



Academy of Model Aeronautics

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Skywriter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: ROSS JONES

Month eight – time has flown by... And I'm sure I'm not the first to say what tremendously fabulous weather we've been having. If it isn't raining on a potentially good day to fly, it's as windy as a republican convention! I have written in the past about getting out there and learning to fly in the wind but rain, of course, is another matter entirely!

I've never been completely sure if this section of the newsletter should be a discussion forum, soapbox, laundry list or even a news column. This month, let me treat it as a little of everything above. First, news:

I mentioned last month the possibility of a public meeting in Detroit that would be discussing the potential land swap. That meeting was held and was between Orion Township officials, their lawyers and the State of Michigan, Department of Natural Resources and the party that wishes the land swap to commence. Both parties stated their views in from of the South Eastern Michigan Council Of Governments

(SEMCOG) who is in an advisory position in matters where land use and zoning is concerned. SEMCOG passed a resolution opposing the land swap as it now stands.



Jim Held's new Mariner PBY just prior to it's successful maiden flight at Stony Creek

They would like to see the "Parkland" in Oakland Township purchased outright, rather than traded with the land we are on in Orion Township. I attended the meeting and got a real education as to how these things work.

As the SEMCOG committee members were made up of mayors, township officials and city supervi-

sors, they were rather sympathetic to what Orion Township is going through with the State of Michigan. Their decision is a mark against the resume of this land swap proposal, and other meetings will take place; but it is only a mark against and not the final answer. We move forward from here and will keep you apprised of further meetings as they occur.

On the flying front, I would like to share some things with you. In earlier messages I have relayed to you my approach to RC Flying, which is goal oriented. I am now no longer using thumbs to fly and have adopted a tray to hold my transmitter. My flying has improved drastically. Now, I would like to achieve consistency in knife-edge flying. I'll be darned if I

can do it... In fact, every time someone says to "try this, or that," I have limited success in doing it. I knew that my aircraft's setup was at fault – or perhaps I just needed to work harder. Well guess what? I had a fellow club member (Joe Hass) take up my Dazzler and check it out. To say that the Daz-

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2004 Club Officers & Appointees...

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zler was nose heavy would be an understatement! It checks out per the manual, it's pretty close. But Joe knew what to look for – whereas I did not. After some adjustments I can now report that I am in the ballpark. I'm getting better already. We all know that a bad setup will limit your enjoyment of the sport and will lead to a lot of frustration later. I was close, the throws were good, trim was good and the plane really did fly just fine – but when the edge of the envelope was pushed, the setup wasn't quite where it should be. So, you might consider having someone of knowledge try out your aircraft, maybe there can be room for an improvement there you hadn't thought of?

I'll see you at the field!

Ross

Pictures From the field



Joe Finkelstine and his new Dave Patrick Cap



Paul Borrer and his new 1/4 scale Hanger 9 Cub powered by a Lazar 150 with Robart gear



Ron Sokacz with his twin Super Sporter 60 powered by two Super Tiger 45,s



Otto Gutsell and his new Zero ARF powered by a OS FP 40 2-stroke

PHOTO CON-



TEST

Announcing the 1st annual Sky-masters Photo Contest. Email your best airplane and members pictures. A highly qualified board (Carolynn, Sam and I) will pick the best photos. Gift certificates for the top three, plus star billing on the Member Pics section of the website. See the Member Pics section for the type of pictures I mean. Nice clean backgrounds, etc. Posed pictures, not pictures of planes with stuff everywhere.

Email your photos to:

peteskymaster@sbcglobal.net

MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY 14th ANNUAL

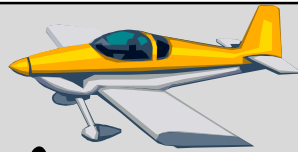


SEPTEMBER 11-12

EVENT DIRECTOR NEEDED!

CONTACT: ROSS JONES NOW!

PROP WASH...



Joe Finkelstine



Joe is on family vacation and switching jobs so he will not have a column this month, but Joe will return next month with more info on CAD design!!!



2nd Inter-club Fun Fly

On July 24th, Holly Cloud Hoppers hosted the 2nd inter-club fun fly for the year. Back in May, when Skymasters hosted the first fun fly, both clubs were tied after ten events. Then Skymasters won the balloon breaking tie-breaker. This time with a gusty cross wind, Skymasters won 8 of 10 events for a clear victory. Skymasters won Crazy Taxi, Precision Touch & Goes, Timed Flight (without timer), RC Bowling, Land Mines, Taxi Pylon Race, Roops and Ballon Break. Holly won RC Golf and Limbo.

The SE Michi-Fun Fly is the Skymaster Mark contacted area clubs, Holly signed up to to date have been ing and better yet, friends with whom hobby. Pilots from both clubs they enjoyed the forward to the

We all need to cept of the Inter-



gan Inter-Club brain child of Smith who con-but so far only fly. Both events great, good fly-new found to share the and observers reported that day and look next event.

talk-up the con-Club Fun Fly

within our own club and with other area clubs. Although Skymasters won both events, the only pilots that lost are the ones that didn't fly. These events are designed for pilots of all experience levels to have maximum fun with minimum risk to airframes. We hope to have one more event this year as another area club is considering hosting it in late August or early September. Practice up and stay tuned.

Ed Kincer– Holly Cloud Hoppers

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SKYMASTERS 2004

SEPTEMBER 11-12

"MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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| NAME | | |
| STREET | | |
| CITY / STATE | | |
| ZIP CODE | | AMA # |
| PHONE | | |
| FREQUENCIES | PRIMARY / | SECONDARY / |
| NAME OF PLANES | | |
| EMAIL | | |
| PIG ROAST | Tickets @ \$8 Ea. = | |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | | |

Entry Fee-\$15.00
NON-REFUNDABLE
UNLESS EVENT IS
CANCELLED

*If postmarked after
8/31/04 add a
\$10.00 late fee

Make Checks
Payable to:
SKYMASTERS

?SATURDAY "PIG
ROAST" ONLY \$8.00
PER PERSON.
?SUPER PRIZE
TICKETS \$1.00 Each or
30 for \$20.00
?PLEASE REGISTER
EARLY!

Mail to: Mark Smith ~ 1955 Hopefield ~ Orion ~ Michigan ~ 48359

TIPS FOR THE FLOAT FLY

- ? **Please register early!** This aids our planning of the event and keeps the last minute paperwork to a minimum. Entry fee is non-refundable unless event is cancelled. Information: www.skymasters.org
- ? Registration opens at 8:30am, flying hours are 9:30am till 4:00pm each day. New planes may fly before 9:00 am, to comply with AMA safety code.
- ? There will be pilots meetings each day held at 9:00 am. Check your pilots envelope for more flying rules. The Director will decide the flight pattern direction each day.
- ? You may pit anywhere on the flight line, engines may **only** be started on the beach starting blocks.
- ? Transmitter and frequency pins are to be returned to the impound area immediately after use or if you are waiting for your aircraft to be retrieved by the chase boat. Total time a transmitter may be out of the impound area is 30 minutes, including flight time. **Please notify the impound area if you are leaving the flying site with your transmitters.**
- ? The Saturday Night's "BEST EATS ON THE BEACH" ~ PIG ROAST will be at 5:00pm. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance. Enter number of tickets on entry form.
- ? "Super Prize Raffle" you need not be present to win, tickets are available in advance by contacting Mark Smith 248-391-5970 masmith248@earthlink.net
- ? \$1 = 1 ticket \$5 = 6 tickets \$10 = 13 tickets \$20 = 30 tickets-5 BONUS if purchased before 8/1/04

AEROBATICS

THURSDAY WILL BE
AEROBATIC NIGHT
FROM 3-8 COME OUT AND
FLY THOSE NEW PLANES
LEARN A NEW TRICK OR
TEACH A FEW.

STUDENT NIGHT
IS STILL ON
WEDNESDAYS



Joke of the month

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

Ross Jones

SKYMASTERS

8TH

ANNUAL
"FAMILY

POT LUCK FISH FRY"

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

AUGUST 18TH @ 6 P.M.

Donations will be taken by Bob and Donna Burns to purchase fish and supplies for the 8th ANNUAL FISH FRY. We would appreciate it if you make contact with us or the collection Tin Can by the August 11th so we may judge how much fish and supplies to buy. If you can't make personal contact by then, please e-mail us at: oldbuzzard@aol.com or call at 248-628-4666 and let us know how many people are coming.

This is a pot luck please plan to bring a dish to pass and your own (non-alcoholic) beverage.

If you miss this event last year you won't want to miss it this year

COME BRING YOUR FAMILY, EAT, AND ENJOY YOUR FELLOW FLYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Graphics by Mark Smith

STONY CREEK FLOAT FLYING



The Skymasters and the Fraser Flying Clubs have joined forces again this year to promote float flying at Stony Creek Metro Park. Every Wednesday weather permitting there will be flying at "Winter Cove" from 9:00 - 12:00. After entering the park stay to the left, watch for signs, it is on the right after the golf course.











Stony Creek is west of Van Dyke (M-53) on 26 mile road. There is a \$4.00 daily park fee or annual park pass is available.

"Get your floats on and join us at Winter Cove every Wednesday"

For information contact: Jim Held 248-641-9724
jimwheld6651@wideopenwest.com

AREA EVENTS...

AMRCC CONTEST SCHEDULE

-  August 1.....Warbirds and Scale—Open Flying.....Joe Finkelstine 248-877-0086
-  August 4,11,18,25....Student Night & Cook Out.....Charles & Dairdre McGothlin 248-370-4038
-  August 4,5..... Week Signals 40 Old Timer Contest.....Walt Vezlich 734-283-6438
- August 6,12,19,26....Aerobatic Session Skymasters 3 to 6 PM.....Dan Devine 248-627-6894
-  August 7.....Chesaning Grand Miniature Aircraft Flyin.....Carl Brausa 248-373-8949
-  August 8PMAC Duz AC/DC Electric Fly.....Sterling Smith 248-693-2883
-  August 18.....Family Pot Luck and Fish Fry.....Bob & Donna Burns 248-628-4666
-  August 21,22.....Detroit Aero Modelers Giant Scale Airshow.....Stan Spiewak 313-534-3300
-  August 22.....RCCD Open Combat Challenge.....Jay Lawless 248-641-7768
-  August 28,29.....Midwest R/C Precision Aerobatics..... Tom Mitchell 734-426-3009
-  August 29..... Corn Roast and Top Gun SkymastersRoss Jones 248-738-4435

"SKYMASTERS" ~ AUGUST ~ 2004

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 Warbirds Scale | 2 | 3 | 4 Student Night Cook out | 5 SAM 40 Old timer | 6 | 7 Miniature flyin |
| 8 AC/DC Elec. fly | 9 | 10 | 11 Field Meeting Student Night Cook out | 12 Aerobatic Session | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Family Pot Luck Fish Fry | 19 Aerobatic Session | 20 | 21 Giant size Airshow |
| 22 Open Combat | 23 | 24 | 25 Student Night Cook Out | 26 Aerobatic Session | 27 | 28 Precision Aerobatics |
| 29 Topgun Corn Roast | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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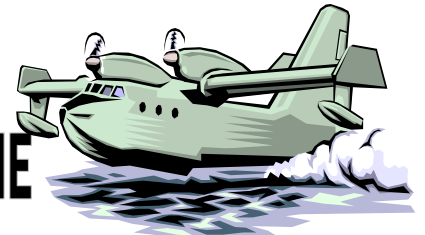
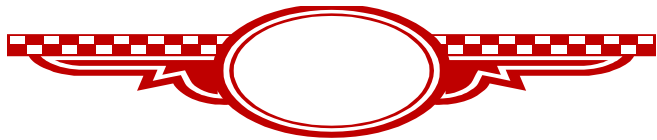
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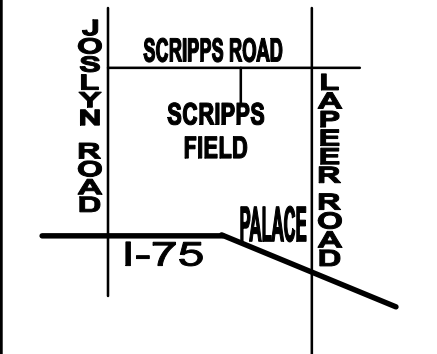
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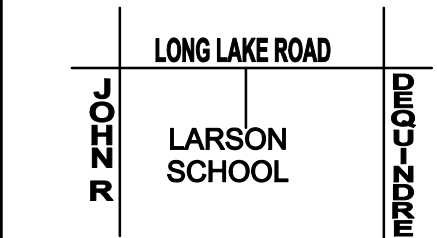
Skymasters field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park on Scripps Road (see map). State Park Permits are required and can be obtained from the Park Headquarters located on Greenshield Road or at club events. Flying is permitted from 10 AM to 8 PM. The noise limit for 2004 is 94 dBa at 10 feet—this noise rule is strictly enforced.

In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



tors around all 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.

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From June to August, Club meetings are held at the field, on the second Wednesday of

the month at 8:00 PM. 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!