



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skywriter

Merry Christmas and Happy Krazy Snow Fly



Ben Walling and all the kids (young and old) had a great time at the Xmas party while John Hoover joined 28 other pilots at the Krazy Snow Fly to fly and eat Paul's chill.



2006 Club Officers & Appointees...

President:	Joe Hass	1142 Brunswick Dr.	Rochester Hills	48309	248-321-7934
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Membership:	Gary Weaks	2512 Red Fox Trail	Troy	48098	248-540-8358

Meet Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson (USAF, ret.)

January 11, 2006

7:30 PM

Larson Middle School
2222 E. Long Lake Road
Troy, Michigan

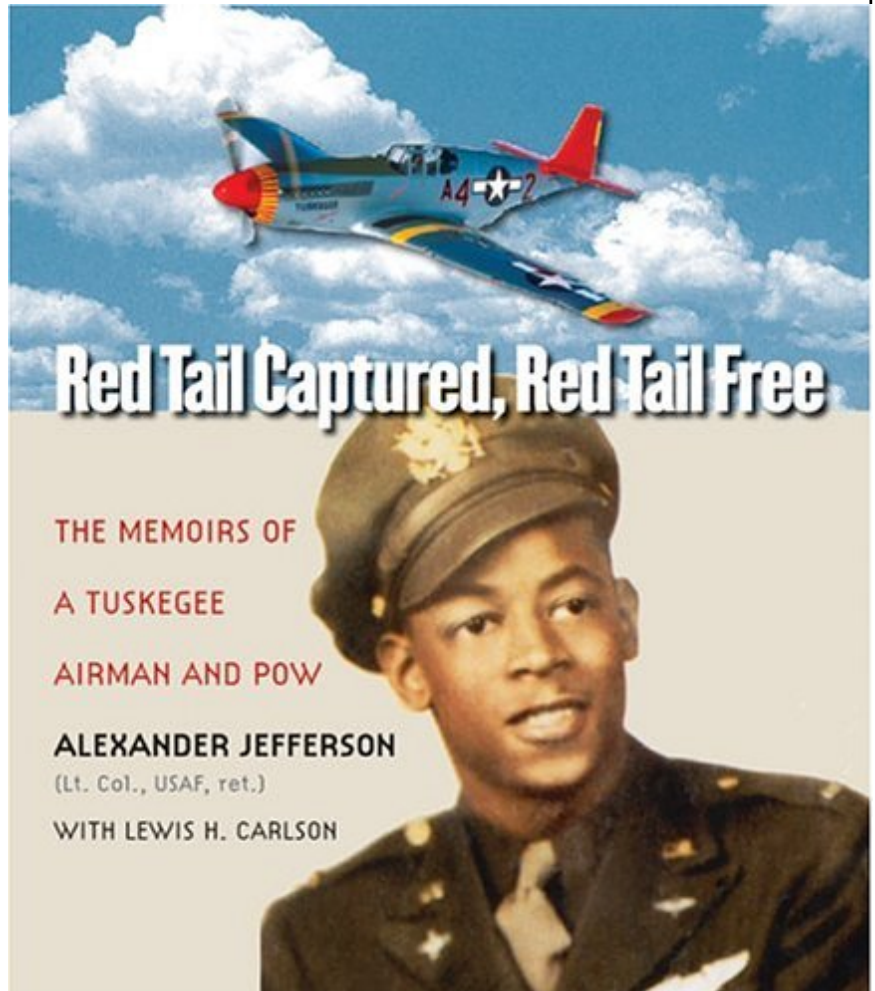
Don't miss this opportunity to meet one of World War II's special heroes. Lt. Col. Johnson grew up in Detroit and joined the Air Force in 1941 after college. One of 450 airmen assigned to the Tuskegee training facility he was one of the first African-American pilots in US service. Assigned to the 332nd Fighter group in 1944, he flew long range missions escorting 15th Air Force bombers to their targets.

On his 18th mission his P-51 was shot down by German cannon fire. He was held at Stalag Luft III (80 miles east of Berlin on the Polish border) and Stalag VII-A (20 miles north of Dachau in southern Germany). When the war finally ended in 1945, he was liberated by the Third Army.

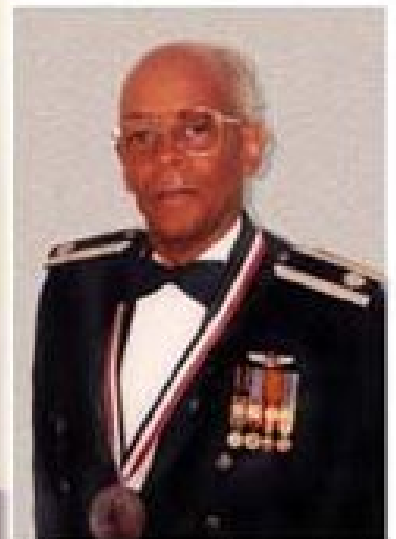
Back home, he became an instructor at the Tuskegee Army field, and in 1947 was discharged from active duty. He remained in the reserves, and retired in 1969. He also became a teacher in the Detroit public school system, and retired in 1979 as an assistant principal.

Don't miss this opportunity to talk to Col. Jefferson about his experience as a pilot, prisoner of war and flight instructor.

Information gathered from <http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/people/bios/aero/jeffersona.html> and <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0823223663/102-4580483-1099347?v=glance&n=283155>.



Alexander Jefferson
School Principal, teacher and
speaker



Lt. Colonel Alexander Jefferson
US Air Force, Retired

Skymasters R/C Club 2006 Application For Membership



Information (print clearly)

New Member () Renewal ()

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

AMA #: _____

Pilot: () Student: ()

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

City: _____

Work Phone: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Frequencies: _____

Birth Date: _____

Newsletter: Will be sent by email. If you need a paper copy, please check here: Standard Mail ()

Significant Other: _____

Other Family Members Who Fly

Name: _____

AMA #: _____

Pilot () Student ()

Name: _____

AMA #: _____

Pilot () Student ()

Field Rules

- 1) Field hours are 10 AM - 8 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 2) Noise limit for 2006 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 2006 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, 2006)
- 2) Photocopy of 2006 AMA Card
- 3) Self addressed stamped envelope
- 4) Completed & Signed Application
- 5) *New members \$70+\$30 Initiation Fee

Mail To: Gary Weaks
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.

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.

New for 2006

Renew your membership online at www.skymasters.org/members !!!

You must have a PAYPAL account to use this service. Contact Greg Cardillo if you have questions.
greg@skymasters.org

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

January 2 and 16, 2006

Breakfast starting at 9 AM at the "RAM'S HORN FAMILY RESTAURANT" located on the North East corner of Crooks Road and M-59 (2265 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills). Breakfast's will be the first and third Monday each month, all winter. Come enjoy breakfast and good conversation.

January 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Retiree Breakfast	3	4	5	6	7
8 DAM Swap Meet	9	10	11 Club Meeting	12	13	14
15	16 Retiree Breakfast	17	18	19	20	21
22 RCCD Swap Meet	23	24	25 Club Meeting	26	27	28
29 Propbusters Swap Meet	30	31				

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 29 flyers and associated family and friends enjoyed 10 gallons of Paul Zabawa's deluxe chili and endured snow, fog and rain for another great Krazy Snow Fly. I'm sure that there will be pictures elsewhere. Thanks to all for coming and celebrating the end of 2005. A special thanks goes to John Hoover at Rider's for donating the gift certificates that were passed out in a random drawing of pilots.

While I am thanking great folks, thanks to all that participated in Otto's Garage Sale. A lot of treasures have new owners. But there are still a lot of great airplanes, engines and hardware available. Please call me at 248-321-7934 for more info. Again a special thanks to Steve Fredericks, Joe Rubinstein and others for helping with the set up and tear down.

Things are already very busy. Some of Santa's gifts to the Hass household have already been built and flown. Sandbagger's Golf Dome became available (another "thanks" to Gary Weaks for getting the insurance certificate in record time) so there was indoor flying from December 26 through December 30. If all goes well there will be other flying opportunities at Sandbaggers.

We continue our string of excellent speakers. I personally can't wait until our first meeting of the new year to hear Lt. Col Alexander Jefferson of the Tuskegee Airman on January 11. Bring along a young person to hear this one of a kind pilot, author and speaker.

This will be another very busy year for us. Our event sanctions are in and accepted so we have firm dates for our events. The board will be wrestling with the budget. While we were ahead of plan this year it is only because many members paid for things that should have been paid by the club. I hate to bring it up but the board may have to consider a small dues increase for 2007.

SWAP SHOP HAS WRONG DATE IN MODEL AVIATION!!! Pass it on to your friends. The correct date is Wednesday, February 15, 2006. The mistake is all mine as I filled out the form wrong and put 02-05-06 on the event date instead of 02-15-06. Now what is really interesting is 02-05 is my birthday, so how in the world did I make that mistake. The flyers that will begin to appear in swap shops soon have the correct date. Remember that we have only one meeting, the Swap Shop, in February. I am counting on our usual unending help from members to help with set up and tear down. There will be an auction at the end to help clear out your inventory.

TRIMMING YOUR BIRD: No I'm not talking about Thanksgiving dinner. I'm talking about your latest flying creation. I know this isn't exactly "flying weather" but I had to share an experience that I had with my most recent Banchee. My original Banchee burnt up a year ago in a lithium fire. I built another one but it just didn't fly as well as the original. I kept thinking it was tail heavy as it tended to climb while inverted and was a bear to land, always wanting to climb and float if power wasn't on. While perusing an article on trimming patterns ships in Flying Models the author mentioned how important aileron "positioning" was in knife edge and inverted. This wasn't left or right trim but rather whether both ailerons should go up or down to effect the flight performance. Well suffice to say that a 1/2 turn to raise both ailerons solved all of the problems. I began removing the noseweight I added for additional improvement in performance. The new one now flies as well as the original. The moral of the story? Keep experimenting and read everything you can on trimming. Ask someone else to fly your airplane for their ideas. Pete Goldsmith of Horizon (and a huge supporter of the MWRFF) has written excellent articles on trimming. They are in a variety of magazines, the Horizon catalog or on their web site. R/C Report typically has a section on trimming and maneuvers in every issue so go back a few issues for more info. See you soon, Joe Hass

2005 XMAS Party Planes



2005 XMAS Party

The 2005 edition of the Skymasters Xmas party was very successful. Especially given the weather. The snowy night was perfect for Santa to visit and bring presents for all the kids. The club provided several really nice pilot's prizes for those who brought airplanes to display while Joe Hass' mother-in-law provided the ladies prizes. A great time was had by all as we once again proved we are an Eating Club first and a Flying Club second. Thanks to Bob and Donna Burns for coordinating the food and to all of you who helped with setup and cleanup. - Pete



AREA EVENTS...**AMRCC CONTEST SCHEDULE****RCCD Swap Shop**

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

Contact:
Keith Jones
586-786-1474
kaydeejay9@yahoo.com

Detroit Aero Modelers Swap Meet

January 8, 2006
9:00 am—3:00 pm
Monaghan K of C Hall
19801 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI

Contact:
Charlie Thomas
313 565-2973
DAMswap@comcast.net

**Propbusters Swap Meet
(and Pancake Breakfast)**

January 29, 2006
8:00 am—1:00 pm
Community Center Building
Goodells County Park

Contact:
Sheila O.
810 367-6367
www.propbusters.com

Flint's R/C Swap Meet

February 19, 2006
9:00 am—1:00 pm
NEW LOCATION
Lake Fenton High School
4070 Lahring Rd.
Linden, MI 48451

Contact:
Bill Gerald
810 845-3007
www.rcflyingaces.com

SPECIAL SALE

A member is reducing his inventory of kits, ARFs, completed aircraft, projects and supplies. All items are high quality and well maintained. Many are new in box. The list is being compiled as the newsletter is going to press. Skymasters members will have the first opportunity to enjoy the selection and savings. Contact Joe Hass at 248-321-7934 for more details.

Future Club Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	Subject
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. Since the school is not available on the usual date, we are moving it to the 15th. Make a note and pass it on.</i>

2005 Krazy Snow Fly

The 2005 edition of the Skymasters Krazy Snow Fly lived up to it's name. We had a few inches of very wet snow on the ground and snow in the air pretty much throughout the event. 29 pilots registered and brought 40+ airplanes to the event. We had hand launch electrics and gas planes, ski's, float's and a flying boat. Special thanks to John Hoover for providing gift certificates to Rider's Hobby as pilot prizes. Finally, thanks to Paul Zabawa for hosting another great event and doing a great job as VP. The field has been looking great, thanks for all your hard work Paul. - Pete





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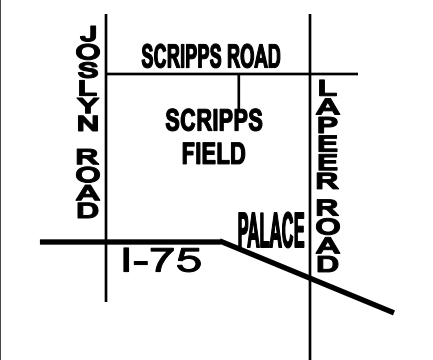
Skymasters Information.....

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.

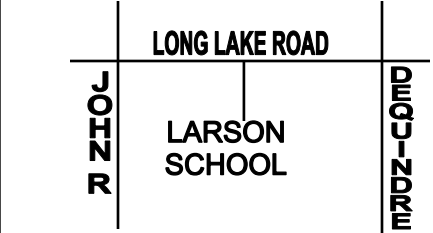
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all night is also a 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.

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



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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!