



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970

Skypwriter

Lake Orion Barn Daze 2005



Carolynn Foss helps a couple of boys get their first flights in at Friendship Park as part of Barn Daze.



2005 Club Officers & Appointees...

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

We have, by any measure, the best club anywhere. We have a dynamic speaker and indoor event schedule in the fall and winter months and an equally spectacular series of events, student nights, fish fry, etc. that culminates in the Midwest Regional Float Fly, the largest float fly in the country during the summer.

During the dinner break at the "Field Opening Party" in May we got to talking about the history of the SKYMASTERS. It was during that discussion that I realized that few of our current members know how it used to be and, more importantly, how the Skymasters organization evolved to what it is today.

Back in the late 1980s the SKYMASTERS were really in a crisis. By virtue of the by-laws at the time every expenditure, regardless of the amount, had to be approved by the members present at the twice a month meetings. As you can imagine the meetings were rather raucous as everyone had an opinion as to the proper way to do the most miniscule thing and how much it should cost to have it done. This culminated in all of the officers at the time announcing that they would not be running again. A very awkward October meeting was at a standstill when no one volunteered to take their place.

To try to move forward Ed Saumier and I volunteered to be a "Nominating Committee". Ed and I personally called every single member, seeking potential candidates. Let's just say the response was less than enthusiastic, with some of the responses down right caustic. Ed and I had a long lunch discussing what to do. Ed offered that he would run for president on the condition that the by-laws were changed to allow a board of directors, made up of the officers, to run the day to day operation of the club. This idea was floated to the membership at the next meeting. The members went along with the idea. Others stepped forward to run for the rest of the positions and a committee was formed to change the by-laws. Because of other commitments at the time, I did not run for office. I instead offered to set up programs to make the meetings interesting and entertaining. Ed and the new officers were elected. The board and the by-laws committee had a lot of meetings and came up with a viable set of changes that were approved by the members. Ed and the rest of the officers did a great job in guiding the club through some difficult times including moving to the Scripps Road field and 1991. Guess I should tell you what 1991 was all about. We didn't always have all of the current frequencies nor dual conversion receivers. The addition of the new frequencies, wide band and narrow band receivers trying to work together, etc., etc. created a rather complex set of frequency control issues. If you think "taking a pin" is to much work for frequency control remember that back then you might have to take 3 pins to avoid crashing someone's airplane. Suffice to say, be very grateful for the current plug and play, low cost and high function radios we enjoy today.

Back to the history lesson. Having volunteered to provide the programs for the meetings (without really having an idea what I was getting into) I thought that what would be interesting to me would be interesting to other members. I started writing letters and making calls. Some of the speakers took years to arrange but it was all worth it. We continue with the tradition started many years ago. Because meetings were now fun more and more people showed up. Just as today, more people volunteered and the high level of member involvement made more nice things possible.

Think about this. 2005 marks the 15th year of the Midwest Regional Float Fly. That means the first one occurred in 1990. Seems like yesterday. Seems so long ago. So much for the history lesson.

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Gary Weaks did double duty in the last month by coordinating the efforts that went into the Barn Daze and the Cub Scout Program that occurred during October. Thanks Gary for all of your continued efforts on behalf of the club. Remember that Gary is the Membership Chairman, cooks at the MWRFF, is constantly giving instructions, does the Barn Daze and Cub Scout events and more. Phyllis is there constantly helping as well. Talk about commitment!

The Swap Shop season is upon us. Time to dust off those treasures to sell and acquire some new "must have" items. Make sure you come to the meetings too.

Joe Hass
248-321-7934

Barn Daze - Kid's Day

Please thank the membership for the Kid's Day event. All went well except the wind (again). The 15 mph winds kept many of the lighter trainers grounded. As a result Ron's trainer and mine had a zillion flights. (well, maybe not that many) Attendance was down this year versus previous years. We flew about 20 kids in all. I'm sure there would have been more if the weather was nicer.

Gary Weaks

Midwest RC Swap Meet
November 13, 2005
9 AM - 1 PM
303 West Main Street
Northville Parks and Recreation Center
Northville, MI.
contact wwtbi@aol.com

FOR SALE

Skyvista by Hobbico
40 size 62" wingspan Low Wing ARF
\$75.00 OBO

Cessna (Semi Scale) by Hanger 9
40 size 62" wingspan High Wing ARF
\$75.00 OBO

Magistar by Multiplex
Includes motor, gearbox and prop
45" wingspan Foam ARF kit
\$75.00 OBO

Chilli by Hobby Lobby
25" wingspan film covered balsa frame ARF
\$50.00 OBO

P-51 by Pica
25 size 40" wingspan kit (fuselage framed)
\$20.00 OBO

All items NIB except P-51.

Joe Hass
248-321-7934

Membership Renewals for 2006

All membership renewals and membership questions for 2006 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 2006 AMA card & completed application.

Meeting Minutes - Dave Wendt

Date: Wednesday September 28, 2005
 Location: Larson Middle School

President Joe Hass gave the greeting:

Attendance: 29 members, 0 guests in attendance.

Greg Cardillo presented Joe Hass with a photograph of Joe's Arrow inverted with one wing touching the water. The photo was taken at the 2004 MWRFF and was supposed to be a recent RCM cover.

Greg also gave the club the MWRFF financial review.

The 2005 MWRFF made just over \$2200 profit. Of that the kitchen was \$585.

| Product | Saturday | Sunday | Total |
|------------|----------|--------|-------|
| hot dogs | 91 | 64 | 155 |
| hamburgers | 98 | 36 | 134 |
| Kielbasa | 77 | 59 | 136 |
| Chicken | 20 | - | 20 |
| Pork | - | 52 | 52 |
| Chips | 63 | 63 | 126 |
| Drinks | 193 | 149 | 342 |

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|-------------|------------|
| Total Sales | \$1,199.50 |
| Cost | \$614.50 |
| Profit | \$585.00 |



Pete Foss talks about Miss Hangar One

Greg presented the contest winners with photos of their planes. Mike Cisler, Jim Held, and Pete Foss were all winners.

86 pilots in attendance. Hurricane Katrina raised just over \$100 given to the Red Cross on behalf of the Skymasters

Teardown began during the awards this year and it seemed to work out well.

Bob Burns raised a Skymasters attendance topic at the meeting. The topic centered around the number of Skymasters pilots present at the float fly. Bob thought it would be nice to see a higher attendance of Skymasters pilots at the MWRFF.

Greg Cardillo asked that if you won a prize please write a letter to the manufacturer and thank them for supporting Skymasters.

Greg gave a verbal thanks to the Skymasters members who dedicated their valuable time to work at the float fly.

The members in attendance gave a round of applause for Greg's efforts as MWRFF contest director..

Paul Zabawa announced that he will not be running for vice president next year. The Skymasters in attendance thanked Paul for his efforts the last couple of years.

Joe Hass announced that we still need a home for the Tractor and tractor trailer.

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Gary Weeks reminded members of the upcoming Kid's Day at Barn Daze. Gary needs help with instructors and trainer planes. The Skymasters field will be shutdown because of the proximity of Friendship Park to our field.

Gary also provided an updated Skymasters roster for those who wished to receive a paper copy at the meeting.

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

Treasurers report:

Joe Rubinstein announced that we have \$13,423.63 in our account. The field development fund is now just over \$8,000.00 or a little over half our liquid assets.

Joel Hass spoke on the topic of the Golden Skies model aviation company. Joe spoke about meeting the owner, purchasing a Crossfire ARF and deciding to represent the company. One item to note is the quality of the kit and hardware. According to Joe the owner is very responsive when contacted. Golden Skies will have a few more planes coming out in January of 2006. The Golden Skies web site is www.goldenskiesrc.com

Joe detailed the process of sealing control surfaces with clear covering material. Joe highly recommends sealing the control surfaces of the Crossfire. Joe used automotive outline tape to create an outline and liquid mask by Bob Dively to cover the rest of the canopy area. Once the canopy is covered, Lustercoat can be used to make a beautiful outline at the bottom of the canopy

Sunday October 23 is the PMAC Swap shop.

Show and Tell:

Pete Foss – Heinz 57 Miss Hangar One flying boat. AXI outrunner (2208/34), 3S-700 mAh and a Phoenix 10 ESC. The airplane/boat controls are elevons and twin rudder. Pete is using a completely synthesized Polk's transmitter with a Berg receiver.

Robert Dukelow- Dynaflight Super Decathlon. Powered by a Zenoah G38 and a B&B smoke system. The wing span is 89".

Robert Dukelow won the \$10 gift certificate to Rider's.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Doug Riley.

Next meeting is Presidents choice in the GYM on October 12th. The first 40 will participate in a flying contest. There will be a six channel Futaba radio for the winner.

Meeting Minutes - Dave Wendt

Date: Wednesday October 14, 2005

Location: Larson Middle School (Gym)

President Joe Hass gave the greeting:

Attendance:

- 38 members were in attendance, 1 guest in attendance.

Rider's is having an anniversary sale October 15TH through the 23rd

Presidents choice meeting. Joe decided to do a free flight rubber powered glider competition in the gym. Everybody will get a plane. Each contestant assembles, trims and flies their own plane. The longest two flights will be added together for the final flight time.

Event Winners:

1st place - 77 sec. "Mr. Indoor" Gene Thuringer Futaba 6EX Radio

2nd place - 76 sec. Ron Sokacz Soldering Iron

3rd place - 70 sec. David Wendt Soldering Iron

4th place - Herman Greif Glow driver and Changer

5th place - Greg Cardillo Max Muffler

The random prize winner was Chris Hass who won a Viper kit.

Joe Hass announced that John Hoover from Rider's gave him a great price on the prizes while Hobby Lobby did the same on the airplane kits. They both deserve our thanks. Joe deserves a big thank you since he paid for both the prizes and the planes himself, rather than the club.



Joe presents Gene with his prize for winning the Skymasters 2005 Indoor Challenge.

Sunday October 23 is the PMAC Swap shop.

Show and Tell:

Fred McConkie – Fun – Key Cap 232 distributed by Yellow Aircraft. Fred has a Tower 40 for power. Fred won the drawing for a gift certificate to Rider's.

Teo Terry- Little Something Extra from SIG. AXI 2212 motor. All up weight is 22 oz. The ESC is a Phoenix 25. The receiver is an FMA Extreme 5. The servos are Hitec HS-55s.

Wade Wiley – Wade brought the Beaver from the float fly. Wade added a new bulkhead and a scale tail wheel to take the load off the tail wheel servo. Wade also reconfigured the wing joining system.

Greg Brausa - Hanger 9 extra 260 powered by a 45cc gas engine with a CDI engine. Greg showed us a DA can muffler with a custom built header. Guy Walsh TIG welded the header.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Burns.

Meeting Pictures



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.

RCCD Swap Shop

January 22, 2006
Lakeshore Knights of Columbus
25003 Little Mack Ave.
St. Clair Shores, MI .

Contact:
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MIDWEST R/C SOCIETY

18th annual
R/C SWAP MEET

Sunday, November 13th, 2005
9:00am to 1:00pm
Northville Senior Community Center
Northville, Michigan

For table reservations, call Rudi Reinhard at
248.643.4509 or e-mail: wwtbi@aol.com

SKYMASTERS "November 2005"

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 Retiree Breakfast | 8 | 9 Club Meeting Orion Twp Hall | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 Midwest R/C Swap Meet | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Retiree Breakfast | 22 | 23 NO Meeting | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |

Future Club Meeting Schedule

| Date | Location | Subject |
|-------------|--------------------|--|
| November 9 | Orion Twp Hall | Pete Bergstrom Horizon Hobbies Engines |
| December 14 | Larson | Christmas Party |
| January 11 | Larson | Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson Retired 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> |

Barn Daze 2005



Roger Schmelling, Gary Weaks and Ron Sokacz work with some happy kids at Lake Orion Barn Daze. It was a bit windy but a good success nevertheless. The chili cook-off was great on a cold day too to keep us warm. Zagi soccer anyone???



SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

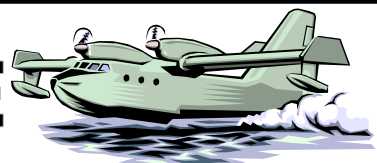
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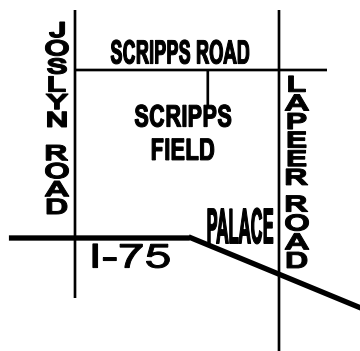
Skymasters Information.....

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 Green-shield 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 pot luck buffet,

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



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!