



Sky Writer

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President's Message

Hello all,

To ARF or not to ARF, that is the question. Wow, what a question. I think some of our scratch builders may want to have my head but ARF's are improving. Harold of the Hill toppers has a beautiful Sukoi. It is cream and green color and I almost caught a fly in my mouth when he told me it was an ARF. They are covering them with real covering now. The glue is really on the joint where it was intended. I really like to build them, but the free time is becoming increasingly difficult. ARF's are not big and not real competitive I said to Harold. He reminded me that the Fiber classics 40% planes are winning all types of competitions and they are ARF. "The cost is much higher", someone said. Well when you consider the price of everything to finish a kit, some of the ARF's cost about the same. If you even think about putting any of your time into the equation, the ARF's can definitely be cheaper. I have a few planes now. My trainer and Space walker are ARF's. Joshua's Champion is an ARF and the rest are kits. Two of the ARF's we have are older and, (how can I say it?), are not built as well as the ones are built now.

I had another ARF but it broke in half while I was doing a vertical snap. (Although I had previously tested its strength). The new ARF's are worth fixing. If you have a hard landing, (possibly inverted or in knife edge), they are so nice you may want to repair them to fly again. Now, due to the fact that they are using "real" covering, you can fix them and still have them look and fly well.

It's up to you. I have three kits to build this winter and a few more in the box. I enjoy building them. I am certain a few members will scratch build some new planes this winter. Some of you may build an ARF. Either way, getting any of those to fly next winter is an accomplishment in itself. So you should feel proud and happy when they fly. I hope you do, I love seeing the smile when your new plane does its first flight.

Also, please remember to be a good neighbor at the field. Our field is being encroached upon, possibly from more than one direction, and it is important that we stick to our own rules and also be good neighbors. We have an excellent flying site and we would like to keep it. I have appointed a Skymaster as the Bald Mountain liaison. Bill Stark has

accepted the position and I think he is a perfect match. This position was, I believe, Darrell's idea, (Great Idea), and Bill can help communicate with the park officials and help with any issues that come up or are ongoing. This is a presidential appointment, effective as of 9/17/2001. This person will also provide encouragement to the DNR in requests we have put before them and report to the board, who makes the final decisions. I thank Bill for accepting this annual position that would be up again at the end of 2002. The new president will decide who should be in this position then, as with the existing Chief Flight Instructor and the Newsletter Editor. They are also appointed by the president and these are up at the end of 2001. Thanks again to Bill.

Until I see you, Keep it in the air and in front of the flight line,
Ross M. Hardy

Note: Joe Hass is coordinating the sale of many airplanes that were Chet Brady's. If you are interested in any, especially if any of them have a special meaning to you, please call Joe Hass on his cell at 248-321-7934



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Chartered Club #970

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Meeting Minutes

Larson Meeting – 9/12/01

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of September 11th and their families.

Introduction of officers.

Visitors / New members:

Bob Harris – Student pilot

Float Fly report – Next meeting

Up-Coming Events:

Christmas Party at Larson: December 12th

Crazy Snow Fly: December 31st.

New Business:

New sub-division going in east of the field. It is now more important than ever to adhere to the noise limits of 94 db at 10 feet.

Program:

A report of the 2001 Joe Nall Event was given by four Skymasters who attended, Darrell Watts, Jim Held, Steve Fredericks, and Gary Weak. A multi-media show was put on using slides, videos, actual models, and electronic photos. The group show-cased the water-flying part of this year's event. A wonderful time was had and the group recommended the multi-day event for anyone who can make the spring trip to South Carolina. IMAA membership is required and participating aircraft must meet the minimum IMAA size requirements of 80" monoplane, 60" bi-plane or true 1/4 scale.

Show-and-tell:

Steve Fredericks – Maul Rocket

Joe Finkelstine – 1/5 SBD Dauntless wing prior to sheeting.

Mike Katalinic – Sig 4-Star 60

Show-and-tell prize was won by Steve.

Meeting Adjourned.

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For Sale:

- Old model magazines, low prices and quantity discount.

Wanted:

- Early 1960s vintage Orbit 4 channel analog proportional system or just a receiver.
- O.S. #704 muffler for Gold Head .60
- Proline single stick transmitter or system – 1973 or later

Don Patterson, (248) 642-2917, rarebear4@home.com

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14th Annual Swap Meet

November 4th, 2001 9:00am-3:00pm

Northville Community Center
303 West Main Street
Northville, MI

Tables: \$15.00-in advance and \$20.00 at the door
table charge includes admission for one person
extra people at \$3.00 each

Door Admission: \$3.00 per person

For more information, contact: Rudi Reinhard
248-643.4810-day 248.643.4509-evening

If you want to reserve a table, send your check, payable to
Midwest R/C Society. to: Rudi Reinhard
4169 Cherrywood Lane
Troy, MI 48098

From

Welcome to the October 2001 issue of Skywriter!

Our largest event of the year – the Midwest Regional Float Fly – has come and gone for 2001. A BIG THANK YOU to all those that pitched in and helped out to make this event a success. Mother Nature did throw in some rain... but we still had a lot of flying and fun! Look for an event report and pictures in this issue. Thank you again to all that helped!

Still to come this year are winter

meetings, annual elections, Christmas Party, and Krazy Snow Fly! Where did the year go???

There is additional info included on the elected and appointed positions in Skymasters. We are looking for people interested in helping run the club. Please read and consider helping out. If you have questions – or need more information, talk to a current Officer or appointee.

We are approaching the time of the year known as Swap Shop season in the Midwest. Typically running from

October thru April – there will be numerous swap shops in this area. Many opportunities to buy or sell hobby stuff – from planes to kits to tools and more... I'll let you know about as many as I can here (other clubs – send your flyers!)

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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Friday, the day before the float fly, the weather forecast left me with a feeling of my impending doom. You can probably imagine the sinking feeling of knowing 100 pilots, some coming from other states, could be standing under the white tent, (if it ever shows up), in the lightning, rain and high winds staring at you, the default event director, with a look of, what do we do now? Fortunately, the weather was not as bad as the Internet weather predicted. Saturday the wind was gusty at times, still most pilots got in some good flights. Sunday, on and off, the weather broke, and some of the flying was great. This made for an interesting test of our new flight link coordination system. Sunday was a good starting test because it was not too busy the whole time, but there were rushes on the flight line, as the weather got nice. It seemed to work very well. All of the pilots like the new system, we did get a few minor suggestions, hopefully the weather will be good enough next year to put it to a real test. Thanks to Greg Cardillo for designing the board and to Mark Smith for making the tags and magnets. If you have comments let me know. We would like to make this work so that it take less labor to put on this event. So far so good.

Speaking of labor, HOW ABOUT THAT KITCHEN? The kitchen work began before the event and Gary, Top gun, Slow Gun, Scale winner, Weeks took ½ of a vacation day to get all of the prep work completed. Thanks to Gary and Phyllis for coordinating the kitchen. (I didn't see Phyllis leave the kitchen for the entire weeks end. :-)) Thanks a lot you guys are GREAT!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I would like to thank all of the people who helped in the kitchen. Because of the rotation, (and that I was running around like a chicken with my head cut off), I couldn't name all of them, but thank all of you. One thing I like about float flying is the way you can land, or even at times touch and go, upside down and still fly that plane again. I saw a few, what I would call inverted take offs, into an immediate inverted landing where the pilot dried out and checked his plane and it flew again. *Try that on land.* (Just kidding Dan). Thanks to the people in the boats for the

great job this year. Hauling in a 104" Cub, upside down and floating on the wing, is not that easy. I think that one was rescued by Mark Smith and Paul Zabawa. I got many compliments about the boats this year, which was not always the case. Thanks to the guy's. (and girl)

The ladies who helped out are amazing. Most don't even fly, but they are there helping out, working in Registration, the kitchen, the raffle, the boats and other places I'm sure. Thanks to all the ladies. I would like to say a special thanks to Donna Burns. She never stops. Not only did she handle the raffle sales, she is also the ding-dong at dinnertime on student night. (I hope I made that sound like a good thing; it is). She is also an organizer of maximum magnitude for many club functions. She is a special person and she and Bob do a lot for the club all year. (Not to mention hauling 2 big, built, raffle prizes, all over the place the entire year). Sometimes I wonder how Bob brings any of his own planes to the events. I want him to know we appreciate it. So if you see Donna, please tell her thank you and give her a big hug. (tell her Ross told you too). Have your wife give Bob a hug, or, oh what the heck, give Bob a big hug too. (Tell him it was your own idea). I'm beginning to see I am going to run out of newsletter space before I can thank everyone so please let me thank all who helped out. You know who you are, and thank you for jumping in where we needed you. If you didn't get to help out this year you missed a very rewarding thank you from many pilots, some of which who came from a long way away to be with us and fly off the water. The contest winners were: Sport: Mike Cisler- Livingston Co-RC Standoff: Tom Ramm- Livingston Co-

RC
Scale: Gary, Top Gun, Weeks- Sky-

masters
It all came together some how this year and thanks to Carl for all the prep work he did. Great prizes, Great people, Great event.

Thanks Again,

Ross M. Hardy (H,L,S,S,B)

(Thanks Ross for running this event and to everyone that helped out!! Ed.)

Skymasters Events

Wednesday, October 1-, 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting, Larson Middle School

Winterizing your planes and care and feeding of batteries is the program for the evening. Come to learn and share your own ideas as well.

Friday, October 19, 6:00 PM Field Closing Party, Scripps Road Field

No the field really doesn't close... but it's a chance to get together and have some fun. We will have a permit for a bonfire. Bring food/snacks and beverage of your choice (for after flying...). The gate will be closed and locked during the party. Please let yourself in and close gate behind you (required by our Use Permit for the evening.)

Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting, Larson Middle School

Watch your email for program information...

Skymaster's 2002 Officers

November is our annual Elections for club officers for 2002. For those new to the club, or others considering pitching in, you may be wondering what the positions are in the club – and what they do...

The following are elected at our November meeting for a one year term. The descriptions are from our by-laws with some additional comments in italics:

- a) **President:** The President is the Senior Officer of the Club and presides at all Club meetings and functions. He/she has the power to make legal contracts in the name of the Club, subject to the approval of a two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Operating Committee.
- b) **Vice-President:** The Vice-President acts in the capacity of an Assistant President, and assumes the duties of any Club Officer during their absence at Club functions. Should the Office of the President become vacant, the Vice-President automatically becomes the new President for the balance of the year. *The Vice-President has responsibilities for coordinating field maintenance activities.*
- c) **Secretary:** The Secretary keeps an accurate record of the attendance and minutes of each meeting. He/she is responsible for Club correspondence, and for Club contest records. The Secretary serves as the Club Ballot Officer.
- d) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer, along with the President, has the authority to write checks and make deposits for the Club. The Treasurer is authorized to receive contributions, grants, donations, or bequests from any individuals, institutions, or estates, and hold same in the name of the Club, to be used for either endowment purposes or operating expenses. He/she is responsible for meeting all financial obligations of the Club. The Treasurer makes periodic financial reports to the membership..

The elected officers above plus all past Presidents still members in good standing makes up the voting members of the Executive Committee.

In addition to the elected positions above, the following positions are Presidential Appointments and are non-voting members of the Executive Committee:

- a) **Bald Mountain Park Liason** – coordinate communication and activities with the DNR at Bald Mountain Recreation Area. This is a new appointment in 2001.
- b) **Chief Flight Instructor** – coordinate our flight training activities.
- c) **Newsletter Editor** – produce this newsletter each month...

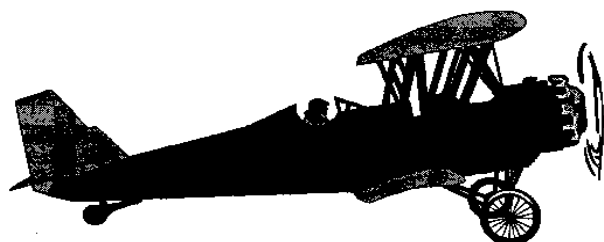
The Executive Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month. Meetings are open to any member that wishes to attend. As we do hold meetings at members houses, we ask that you let us know if you are planning to attend (and to find out where we are meeting for the month.)

Additionally – we have **Event Directors** that coordinate the various events we have during the year. They take care of organizing the events for us to enjoy throughout the year.

We anticipate openings in Elected Officers, Presidential Appointments, and Event Directors for 2002. If you are interested in helping out, please talk to one of the current Executive Board members – and have an open mind if we come to talk to you about helping out.

This is a great chance to give back to the club and help steer our future!

Other Area Events



Oakland Yard
248/673-0100
5328 Highland Rd.
Waterford, MI 48327

Model Aviation Winter'01-'02

With the success of last year's aviation club Oakland Yard has again made time available in our 72,000 square foot dome for individuals interested in model aviation. Models range from delicate rubber powered airplanes to full contact radio controlled Zagi's. Parkflyers and slowflyers are the fastest growing part of the R.C. hobby. Come check out these cool little airplanes. Indoor R.C. is a ton of fun don't miss out!!!!

Oakland Yard allows the following types of models:

- 1) Free flight: CO₂, electric, rubber, hand launch
- 2) Radio Control (No combustion engines) - All R.C. pilots must be members of the AMA. Membership can be obtained by calling (1-800-IFLYAMA).

The cost is cheap for such an opportunity! Where else can you fly a model in the dead of winter?

Returning members \$130.00

New members \$150.00

Individual visit \$15.00

Spectators \$1.00

Members get:

1. Free Aviation Club polo shirt.
2. Free soda and coffee each visit.
3. 30% savings over individual visit price.

Saturday, November 3rd, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, November 17th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, December 8th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Wednesday, December 26th, FUN FLY (FF 6pm-8:30pm R.C. 8:30pm-11:00pm)

Saturday, December 29th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, January 12th, 8:00pm-12:00pm

Saturday, January 26th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, February 9th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, February 23rd, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, March 9th, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, March 23rd, 8:00pm-12:00am

Saturday, April 6th, 8:00pm- 12:00am

Saturday, April 20th, 8:00pm-12:00am

**2nd Annual
'Reindeer Fun Fly'
December 26th**

Remember Oakland Yard is available for special events. Need a place for club meetings? Contact Dave for availability or to offer suggestions and ideas.

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ADDRESS	VISA/MC# EXP
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EMAIL	AMA NUMBER

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
<u>STRIKER</u> # 9020	\$39.00					YES/NO	\$
<u>SLUGGER</u> # 2141	\$39.00						\$
<u>Golf Shirt</u> TWO STYLES Royal Blue # 2413 Grey/Black # 2406	\$25.00						\$
<u>T-SHIRT</u> TWO COLORS Light Blue Royal Blue	\$10.00						\$
<u>CAP</u>	\$10.00						\$
						Total\$	

Please
specify
Style #
and Pcs.
No name
or large
logo on

NOTE: caps.

Float

Fly Photos



*A pair of Balsa USA Lakers (above)
Dan Devine's Concept 30 Helicopter on Floats (right)
Jeff Landis' modified Balsa USA Phaeton (below left)
Darrell Watts' Top Flite Cesna (below right)*



Other Area Events

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

Nov

4	Midwest R/C	14th Annual Swap Meet	Northville Community Center Rudy Reinhard 9am-3pm		248 643-4509
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Upcoming Events:

Oct 10—Meeting—Larson Middle School

*Oct 19—Field Closing Party—
Scripps Road Field*

Oct 24—Meeting—Larson Middle School

Nov 14—Meeting—Larson Middle School

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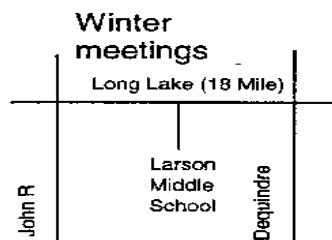
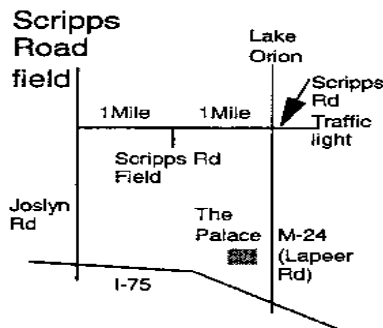
Skymasters field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park on Scripps Road (see map). State Park Permits are required and can be obtained from the Park Headquarters located on Greenshield Road or at club events. Flying is permitted from 10 AM to 8 PM. The noise limit for 2001 is 94 dBA at 10 feet—this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