



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

In The Bones (Sort Of)



Gary Weaks displays his 1/5 scale Piper Seneca. Scratch built from his own plans the 95" wingspan airplane was built in the last 5 months including the lost foam fiberglass cowls.



2006 Club Officers & Appointees...

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Lot's to talk about this month.

LOCK THE GATE!!!!!!!!!!

We had an incident during March involving hunters, dogs and a blue Dodge pick up truck. There was minor damage to our runway. The problem could have been avoided if the Skymasters present had locked the gate when they had ended their flying session. It is within our use of the field to ask others to leave when we are done. If there is ever a problem simply call the park ranger or the Oakland County Sheriff. Both numbers are on the board next to the transmitter impound. You can also call a club officer.

May 10, Meeting

Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman, has been asked to visit us again to sign books and share a few more memories. We will also go over some very important club financial information at this meeting as well.

June R/C Report to have Dehalind Beaver Review

Late word is that the June 2006 R/C Report will have Greg Cardillo's cover photo and the review of the 2005 Midwest Regional Float Fly Super Prize.

2006 Midwest Regional Float Fly

You know it has to be close to flying season when the Super Prize is done. Ron Sockaz has completed the beautiful Great Planes SeaWind. We'll have to wait until the water gets soft for a test flight. It will be an online review for R/C Groups.

Joe Hass

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Future Club Meeting Schedule

| Date | Location | Subject |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| March 22 | Larson | Midwest Products: Ed Rogala, Senior Sales Manager |
| April 12 | Larson | Float fly symposium: all about floats! Bring in your float planes! |
| April 20 | Larson | SIG Manufacturing: Scott Christensen, VP of R&D |
| April 22 | Park | Bald Mountain Involvement Day Park Headquarters, Greenshield Road - 9:00 AM |
| May 10 | Larson | Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman |
| May 24 | Scripps | Skymasters Meeting / Field Opening Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion FIELD OPENING PARTY - Dinner at 6pm. |

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

March 20, April 3 and 17 (last one till fall)

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.

In The Bones Night, March 8th



Al Mrock - Sikorsky S-38 designed and built by Al Mrock. Plans are available in three sizes; 1/6, 1/8, and 1/12 scale. More details at <http://www.classicaero.com/main.php>



Teo Terry - House of Balsa PT – 19 .25 - .32 Power converted to electric. The wingspan is 50 in with 414 sq. in of wing area. Powered by a Hacker A30-10XL with 10-11 GP 2000Nimh batteries. Teo is using a 10X7 or a 11x7 prop at 300-350 watts



Pete Foss – RT Models Canadair 415 with twin geared Astro 05 brushed motors. Fuse is fiber-glassed balsa while the wing is covered with dope and silkspan.



Greg Cardillo – Three Vince Pettke built Arrows. Also designed by Laddie Mikulasko, the Arrow is much lighter than his Northstar because you don't need to add nose weight. Vince also built Greg a 1/2 size electric version and a 25 sized version for Pete Foss. All three planes were clearly built by a true craftsman, the workmanship is amazing. Hopefully all three will be ready for the fall float fly.



Greg hold Ron Sokacz's – Macchi Schneider Cup racer. Weight: about 7.5 pounds, powered by a Saito 80.



Jim Held – Top Flite Big Beautiful Doll ARF. Jim stripped the covering and re-covered the plane with Ultracoat. Jim was impressed with the building but it needed quite a bit of sanding. Jim also mentioned that there were much better fiberglass parts on the ARF than he had on the kit. Jim felt the ARF was a great value compared to the kit.



Joe Rubinstein – Version 3 of the Savoia-Marchetti S.55 twin hull 80" wing span float plane. Two Astro 05 brushless motors with 2 - 4 cell lithium packs. The engineering by Joe and Joe Finklestein of the wing ensures proper washout through accurate laser cutting.



David Wendt and Joe Finkelstine – Both brought nearly finished FW 190 wings. The wings were built from Roy Vaillancourt plans. Joe also brought his Saito 450 power plant and the fiberglass fuselage.



Harold Reuter – VK stick for rubber power.



Wade Wiley – P-6E Curtis Hawk Top Wingspan: 76 in Bottom Wingspan: 63 in Wing Area: 1441 sq in Weight: 13-14 lb Wing Loading: 21-22 oz/sq ft Fuselage Length: 60 in.



Dave Shea - Mark Smith Fat Cat with a Saito 91 about a 10 lb plane.



Robert Dukelow - Ohio Model Ultra 10-300 with a OS 90 4 stroke.



Fred McConkie - Just started a Lake 250 Renegade "barely in the bones".



Paul Borrer – Eindecker E1 powered by a G26 with the CH ignition conversion. It was a very complete kit. The plane weighs about 17 lbs. Aces of Iron pilot.

2006 SKYMASTERS EVENTS

Bald Mountain Involvement Day - **Saturday, April 22, 2006**

Park Headquarters, Greenshield Road - 9:00 AM

A day we give to the Park each year - to help get the Park ready for spring. Projects for everyone, from painting signs, repairing picnic tables, roofing shelters, wood splitting, etc. Come out and support your club - and the Park we fly in!!

Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly - **Saturday, May 20, 2006**

Seven Lakes State Park, Holly - 9:30 AM

Our first Float Fly Event of the year. It adds a whole new dimension when flying from water - it's also great to watch.

Bald Mountain Float Fly - **Sunday, May 21, 2006**

Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Trout Lake, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

The beach will be closed, and R/C float planes will take the place of bathers. Another fun day on a great float plane site. The Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event due to proximity to the Trout Lake location.

Student Night and Potluck - **Wednesdays Thru Summer**

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Every Wednesday thru Labor Day! Instructors available all day (flying dependent on weather conditions) - Potluck Dinner at 6pm Regardless of the weather! Bring meat (or other) for the grill, a dish to pass, and non-alcoholic beverage.

"We always eat, we sometimes fly!"

Stony Creek Float Flying - **Wednesdays Thru October** - Stony Creek Metropark - 9:00 AM

Every Wednesday the weather allows. Come fly off water at Stony Creek Metro Park on Wednesday mornings. Flying from Winter Cove. Contact Jim Held for more info and to get on mailing list for cancellations.

Small Fry, Electric, and Sailplane - **Saturday, June 17, 2006**

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Come see what electric airplanes can do! Any size electric or sailplane. For the "wet" flyers, 2 cycle engines to .25; 4 cycle to .30 (tow planes of any size) High Start, Power Pod, or Tow for Gliders.

Team Fun Fly - **Sunday, July 9, 2006** - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Lots of exciting flying events, lots of fun, and even some prizes. There are categories for intermediate (signed off pilots) and expert (using purpose designed fun-fly airplanes.) Need a teammate, we'll find one for you!

Warbirds and Scale - **Sunday, August 6, 2006** - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

From P51's to Tiger Moths, Cessnas 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.

Corn Roast and Top Gun - **Sunday, August 27, 2006** 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.

Midwest Regional Float Fly - **Saturday/Sunday, September 9-10, 2006**

Island Lake State Park, Brighton - 9:30 AM

This is the big one! Float flyers from all over the Midwest bring all sizes, shapes, and color of aircraft imaginable and fly them for two days solid. A blast! Flying starts at 9:30 AM both days!

Seven Lakes Float Flying - **Saturdays - September 16 thru October** Seven Lakes State Park - 9:30 AM

Fly off the water of Big Seven Lake and Seven Lakes State Park. As long as the weather allows - the last float flying of the season.

Orion Township Barn Daze - **Saturday, October 14, 2006**

Friendship Park - Baldwin Rd and Clarkston Rd - 11:00 AM

Our annual Kid's Day once again combines with Orion Township Barn Daze. For a small donation (all proceeds to the park) - have a chance to fly a radio controlled model plane with one of our instructors. Also see a collection of our models on display. For Kid's of all ages! Flying till 5pm weather permitting.

****Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event****

Krazy Snow Fly - **Sunday, December 31, 2006** Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Our last event of the year! Whether snow and ice; or maybe a sunny day - one of our most popular events. Come join us for some hot chili and weather permitting - flying to end the year



Skymasters R/C Club

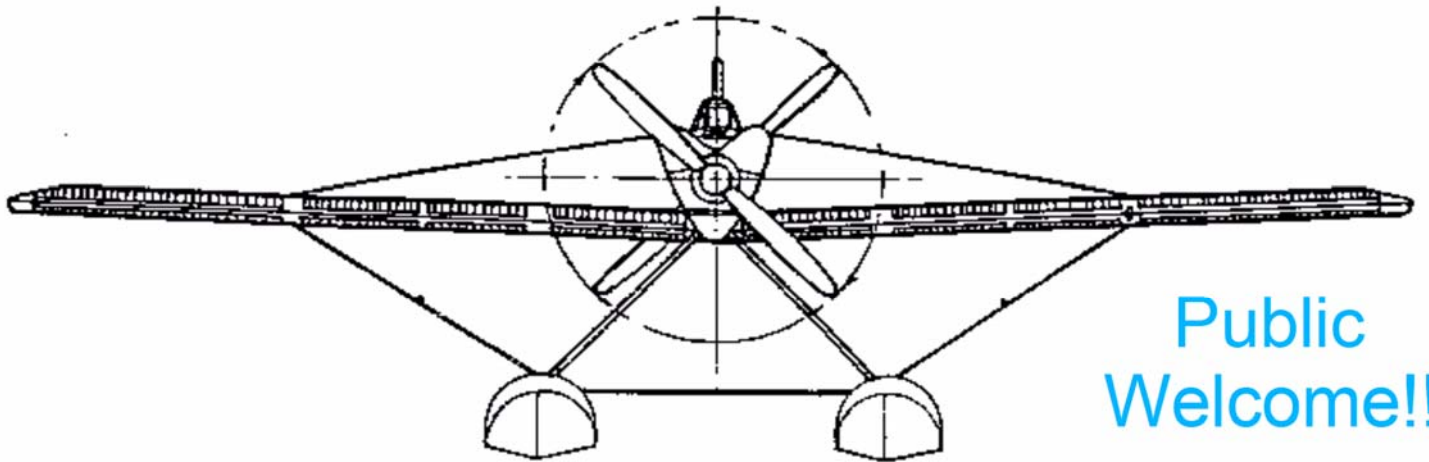
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for an R/C Aircraft event

Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly Saturday May 20, 2006

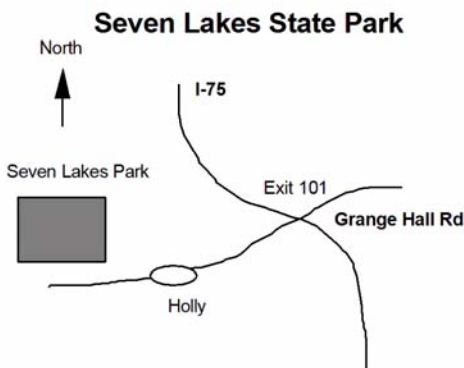
at the Seven Lakes State Park, Holly (see map).

Event flying starts at 9AM.

formerly known as Seven Lakes Float Fly



**Public
Welcome!!**



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- * Refreshments available at events.
- * Pilots prizes.
- * Great chance for the public to see this exciting hobby in action.
- * Toilet located at field.

All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Pete Foss 248-236-0676

Visit our website at: www.skymasters.org



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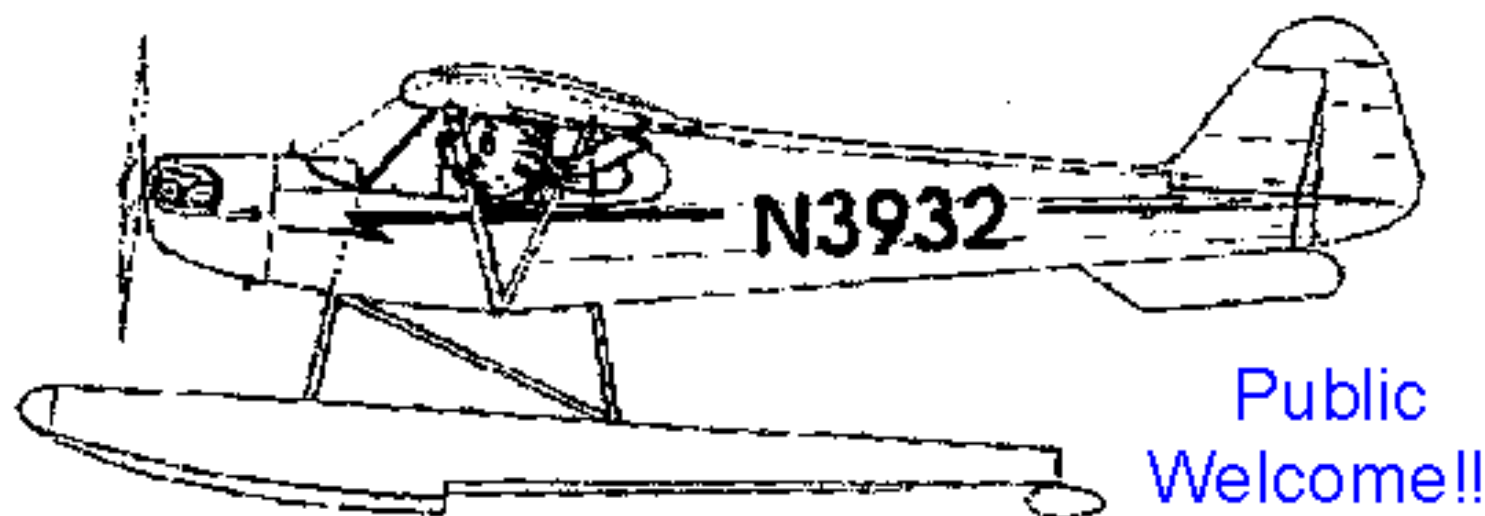
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Bald Mountain Float Fly

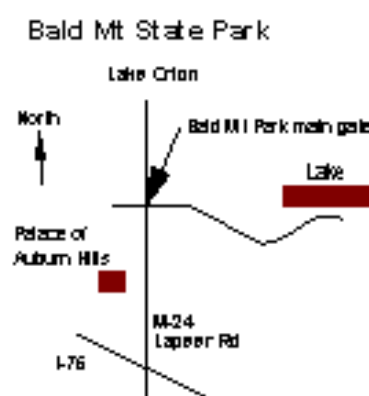
Sunday May 21, 2006

at Bald Mountain Recreation Lake (see map).

Event flying starts at 10AM.



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



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

The Bald Mt flying lake is located within the Bald Mountain State Park about five miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills. Use the main gate. All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Dave Wendt 248-703-2318

Visit our website at: www.skymasters.org

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.



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 Greg Cardillo

HOME OF THE

 "MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"

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, 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



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!