



Sky Writer

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

WHEW - EE! July was a hot one!!

I hope all of you had a great 4th of July. Jane and I traveled to Boston via Cleveland (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame) and Canton, Oh. (Pro-football Hall of Fame). In Boston we had a traditional 4th with a local parade, etc. plus we were with our son and daughter-in-law and our two granddaughters, which we spoil as best we can.

July was a good public relations month for the club:

For a week we had a display at the Lake Orion library. (Harold Reuter did a nice job building a couple of airplane mobiles.) The display looked very nice and Joe Rubinstein spent one evening visiting about electrics, Bob Burns spent an evening visiting about trainers, Harold Reuter spent an afternoon visiting about non-R/C modeling and I spent an evening visiting about floatplanes.

Saturday July 12th we had a very nice static display of about 20

planes at the grand opening of the new Orion Township, Parks and Rec. office building in Friendship Park. Gary Weaks, Bill Leppard and Gene Payson put on a very impressive flight demonstration. The crowd was small but many township officials were there and were very pleased with our participation.



GARY WEAKS BEAUTIFUL AT-6 AT ORION PARKS

(In addition to the Gary, Bill and Gene, those who brought planes for display were Bob Burns, Gary Bowman, Tim Bowman, Dan Devine, Marv Middleton and myself. Also in attendance were Greg Cardillo, Otto Gutsell, Al Lewis, Harold Reuter, Mark Smith and several

wives and family members.) Thanks to all who participated.

Saturday July 27th (as of this writing) we are putting on a flight demonstration at Lake 16 in support of the township and their Wacky Water Weekend. Steve Fredericks, Greg Cardillo and Ron Sokacz put on the air show.

As Bill Stark, our Parks Liaison officer said, "you cannot overestimate the importance of these events where the club supports the township." Bill has worked in the public sector and he can appreciate the impact it has. It would appear that, at least in metropolitan areas, we are going to increasingly depend on public lands for our airfields. It is critical that we begin

cultivating the relationship with the entire parks and recreation community.

Mark Smith again did a great job running the Team Fun Fly. I understand that a protest has been filed about the outcome of the "expert" class, something about a

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stacked deck of cards and hanging chads or something. It was very well attended but I probably don't need to say any more since Mark and Dave won and he'll probably have a two or three page write-up about it in this newsletter.

August 11th brings us Warbirds and Scale – an event that you can enjoy entering if you have even a “stand way off and squint” scale

plane. If you don't care to fly, this is a good one to attend just to see some of the beautiful ships some of our members build and fly.

Also, on August 25th we have our annual “Corn Roast & family picnic.” There is lots of just flying for fun and a great lunch (the menu has not been finalized but we know we will have plenty of roasted corn). We will also have our “Top Gun” competition where you do a three-

minute freestyle flight demonstration and the rest of the non-competing pilots vote for who did the best job. Get your name on that perpetual Top Gun Trophy and a Top Gun hat and bragging rights for a year. Gary Weaks is our defending champion...can he repeat?

LET'S ALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AT THIS ONE!!!

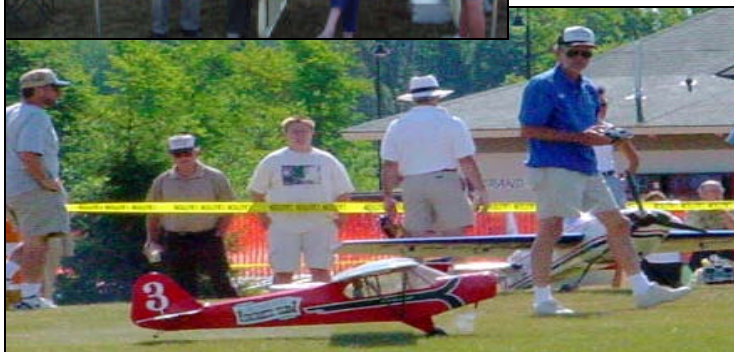
See you there.

~ Darrell

ORION PARKS & RECREATION AIR SHOW...



TOP LEFT:
FLIGHT LINE
TOP RIGHT:
STATIC DISPLAY
CENTER LEFT:
SKYMASTERS
IN THE SHADE
BOTTOM:
BILL LEPPARD



Big Static Display

Orion Township was so impressed with our display at Friendship Park they have asked if we would consider putting on a big static display at “Canterbury Village”. They will even advertise it for us. It would be held one of the first three weekends of October (exact date not set yet).

They need a commitment by about August 10th. Before I commit us I need to know if you would support it. **Please respond by August 8th if you would bring one or more planes and hang around at least part of the time to visit with the spectators.**

Preferably respond via email janeandjd@msn.com or if you don't have email you can call and leave a message at 248-391-4677. Please let me know ASAP!

~ Darrell

FROM THE EDITOR...

AND FUN FLY CO-CHAMPION

Welcome to the August issue of the Skywriter. “The Midwest Regional Float Fly” is right around the corner. Lets get those registrations in the mail, don't miss the deadline or it **will** cost you more. If you can help out this year contact Greg Cardillo now!

Come out to the “Fish Fry” August 7, lots of good food and friends.

This years corn roast & Top Gun is going to be a great time plan on being there.

All the details on how Dave & I “smoked” the competition at the Fun Fly are on page 4 & 5.

Darrell needs help at the “Friendship Park” static display. It is not until October, but *please call now* and let him know you will be there to help.

Mark & Liz
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PROP WASH...

by: Joe Finkelstine

Take it to the limit...

Hi All,

Well, those of you old enough (and that is most of you reading this!) to remember these lines from a well known hit from the group the "Eagles" in the 70's may wonder why I chose this title for this month's column. Well, I am writing this just after our Fun Fly and this was the most appropriate name I could contrive.

In my case here, the "limit" I am referring to are the limits we put on ourselves in this hobby of ours. I promise not to make this a lecture on safety, that is not my point. What I would like you to all think about is that some limits should be pushed, and some should be a bit more firm. Each year I watch the Fun Fly, I get the idea that I should go into the landing gear business, as I watch at least a dozen pilots transform their ships into hand-launch models during an event that has some kind of points for spot landing. As pilots in this contest we get the "land it here no matter what" syndrome and the down elevator gets a healthy workout. (We will of course not discuss my even larger excesses here, including my famous killing of a perfectly good Ultimate Biplane whilst attempting to win top gun a few years back!)

While I have to smile at the competitive nature of those pilots in the fun fly, it often causes me to think about how I can add

a little spice to my flying. I have been changing what I have built over the last year, and it is focusing away from boring holes in the sky with an aerobatic ship. Now mind you, I certainly won't stop tumbling my DP Ultimate Biplane around, but I have 3 WWII 1/5 scale ships in various stages of development and taking it to the limit for me will be to master scale flight, including that most difficult of maneuvers, the scale take-off. My point is here that this mode I have chosen will definitely stretch my limit, and I hope to convince you to take this plunge once in awhile. It could be Warbirds, it could be helicopters, whatever, but once you have flown "sport" for a bit and are comfortable, consider other aspects of our broad hobby. For example, control line has always appealed to me, and perhaps you could try a control line ship at our field. It is after all, one of the less expensive forms of flying!

You could also take new limits in sport flying. I have been instructing a few pilots in aerobatics (pretty loosely though) and this can be quite an adventure. Most of the intermediate ships I see at the field are more than capable of some fun tumbles or big loops and it does not cost anything other than gas to give some of these maneuvers a try (unless of course you attempt a 100 foot radius loop at only 75 feet of altitude, as I witnessed last student night!)

If you look at when people leave the hobby, one group is what I call the "been there, done that" mentality. After about 2-3 years, they get a bit bored with this hobby and they go on to some other challenge. This group would benefit most from trying a different form of the hobby, and if that fails, then perhaps they really should move on. Personally, it has taken me nearly ten years to be comfortable sport flying and it is definitely time for me to move on to other aspects of this hobby.

Of course we must remain cognizant of the foolhardy ways to stretch our limits. For example, I have recently purchased a used 30-size helicopter and I will be back to student mode. It would be a dangerous and foolhardy challenge for me to go out and believe that I could fly this thing without lots of help. This is not taking it to the limit, this would be taking it to the repair shop! – All of you know where this limit is for yourselves – 'nuff said on that one.

So hopefully, before this flying season is out, you will see me attempting some new things with both my DP Biplane, and even attempting to hover that instrument of the devil (i.e. helicopter), and I will see some of you spinning a new tune as well!

Hope you leave the field with as many pieces as you came with.

~ Joe F.



"TEAM FUN-FLY 2002" ...

BY: MARK SMITH

Calm winds, sunshine, balloons, foam noodles, BB guns, balsa pieces, landing gear flying everywhere, hot planes and nervous pilots all the ingredients for a Great Fun Fly. And a Great one it was! Twenty seven of the best pilots came out to compete for the coveted title of "FUN FLY CHAMP 2002". But only 1 team in the Expert and 1 in the Intermediate Class would meet the challenge, come out on top, fly like gods, over come all obstacles including the peanut gallery, grab the bull by the horns.....OK, OK, Darrell already told you that Dave Lange & I won in the Expert class. If you see Dave ask him to sing a

few bars of "We are the Champions".

For those not at this years fun-fly, the first event was biathlon style. Pilot 1 takes off starting the clock and does a acrobatic routine lands and then pops a balloon with a BB-gun. (see picture middle pg 5) Then pilot 2 takes off does the routine lands and pops the balloon to stop the clock.

The second event was to do as many "Touch & Go's" as you can in 3 minutes. But you must do them in a box lined with foam noodles & filled with balloons (see picture bottom pg 5) pop a balloon and your touch doesn't count.

Our third event was to do a dead stick landing as close to the center of the field as you can (marked by a balloon) but before you took off you had to try and guess how many total feet you and your partner would be away from the marker. Guess it right and get a 50 point bonus.

A big thanks to John Hakala for taking over the cooking duties for the event, his helpers Laura Devine and Steve Fredericks for hauling the trailer. Jack Fleming did an excellent job of keeping score (at least Dave & I thought so - who says \$20 doesn't go as far as it used to!). And a special thanks to my son Andy for helping me with all the preparations and the events.

I hope everyone had a great time this year, I know I did. Putting on this event is a lot of fun a lot of work but it is worth it!

The Big Prize Drawing of the "SUPER STICK 60" went to Chris Hass. Congratulations Chris. Thanks to everyone who bought tickets.

Photos by Dan Devine & Bob Donohue. Thanks Guys!



1st Place Expert Smith / Lange



1st Place Inter. Schmelling / Hardy



2nd Place Expert Fredericks / Watts



2nd Place Inter. Falzon / Hubbard

OFFICIAL STANDINGS

Expert Class

1. Dave Lange - Mark Smith
2. Darrel Watts - Steve Fredericks
3. Jim Held - Dan Devine
4. Gary Bowman - Tim Bowman
5. Ross Jones - Jim Satawa
6. Ross Hardy - Dave Shea

Intermediate Class

1. Josh Hardy - Roger Schmelling
 2. Nick Falzon - Will Hubbard
 3. Herm Greif - Ron Sokacz
 4. Dave Wendt - Bob Gillespie
 5. Paul Zabawa - Bill Wood
 6. Marv Middleton - Bob Burns
- DNF - Paul Kelly - Sherman Dixon
Earl Starr



AREA EVENTS...

AMRCC CONTEST SCHEDULE

- AUGUST 4.....RCCD.....OPEN COMBAT CHALLENGE.....BOB CHAPMAN 248-524-0092
- AUGUST 4.....SUMPTER HILLTOPERS.....OPEN R/C COMBAT....RANDY YEAGER 734-284-2596
- AUGUST 7.....SKYMASTERS.....FISH FRY NIGHT...BOB BURNS 248-628-4666
- AUGUST 10.....MONROE CLOUDBUSTERS.....J3/L4 FLY-IN.....TIM JESKY 313-389-1249
- AUGUST 10.....CHESANING.....BIG BIRD FLY-IN.....MIKE FREEMAN 989-871-2673
- AUGUST 11.....SKYMASTERS.....WARBIRDS & SCALE.....JOE FINKELSTINE 248-375-0530
- AUGUST 14-15....WEAK SIGNALS.....SAM 40 MEET....WALT VEZLICH 734-283-6438
- AUGUST 17-18....DAM.....GIANT SCALE AIR SHOW.....STAN SPIEWAK 313-937-0014
- AUGUST 17-18....SIGNAL SEEKERS.....CONTROL LINE AEROBATICS....BOB KANE 734-281-8514
- AUGUST 24.....BITS & PIECES.....BIG BIRD FLY-IN.....DON GARMON 517-436-3610
- AUGUST 25.....SKYMASTERS.....“CLUB CORN ROAST”.....DARRELL WATTS 248-391-4677
- AUGUST 24-25....HOBBY STOP.....“SILVER CUP” Q-40 PYLON.....KEVIN MATNEY 734-848-8195
- AUGUST 25.....RCCD.....OPEN COMBAT CHALLENGE....JAMES LAWLESS 248-641-7768



SKYMASTERS AUGUST 2002

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11 SKYMASTERS WAR BIRDS AND SCALE	12	13	14 WEAK SIGNALS STUDENT NIGHT	15 WEAK SIGNALS	16	17 DAM SIGNAL SEEKERS
18 DAM SIGNAL SEEKERS	19	20	21 STUDENT NIGHT	22	23	24 SILVER CUP BENZIE BITS & PIECES
25 <u>CORN ROAST</u> SILVER CUP RCCD	26	27	28 STUDENT NIGHT	29	30	31

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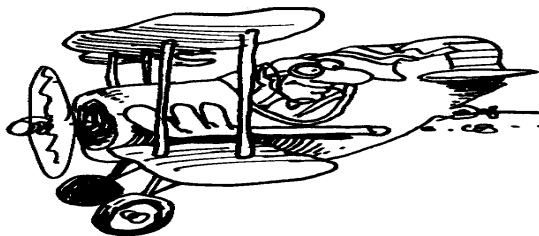


JUST FOR LAUGHS...

by: Ross Hardy

Dainty - Little Nancy's Goldfish

Little Nancy was in the garden filling in a hole when her neighbor peered over the fence. Interested in what the cheeky-faced youngster was doing, he politely asked, "What are you up to there, Nancy?" "My goldfish died," replied Nancy tearfully, without looking up, "and I've just buried him" The neighbor was concerned for the little girl, "That's an awfully big hole for a goldfish, isn't it?" Nancy patted down the last heap of earth then replied, "That's because he's inside your dadgum cat."



SKYMASTERS CLASSIFIEDS

- FOR SALE: 1926 Ford Motel T Roadster, 100% scale size, Hot Rod, EC. \$11,000 - Jack Goodrich, Days 586-286-1546
- FOR SALE: Deep Vee Boat, fiberglass, 50" long, weed wacker motor, a great fun runner, EC. \$475 - Jack Goodrich, Days 586-286-1546
- FOR SALE: Balsa USA "Sopwith Pup" Kioritz 4HP ignition engine, shock cord landing gear, never flown, Futaba 1024 T7UP Radio, HD servos, \$3,000 Bill 248-399-8080.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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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!

