



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: ROSS JONES

Greetings Fellow Skymasters!

It's hard to believe, but another year is almost through! We still have the Christmas Party on December 10th and the Krazy Snow Fly on December 31st, but that's it folks! Please, we need to make sure of some volunteers for the Christmas party in a setup capacity. I would like to say thank you to everyone for being a part of Skymasters this year. This has been a much easier job than anticipated and one heck of a lot of fun. I owe that to all of you; thank you very much for your support, encouragement and telling me beforehand about the wrong paths I might have taken... Skymasters has a really fun bunch of people who know what is important in life and I'm really glad and honored to be associated with that.

I have often felt that participation in Skymasters is a resume builder. I haven't used this one yet, but think about the possibilities...

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Skymasters RC Club, November 2004. Executed several thousand dollar retail event with coordination between multiple vendors, volunteer & concessions staff, facilities management and several hundred consumers during a 3 hour event...



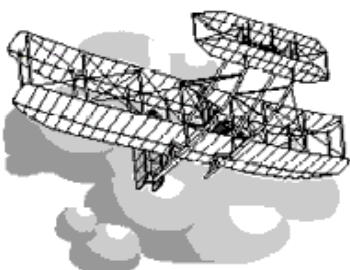
Now this is a resume builder. Also, we are still looking for someone available to run this event. Think of the possibilities!

We've reshuffled the deck of officers for 2003 at the elections on

November 12th, 2003. Myself, Paul Zabawa and Joe Rubinstein will be returning in our present positions for 2004. Joe Hass will be our new secretary. Please congratulate him when you see him. Gary Weak's has volunteered to be membership chairman. I'll announce more appointments next year when we have confirmed them. We are all looking forward to 2004!

As you know, I dedicate the winter to building or rebuilding (as the case warrants!). Please bring in what you are building to the meetings. There is a lot of information there to share. Completed ships are fantastic – but I think the money and effort are in building. Glue, filler, balsa and equipment are all things that hold equal fascination with me – as equal as the finished product! Wait a minute – there are still builders out there, right? Bring it in and let's see it!

See you at the meetings.



CENTENIAL OF FLIGHT

2004 Club Officers & Appointees...

President:	Ross Jones	6028 Meadowgreen	Waterford	48327	248-738-4435
Vice Pres:	Paul Zabawa	PO Box 138	Metamora	48455	810-678-3332
Secretary:	Joe Hass	1142 Brunswick Dr.	Troy	48309	248-601-1541
Treasurer:	Joe Rubinstein	155 Cayuan	Lake Orion	48362	248-693-4265
Editor:	Mark Smith	1955 Hopefield Dr.	Lake Orion	48359	248-391-5970
C F I :	Ron Sokacz	40714 Matlock	Sterling Hts	48310	586-977-1404
State Park:	Bill Stark	1010 E. Clarkston	Lake Orion	48362	248-693-8639
Membership:	Gary Weak's	2512 Red Fox Trail	Troy	48098	248-540-8358



CLUB APPAREL

Jacket: Parchment Color (Black Shown), Nylon Shell, \$55 with logo on front, \$80 with Logo on front and big one on back. Sizes S-3XL.

Hat: 14\$ each, with Sky-masters logo on front. Two Tone Pigment Dyed Cap, Royal Blue Tuckaway Leather Strap for Adjustment. *(Kid not included)*

Shirt: Golf Style, 100% Cotton White with Royal Blue Trim. 25\$ each. Sizes S-3XL.

Contact Ross Jones to place your order...248-738-4435

Hurry, order to be placed on February 28th.



"KRAZY SNOW FLY"

**December 31
10 - 2**

Contact Paul Zabawa
for more information
810-678-3332



This is my version of the Curtis Robin that I have been flying this fall. It is my first attempt with a gas Zenoah G-23 and can say it has become my favorite airplane. It likes wind or calm, with 25 - 30 mph flying without problems. The only thing negative about a gasoline model is the smell when it is hauled around in the car.

George Dzendzel

WINTER FLYERS



WANT TO FLY THIS WINTER?
THE WINTER FLYERS ARE OUT FLY-
ING MOST WEEKENDS WE WILL BE
FLYING SUNDAY'S FROM 12-3
WEATHER PERMITTING.
COME OUT AND JOIN US.



Skymasters R/C Club 2004 Application For Membership



Information (print clearly)

Last Name: _____

AMA #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Birth Date: _____

Significant Other: _____

New Member () Renewal ()

First Name: _____

Pilot: () Student: ()

Home Phone: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Newsletter: Standard Mail () E-mail ()

Today's Date: _____

Frequencies: _____

Other Family Members Who Fly

Name: _____ AMA #: _____ Pilot () Student ()

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Field Rules

- 1) Field hours are 10 AM - 8 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 2) Noise limit for 2004 is 94 dB at 10 feet.
- 3) All transmitters must be narrow band (Gold Sticker equivalent) excluding 53 mHz.
- 4) All receivers must be AMA approved narrow band (dual conversion or ABC&W) excluding 53 mHz.
- 5) Radio in impound when not in use - Membership card must be placed in slot on frequency board when pin is removed.
- 6) You must not fly behind the flight line.
- 7) AMA Safety Code must be followed.
- 8) All vehicles at field are required to have 2004 State Park Permit.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them and all other Skymasters and AMA rules and regulations.

Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Club Officer Use:

Date: _____ Dues Paid: CK () CA () AMA Verified _____ *Voted In _____

To renew by mail, send the following:

- 1) Check for \$70* (\$100 after February 28, 2003)
- 2) Photocopy of 2004 AMA Card
- 3) 2003 Skymasters Card
- 4) Self addressed stamped envelope
- 5) Completed & Signed Application
- 6) *New members \$70+\$30 Initiation Fee

Mail To: Gary Weeks
 2512 Red Fox Trail
 Troy, MI 48098

Make checks payable to Skymasters

We are asking ALL MEMBERS to fill out an application to help verify our records. Thank You.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

ARTICLE VI - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

1. The safety grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Executive Operating Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form. At least one witness and one author must sign the Grievance Form.
2. The Executive Operating Committee, after reviewing the incident in the next appropriate Executive Operating Committee meeting, shall use its judgement in carrying out action on the following:

A. FIRST VIOLATION

Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.

A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by a member of the Executive Operating Committee and the issue will be recorded in the committee files (meeting minutes).

B. SECOND VIOLATION

The accused has a right to a written rebuttal to the Executive Operating Committee.

The flight privileges of the accused will be suspended for a period of time determined by the Executive Operating Committee.

C. THIRD VIOLATION

The Executive Committee will decide and notify the accused in writing of disciplinary action up to and including termination of Skymasters membership. (See Constitution Article IV).

3. These three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.
4. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing or witnessing the said Grievance, will subjected to expulsion from the Skymasters (See Constitution Article IV).

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Skymasters Club Grievance Form

Date: _____

Time: _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):

Larson Meeting – 11/12/03

Ross Jones presided. Attendance was 38. The meeting started at 7:30 PM.

Club Jacket Order – Ross brought in some samples of jackets to be reviewed by the membership. He was soliciting feedback before deciding on a style for the February order.

DNR Land Swap Update – The issue of the land swap proposal will not be discussed in Lansing until January 8 or 9. Keep the letter campaign going because the DNR is still convinced that the land swap would be a good deal.

Inter-club fun-fly – Mark Smith is talking to some of our neighbor clubs about the possibilities of a competitive fun-fly between two or more clubs. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Mark.

Bylaw updates – Gary Weaks introduced a new article to be added to the Skymaster's bylaws. The AMA is directing all sanctioned clubs to include a policy to allow written notification of safety infractions to the club officers. This new policy is referred to by the AMA as a Safety Grievance policy. Check this Skywriter for a copy of the policy which will be voted on in January 2004.

Holiday Party. The annual Skymaster's Holiday party will be held Wednesday, December 10 at Larson Middle School. Like last year, this will be a potluck style meal and don't forget to bring a plane to be entered in the drawing for a pilot's award.

Treasure's Report was given by Joe Rubinstein.

Annual Elections – The nomination and election process was held. All candidate ran unopposed and were voted in by

the membership in attendance. The Skymaster's Officers for 2004 are: President – Ross Jones, Vice President – Paul Zabawa, Treasurer – Joe Rubinstein, and Secretary – Joe Hass. Gary Weaks volunteered as Membership Chairman.



Show and Tell:

Greg Brausa brought in a 1988 Super Kaos pattern plane. Greg had modified it to a tail-dragger configuration. It weighs 7 pounds and is powered by an FSR 60.

Ross Jones showed a Wing Dragon electric ARF park flyer. It has three channels and uses mode 1 control arrangement. Compete it lists for \$150.

Darrell Watts displayed a Stinson Reliant. Darrell had tested several muffler configurations but had settled on a Davis 8" muffler to quiet the ST3250 to 94 db.

John Hakala brought in a 42" electric-powered Aeronica Champ that he scratch built. In his attempts to improve it's performance he experimented with different airfoils and incidence arrangements.

Chris Hass showed a Radical R/C Vertigo 3D electric fun fly ship. It uses a speed 300 motor and weighs 11.2 oz. The plane was designed to be very light and uses Nelson Light Film covering.

Joe Hass 110" Sig Rascal ARF powered by a Saito 180. It was mounted on a set of Mark Smith floats and will be an up-coming magazine review.

Sherman Dixon displayed a Zaggy XT twin-motor ship. It uses two speed 400's and a 1700 mah NiCad pack.

Program:

Harlan Neuville, a past Skymasters president and retired electrical engineer shared his experiences while working for NASA during the Apollo program. Harlan started his talk by reminding the audience that it only took 66 years to go from Kitty Hawk to landing on the Moon. In all there were 17 Apollo missions and 6 moon landings. Harlan described in captivating detail the science and challenge of leaving the earth's orbit and returning safely. He also talked about the science and politics that drove us to the moon and why we stopped going there.
More to come next Year!

Membership Renewals for 2004

All membership renewals and membership questions for 2004 should be addressed to:

GARY WEAKS
2512 Red Fox Trail
Troy, MI. 48098

You can phone Gary at:
248-540-8358
or email him at:

Gary.T.Weaks@USA.dupont.com
Remember, if you are renewing by mail you must include a photocopy of your 2004 AMA card & completed application.



RETIREES & WANT-A-BEE'S BREAKFAST'S

Breakfast starting 9am at the "RAM'S HORN FAMILY RESTAURANT" located on the North East corner of Crooks Road and M-59. Take the Crooks road exit off M-59 north, the address is 2265

Crooks Road, Rochester Hills. Breakfast's will be the first and third Monday each month, all winter. Come enjoy breakfast and good conversation. Any questions call Bob Burns at 248-628-4666

SKYMASTERS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2003

"SOCIAL TIME" STARTS AT 6:30-DINNER AT 7:30

LARSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, LONG LAKE ROAD

It's Christmas party time! Our Christmas pot luck party last year was such a success it was decided to have a repeat performance. Were you there last year? If not you really missed a great party. So Please come this year, bring your family and a dish to pass, for that is what a pot luck is all about and join in the fun. The plates, cups, silverware and bread, coffee and pop will be supplied, all we need is YOU. If it is not convenient for you to bring a dish to pass, please come anyway, for a party with out YOU is not a party and the most important thing is for YOU to be there. Santa will be there for the children, there will be gifts for the ladies, Pilots remember to bring your airplanes for display and you can enter into the pilot drawing which will consist of prizes from Riders Hobby.

This is the season of joy, of sharing and of love. Come bring your family and lets celebrate together.

Ross & Jamie Wegryn-Jones, Bob and Donna Burns

If you have any question your can reach

Bob or Donna Burns at 248-628-4666

MERRY CHRISTMAS

SKYMASTERS "DECEMBER" 2003

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	1 RETIREEES BREAKFAST	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 CHRISTMAS PARTY	11	12	13
14	15 RETIREEES BREAKFAST	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 NO MEETING	25 CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30	31 KRAZY SNOW FLY	1 NEW YEARS		
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SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

Mark Smith
1955 Hopefield Rd.
Lake Orion, MI. 48359

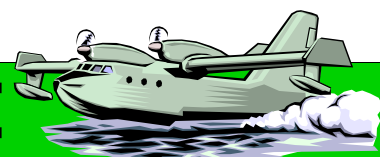
Web site: www.skymasters.org
 Email: masmith248@earthlink.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1.....RETIREES BREAKFAST
 DECEMBER 10.....CHRISTMAS PARTY
 DECEMBER 15.....RETIREES BREAKFAST
 DECEMBER 25.....CHRISTMAS DAY
 DECEMBER 31.....KRAZY SNOW-FLY



**HOME OF THE
"MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"**



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 2003 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!

