



# Sky Writer

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Well fellow flyers, spring is coming at us at an amazing pace. How are you coming on that big winter project that you were going to have ready for May....perhaps for the Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly? Personally I'm way behind. Partially because I'm such a slow builder and partially because I've been out of town "flying" a PT Cruiser, Jeep Liberty and a Dodge Ram pickup. (They are dirigibles – see the photo.)

Thanks to Gary and the other officers for conducting the Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. This was an important meeting for the future of our club. Take the time to carefully review the meeting minutes in this newsletter. I would only comment that "sound management" will continue to be a crucial element in the preservation of our flying field and without a flying field our club would cease to exist. We must all be vigilant in meeting/enforcing our

existing sound policy. Further we need to be pro-active in developing engine/prop/muffler combinations that exceed our current sound requirements and still yield good flight performance. Also, as came out in



the meeting, your Executive Committee will work on a "public relations" program to educate our neighbors and government officials about our hobby and the benefits we

offer for the community.

By the time you read this I'm sure that Joe Finkelstine, with your support, will have put on another successful Skymasters Swap Meet! This event plus the fall float fly are the major source of funds for the year (outside of our dues). Look for Joe's report.

Plan on attending the March meetings. We have a couple of outstanding programs scheduled. Todd Hackbarth will be here on the 13<sup>th</sup> to tell us about the Yankee Air Force and Ross Jones will educate us on R/C warbirds on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you who are new to our club, believe me, the Toledo Expo (April 5,6 &7) is a "must see"...at least once.

I've got to quit writing and get to building! Be careful out there – don't let the CA glue you fingers to your airplane.

Darrell



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## 2002 Club Officers & Appointees...

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# Field Rules 2002

## Provisional Helicopter Rules

1. Unless altered here, all normal Field Rules apply to Helicopter Flying.
2. A designated hovering area is provided at the west end of field (see diagram below.) Flights consisting of only hovering activities should be performed in this area. Flying is not to exceed approximately 6 feet in altitude and is to remain over mowed hover area unless beyond the control of the pilot. A safety fence is provided between the hover area and pit/parking area. Initially a single helicopter will be in the hovering area at a time. This is in addition to the normal 5 flight pads.
3. Flights including forward flight are to be performed from one of the normal flight stations.
4. If fixed wing aircraft are flying, only one helicopter is permitted using one of the end flight stations for forward flight activities. The furthest upwind pad should be used for helicopter activities.
5. Hovering activities while on normal flight stations should be of limited duration, and performed away from other pilots (For example, if using far west pad, hover to west of yourself).
6. Use of a spotter is strongly recommended if fixed wing aircraft are flying.
7. Provisional Helicopter Signoff:

Multiple Stages of Signoff:

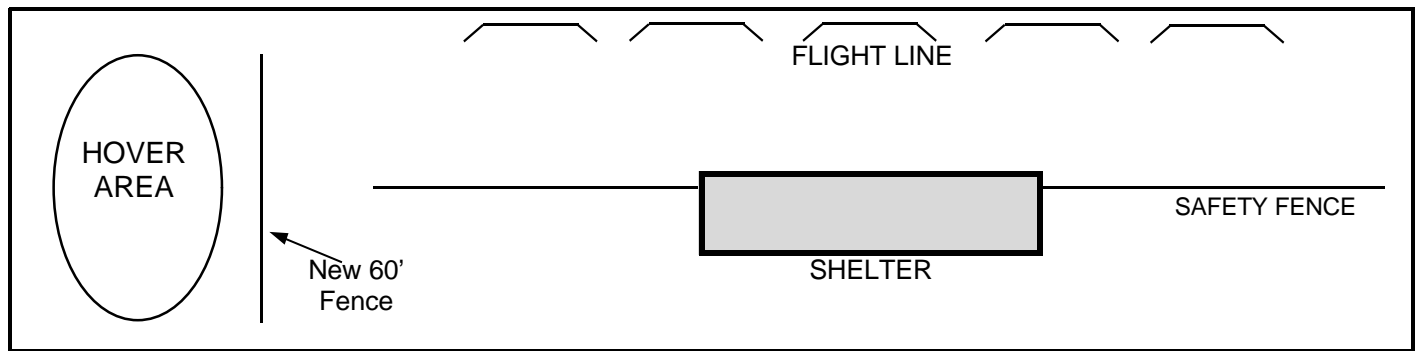
Student – must have an instructor at all times

Hover – capable of hovering alone. Having another pilot accompanying flight is recommended but not required. An instructor is required for forward flight and aerobatics.

Pilot – capable of Class 1 helicopter maneuvers as indicated in AMA Competition Regulations. The emphasis being on control rather than precision execution.

Any Skymasters Instructor can signoff a Student for Hover. Two Instructor signoffs required for Forward Flight.

\*If not already a fixed wing pilot, Ground School covering Skymasters Field rules is required. A Helicopter specific section to ground school should be developed if interest increases



## FROM THE EDITOR...

Welcome to the March Issue of the Skywriter. Swap month is over, I hope you bought or sold everything you wanted to. March is a slow month as far as events go, a great time to build that new kit that has been collecting dust in your shop. Spring is just around the corner,

now is the time to get a plane on floats, stop in at one of Steve's Bull Session if you need help. The new helicopter rules should help keep things running smooth at the field. Greg has your 2002 events schedule on pg 5. Looks like we will have another busy summer. Please vol-

unteer to help out any way you can. The Toledo show is only a month away, if you have never been there "try it, you like it!"

Mark & Liz

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# A ONE & A TWO

Members have been flocking to Steve Fredericks "Bull Sessions" talking about the latest things in R/C, getting those new planes checked out and yes even some music appreciation. There are 2 more Bull Sessions left for the 2002 season, March 9-23. Steve will be helping everyone get ready for the summer season that is quickly approaching. Steve reminds us to start now getting those planes ready for the float flying season. Floats can be tricky the first time you mount them on a plane and he will more than happy to guide you though the process. Besides our Float Fly events, we also fly every Wednesday at Stoney Creek, so you can get a lot of use out of that float plane. *Tip: to size floats measure the distance from the CG to the prop, add 2" double it and that is the correct length of float for your plane.*



Steve does not limit the Bull Session to airplanes, Jack Ferguson rocks!

# AMA AWARD

## Congratulations to Al Mrock and Harold Reuter

At the February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting Al and Harold were presented recognition awards from AMA for their many hours of work with the Lake Orion school children. They have brought aero modeling to the elementary and junior high classes for many years. Their efforts have to a great degree gone unnoticed.

Bill Oberdieck at our meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> talked about the importance of getting involved with young people and we told him about Al and Harold's efforts. He was very impressed and asked for details. The information was forwarded to AMA and their Education Committee then issued the award.

Again congratulations Al and Harold, we don't pause often enough to say thanks for a job well done.

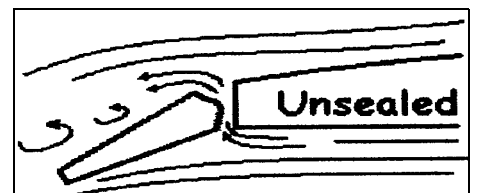
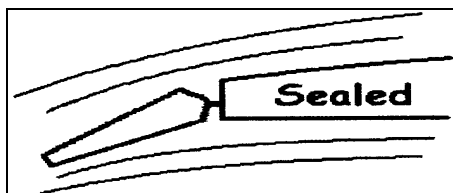
# SEAL THOSE HINGE LINES...

By Clay Ramskill

OK - you've finished up the plane; a pretty covering job, all the radio gear working properly, balanced fore and aft, AND laterally - all ready to go. Maybe not - did you seal the hinge lines? Why should I, you might ask. We've all seen lots of planes fly OK without any fuss over hinge lines. How about less drag, quicker rolls, better turns, more precise control? Note that we're speaking of fairly small improvements here. But with many planes, you can get at least noticeable improvement, over a wide range of performance criteria. All this with little work, expense, or extra weight! Let's take a simple peek at the principles involved - you'll see better how all this works. For example, we'll look at a typical aileron installation. Our aileron, shown here (Fig. 1) in its trim position, undeflected, acts as part of the wing. The wing depends on reasonably smooth airflow around it to generate higher air pressure on the bottom, lower pressure on top. It is this pressure differential, spread over

the area of the wing, that gives us the lift we need. When our aileron is deflected, we get a higher pressure differential, causing extra lift. On the other wing, raising the aileron would cause less pressure differential or even reverse it, decreasing lift on that wing. -And we get a roll. With our gaps unsealed we get the same type of result, but not as efficiently. There are two detrimental effects: 1) Air bleeds through the hinge gap, from high to low pressure, decreasing the pressure differential in that area; 2) The air bleeding through the gap causes some disruption in the airflow over that part of the wing. These two effects will decrease lift and increase drag, by small amounts. Deflecting our ailerons makes the situation worse. The deflection of air increases the pressure differential, and even

more air will pour through the unsealed gap, magnifying the detrimental effects! Notice that the problems associated with an unsealed gap would also apply to our elevator or rudder, when those surfaces are deflected. The 'more precise control' effect is a bit harder to explain. But looking at figure 2, you can deduce that the flow lines across the aileron are not as smooth, and there is an area near the aileron surface that has more turbulent air. When you make a small aileron correction, the response will not be as positive. Your plane WILL fly more precisely and efficiently with hinge gaps sealed. And more often as not, the difference will at least be noticeable! This is a situation where you can 'do something nice' for your plane (and for yourself, the pilot) with out much hassle.



## Airport Talk...

For those who travel frequently, the following should make us comfortable:

- Taxiing down the tarmac, the jetliner abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off. A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?" "The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant, "and it took us a while to find a new pilot."
- Cessna: "Jones tower, Cessna 12345, student pilot, I am out of fuel." Tower: "Roger Cessna 12345, reduce airspeed to best glide!! Do you have the, airfield in sight? Cessna: "Uh... tower, I am on the south ramp; I just want to know where the fuel truck is."
- A man telephoned an airline office in New York and asked, "How long does it take to fly to Boston?" The clerk said, "Just a minute." "Thank you," the man said and hung up.
- A man walks up to the counter at the airport. "Can I help you?" asks the agent. "I want a round trip ticket," says the man. "Where to?" asks the agent. "Right back to here."
- A passenger piled his cases on the scale at an airline counter in New York and said to the clerk, "I'm flying to Los Angeles. I want the square case to go to Denver and the two round ones to go to Seattle." "I'm sorry, sir, but we can't do that." "Why not? You did it last time!"
- "Flight 1234, for noise abatement turn right 45 degrees.." "But Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?" "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

## TOLEDO EXPO 2002 101...

The TOLEDO R/C EXPO is the Mecca of radio control hobbyists. For all of you that have never gone to "Toledo" this article may help you survive your first visit. First thing, decide which day or days to go. The show runs Fri.-Sat.-Sun. I like to go on Friday to take full advantage of the swap area, which is located in the halls and rooms outside of the main exhibit hall. Here lies r/c treasure beyond your imagination. Dealers & individuals tables line the walls. Get there first and get the best deals. Once you check out the swap now it's time to head into the main hall. Everything you have ever

seen in any magazine or web site is there to see and touch in person. As you walk thru the isles take you time to look at everything. If you see a good deal, get it! Sometimes it will not be there when and if you can remember where you saw it. Another reason for going on Friday is the exhibitors will start running out of merchandise by Friday afternoon, not everything just what *your* looking for. Saturday night they hold an auction selling everything and anything, big and small.

Lets back up to parking or lack of. There are parking garages in the area but are usually full on Friday because of the locals working

downtown. We have found (after walking 6 blocks in the rain in the dark, uphill!) a better way. Last year we parked at the Sports Arena (exit on Front St. off 280) and took a shuttle to the Seagate Center.

48th Annual  
Weak Signals  
Toledo Show  
April 5-6-7 2002  
SeaGate Centre - 401 Jefferson Avenue  
Show hours: Fri/Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 9am to 4pm

Lunch is your next hurdle; we have found the best place is in the Hotel that connects with the center. You can get a sandwich, chips and a pop for under \$5, and sit down to plan your afternoon strategy with your companions. Lunch is "Show & Tell" time for all the great stuff you bought so far. Which leads me to my next recommendation. Try to car pool with a group and set up a lunch meeting

point. It is great fun when you have buddies to talk over what you found where. This year we are bringing FSR radios with us; I am recommending all Skymasters bring one so we can keep in touch while at the show. This way if you are looking for something ask on the radio if anyone has seen it or meet up for lunch. (Skymasters Toledo channel 8 sub 8).

Email me if you have room in your car for more riders or if you need a ride. I will try to match drivers with riders. Have a great time see you there! (have Toledo tips please send them to me.)

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## FAVORITE WEB SITES

- Chat & swap at: [www.rconline.com](http://www.rconline.com)
- 210,000 plane pictures  
1300 floatplane: [www.airliners.net](http://www.airliners.net)
- Lightweight gas engines: [www.rcshowcase.com](http://www.rcshowcase.com)
- Chat & swap some more at: [www.flightlines.com](http://www.flightlines.com)
- Get art for your new instrument panel at: [www.gulf-coast-avionics.com](http://www.gulf-coast-avionics.com) and [www.aerotrronics.com](http://www.aerotrronics.com).
- To find info on Toledo: [www.toledoshow.com](http://www.toledoshow.com)
- Do you have any favorite web sites? (send them to me)

## ATTENTION INSTRUCTORS

Contact Ron Sokacz if you want to be an Skymasters Instructor for the 2002 Season. We are revamping our Instructor list, if you want to be on it **YOU MUST** contact Ron.

**810-977-1404**

## SKYMASTERS 2002 EVENT SCHEDULE

<b>February 27</b> (Wednesday)	<b>Swap Shop</b> - Larson Middle School, Troy. AMA. Our annual event to buy and sell R/C equipment. Just getting started, or want to clean out (or fill up) your basement, fun for all. Rent a table and sell, sell, sell. Joe Finklestine (248) 375-0530
<b>April 20</b> (Saturday!)	<b>Bald Mountain Involvement Day</b> - Bald Mountain Park Headquarters. A great start to Spring. Come out and volunteer to help our park prepare for the summer season. There are light jobs, heavy jobs and everything in between. We need <i>all</i> members out for this event! Mark Smith (248) 391-5970
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly</b> - Seven Lakes State Park, Holly. AMA. Our first Float Fly Event of the year. It adds a whole new dimension when flying from water - it's also great to watch. Flying starts at 9:30 AM. Pete Foss (248) 652-8756
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Bald Mountain Float Fly</b> - Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Trout 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. <i>The Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event.</i> Ross Jones (248) 738-4435
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Kids' Day</b> - Scripps Road Field. Come and try R/C flying. Trainer aircraft and instructors will be available to guide "kids of all ages" through a short flight of a real R/C aircraft. Gary Weeks (248) 540-8358
<b>June 8</b> (Saturday!)	<b>Small Fry, Electric, and Sailplane</b> - Scripps Road Field. AMA. A new event for 2001! 2 cycle engines to .25; 4 cycle to .30 (tow planes excluded); any size Electric or Glider. High Start, Power Pod, or Tow for Gliders. Pete Foss (248) 652-8756
<b>July 14</b>	<b>Team Fun Fly</b> - Scripps Road Field. Lots of exciting flying events, lots of fun, and even some trophies. There will also be an airplane raffle. Need a teammate, we'll find you one! Mark Smith (248) 391-5970
<b>July 27</b> (Saturday!)	<b>Harold 'Big H' Maseles 4 Stroke and Majestic Flyers</b> - 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. Bill Leppard (248) 693-2415
<b>August 11</b>	<b>Warbirds and Scale</b> - Scripps Road Field. AMA. From P51's to Tiger Moths, Cessnas to Tomcats. There should be lots of variety in the air and on the ground. Joe Finklestine (248) 375-0530
<b>August 25</b>	<b>Corn Roast and Top Gun</b> - 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, their families, and our neighbors. Darrell Watts (248) 391-4677
<b>September 7-8</b>	<b>Midwest Regional Float Fly</b> - Island Lake State Park, Brighton. AMA. This is the big one! Float flyers from all over the Midwest bring all sizes, shapes, and color of aircraft imaginable and fly them for two days solid. A blast! Flying starts at 9:30 AM both days! Greg Cardillo
<b>December 31</b> (Tuesday!)	<b>Krazy Snow Fly</b> - Scripps Road Field. Come and give your planes and winter clothes an outing. There's plenty of hot food and drinks, a fire, and some 'cool' flying. The more snow, the better! Paul Zabawa (810) 678-3332

Event Flying starts at 10 AM unless noted. Noise Limit of **94 dB at 10 feet** for all Bald Mountain Events  
All State Park Events require daily or annual State Park Motor Vehicle Permit (available at events).

# Skymasters Events...

- Monday, March 4 9:00 AM Skymasters Retiree's and Want'a Be's Breakfast. New location this year - Rams Horn Restaurant - Northeast corner Crooks & M-59
- Saturday, March 9 9:00 AM Skymasters Bull Session. Steve Frederick's Shop 65 Lake George Rd.
- Saturday, March 9 9:00 PM Indoor Dome flying "Oakland Yard" 5328 Highland Rd. Spectators \$1.00
- Wednesday, March 13 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting. Larson Middle School "A presentation on the Yankee Air Force." by Todd Hackbarth
- Saturday - Sunday, March 16-17 RCCD Macomb Mall Show Gratiot and 13 1/2 Mile Rd.
- Sunday, March 17 9:00AM -12:00 Rib Crackers Swap Farmington & 5 mile Rd. Livonia Senior Center
- Monday, March 18 9:00 AM Skymasters Retiree's and Want'a Be's Breakfast. New location this year - Rams Horn Restaurant - Northeast corner Crooks & M-59
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- Wednesday, March 27 7:30 PM Skymasters Meeting. Larson Middle School "How to choose a War-bird & what to watch out for" by Ross Jones
- Friday - Saturday - Sunday - April 5-6-7 Toledo Show. Get in a car pool and have a great time!



## SKYMASTERS MARCH 2002

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17 SWAP RIBCRACKER LIVONIA	18 RETIREE BREAKFAST	19	20 BOARD MEETING	21	22 GOOD FRIDAY	23 BULL SESSION Dome Flying
24 31 EASTER	25	26	27 MEETING LARSON	28	29	30

## Larson Meeting – 01/23/02

### Visitors / New members:

- Jack Goodrich, former Skymasters president.
- George Calcaterra, New student, received a trainer airplane as a Christmas gift.
- Ken Varner, some sailplane experience.
- Rex Felps, full-scale pilot with home-built experience.

### Swap Shop Update:

Joe Finkelstine, this year's director, He is asking for help to fill 30-minute slots in the kitchen, door, and raffle. This year's Swap Shop will be Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please consider helping out.

### Guest Speaker:

Don Hindman - Dremel Tools product demonstrator for the state of Michigan. Don brought in several Dremel products to describe, show and demonstrate for us. The products included a drill press capable of vertical and horizontal operation, a ball-in-socket swivel vice, a router shaping table, several variable-speed Dremel rotary tools and of course a huge selection of cutting, grinding, and polishing bits. The cutting and grinding bits are made from a variety of materials including tungsten, carbide and precious stones such as diamond, ruby, and sapphire. A handy new attachment is the Multipro Chuck. This expands the range of shaft sizes that your Dremel can accept. A 90 degree adapter is also available which makes reaching interiors much easier.

Don expressed the importance of safety when using power grinders and cutters. The mouth, nose, and ears should be protected against inhalation of the sawdust because the corkscrew shape of the balsa, styrene, and hardwood filings attaches to the lining of the lungs and causes damage. A dust-collector is well worth the investment and a simple one can be made from a fan and furnace filter. Eye protection should be worn for obvious reasons.

Don emphasized several times that Dremel's customer service is very good and should be used for any questions and comments. Dremel's customer service can be reached at 1-800-437-3635 or at [www.dremel.com](http://www.dremel.com)

### Show and Tell:

- Gene Thuringer brought in a Carl Goldberg Falcon III, O.S. 46 FX.
- Bill Stark brought in a Carl Goldberg Tiger II with a Tower 46 engine.
- Jack Edwards showed a Great Planes Super Sportster ARF.
- Don Patterson showed a vintage Top Flight Rascal R/C with a Cox .02 engine and a vintage escapement type-one-channel radio.

## B&G CLUB MEETING - 2/13/02

GARY WEEKS PRESIDING OVER MEETING IN PLACE OF DARRELL WATTS.

### VISITORS / NEW MEMBERS:

DANIEL LARSON- 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME VISITOR PREVIOUS MEMBER OF LAPEER WING NUTS.

**SWAP SHOP UPDATE:** JOE FINKLESTINE THIS YEARS DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT HE WAS STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW VOLUNTEERS. THE DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 6:00 PM.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** HAROLD ROUTER AND AL MOROK WERE PRESENTED PLAGUES BY THE AMA GOLD LEADER PROGRAM. THE PLAGUES WERE AWARDED FOR ALL THEIR WORK WITH THE LAKE ORION SCHOOLS. HAROLD AND AL HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE CHILDREN AT THE LAKE ORION SCRIPPS SCHOOL FOR SEVERAL YEARS PROMOTING FLYING AND MODELING.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

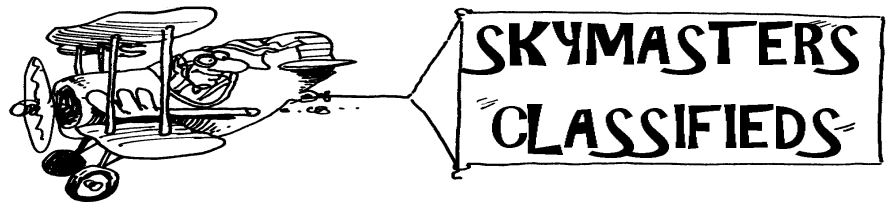
GREG CARDILLO WILL BE CD FOR THE FALL FLOAT FLY. GREG WILL BE LOOKING FOR HELP ON PR MAILINGS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FLOAT FLY. GREG IS ALSO LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SOLICITATION OF PRIZES.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** OPENED TO DISCUSSION AFTER GREG CARDILLO READ THE BOARDS RECOMMENDATIONS ON HELICOPTER RULES (SEE PG.2) AND SAFETY MEASURES. SOUND CONTROL POLICY WAS DISCUSSED AS WELL AS PR AND MAKING OUR NEIGHBOR AND THE COMMUNITY AWARE WE ARE THERE AT THE FIELD AND THAT WE ARE GOOD NEIGHBORS. AT ISSUE WAS POSTING

SIGNS, SELF POLICING OUR NOISE AND FLIGHT PATTERNS. A STRONGER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WERE PRESENTED AS POSSIBLE MEASURES TO INSURE OUR FUTURE AT THE FIELD.

### SHOW & TELL:

- **GARY WEAKS** - SHOWED US ONE OF HIS NEW INSTRUMENT PANELS AND PROVIDE SEVERAL THOUGHT ON WHERE TO LOOK FOR IDEAS TO BUILD REALISTIC PANELS FOR OUR PLANES.
- JACK EDWARDS - DISPLAYED A TOWER HOBBIES KAOS ARF WITH A TOWER 46 TWO STROKE ENGINE WEIGHT IS 5.5 TO 6 LBS.
- HARRY ETHERIDGE - DISPLAYED HIS SETUP FOR A BOMB DROP ON HIS LT-40
- AL MUROCK - SHOWED US HIS OWN DESIGN OF A SIKORSKY S-39 FLOAT-PLANE. AL'S SETUP IS WITH TWO ASTROFLIGHT 806 BRUSHLESS MOTORS TO FLY WITH 2 EA 8 CELL 2400 MA BATTERY PACKS. SETUP WILL ALSO USE 2 SPEED CONTROLLERS WITH A HITEC 555 RECEIVE AND MINI SERVO. AL ALSO SHOWED SOME WORK HE WAS DOING USING SOLERTEX (BALSA USA)
- CHRIS AND JOE HAUS - PRESENTED A NEW AIRBOAT THEY HAD ACQUIRED FROM A SWAP. JOE HAUS ALSO HAD A ELECTO-JET KIT - FLYING WEIGHT 20 OZ . JOE ALSO PRESENTED HANGER 9 FLIGHT BOX THAT HE HAS REVIEW FOR RCM MAGAZINE.- THE FLIGHT BOX IS DONATED TO THE SWAP SHOP AS ONE OF THE PRIZES-
- GREG BRAUSA- PRESENTED A ACE 4-40 THAT WAS FOR SALE WITH A TOWER STARTER AND JR F400 RADIO,



- **FOR SALE:** Two Seamaster's. One ready to fly (includes eng. & radio). One ready to cover (no eng. or radio). Doug Brill 248-652-6722
- **FOR SALE:** Gremlin kit 48" wingspan .30 -.46 engine includes foam wing, fuse, & instructions. New \$30 Mark Smith 248-391-5970 [masmith248@earthlink.net](mailto:masmith248@earthlink.net)
- **FOR SALE:** NEW Carb Assembly - P/N 2258100 for a OS LA .25 - only \$10.00 (reg \$22) Keith McCrary 248-527-6783
- **WANTED:** Your classified ad here for free!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MARCH 4.....Retiree's Breakfast
- MARCH 9.....Skymasters Bull Session
- MARCH 13.....Meeting at Larson
- MARCH 18.....Retiree's Breakfast
- MARCH 23.....Skymasters Bull Session
- MARCH 27.....Meeting at Larson
- APRIL 5-6-7.....TOLEDO SHOW
- APRIL 10.....Meeting at Larson

# Skymasters Information ...

Skymaster's 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 2002 is 94 dBa at 10 feet—this noise rule is strictly enforced.

In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student

Nights and there are usually instructors around all day. Student night is also a pot luck buffet, bring something for the grill & a dish to pass. Meet the Instructors and arrange for more instruction time together on other days. Our Chief Flight Instructor is Ron Sokacz (810) 977-1404.

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 socialize. 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. Bring a model for Show and Tell, enjoy coffee with donuts and listen to the speaker of the evening.

The Skywriter newsletter is sent to members, local hobby shops, and other R/C clubs in the area and around the country. All contributions are welcome. Please send articles to the Editor. If you know of anyone who may be interested in R/C Aviation, please give them a copy of this newsletter or a copy of an AMA magazine. It may spark their interest!

