



Sky Writer

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President's Message

Hello all,
Well what do you know? There are only a couple more flying events left this year. (Maybe one, depending when this newsletter goes out). It seems like the summer just began. I can say that I still have the snow fly left to look forward to. I really enjoyed it last year, (except for the pain the next day from shoveling). This is the time when we start planning for next year.

I wanted to let you know that one or more of the officers from this year may not be running next year. If you have an interest in becoming a board member and influencing the decisions that effect the club, this is the way to do it. I have been told that my last newsletter article made some people hungry, (Craig had to have a hamburger), I hope this one will make some sit back and think about helping out the club by volunteering. I can only speak for myself and say that I won't be running next year. The president's job is a fun one, (most of the time), but work and family are such that I won't be as active with the club next year. I would like to say if you are interested in any of the positions, let myself or one of the other officers, know. (If it's your

first office you probably won't want to start with president, you could, if you want to run) There are also a few events to run. If you are interested in that, again, let us know. If you have a desire to help out with the club, this is the time to start thinking about it.

I have had a great flying year so far. I have used up almost all the club fuel I purchased, (thanks Al), due to the fact that Joshua and I have done some flying this year. I usually try to plan to have a couple of gallons left for snow flying, (OOOOH I don't even want to think about it), but this year I miscalculated, or Joshua has been sneaking in a flight or two in the back yard while I'm at work. *(I'm not; Dad) :-)*

I flew at the 4-stroke rally this year partly because I had most of the food in my freezer. I would like to thank Laura Devine and her daughter for working the kitchen. They have been doing every event, as far as I can tell, and they have done a lot of work and a great job. Thanks a lot, I would have been overwhelmed without you. This was a different event day as it was the same day as Chet's funeral. I can still hear "ShowTime" echo inside my head, *(because there is nothing in there! I*

heard that!), as I land because all of my Stoney Creek water landings ended with the beginning of a Chet Brady "ShowTime" flight. I always enjoyed the crusty exuberance when Chet was going to fly. He really made float flying a fun day, and he will be missed. I could say more, but if you knew Chet Brady, you know I don't have to say more. I will say, in case you didn't know him, every time you take off for a flight, look around, you'll see green grass, trees, in some spots water, and a flying site that Chet had a hand in getting, or keeping. Thanks Chet

Well, If you know me at all, you would probably expect a joke, or a lighthearted comment to attempt to break the seriousness of life that I myself have a difficult time excepting. Maybe next month. This month I want to reflect back on my life, think of how I am using my gift of time, and remember that flying is fun, not work.

Until I see you out there, Keep it in the air, and in front of the flight line

Ross



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(A letter I received in the mail from Skymaster Kevin Ferguson... Ed)

All my life, I've always had the greatest interest in all forms of aviation, if it had wings, I found it fascinating. My RC modeling hobby got started some 7 odd years ago when I purchased a trainer from Henderson's Hobby Shop. But it didn't get off the ground until this past Saturday, July 28th!

My name is Kevin Ferguson, I've been an on again off again visitor to Skymasters over the years. I helped out at a "Clean up day", and have been to a few meetings at Larson. My son John & I have been to the field a dozen times, but I could never seem to get my plane from the worktable to the field. Over the last 2 weekend's, and with the help of some "special members" all that changed!

Saturday, July 20th seemed like a perfect day to visit the field. I heard the "war" birds would be flying. After watching a bit, several members came over & said hello. Joe Finklestine, Joe Hass, Pete & Carolyn Foss. They were all very nice and encouraged me to bring out my plane! I thought to myself, these people are cool, what are you waiting for, They get credit for lighting the fire!

I spent the next few days cleaning up my plane, but was bummed when the following Wednesday was a rain out. Since I knew most summer meetings were held on Saturday, I thought I would take a chance, and go to the field then. When John and I pulled up at noon, (Sat July 28th) I sank a little, because the 4 stroke event, that I thought was Sunday was in full swing.

I said to myself, just enjoy the event. If we don't fly today,

its ok, after 7 years a few more days wouldn't matter. After a couple cold sodas, I started to talk to a few members. The event was winding down, and open flying was due to begin soon. Gary Weaks, Ross Hardy & Greg Cardillo made me feel right at home, they told me to go get my stuff, and that they would be glad to help me out.

John & I set up and tried not to look too much like a couple of lost & excited souls. Just imagine Greg running back & forth from his hot dog grilling duties, and Ross, along with helping his own son out, looking over my trainer to see if it could fly. After Ross & Greg made a few adjustments, the Moment had arrived.

Greg said he would be glad to fly it. So we fired it up and walked it out. If any of you members happened along at this time, you would have seen a 41-year-old man acting like a kid on Christmas morning. The plane lifted off & climbed out, Greg quickly trimmed it up and spent the next 10 minutes sending my 7 year project through its paces. I have no apology for bouncing up & down on my toes, as it touched down and taxied back.

I guess all of you have experienced this special moment, but I think mine was made extra special by how it all just came together. If it had not been for the above-mentioned "friends", my plane would still be sitting on its workbench. Once again many thanks to all, I am looking forward to "student" nights, being an active member, & maybe helping out someone, as others helped me!

(I think I speak for all those mentioned when I say you are very welcome... we hope to see you flying a lot! And thanks for the kind words. Ed.)

From

Welcome to the September 2001 issue of Skywriter!

Our largest event of the year is upon us... Our Midwest Regional Float Fly on September 8 and 9.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

This event takes a lot of help to run – from impound to flight line to kitchen, raffle ticket sales; setup on Friday and cleanup on Sunday. **Still looking for help from Sky-**

masters and families... Please contact Ross Hardy if you can help out... It takes the whole club to run an event this size—please come out and help...

For those helping Friday with setup, we normally go out for dinner after setup to a nearby restaurant... Contact Bob and Donna Burns if you would like to join us....

Saturday after the flying, we have a dinner at the park. **Tickets are still available for dinner**—bring the family and join us—contact Ross

Hardy for more information...

If you have not been to our Float Fly before—come on out and join us—it is really a lot of fun to watch... better yet—bring a plane and fly!!!

Please send me any input you may have for the newsletter. I'll include as many as I can. Note items must be received by the 20th for inclusion in the next issue. Please send via email to GMCardillo@att.net, or by mail to my address on back cover...

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Ross Hardy

Well another successful Top Gun/ Corn Roast/ Club picnic. It was a little scary late Saturday night and Sunday morning. I was wondering if anyone would show up. When Joshua and I got to the field to set up, it was raining and void of humans. It slowed long enough for me to “deal” with a large wasp’s nest in one of the corn roasters. Then we set up the EZ up so if the rain got harder we could work under it and stay a little dry. The rain did get harder; still we had a feeling some Sky-masters would arrive. It continued for an hour or so until in the distance, just up the road, a lone truck came slowly up the drive. A lost hunter? A person asking for directions to the Palace? I asked Joshua. He said no daaaaaad, you know who thaaaaat is. I did know who it was too. It was Dan Devine. His truck was a sight for sore, tired, wet eyes. He was early, (as always), just to let me know that not all of the food I had procured for the event would go to waste. By 11:30am we had a good crowd of hungry, damp people. The food went on the grills in a hurry, thanks to Gary Weaks, Greg Cardillo, and then Gary Walling. They cooked for along time until everyone was full, and had enough. Then the rain let up. It was Top Gun /Slow Gun time.

The weather held out just long enough to get the contest in and it was great fun. When the dust settled, (or splashed down), we had a 2 Weaks victory. That’s right. Gary, (I don’t like competition), Weaks won both Top Gun and Slow Gun. In this case I totally agreed with the judges, great, cool headed, superb flying. (OK, Gary, where’s my \$10.00) 2nd place belonged to Joe Finkelstein, who wanted to be certain his one design would survive to finish the season, (good choice), 3rd place went to Mark Smith. 4th place went to Greg Cardillo, 5th to Josh Hardy, 6th to Dan Devine, 7th to Fred Preston, and 8th to Ross Hardy... *Oh OK, I finished last, and was beaten by my son. 8 seconds, all I needed to finish.*
 :-((

There were some prizes drawn for the dedicated women who came out to support the event. Thanks to all of them. The winners are not being put in the newsletter as some did not want there name in it, but the kit we gave away went to Gary Walling. (He happened to pick it up for me and no, my name was not in the hat). Thanks to Darrell who again ran the Top Gun/ Slow Gun event. Also thanks to Gary and Phyllis Weaks who brought all the corn for the corn roast. They also cooked and stripped corn. It was great. Thanks to Greg, Gary and Gary for the hard work in the cooking area. Thank You to Laura Devine and Danielle who have worked many of the events behind the big blue box. The last part of the day we packed up the trailer, Bob Donohue and Joshua “organized“ the pop. (Tough Job) and we loaded the trailer and headed for the last destination on the list. I need to say a BIG thank you to Steve Fredricks who lets us keep the trailers at his house. There was no one home when we got there, so we put the trailer to bed, (without getting the van stuck this time), and home we went.

Thanks to all who came out in the questionable weather, and of course thanks to Joshua, who helped me a lot. Josh, I am going to trounce you next year.

Ross/Dad
(Thanks Ross for running this event!! Ed.)

Mr Top Gun and Slo Gun 2001 – Gary Weaks. Congratulations Gary!!



Skymasters Events

Saturday/Sunday, September 8-9 - 9:30 AM

Midwest Regional Float Fly –Island Lake State Parl

Our biggest event of the year— over 100 planes the last several years. We need lots of help for this one to run smoothly... Contact Carl Long if you can help!!

Wednesday, September 12, 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting, Larson Middle School

Our ‘Winter’ meeting begin with the school year... A modeling related program, show and tell of any planes you would like to bring in make up most of the evening...

Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting, Larson Middle School

Skymaster's Events



Skymasters R/C Club 10th Annual

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

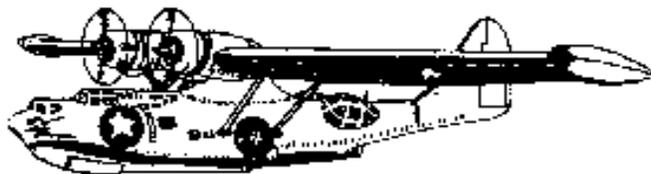
Midwest Regional Float Fly

Saturday/Sunday September 8-9, 2001

Island Lake State Park, Brighton, Michigan

Check-In at 8:30; Event flying from 9:30AM-4:00PM each day.

"The best float flying site I've ever seen!" — Dave Brown, President AMA



Official Entry Form and
Additional Information on back.

2001 Super Prize Raffle:

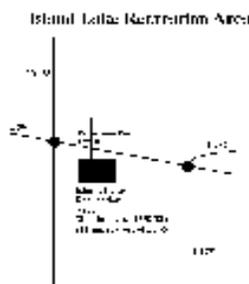
1st Prize: Great Planes Ryan STA
80", Radio, 4 Stroke Engine
Ready to Fly!

2nd Prize: Ace Seamaster

Assembled with Thunder Tiger .46 Pro

As seen in
RCModeler Magazine
and SKS Videos!

40 acre clear lake
1,000 feet sand beach
6 acre lawn / picnic area



- * Lots of parking.
- * Refreshments available at events.
- * Great chance for the public to see this exciting hobby in action.
- * Pilot door prizes.

Island Lake Recreation Area is located on the south side of I-96 at Kensington Road. 12 Miles west of I-96 / I-275 intersection or 3 miles east of I-96 / US-23 intersection. 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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Skymaster's Events

Official Entry Form

Name _____ AMA# _____ Club _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____
 Primary Aircraft: Model _____ Manufacturer _____
 Primary Frequency: _____ Additional Frequencies: _____
 Phone: Day _____ Evening _____
 Help us plan: "Judged" Contests? Sport _____; Standoff _____; Scale _____
 Entry Fee (non refundable unless event is cancelled):
\$10 if postmarked by 8/31/01; \$20 after. Add \$5 for each 'judged' event.
 Cookout Reservation: _____ Adults @ \$12; _____ Children @ \$5. (Send \$ with entry)
 Mail to: Skymasters, % Carl Long, 8708 Kidley Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

The Event

Flying from 9:30am to 4:00pm each day. -- Check-in begins at 8:30 each morning.
 Aircraft must have been flown & checked for stability and safety before entering this event.
 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:

You may enter a maximum of 1 model in each class.
 Static score = 1/3 and the flight score = 2/3 of the total score.
 Static score 0-100 based on "craftsmanship and finish."
 Flight score 0-100 based on "smoothness & flight characteristics appropriate the model being flown."
 The flight will be judged for 3-4 minutes, including take-off - choose your own maneuvers.
 (The landing is not judged but a touch and go during the flight is a definite plus.)
 The flight judging will take place during one of your normally scheduled 10 minute "pintimes." All other flight lines will be in operation so other airplanes will be in the air while you are being judged.
 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 you are involved in a team project, please bring it, but don't plan on entering the judging.
 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 about 2pm on Sunday.
 If you win multiple classes you must choose between prizes. The prize you do not choose will go to the 2nd place entry in that class.

PREVIOUS YEARS WINNERS MAY NOT COMPETE WITH THE SAME MODEL

Prizes for judged Contests: Kits from Balsa USA:
Sport: 80" Fokker Eindecker E3 Standoff: 80" Citabria Pro;
Scale: 1/4 Scale DR-1 Triplane Kit

Area Hotels

Check our website for area hotels and discounted prices when available.

Club Jackets and

Hats

New Club Jackets come in two styles

1. The Jacket referred to below as **SLUGGER** is nylon, the same material as our current jacket. It has snap front and Royal blue with white stripe knit cuffs, collar and waist band.
2. The one referred to as the **STRIKER** is also Royal blue but has a zipper closure, white and red band around the sleeves, a full “turn down” type collar that is blue and the “flap” that covers the zipper is blue on the inside.

The price of the jackets, t-shirts, golf shirts and caps include the LOGO. If you want your name on either jacket, t-shirt or golf shirt add \$3.00, for large LOGO on back of jacket add \$18.00.

	Jacket	Jacket	Large Logo	Size	Pcs	Name	Total
			(on back)			YES/NO	
<u>STRIKER</u> # 9020	\$39.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$				
<u>SLUGGER</u> # 2141	\$39.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$				
<u>Golf Shirt</u> TWO STYLES Royal Blue # 2413 Grey/Black # 2406	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$				
<u>T-SHIRT</u> TWO COLORS Light Blue Royal Blue	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$				
<u>CAP</u>	\$10.00		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
						Total	\$

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Skymaster's Photos

Photos from several events in recent path. Photos by Greg Cardillo.



*Joe Hass' ARF Extra300 on a flyby (left).
Joe Rubensteins park flyer on a 'high speed' pass...*



*Prez Hardy's Ultimate taking off. (above)
Cub on a flyby (above right)
A smokin Ultimate on a low inverted pass (right)*



Other Area Events

Sep

1-2-3	Weak Signals	F5B Team Trials	Electric Pylon	Kevin Matney	734 848-8195
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



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Upcoming Events:

- Sep 8-9—Midwest Regional Float Fly
- Sep 12—Meeting—Larson Middle School
- Sep 26—Meeting—Larson Middle School
- Oct 10—Meeting—Larson Middle School
- Oct 24—Meeting—Larson Middle School

Skymasters Information

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!

