



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

This month's column will be a bit of a hodge-podge of information and facts...

On a very sad note, Tom Brubaker, founder and owner of Prop Shop Hobbies, passed away suddenly. Tom did his level best to provide modelers with a wide array of contemporary products supporting this ever changing sport. His son Matt is continuing the business. When you stop in please give Matt an encouraging word.

I write this very late in the month of July (my apologies to the Newsletter Editor) and after the extremely hot weather finally broke. It was a pleasure to have a Student Night that was comfortable for a change.

Speaking of Student Night, we continue to have an excellent turn out with a lot of young people. The kids sure know how to work the sticks and learn quickly. I know that we have a new pilot as of last night but didn't get his name as I was working with another student at the time Gary Weeks made the announcement (*ed: The new pilot was Mark Brenner*).

If you haven't come out you are missing a great evening. You might even get Gary Weeks and me to do another Patriot review (you had to be there). I may even be talked into another wheels up touch and go (you really had to be there).

The DNR had a state wide promotion for the parks system on July 23. A number of Skymasters put on demonstration flights at the Scripps road field for people that stopped by to visit. There was a lot of interest and maybe a new member or two.

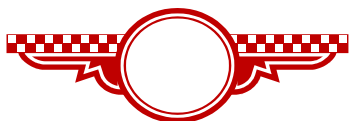
The plans for Midwest Regional Float Fly are coming along perfectly. Remember that we will have judged competition for Sport, Sport Scale and Scale. There will be plenty of prizes. Help CD Greg Cardillo out (248-431-5562 or float-fly@skymasters.org) and register early or volunteer to help out a bit. Remember that the Super Prize is the 96" Kondor Model Products Dehaviland Beaver ready to with radio and engine. Tickets for the Beaver are already available.

Speaking of the MWRFF and the Beaver, the next 2 issues of Radio Control Modeler Magazine will have an article on last year's float fly and a review of the Beaver. Pick up a copy at the hobby shop.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

Our activities have been well attended and a lot of fun. The next meeting is August 10th at the field. The next event is Warbirds and Scale com-

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2005 Club Officers & Appointees...

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ing up on SATURDAY, August 6. There are always MORE UPCOMING EVENTS.....
a lot of great airplanes. If all goes well Chris will
have his new Gee Bee.

The weekend of August 6 and 7 is busy as the
Thunder over Michigan will take place at Willow Run Airport. There is always a great turn out of full
size aircraft with spectacular flying. A big dip into
your piggy bank will get you a ride in one of the
Yankee Air Force aircraft, either a B-17 or a B-25. I
certainly miss the Yankee Air Force hanger that
was lost in the fire last year.

The Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club will host their
Electric event on Sunday, August 7. Contact Ster-
ling Smith at 248-673-2883 or smitty559@aol.com
for details.

Our annual "Fish Fry" will take place on Wednes-
day, August 17. The fish will be provided (a small
donation is requested). Make sure to bring some-
thing to pass. This is great eating. Thanks in ad-
vance to Bob and Donna Burns and company for
putting it together.

The Corn Roast and Top Gun Competition are on
Sunday, August 28. I will be defending my win of
last year with Chris practicing diligently to unseat
his old man.

Thinking ahead to the fall and winter meetings we
already have a great line up. To wet your appetite:

Dave Brown AMA President will join us on October
26, 2005.

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson (Ret.) a P-51 pilot and
member of the famed Tuskegee Airman will join us
on January 11, 2006

President's Surprise! The date hasn't been set but
here are some of the details:

Every Skymaster who participates (up to 35 – first
come, first served) will leave with an airplane.

The winner of the competition will walk away with a
new radio. There will be other prizes.

More details to follow, as soon as I make them up!

Got to get back to work. See you at the field.

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.

Starting May 4th, every Wednesday weather permit-
ting there will be flying at Winter Cove from 9:00 -
12:00. After entering the park follow the signs to the
boat launch & golf course, Winter Cove is on the right
after you pass 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
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Skymasters R/C Club 15th Annual

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

Midwest Regional Float Fly

Saturday/Sunday September 10-11, 2005

Island Lake State Park, Brighton, Michigan

Check-In at 8:30; Event flying from 9:30AM-4:00PM each day.

"The best float flying site I've ever seen!"

— Dave Brown, President AMA



2005 Super Prize Raffle

First Prize -

Kondor Model
Products Beaver
Ready to Fly!

Second Prize

To be announced...



40 acre clear lake

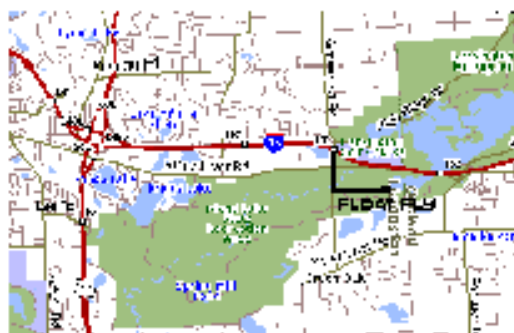
1,000 feet sand beach

6 acre lawn / picnic area

Saturday Night Pig Roast!
Dinner on the beach!

The Judged Competition Returns!
Scale; Sport Scale; and Sport categories.

**As seen in
RCModeler Magazine
and SKS Videos!**



- * Lots of parking.
- * Refreshments available at events.
- * Great chance for the public to see this exciting hobby in action.
- * Pilot door prizes.

Island Lake Recreation Area is located on the south side of I-96 at Kensington Road. 12 Miles west of I-96 / I-275 intersection or 3 miles east of I-96 / US-23 intersection. All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Greg Cardillo 248-431-5562
On web at www.skymasters.org - Email at floatfly@skymasters.org

The Event

Flying from 9:30am to 4:00pm each day. – Check-in begins at 8:30 each morning.

Aircraft must have been flown & checked for stability and safety before entering this event.

Prizes will be distributed by random drawing, raffle, and special categories as designated by the CD.

All pilots must show proof of AMA(USA) or MAAC (Canada) membership.

Super Prize Raffle:

First Prize will be a 96" Beaver from Kondor Model Products - Ready to Fly!

The model is equipped with a Saito 180 Engine, Hitec Optic Radio and includes floats and landing gear.

The plane will be the subject of an upcoming review in RCModeler (Sept or Oct) -

and has been test flown / photographed for purposes of the review. Actual test flight photo on flyer.

Second Prize to be announced!

The Judged Events:

You may optionally enter up to 3 judged events - Scale, Sport Scale, and Sport.

Scoring will be based on Static and Flight Judging for some Great Prizes!

(prize details still being determined - anticipating a radio system in each category.)

Bring out your best!!

Detailed scale planes (examples include rivet detail) must enter the Scale category.

Saturday Night Pig Roast:

Following flying on Saturday, join us under the tent for a Pig Roast!

For those that joined us last year - the food was great!

All you can eat Pig Roast including sides and drink.

Purchase tickets with your advance registration!

Lodging

Island Lake State park allows self-contained camping in the upper parking lot during our event. No hookups available. Camping available Friday and Saturday nights. Michigan State Park Sticker required on all vehicles.

Local Area Hotels

(contact directly for rates and reservations)

Wyndham Garden Hotel - located only 8 miles east of the flying site. Exit I96 at Novi Road south, turn east into the Novi Town Center shopping area - the hotel is located on the access road, on the east side of the center. Call: 248-344-8800

Kensington Inn - located 15 minutes west of the flying site. Exit I96 at D-19, Exit 137.

Call: 517-548-3510 (pets permitted)

Best Western of Howell - located 14 minutes west of the flying site. Exit I96 at D-19, Exit 137.

Call: 517-548-3510

More Information:

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org for the latest event details!

Register online at <http://www.skymasters.org> - Paypal accepted



SKYMASTERS 9TH ANNUAL FAMILY POT LUCK "FISH FRY"

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

Scripts Rd. Field - 6:00 PM

Donations are taken up by Bob or Donna Burns to purchase the fish and supplies for the 9th ANNUAL FISH FRY. We would appreciate it if you make contact with us or put your donation in the Tin Can by Aug. 10th. The poster and tin can will be at the field on Wed. pot luck nights and at field on other events. Your donations allows us to judge the amount we can pay for the fish and supplies we will need to buy. If you haven't make personal contact then please e mail us at Oldbuzzard@aol.com or call us at 248-628-4666 and let us know how many people are coming. This is a pot luck so please plan to bring a dish to pass and you own (nonalcoholic) beverage. If you have miss this event in past years you won't want to miss it this year.

Missing Spitfire

Mike Jones lost a 1/7th scale model Spitfire on 20th July.

It went down in a near vertical spin on a compass bearing of almost exactly due North of the club's flight line. He was able to estimate the compass bearing by aligning its downward plunge with particular trees, and two fellow members were also able to confirm approximately the same bearing. Unfortunately the distance from the flight line to where the plane fell is difficult to estimate, but we are agreed it probably went down quite near to Scripps Road. The Spitfire is marked on the wings and fuselage with his name and address. It is of course camouflaged, which does not help!

If anyone knows anything about Mike's plane contact him at: mjones24@sprynet.com or by telephone from the roster on the web site.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Pat Mikes

As you may have heard, I put my plane in the trees 2 weeks ago. There is a fantastic guy who retrieves the planes and lowers them on a rope and pulley to minimize damage to the aircraft.

Here's the info to share with other club members:

Wesley Tregilgas
(810) 735-6982
www.tree-experts.com

Use my name and tell him you are from Sky-masters when you call.

Patrick J. Mikes
usg1865@comcast.net

A note from the editor: As the new editor, I'd like to ask those of you who get this newsletter electronically, do you print it or read it on line? I subscribe to the AMPEER newsletter that Ken Myers puts out for the EFO's (<http://members.aol.com/kmyersefo/homepage.htm>). Take a look at the top of the page at the two versions he publishes and tell me what you prefer by email to newsletter@skymasters.org.

Thanks, Pete

AREA EVENTS...

AMRCC CONTEST SCHEDULE

Warbirds and Scale - Saturday, August 6, 2005 - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM From P51's to Tiger Moths, Cessna's to Tomcats. There should be lots of variety in the air and on the ground. Come see the old Warbirds, Military and Civilian scale planes.

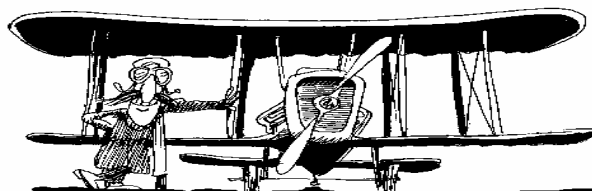
9th Annual Fish Fry—Wednesday 8/17, please contact at Bob and Donna at Oldbuzzard@aol.com or call them at 248-628-4666 and let them know how many people are coming.

Corn Roast and Top Gun - Sunday, August 28, 2005 - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM 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.

STUDENT NIGHT AND POTLUCK DINNER

Beginning June 1st and every Wednesday till August 31st at the Scripps road field we will again have student night and a potluck dinner. Bring your family, meat for the grill (or other main dish)- enough for your family, a dish to pass and non-alcoholic beverage. You won't go away hungry! Dinner at 6:00pm rain or shine.

Instructors available at the field all day (weather permitting). Priority given to student flights. Charlie & Dairdre McGlothlin



SKYMASTERS "AUGUST 2005"

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Student Night and Float Fly	4	5	6 Warbirds and Scale
7 PMAC Elec- tric Meet	8	9	10 Student Night and Float Fly	11	12	13
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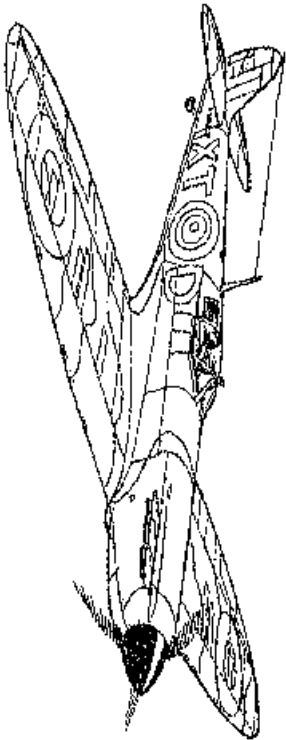


Skymasters R/C Club

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

Harold 'Big H' Mesales
Warbirds and Scale Aircraft
Saturday August 6, 2005
at the Scripps Road field (see map).

Event flying starts at 10AM.



Noise limit - 94Db at ten feet - no exceptions.

Scripps Road field

* Lots of parking.
 * Refreshments available at events.
 * Great chance for the public to see this exciting hobby in action.
 * Toilet located at field.

The Scripps Road flying field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park, about five miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills. All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Joe Finkelstine 248-877-0086
 Visit our website at: www.skymasters.org



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Corn Roast and Top Gun Contest
Sunday August 28, 2005
at the Scripps Road field (see map).

Club Members, their families and our Scripps Road neighbors please come for our annual Corn Roast and Top Gun event:

* Free food and drinks available.

* Flying starts at 10AM.

* Top Gun contest to find our 2005 Top hot-dog pilot.

* "Slow Gun" static/flying competition for Great Planes Slow Pokes



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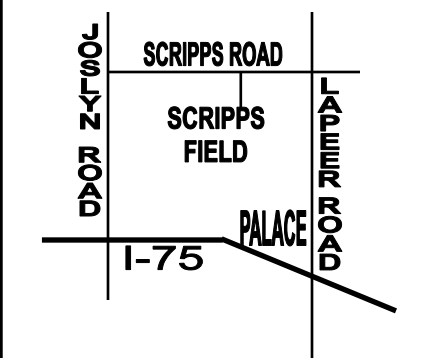
Skymasters Information.....

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 2005 is 94 dBa at 10 feet—this noise rule is strictly enforced.

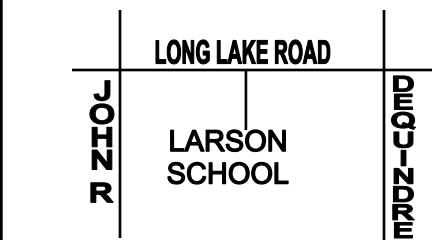
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all night is also a

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



Student 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 (586) 977-1404.

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

the month at 8 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!