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Skypwriter

Lt. Col. Jefferson Becomes A Skymaster



Joe Hass presents a ready to fly Hanger 9 Ultimate Trainer P-51 to a speechless Alexander Jefferson from the club.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

It has been another busy month on all fronts. Our last meeting for the season at Larson featured another visit from Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson. He again addressed us with poignant reminders of the past. He signed books and mingled with us (once again I didn't get my book signed). This time we had a few surprises for him. With the approval of the board, Gary Weaks created a beautiful plaque and custom membership card providing Jefferson with an Honorary Lifetime Membership in Skymasters. I then asked Ron Sokacz to come forward and introduced Jefferson to our beloved Chief Flight Instructor. Obviously, if he was now a member, Jefferson needed an instructor. Why not the best? But what good are a student and an instructor without a trainer. I asked Jefferson to turn around as his new Horizon P-51 trainer was presented to him. We made a man who loves to talk speechless. His eyes were as big as saucers. Jim Held had taken the original plane and repainted the tail in Tuskegee colors (Many Thanks Jim!). We even had the name "Margo" created to duplicate how his aircraft was labeled. He looked at me and said "This is over the top!" I hope the Lt. Col. joins us over the summer and again gets his wings. By the way the P-51 was funded by private contributions.

Show and Tell was again busy with lots of projects to share. We then went into the financials. We are in much better shape than we were 2 years ago but it is primarily because of the real money contributions of so many members. There was a lot of give and take between the members and the board with many good ideas and concerns shared by all. I always welcome and appreciate the feedback. The board will take all the info, digest it and make some proposals soon.

Our first two flying events occurred with the Chet Brady Float Fly and the Bald Mountain Float Fly. I didn't make it out to 7 Lakes but I hear there were 27 pilots and lots of flying. Bald Mountain was not so fortunate. We had plenty of pilots and spectators but with wind gusts approaching 30 MPH only one person, Terry Overton, chose to fly. Let's leave it at his engine needed to be started to blow out the water after each flight or flight attempt. It was even hard to keep the gas grill lit when it was hidden down wind and behind a building! Thanks to Dave Wendt for cooking, the recovery boat captain and all that showed up. Speaking of float flying the Stoney Creek Metropark sessions are in full swing with remarkable weather for every Wednesday so far. If you can sneak out it is a great time starting at 9 AM at the Winter Cove area of the park.

I write this just returning from the Field Opening Party. Again there was a great turnout with Bill Stark, Bob Burns, Marv Middleton and company making a major repair to the gate. Now we won't have to bend down so far. Speaking of GREAT effort make sure you thank Mark Smith for the beautiful new Frequency Board, Buddy Box Cabinet, Bulletin Board, Member Info Tray and Signs.

We messed up on not getting the new combination out to you. The old one will still work until the date on the postcard that will be on the way to you shortly.

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR JUNE 4! Andrew Jesky will join us for an educational 4 hours of Aerobatic Training, Trimming and Demonstrations. His lead aircraft will be a 110" 3 D special. The learning starts at 10 AM.

TOTALLY PERSONAL. On Friday, May 12, at a family dinner, son Chris presented his mother with a beautiful diamond and emerald gold ring that he designed and made for her for Mother's Day. Chris read a poem to Paula, presented her with a keepsake booklet that he and his older brother Joe created documenting the project and then handed her the box with the ring. It was a very emotional time for all 14 of us at the restaurant. This beautiful keepsake would not have possible without the extraordinary effort of our own Joe Rubenstein who opened up his establishment and along with his staff, spent untold hours instructing Chris in the fine art of custom jewelry. Greg Cardillo was kind enough to take the pictures. A father could not be more proud of his son. A man could not be more grateful to another man for caring so much about his son. We are all associated with truly wonderful people.

See you at the field.

Joe

PS. Al McGee will not be organizing a club fuel buy this year so get shopping!

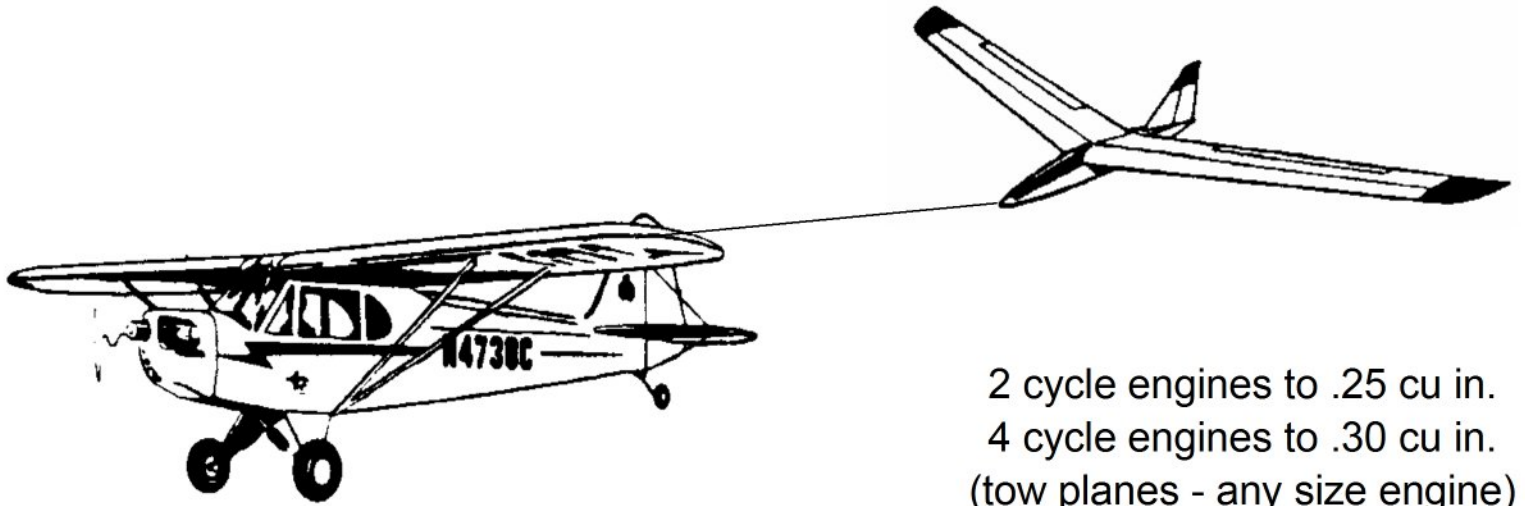


Skymasters R/C Club

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

Small Fry, Electric and Sailplane Saturday June 17, 2006 at the Scripps Road field (see map).

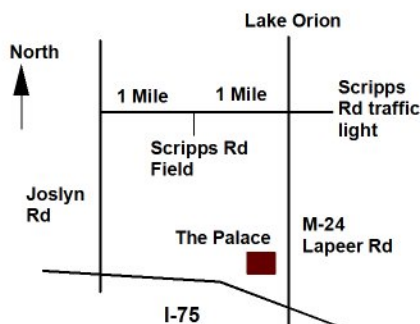
Event flying starts at 10AM.



2 cycle engines to .25 cu in.
4 cycle engines to .30 cu in.
(tow planes - any size engine)
Any size Electric or Sailplane

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

Scripps Road field



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

The Scripps Road flying field is located within the Bald Mountain State Park about five miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills. 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

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 taxing 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)



May 10th Club Meeting

Attendance:

33 people were in attendance.

2 guests in attendance from other clubs. New members: Dennis Battisti, John Collins

Club President Joe Hass opens the meeting: Greg Charbeneau is in Alaska but sends his regards. Al McGee will not be selling fuel this year. Greg Cardillo has the cover of RC Report. Club financials will be on the agenda and photo's from the work day are on a table at the meeting.

The club invited Alexander Jefferson Lt. Col., USAF, Ret. Back to talk some more about his experiences, sign his book and for a special presentation: Lt. Jefferson was drafted. As a cadet he made 75 a month, as a Lt. he made 150 a month. Mr. Jefferson is a self professed nerd. He said he grew up in a Polish neighborhood in Detroit. He said he spent a lot of time by himself building model boats. He always wanted to be a fighter pilot.

Black men have been fighting for the US since the civil war. 100,000 men fought in the civil war. Two regiments were kept after the war and were called the Buffalo Soldiers. The Buffalo Soldiers were tasked with killing Indians. Mr. Jefferson found this information out when he was teaching school. Lt. Jefferson felt that he was riding on the back of many black soldiers. He said he had to fight for the right to fight.

In 1945 at Freewood Field in Indiana 100 black officers were arrested trying to get into the officers club. A reprimand went into their records until 10 years ago. Colman Young wanted to leave it in his record so it wouldn't be lost. The Red Tails may be the only group flying P-47's to sink an enemy destroyer. Red tails also knocked down 3 ME 262's.

After leaving the service, Parke Davis would not hire Lt. Jefferson. The stated reason given to Mr. Jefferson was "over qualification". So he became a school teacher. There are about 200 Tuskegee airmen left. They all get together each August. This year they are thinking of getting together in Hawaii.

Joe Hass presented Lt. Jefferson a first ever lifetime membership to Skymasters. Joe also presented Lt. Jefferson a brand new Hanger 9 P-51 trainer to learn RC. The P-51 was redone (*by Jim Held*) to match the customary red tail of the Tuskegee airmen.

Financial Report: Joe Haas went through a detailed income and balance sheet for the club.

Show and Tell:

Bob Dukelow – Ohio Models profile OS 91 about 7lbs. with a 50" wingspan.

Joe Rubinstein - GWS ME-109 covered in glass and Minwax Polyurethane. The plane gained under 1 oz with this method. The strength difference was very noticeable.

Gary Weaks – World Models Zero. Gary stripped the paint and Monocoat. Gary recovered the model with Ultracoat and painted the model in navy grey. Gary said the kit was very complete. The kit weighs 17lbs with a cheetah 43 engine and electric retracts.

Chuck Slattery - Super Kraft with an OS 40 with a 56" wingspan and 5 servos.

50/50 was won by Fred McConkie \$18.00

UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

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.

Aerobatic Symposium with Andrew Jesky!

Sunday, June 4, 2006 - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Andrew, an award winning Hacker and JR Team Pilot, will provide a discussion and demonstration on how to successfully set up, trim, and fly 3D and aerobatics. LEARN FROM A PROFESSIONAL! Giants, Electrics, and more! 10am-2pm

Skymasters Summer Meeting - **Wednesday, June 7, 2006** - Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Project GO - Get Outdoors - **Saturday, June 10, 2006** - Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Skymasters will be participating in the DNR's Project GO! to introduce people to our State Parks. Come see us from 10am-2pm, learn about the club, and try your hand at flying (weather permitting with assistance of a flight instructor) 10am-2pm

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.

Skymasters Summer Meeting - **Wednesday, July 12, 2006** - Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

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.

Skymasters Summer Meeting - **Wednesday, August 9, 2006** - Scripps Road Field. Lk. Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

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!

FOR SALE TELEMMASTER

92" wingspan, w/ flaps. Good Condition, could carry a camera.

Plane only \$75 With 7 servos and extensions---\$150

Contact Howard Alexander @ (248) 828-1961

Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly

This year's float fly at 7 Lakes St. Park was a great success! We had 27 registered pilots and some absolutely perfect flying weather. It was a little breezy for the two Miss Hangar One flying boats but that was about it. I think everybody else flew whatever they wanted. Jack Fleming won the Miss Hangar One kit donated by Red's Hangar One Hobbies while Roy Morgan won the Great Planes float kit. Thanks to Wade Wiley and Greg Cardillo for retrieval boats, Sam Foss and Jo Harries for retrieval duty and last but not least Carolynn Foss for help with everything (and for putting up with me).

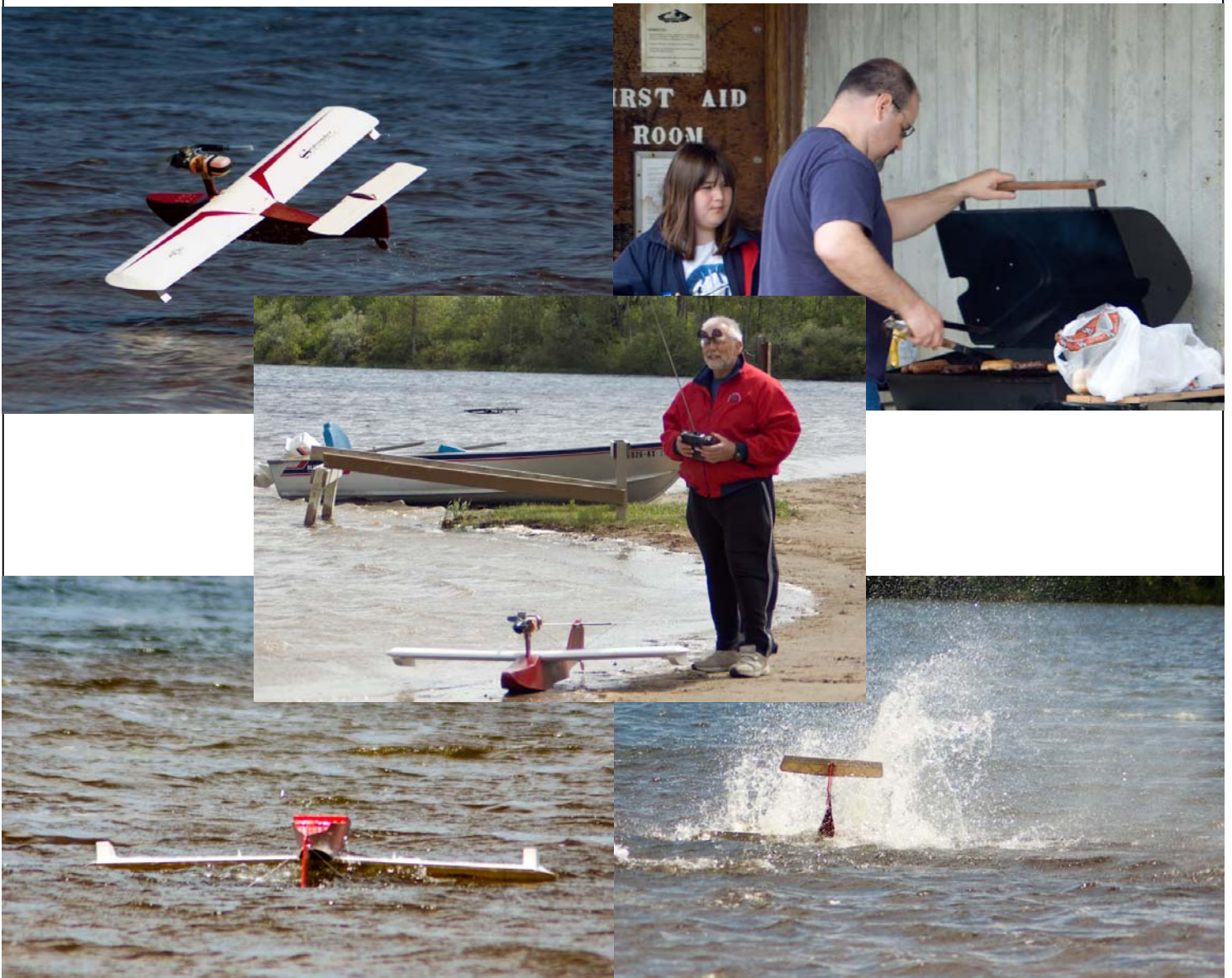
Pete Foss



Bald Mt. Float Fly

Well not every day is a perfect day to fly our planes. I pulled into the main entrance of the Bald Mountain Recreation Area off Lapeer road optimistic because the skies were pretty clear. Throughout the previous week I had not seen the sun, so I thought I would have a chance to see my plane skim across the water and rise into the air. Meeting up with Mike Jones around 9:00 a.m. to retrieve the food for the event, I began to have doubts if anybody would show up at all. *(I looked out my window and went back to sleep - Pete)* The wind was strong and gusts were probably in the neighborhood of 25 mph. The lake was choppy and looked to have waves around 6 to 12"; not the best conditions to witness the smooth takeoff or landing I had been dreaming of. Regardless of the weather, Skymasters began arriving to total about 20 people. Only one brave soul set up for flight. The rest of us resolved ourselves to spectator status. I have to admit, I was wondering if this lone warrior was going to have his plane ROG during setup. As I set up the grill to begin cooking hot dogs and hamburgers, I saw his plane jump into the air and begin to fight the wind. Although mother nature didn't cooperate with us for this event we did get together in grand Skymasters tradition to eat a few hotdogs and converse about model aviation. Hopefully we will be blessed with better conditions the rest of the year. Hats off to Terry Overton for charging head on into the wind and making a few eventful flights.

Dave Wendt



May 10th Club Meeting



Joe Hass presents Col. Alexander Jefferson with his lifetime Skymasters membership in appreciation for unselfish service and sacrifice to our nation and to aviation.



Gary Weaks and his World Models ARF Zero. Gary stripped, recovered and painted the air-frame to improve the scale appearance.





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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



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!