



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970

Skypwriter

Midwest Regional Float Fly 2005



Jim Held taxis his PBN Mariner in after his 1st place finish in the Scale category at the 2005 Midwest Regional Float Fly. Jim took top honors with a great looking plane and an equally great flight.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

The 15 Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly was another outstanding success. CD Greg Cardillo's will report all the details. A huge THANK YOU to all the workers who made the event possible.

Elections will be coming up at the November 9th meeting. Current Vice President Paul Zabawa has done an outstanding job but has asked to step down so that he can have more time with his family and more time to fly. Can't blame him a bit.

We are looking for someone to fill the VP position. Most of the duties revolve around coordinating field maintenance and improvement. There is plenty of help and background knowledge available. Someone who is near the field, with a flexible schedule (or retired) would be the ideal candidate. Again, there are plenty of resources and knowledge to help make the job easier. Any volunteers? Call me for more info.

In that vein we are all aware that the signage at the entrance to the field is worn out. I have my favorite (and only) sign guy, Dennis Waske, making new signs. Since he is doing it as a favor it will take a little bit of time but we will be proud of the results.

ERR ON THE SIDE OF.....

I have watched some incredible generosity from many of our members. Beside all those who put in countless hours just "making things happen" there are those that reach deep into their pockets to make sure the club has the "nice things" that we all enjoy.

I have seen many instructors who, while doing the best they could to keep a student out of trouble, took the student's broken airplane home to repair it knowing that for many newbies the act of repairing a broken plane would be enough to keep them from ever coming back. All of these folks "ERR" on the side of courtesy, compassion, selflessness, etc., etc. Their acts make me proud to be a SKYMASTER.

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 permitting 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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Unfortunately there have been a number of very petty incidents that have driven me crazy. Where the individuals involved could have just as easily been more generous, without costing them a dime, they chose not to. Except for safety issues, and even then politeness and common decency should prevail, there is no place in this organization for sharp criticism or selfishness. We, members and officers alike, are all interested in flying and having a break from the daily routine.

So, please, ERR ON THE SIDE OF CONSIDERATION, GENEROSITY, COMPASSION, PRAISE, ENCOURAGEMENT, HUMILITY, etc. We will all be the better for it.

There is still Float Flying going on at 7 Lakes on Saturday mornings.

These cooler days make for great flying as well.

The Swap Shop season is upon us with the Pontiac Swap Shop on October 23 and the Midwest Swap Shop on November 13. Time to get ready to move out the old and acquire a few new treasures.

See you at the field or at a meeting!

Joe Hass
248-321-7934

Volunteers are needed for Kids Day / Barn Daze
Saturday, October 8th
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friendship Park
(corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads).

Join us at our fun annual event to share this great hobby with "future pilots". As a part of Orion Township's Barn Daze activities we will be offering buddy box flying to youngsters and doing some limited demonstration flying. In addition we will have a static display area and information on R/C modeling and the Skymasters Club. We need a lot of help in the form of instructors, club members, training aircraft, and static display aircraft. Barn Daze will be Saturday, October 8 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Friendship Park (corner of Baldwin and Clarkston roads). We will start setting up around 9:30 and conclude our flying around 3:00 depending on the attendance and weather conditions.

Because of the close proximity of Friendship Park to our flying field, we will close the Scripps Road Field for the duration of flying activities at Friendship Park.

If you have any questions please call Gary Weaks 248-540-8358. Come out and join us at Barn Daze!

15th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly by Greg Cardillo

Our 15th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly has come and gone...and what a wonderful weekend we had! The weather was on our side, as we had a beautiful September weekend in southeast Michigan! 86 pilots and well over 100 planes took to the water and air in Brighton, Michigan.

An event of this size doesn't take place without a lot of help... While I couldn't possibly single out everyone without missing many – and I do thank everyone that helped for their time and effort, I wanted to pass along special thanks to those that stepped up to coordinate different areas of our event.

Setup/Teardown: **Dave Shea** led the charge to get the site ready for us. He and his crew set up the impound and raffle tents, hammered countless stakes and yards of caution tape to keep the spectators a safe distance away, and give us our pit areas.

Registration: **Joe Hass** (no – not our President – his son) stepped up to the task of registration. With our new web based database, I was able to provide Joe with an automated listing of the preregistered pilots. He took it from there – preparing the pilots packets, and handling the on site registration activities with the help of some Skymasters.

Impound: **Ron Sokacz** managed the Frequency board and impound tent, insuring the safe use of frequencies and transmitters throughout the event.

Flight Control: **Roger Schmelling** coordinated the Flight Control board, making sure pilots had the opportunities to fly that they wanted. This was our 4th (at least) year with this system which has greatly reduced the people required to run and allowed pilots as much flying time as they wanted.

Retrieval: **Wade Wiley and Al McGee** provided the power boats, the **Thuringer's** and I provided the kayaks for close in retrieval, and many volunteers manned the boats throughout the weekend. A necessary component for successful float flying!

Cloud 9 Café: **The Dezur and Weeks families** coordinated the eats for the days with their computerized café and helpful staff. Serving an abundance of food and drink throughout the weekend to the hungry pilots and spectators.

Pig Roast: Those that joined us for dinner Saturday night were treated to an "all you can eat" Pig Roast catered by **Richardson's Meats**. They again did a wonderful job for us - and the leftovers made some wonderful pulled pork sandwiches on Sunday.

Raffle Sales: Last but certainly not least was **Donna Burns** leading the raffle sales. Donna started selling raffle tickets during the 1997 float fly, and has been 'hired' ever since... This years sales exceeded last years by almost 14%, and represents our highest sales ever! Thank you to Donna and all that assisted!!

The emphasis for this event is sport float flying – to come out and fly... and that is what happens for most of the two days. A wide range of planes... from gremlins to beautiful scale ships to some very unique designs. We draw pilots from across the region – US and Canada. This year included pilots from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Ontario Canada. Many bring several planes with them.

This year we brought back the past format used for judged events – for those choosing to compete. Entries were in three categories, Sport, Stand-Off Scale, and Scale. The judges gave both a static and flying score with criteria matching the category (impressive looks and flying for Sport to scale details and realistic flight in the Scale category). In the past, participants built planes specifically to compete in this event. We are looking to achieve that again. The winners this year were:

Sport: **Pete Foss** won with his "Miss Hangar One" boat/plane. A truly unique sight to see as the boat races across the water, then takes to the air and flies. I think you will be seeing more of these around...

Standoff Scale: **Mike Cisler** took the honors here with his Smith Miniplane – scratch built from enlarged plans. Mike has been a 15 year attendee at our event!

Scale: **Jim Held** won this category with his beautiful PBN Mariner. A beautiful scale finish and realistic flight insured top honors.

Each of our winners were rewarded with a 6 channel radio system! Start planning your entry for next year!!

Our Super Prize Raffle has always attracted a lot of attention. This year we offered a DeHavilland Beaver from Kondor Model Products, fully assembled and complete with a Saito 1.80 and Hitec Optic radio. Ron Sokacz did

most of the assembly work on the plane. The plane was intended as the subject of a review to have published (see note below) – so it was test flown and photographed in both wheels and floats configurations prior to the event. The Beaver was won by our own Wade Wiley!! (Wade has already had the Beaver flying at our field!) Second prize was a Top Flite P-51 ARF in the box. This prize went to Oliver Fuchs. The raffle is our largest money maker at this event...

Our pilots drawings gave away many prizes donated by manufacturers and businesses. Joe Hass and I were the prize solicitors this year. With the national coverage our event has had, we have been able to acquire many donations. In today's world of email and mass mailing, the manufacturers receive a deluge of requests for prizes. We are very fortunate to be able to receive what we do. I would ask that if you won something - especially the larger prizes - that you take a minute to write and say thank you for supporting our event. (I can provide a contact name/address if needed.) This goes a long way in continued donations! See the photo of the banner displayed throughout the event thanking our sponsors.

This year we had some guests from RC Air World – a print and DVD magazine in Japan. They attended both days shooting video and interviewing pilots, and expect to publish our event. They will be sending me information when available, and I will pass it on!

In support of the victims of hurricane Katrina, we sold some rubber powered airplane kits, and collected donations. This resulted in a \$185 donation to the Salvation Army, and \$100 donation to the American Red Cross to help with the disaster relief efforts.

We are already talking about the 2006 event – if you have any comments or suggestions from what you have seen, please give me a call.



SKS Video (see note below) has already confirmed they will be joining us for another video! Expect to see them joining us every other year.

Thank you once again to all that helped make this event a success... from a fun weekend of flying, to profit for the clubs treasury... Hope you enjoy the photos!

Greg Cardillo

RCModeler Magazine: As most of you know, RCModeler has ceased publication after over 42 years. Many of us started our R/C experience with RCM – the first plane I flew was the “RCM Trainer” – featured in their Flight Training Course at the time. Our float fly has been featured in RCModeler numerous times, including 2 covers... Our 2004 event coverage was to be in the next issue produced, and a review of the Beaver in the following issue – each of these was accompanied by a cover photo. Their support and generosity will be missed. We are working towards having another national magazine pick up the coverage of our event... Stay tuned...

SKS Video: SKS has been a long time supporter of our club, producing videos of our Float Fly since the 2000 event. SKS is now providing video to AMA for their DVD series, and to the Outdoor Channel for cable TV broadcast... Some of our Float Fly footage has made its way onto the AMA DVD series. Our Newsletter Editor was captured on video at the 2005 Neat Fair flying his “Miss Hangar One” the boat/plane that took top honors in the Sport category at our Float Fly a week earlier. The Neat Fair coverage – including Pete’s flight and interview - is slated for early 2006 broadcast on the Outdoor Channel as well as an SKS Video release before the end of the year. *(It was blast to fly the boat at both events and get all that attention. Just wish I had a bunch of the kits to sell with me at both events. Greg and I are considering placing a bulk order of kits from Red’s Hanger One Hobbies. They will be \$60 plus shipping. Let me know by 10/17 if you want to get in on the order. — Pete)*

15th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly Pictures by Greg Cardillo



Mike Cisler flew his Smith Mini Plane to first place in Sport Scale.

Your editor enjoyed lots of attention with his Miss Hanger One flying boat in Sport.



Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday September 14,
2005
Location: Larson Middle School

needed. Flying will begin at 11:00 a.m. Scripts road field will be closed due to the proximity of Friendship park to the Skymasters field. There will also be a static display if you wish to bring a plane to show off.

President Joe Hass gives the greeting:

Saturday October 15th (Boy Scouts Day) There will be aviation related booths for the scouts starting at 3:00.

Attendance:

- 24 members were in attendance.
- 0 Guests in attendance.

The field will not be closed but the scouts will be using our parking lot. You are encouraged to fly at this time or take a scout up on the buddy box if you are an instructor.

A brief Skymasters Float fly recap was give by Joe Hass. More detailed information will be given by Greg Cardillo at our next scheduled members meeting.

Our newest pilot was announced at the meeting. Congratulations to David Guy Walsh.

Upcoming Skymasters Member Meeting Topics:

Show and Tell:

Golden Skies RC for September 28th
October 12th presidents choice in the gym at Larson
Oct 26 Dave Brown
November 9th elections & Pete Bergstrom
Jan 11 Tuskegee Airmen
Jan 25 Andrew Jesky
Feb 15th Swap Shop
March 9th In the bones

Jack Edwards – 2 depron foam planes, The motors are GWS brushed 360's with GWS servos and 3 channels aileron, elevator, throttle

Greg Brauza – 33% Hanger 9 CAP 232. G62 modified with a ridge CDI with a 22X10 wood prop and Hitec digital servos. Total weight is 28 lbs. The engine is equipped with a bison muffler containing a baffle. The plane's emits 93 DB of measured sound.

Gary Weeks introduced the upcoming Kids Day on October 8th. The event will be held at Friendship park. Trainer airplanes and instructors will be

Bill Starks- GWS Tigermoth. Bill wanted a plane he could fly easily at his home.

For Sale !!

Global Sukhoi SU29 ARF

Has some slight hanger rash but not too bad.

For just the plane only: \$60.00

For the plane with an OS 46LA: \$90.00

For the plane, engine, battery pack & (4) Hitec 425BB servos \$125.00 (Sorry no receiver)

LT40 Tail Dragger / Float plane complete and ready to fly.

Leo 61 engine (less than 1 hour flight time)

Hitec ball bearing servos (425BB) and a Hitec receiver.

Futaba Skysport 4 radio (Channel 40) with carrying case.

Goldberg Float kit & Extra set of landing gear for grass.

\$ 250.00

Contact Tim Bowman 248-321-0617 (Skymasters member)

AREA EVENTS...

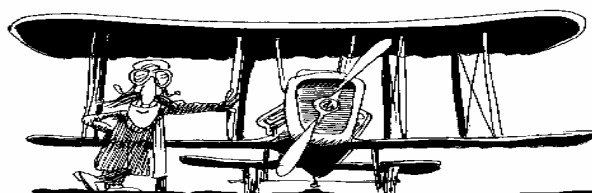
AMRCC CONTEST SCHEDULE

IT'S STARTING!!!

NOVEMBER 7, 2005

"RETIREEES & WANT-A-BEE'S BREAKFAST'S"

Breakfast starting at 9 AM on November 7 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. See you there.



SKYMASTERS "October 2005"

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2	3	4	5 Float Fly at Stony Creek	6	7	8 Kid's Day Float Fly at 7 Lakes
9	10	11	12 Club Meeting Float Fly at Stony Creek	13	14	15 Scout Day Float Fly at 7 Lakes
16	17	18	19 Float Fly at Stony Creek	20	21	22 Float Fly at 7 Lakes
23	24	25	26 Club Meeting Float Fly at Stony Creek	27	28	29 Float Fly at 7 Lakes

Future Club Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Subject
September 28	Larson	Float Fly Review and Golden Skies Aviation
October 12	Larson (Gym)	President's Choice (See more details below) <i>Someone will leave with a new 6 channel Futaba radio. Other prizes will be awarded. Open to the first 40 registrants. Sky-masters have first priority to register. All registrants will leave with an airplane. Want more details? Come to the meeting with your best aeronautic skills.</i>
October 26	Larson	Dave Brown AMA President
November 9	TBD	Pete Bergstrom Horizon Hobbies Engines <i>The school is not available to us that night. We are looking for another location. Keep checking for details on location.</i>
December 14	Larson	Christmas Party
January 11	Larson	Alexander Jefferson Lt. Col. Tuskegee Airman
January 25	Larson (Media Ctr)	Andrew Jesky ETOC Winner
February 15	Larson	SWAP SHOP (Note Date Change) <i>We will have only one meeting in February, the Swap Shop, But the school is not available on the usual date we are moving it to the 15th. Make a note and pass it on.</i>

Swap Meet Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club Sunday October 23, 2005

Waterford Oaks County Park - Activity Center,
2800 Watkins Lk. Rd., Waterford MI.48328

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$4.00 admission

Vendor Setup 8:00a.m.

Tables: \$10 advance \$15 at the door

Buy Sell Trade 50/50 Raffle

For info contact: Al Johnson 248-459-0803

Swap Meet Midwest RC Club Sunday November 13, 2005

Northville Parks and Recreation Center.
303 West Main Street., Northville, MI

9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Tables are \$20 in advance.

Admission is \$4 per person

Kids under 12 and women are free.

For info: Rudi Reinhard 248-643-4509 or
wwtbi@aol.com.



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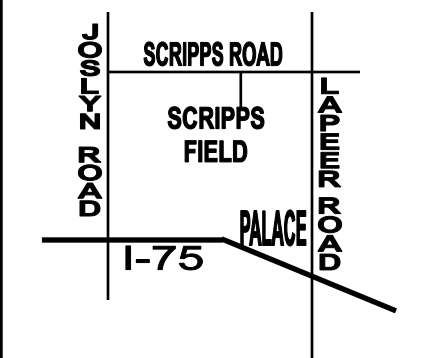
Skymasters Information.....

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.

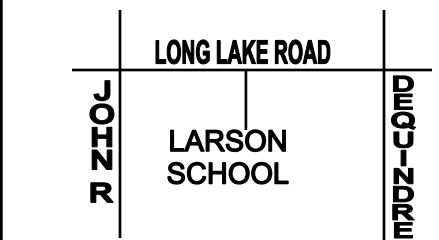
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!