great time. I can feel him laughing inside. Certainly, when the crowd oos and ahhhhs he starts to smile. Each time I see Bob Burns helping a student check his plane to make sure it is safe to fly, I feel he is feeling a sense of satisfaction knowing that another plane is safe to fly. (He helped make my first plane safe to fly). Sometimes it is a lot of work. Sometimes I'm sure the instructors, wives and helpers need a break. I also can tell you that when I first joined the Skymasters I gained a lot of weight. I couldn't stop eating. The food is so

good, and there is so much of it. Now I have learned to pace myself on the Wednesday student nights, (eating I mean), It's a good thing too or I would look like the blimp that Greg flies at the Palace. (Except not so shiny).

So what's my point? I have no point. Just a few words to help me get through a cold snowy winter. It works for me. I'm ready to fly. I'm ready to watch you fly. I'm ready to make new friends, and see old friends at the field. It will soon be time.

The swap meet is over by now. I hope I got there early to help out. Don't forget to watch for Pete Foss and his battery pack making presentation. If you have any interest in having batteries, of any type, in your plane, or car, or boat, you won't want to miss this one. I have heard Mark Smith talking about a Mall show. If that interests you, see Mark. That's enough for March, more in April. (Unless the Editor decides to delete the president's letter)

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

Ross {:)



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Chartered Club #970

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Events of the Last

Month

Swap Shop

Greg Cardillo

Our annual Swap Shop was held on Wednesday, February 28th at Larson Middle School. Gary Walling organized the event, but then had to leave town on a last minute business trip. Ross Hardy and I offered to coordinate the event day activities. Our Swap Shop is unique in the area – our policy of one table per person means fewer dealers (we saw them at several other swap meets already) and more hobbyists selling. We advertise the doors opening at 6 for setup, with general admission at 7. Past experience has shown us that keeping people out doesn't work well in our 'fishbowl' – so we let people in as they arrive. I arrived before 4:30 to set up – and there were

already a few people waiting for the schools talent show to finish. We sold out our tables by 6:40 pm, and by 7:00, had a room full of people! Approximately 250 people came through the door – we sold 57 tables – and lots of food. Many Skymasters showed up to help making the ½ hour shifts work well. My thanks to everyone that helped out – especially Gary Walling for coordinating everything before event day; Ross Hardy for helping run the show; Bill Dezur and his son for coordinating the kitchen, and everyone else that pitched in! We are still finalizing the financial results, but conservatively we have added over \$700 in profit to the club's treasury.

Our thanks also go out to the manufacturers, distributors, and dealers that supported us with donations or reduced cost items for our prizes. In today's age of word processing and mail merge, these people get many more requests than they can honor. We appreciate their *consistent support* of our event! These include:

Just R/C Planes

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R/C Report

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Thanks again to all!

Camp Jeep (from Model Aviation)

Camp Jeep™ 2000 was covered in the January 2001 *Model Aviation*.

The Camp Jeep™ Flight School was a huge public relations success for model aviation. It wouldn't have been possible without the cooperation of the AMA clubs, AMA District IV officers, and AMA Contest Director Darrell Watts' coordination with the Jeep Division at Daimler-Chrysler US Headquarters, where he is employed.

AMA is very proud of how the local clubs played a critical role in this

event's success. After the *MA* article was published, we learned the depth of involvement and the equally critical role played by the Skymasters RC Club of Michigan.

For the event, Skymasters club members built 24 *airplanes*—16 for flying and eight for the building display, photo station, and classroom.

Three days prior to the event, six Skymasters pilots and four of their wives drove down with all the equipment in vans and the Skymasters club

trailer. They set up displays, and assembled and *again* test-flew all the trainers. They worked in many different areas (the wives even brought lunch each day from the dining tent for all the workers) during the event.

This event's success was dependent on the cooperation of *all* the clubs. We want the Skymasters *and you* to know how much their effort was also appreciated. **MA**

From

Welcome to the March 2001 issue of Skywriter! Just as the last of the snow finally melts – and thoughts that spring might be on its way –

another dose of snow to bring us back to winter... Well, guess we can do a little more



building first.

The biggest event of the winter/spring is almost here – Toledo 2001! See ad in this issue...

The full AMRCC Event Schedule is included in this issue.

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...

Flight

'Part 2' as promised. Thanks Grey Lane for passing this on. Occasionally, Airline attendants try to make an effort to make announcements a bit more entertaining.

Here are some real examples that have been heard or reported:

7. Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but they'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you or your money, more than Southwest Airlines."
8. "Your seat cushions can be used for flotation and in the event of an emergency water landing, please take them with our compliments."
9. "As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."
10. Why is everyone in a hurry to get off..."Last one off the plane must clean it."
11. From the pilot during his welcome message: "We are pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry... Unfortunately none of them are on this flight...!"
12. Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the Captain was really having to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant came on the PA and announced, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seatbelts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"
13. Another flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."
14. An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally, everyone had gotten off except for this little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" "Why no, Ma'am," said the pilot, "what is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"
15. After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Captain Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt up against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."
16. Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

Skymasters Events

Monday, March 5—9:00 AM

Retiree Breakfast, Denny's in Rochester

Retiree's and Want-a-bees join us for breakfast. 714 Main Street in Rochester starting at 9AM.

Wednesday, March 14 - 7:30 PM

Skymasters Meeting -Larson Middle School, Troy

Need to solder batteries together?? Not sure how, or what options there are? Pete Foss will demonstrate techniques used to assemble battery packs.

Monday, March 19—9:00 AM

Retiree Breakfast, Denny's in Rochester

Retiree's and Want-a-bees join us for breakfast. 714 Main Street in Rochester starting at 9AM.

Wednesday, March 28 - 7:30 PM

Skymasters Meeting -Larson Middle School, Troy

AMA District VII Vice President Bill Oberdieck will join us to talk about what is happening at AMA.

Monday, April 2—9:00 AM

Retiree Breakfast, Denny's in Rochester

Retiree's and Want-a-bees join us for breakfast. 714 Main Street in Rochester starting at 9AM.

Wednesday, April 11 - 7:30 PM

Skymasters Meeting -Larson Middle School, Troy

PMAC member and IMAC President Tom Wheeler joins Skymaster Gene Payson to talk about flying IMAC Aerobatics.

Sunday, April 21 - 9:00 AM

Bald Mountain Involvement Day -Park Headquarters

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Wednesday, April 25 - 7:30 PM

Skymasters Meeting -Larson Middle School, Troy

Indoor flight is the program for the day. Bill Leppard shares his experiences and planes – several weighing less than a penny... Our meeting is in the gym for this program!

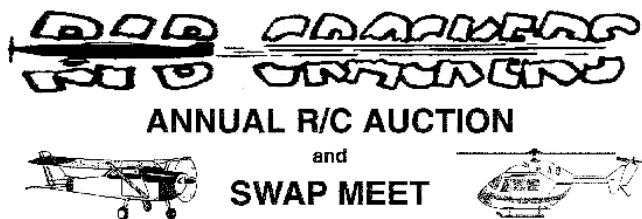
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Date	Club	Event	Notes	Contact	Phone
Mar					
11	Flying Pilgrims	Swap Meet	UAW Hall-Michigan Ave-West of I-275	Rich Vukmirovich	810 468-1360
18	Ribcrackers	Swap Meet	Livonia Senior Center-Farmington Rd & 5 Mile Rd	Greg Bessette	810 229-9732
30-31-1	Midland R/C	Mall Show	Midland Mall	Rich Erratt	517 687-2932
Apr					
6-7-8	Weak Signals	R/C Expo-Toledo Show	SeaGate Centre-9am-6pm	Wayne Yeager	517 547-4430
May					
19	Skymasters	7 Lakes Spring Float Fly	7 Lakes State Park-Holly	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
20	Skymasters	Bald Mountain Float Fly	Bald Mountain Recreation-Trout Lake	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
Jun					
1-2-3	Whirlybirds	Heli meet, FAI-Class 1-2-3, Scl,Free	At Grosse Isle	Roy Dietz	313 839-4143
2-3	RCCD	R/C Scale combat	Warbirds Over Lenox"	Dave Wagensomer	313 881-9967
2-3	Weak Signals	Q-500 Pylon-428	Std & Exp	Phil Smith	734 429-4707
2-3	Pontiac MAC	IMAC Meet	Big Birds Over White Lake"	Don Hines	248 681-2752
3	Skymasters	Kids Day	We provide planes, you come n' fly	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
9	Skymasters	Small Fry" Electric & Sailplane		Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
15-16-17	Bellville Strawberry Festival	Air Show & Static Display	Bellville, MI		
16	Weak Signals	Sailplane	MSL Meet	Phil Smith	734 429-4707
23-24	Pontiac MAC	Giant Scale Fly-In	80 inch monoplane, 60 inch bipes	Frank Vella	248 627-8060
30-Jul 1	RCCD	Big Bird	IMAA Meet	Rich Vukmirovich	810 468-1360
30-Jul 1	Signal Seekers	Precision Aerobatics		Bob Kane	734 281-8514
July					
7-8	UFO	12th Annual Giant Scale	Flight Of Giants"	Larry Dalrymple	734 722-2489
7-8	AA Falcons / EFO	Mid-America Electric Fly		Ken Myers / Keith Shaw	248 669-8124 734 973-6309
15	Chesaning R/C	Heli Fun Fly		Michael Freeman	517 871-2673
15	RCCD	10th Great Lakes Scale Classic	Scale	Bob Chapman	248 524-0092
22	Skymasters	Warbirds & Scale	Any size-Open Flying	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
27-28-29	Michigan Jets	Jet meet	Grosse Ile		
28-29	Ribcrackers	Open Air Show	Lang Field	Greg Bessette	810 229-9732
28	Skymasters		Harold "Big H" Maseles 4 stroke & majestic flyers	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803

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Aug					
4-5	Chesaning R/C	Big Blrd Fly-In	IMAA Meet	Michael Freeman	517 871-2673
5	Pontiac MAC	12th Annual Scale Meet	Scale & Fun Scale	Don Hines	248 681-2752
11	Skymasters	Multi Engine/Multi Wing	Either or both.....Saturday meet	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
15-16	Weak Signals	SAM 40 Meet	Old Timer-Wed-Thurs	Phil Smith	734 429-4707
18-19	DAM	Giant Scale Air show-Fun Fly		Stan Spiewak	313 534-3300
25-26	Hobby Stop "Silver Cup"	Pylon Race for Q-40	In conjunction with the JR Gold Cup Series	Wayne Yeager	517 547-4430
25-26	Pontiac MAC	IMAC Pontiac Grand Prix		Don Hines	248 681-2752
25	Bits & Pieces	Big Blrd Fly-In...Sat	Heritage Park-Adrian--80 mono, 60 biplane	Mike Dilley	419 923-4281
26	RCCD	1st Annual Open R/C Combat		Don Veres	810 778-7362
Sep					
1-2-3	Weak Signals	F5B Team Trials	Electric Pylon	Kevin Matney	734 848-8195
8-9	Skymasters	Midwest Regional Float Fly	Island Lake State Park..Brighton	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
9	Chesaning R/C	Fun Scale Fly-In	Any "Looks Like Scale"	Michael Freeman	517 871-2673
15-16	Midland R/C	Open Fun-Fly		Rich Erratt	517 687-2932
14-15-16	Flying Pilgrims	Fall Phase Out-Big Bird Air Show	IMAA Mini Fest	Rich Vukmirovich	810 468-1360
Oct					
13-14	RCCD	Scale & Open R/C Combat	Melee Over Lenox"	Don Veres	810 778-7362
17	Weak Signals	SAM 40 Meet	Old Timer	Phil Smith	734 429-4707
21	Pontiac MAC	1st Annual Swap Meet	Waterford Oaks Oark	Frank Vella	248 627-8060
Dec					
31	DAM	Red Eye Fly-In	11:55 PM	Stan Spiewak	313 534-3300
31	Skymasters	Krazy Sno-Fly Fly-In	10:00 AM	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803
Jan 2002					
1	Chesaning R/C	Sno-Fly Fly-In	Fly anything	Michael Freeman	517 871-2673
11	Midland R/C	Swap Meet	K of C Hall-Freeland	Rich Erratt	517 687-2932
13	DAM	Swap Meet	K of C Hall-Farmington	Stan Spiewak	313 534-3300
27	RCCD	Swap Meet	Eagles Hall- 8 Mile & Gratiot	Ernest Varilone	810 286-5143
Feb 2002					
17	GDSHS	Sno-Fly	Sailplane	Art Slagle	248 477-2228
17	Chesaning R/C	Swap Meet	Baker College Owosso	Michael Freeman	517 871-2673
27	Skymasters	Swap meet	Larson Middle School	Greg Cardillo	248 391-6803

Other Area Events



Bring Your Airplanes, Helicopters, And Jets
 Bring Your Engines, Radios, And Electronic Equip.
 Bring Your Balsa, Hardware, Wheels, And Propellers
 Bring Your Good Stuff And Your Not So Good Stuff
 But
 Most OF All Bring Yourself And All Your Friends

To
THE LIVONIA SENIOR CENTER
 Southeast Corner of Farmington & S Mile Rd.
 Livonia, Michigan
 on
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2001
 from
9:00 am To 12:00 Noon

- * Admission: \$3.00 per person
- * \$10.00 per table in advance (includes one Admission)
- * \$12.00 at the door
- * Prizes will be raffled off
- * Refreshments will be available



DON'T WAIT!
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Flying Pilgrims R/C Club



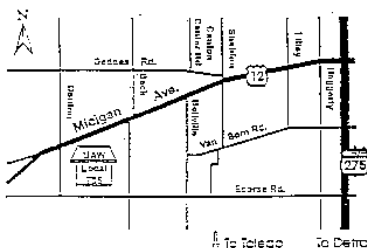
7th Annual Swap Meet



Sunday, March 11th
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Door Prizes - Refreshments
 Admission \$3.00
 Tables \$10.00 * 1 Free Admission per Table
 8:00 a.m. setup

To Reserve Table contact: Jim Thomas (313) 381-5731



Make checks payable to:
 Flying Pilgrims
 Mail To:
 James Thomas
 2154 Ford Blvd
 Lincoln Park, MI 48146

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

R/C Aerobatic Conference

Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Date: Saturday, March 24th, 2001
Location:
Wayne County Community College
9555 Haggerty Rd.
Belleville, Mich

Open at 8:30 for a
 Continental Breakfast

A Great Lunch will
 be provided at noon.

Bring some Planes for
 display!

Cost: \$10 per person
 \$5 for spouse or
 child under 12

*Must call for Reservations as we need
 to plan lunch!!!
 Call Tom @ 734-697-0875 or
 E-Mail at weedon@wwnet.net

Agenda:

"How to get started in IMAC" by Tom Wheeler, President of IMAC

"Tips on Building" by Tom Mitchell, AVP of the NSRCA

"Trimming and Set-up for Aerobatics plus 3-D tips" by
 Dave Von Linsowe, nationally acclaimed R/C flyer

"Getting started in Pattern" by Tom Weedon, District VP of the
 NSRCA

Local Accomodations;
 Red Roof Inn, Belleville Rd. & I-94
 734-697-2244

Super 8 Motel, Belleville Rd & I-94
 734-699-1888

Directions:
 College is located on Haggerty Rd. One mile north
 of I-94, which is just west of the I-275 and I-94
 intersection. Intersection is about 30 miles west of
 Detroit and 30 miles north of Toledo

Other Area Events

The Weak Signals R/C Club Presents:

TOLEDO R/C Expo



Come visit the largest r/c only show in the world and meet the leading manufacturers, distributors and importers of every major r/c product in the industry with an added bonus, most are selling!



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Information regarding the Saturday night auction, the MECA Collecto, model registration, the swap meet or a map of downtown Toledo with hotel/motel numbers may be obtained by visiting our web site or sending a self-addressed "stamped" envelope (4-1/8 x 9-1/2) to: Toledo Info, 15387 Forrister Rd, Clayton, MI 49235

The deadline for requests is Mar 27. Also...please specify which particular item you wish info on.

Complete R/C systems will be awarded to the top 3 in the following classes. R/C Car, Best Jet, R/C Sailplane, Military Scale Boat, Aerobatic Plane*, Helicopter, Pleasure Boat, Competition Boat, Sport Mono-Plane**, Designer Scale, Working Vessel Unarmed, Non-Military Sport Scale, Military Sport Scale, Sport Bi-Plane, and R/C Old Timer plus, all models will be judged for "Best Finish", "Best Monocote" and "Best In Show".
(*All aerobatic type including Bi-Planes.)
(** Sport categories will only allow "sport type" planes, no aerobatics)



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April 6,7,8



SeaGate Centre 401 Jefferson Ave...Tickets available at the door.

Show hours: Fri/Sat: 9am to 6pm. Auction: Sat 7:30pm

Sun: 9am to 4pm...Handicap parking available



SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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Upcoming Events:

March 5—Retiree Breakfast

March 14—Meeting

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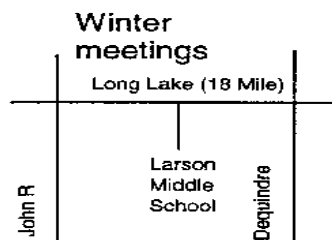
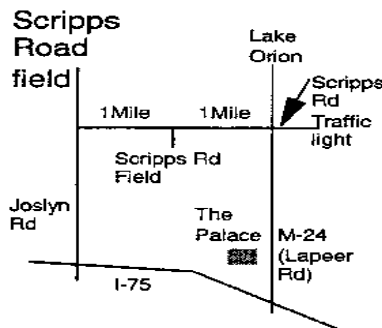
Skymasters Infor

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



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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!