



Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

Scott Christensen from SIG



Scott Christensen from SIG brought a pile of small scale electric models to the April 20th meeting. See more pictures inside.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Its 12 hours before take off to Puerto Rico. I'm writing this, having just gotten back from flying Chris to Ann Arbor so that he and his big sister can fly to D.C. out of Metro 2 hours after we leave in the morning. Chris did most of the flying out to Ann Arbor. Number one son Joe did the flying on the way back. I have this to write, work to do and then the packing. Met up with Greg Cardillo earlier today to buy a Nikon D70 to replace the Nikon N80 that was stolen out of my car. At least I will have plenty to read and learn.

Toledo was as good as ever. We did our share of damage. A few things haven't arrived yet. Might have a couple of review topics too. My thanks to all of you SKYMASTERS who stopped by the vendors to thanks them for coming to speak at our meetings. They made it a point to tell me how impressed they are with our organization. There has been a growing introduction of float fly ARFs. I have it on good authority that there will be more before the end of the year.

The June issue of R/C Report should be at my doorstep at the end of April. The cover will be the beautiful Kelda Brooks with Wade Wiley's Dehavalind Beaver. The review is in this issue as well.

Keeping the Float Fly theme our Float Fly Symposium was well attended with a lot of newcomers and a great interchange among members and guests. I managed to leave one of my transmitters at Larson. Wade Wiley was kind enough to pick it up and bring it to the field. Thanks again Wade!

I will be out of town for some corporate training on April 26 and will miss the presentation of Scott Christenson from SIG. He will absolutely amaze you with his airplanes. If the gym is available he may fly one of his little gems. Greg Cardillo will be the host that evening.

The Midwest Regional Float Fly is coming along nicely. The Super Prize is finished. Second prize has been lined up. Tent, food, permits, etc. are all coming together. Of course we will have our spring float flies coming up soon as well.

The May 10th meeting is a must attend! Lt. Col Alexander Jefferson will come back for a book signing. We have a couple of extra surprises in store as well. This is one you should be at! We will also go over the club financials and talk about the future.

A lot of work has been done for speaker and activities for the fall. We will again have a President's Choice. Same theme but this time with a little different twist. A glow plug manufacturer, an adhesive manufacturer and a variety of other speaker have committed to make this another great year.

One man's opinion....

The Detroit News recently had an editorial (I think it was the April 14 or 15 issue) that absolutely infuriated me. They went to great lengths to chastise the DNR for NOT selling enough park land. After what has happened around us and in the Ann Arbor area you can understand my reaction. Look it up and write to the News.

Got to go pack my bags!

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Free Airplanes from Robert Mendelson
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Aerotique: 59" span, K&B .40

Sig Kadet. 59" span. K&B .40

Two Super Malibu gliders: 75" span

Fun-X: .051 engine, 39" span.

Flying Saucer: 40" diameter, K&B .60

Electric glider: 72" span.

Notes from the Editor:

First let me apologize for how late this months newsletter is. A cruise, work, spring fever and a couple other things got in the way.

May 24th is the Field Opening Work Party. Come out when you can to help get the field ready. We'll test out the grill at 6PM to make sure it still works! We provide the meat this week and switch to potluck for student nights after that.

As Joe discussed in his letter, there have been several pieces published in the press recently concerning sale of certain park land by the DNR. I urge you to look at these web links: <http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060415/OPINION01/604150319&SearchID=73242023924936>, <http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060409/METRO/604090361&SearchID=73242023924936>, <http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060326/METRO/603260373&SearchID=73242023924936>, <http://www.mackinac.org/article.aspx?ID=7399>

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INSTRUCTOR NOTES

Well it's that time of the year again. Spring is upon us. For most of us, the coming warm days and gentle winds will bring us out of hibernation and out to the field. This is also the time that we begin our Student Instruction for the year. On this note, I would like to point out areas that all Instructors need to be concerned with:

- ◆ All Instructors are Sound and Safety Monitors. Do not hesitate to address these issues when needed.
 - ◆ When enforcing Safety Rules, please be courteous but firm. It is better to have someone unhappy, rather than the cause of an injury to themselves or others.
 - ◆ When enforcing Sound Rules, assure that our DB Level is maintained.
- ◆ When utilizing a Buddy Box or not, Instructors are to take full control of the aircraft in order to prevent:
 - ◆ Flying over the flight line
 - ◆ Landing in trees
 - ◆ Flying out too far
 - ◆ Damaging or destruction of any aircraft while instructing our students in Take Offs and Landings
- ◆ The Frequency Pin must be pulled at all times!!!
- ◆ Always monitor our new pilots and when necessary give immediate advice or assistance.
- ◆ Act as a "Spotter" when required
- ◆ Instructors to enforce the Safety Rules that:
 - ◆ Only Pilots are allowed in the Pit Area and on the Flight Line. Children should not be playing in the Pit Area.
 - ◆ Spectators are not allowed on the field side of the fence
- ◆ The Instructor must control the pace at which each student progresses. As an example; do not start to teach "how to take off or land" when the student has not mastered good flight control. Encourage Students to be patient.
- ◆ It takes two (2) Instructors to sign-off a Student.

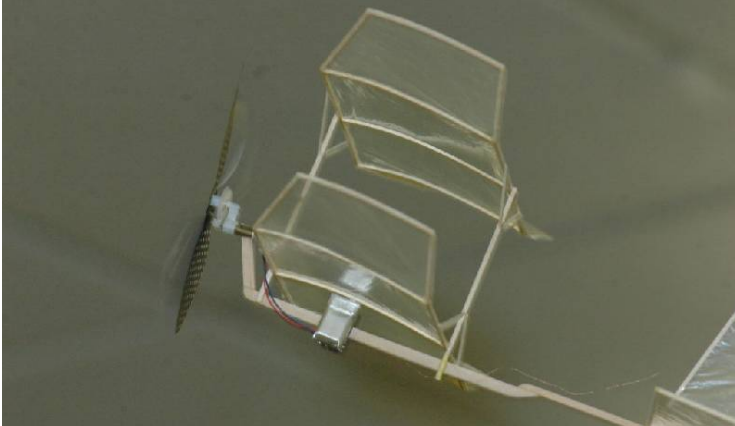
PLEASE HAND IN NAMES OF SIGNED OFF STUDENTS TO EITHER GARY WEEKS OR RON SOKACZ.

Ron Sokacz

Bald Mountain Involvement Day



April Club Meetings



2006 SKYMASTERS EVENTS

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 starting May 24**

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion

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.

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), expert (using purpose designed fun-fly airplanes) and Seniors (over 60).

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

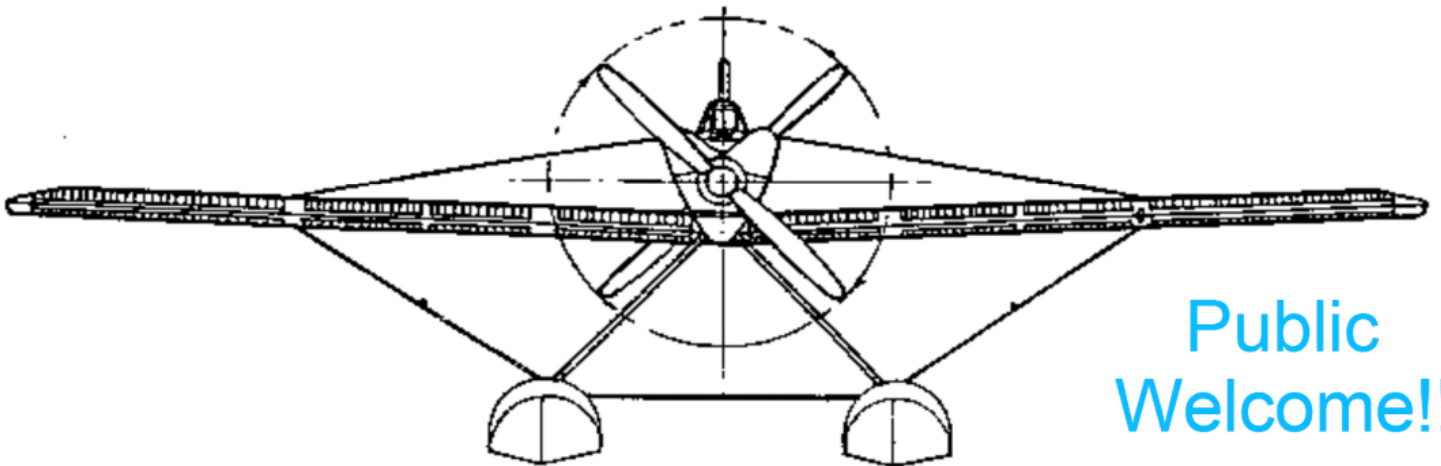
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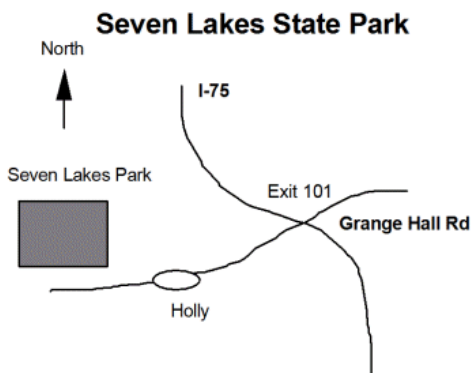
at the Seven Lakes State Park, Holly (see map).

Event flying starts at 9AM.

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- * 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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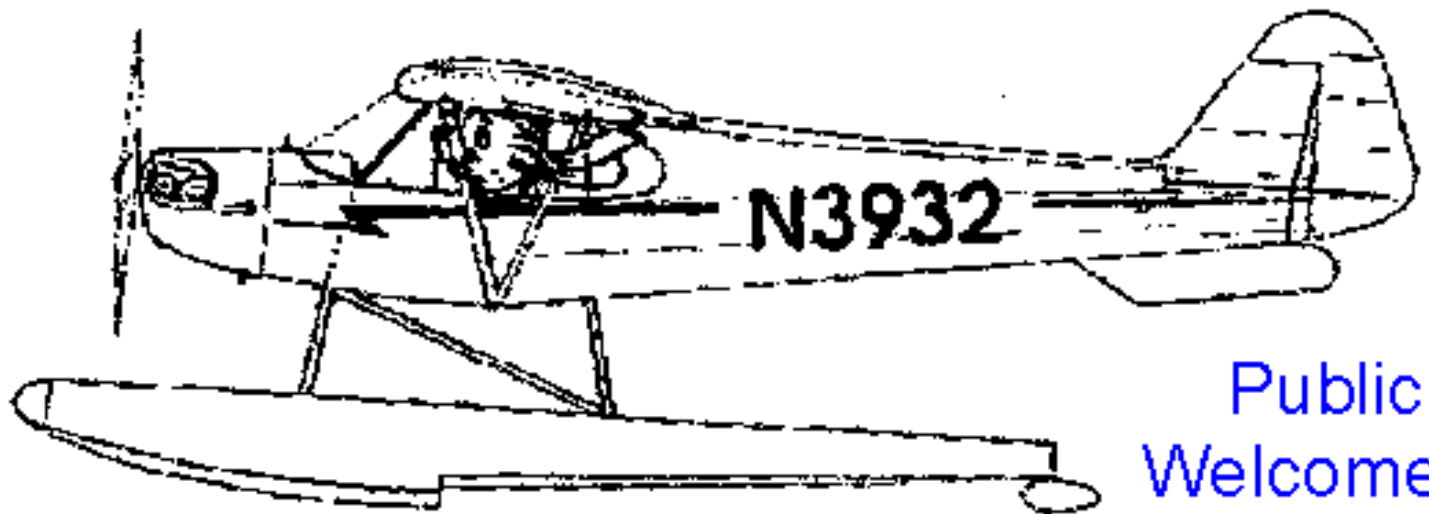
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Bald Mountain Float Fly

Sunday May 21, 2006

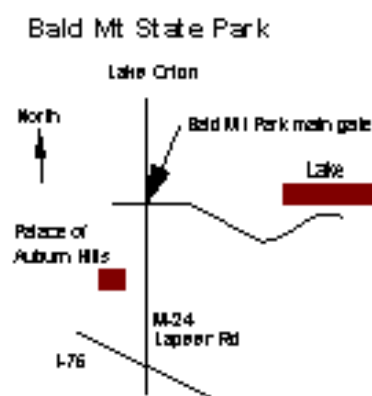
at Bald Mountain Recreation Lake (see map).

Event flying starts at 10AM.



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



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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

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SKYMASTERS FUN FLY

SUNDAY ~ JULY 9TH

Events:

Loop da loop – Intermediate & Senior pilots must do ten loops, Time starts at the beginning of the first loop and ends with the end of the last loop. Expert pilots must do 5 inside loops and 5 outside loops, time starts at take off and ends at landing for expert..

What's a Immelman? – Takeoff and perform the following maneuvers (Split-S, Immelman, 3 rolls, 3 loops) in any order. For the intermediate & Senior class take offs and landings will not be timed. The clock will start when the plane is up in the air and the pilot verbally says go. The clock will end when the pilot has successfully completed the routine. For the expert class, the clock will start when the plane leaves the ground and the clock will end when the plane touches the ground.

Fly the bases – This is a timed event. The pilot must taxi his plane over home plate to start clock, then go to first, second, and third, finally taxiing the plane back over home plate . After the plane crosses home you will then pop a balloon to stop the clock. Experts must leave the ground between bases.

Scoring – If there are ten pilots each event will be worth a possible ten points. The winner of an event will receive ten points. Second place will receive nine points etc... ***There will be 3 groups Expert, Intermediate & Senior, (over 60)***





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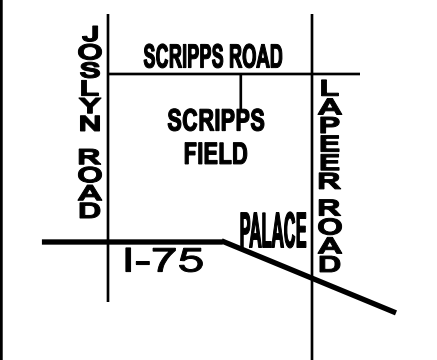
Skymasters Information.....

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.

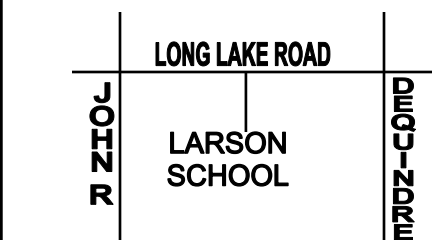
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!