



Academy of Model Aeronautics

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# Skypwriter

## Andrew Jesky Puts On A SHOW!!!



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Another month with lot's to write about. But first let's look forward to July.

Mark Smith will be hosting both the Club Fun Fly on July 9th and the Inter Club Fun Fly (at the PMAC field) on July 22. Both events are easy going and a lot of fun. Any skill level can participate so come on out.

The Aerobatic Symposium with Andrew Jesky was a huge success. More knowledge on trimming, set up and flight techniques was shared in the first half hour than I have learned in a lifetime. Andrew flew my SIG Extra 300 (an airplane I thought was pretty well trimmed) and in less than 3 minutes identified thrust and programming issues. The programming was easy to do and improved the flying on the spot. The right and down thrust had to be done at home but when completed dramatically improved the flight envelope. Andy helped numerous other pilots with their airplanes and flight techniques regardless of the type of aircraft they were flying. But the best part was his flight demos. WOW! I have seen the stills and the videos of these high performance birds. But seeing one up close and personal was just awesome.

The Small Fry, Electric and Sailplane event was hosted by Pete, Carolynn and Sam Foss. With great weather there was an equally great turnout. Pete will have more details in his report.

Student Nights are in full swing with plenty of people and planes. EVERYONE please remember to say hello to our visitors and guests. If someone shows up with an airplane and you fell uncomfortable providing assistance please make sure that they get matched up with an instructor ASAP.

The above paragraph is more than just being courteous. The board has continued to review the financials and your input. Some of the things we have heard.....

*"Some members do all of the work. We should have a task point system to reward those who work and penalize those that can't / won't put in the sweat equity".* We discussed this at great length. Every organization has its workers and volunteers. Thanks to all of you! But the accounting and tracking of such a system would be a huge burden on the treasurer. I know this from another organization that I belong to that has a third of the members. And what we do for the member that pays dues but only uses the field once a year.

*"A dues increase will hurt those on a fixed income".* We are very sensitive to this concern, especially because these are the same people who do so much of the work. We already have a dual rate system for Junior members and it greatly complicates the accounting. A third accounting system would again be another burden.

*"Why do we have to pay for any of the meals / hotel for our speakers? They should be willing to pay their own expenses to visit us. Why do we open up our meetings to other clubs? Sometimes non Sky-masters win the prizes".* We have speakers that no other club in the country gets simply because we are willing to promote the hobby so well. We get these industry experts because of our reputation and willingness to work with them. It is also interesting to see what we get throughout the year. For example our recent electric event had a prize for every participant with one company donating over \$600.00 in prizes. No club money was spent on prizes. Please also note that many of the hotel and meal bills were covered by members personally paying for the costs of our guests.

Everyone likes our events and speakers. No one wants a dues increase. Since our fixed costs remain

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relatively stable it is clear that an increase in paying adult membership will improve our cash position without a dues increase. So what should we do? Go back up a couple of paragraphs. **POTENTIAL MEMBERS ARE COMING TO US!** Let's make sure we welcome them, help them and get them to join us fast. A healthy increase in membership will reduce the need for dues increase. Gary Weak's reports that our member base is shifting to the Orion / Oxford area. To those that live in the area, remember to tell your friends to come out and learn what Skymasters are all about.

We have been approached by a local farmer to plant soy beans around the perimeter of the field and decorative corn east of the road to the power lines. He understands that some of the crops may be damaged as we retrieve airplanes. The soy beans are most interesting as they will be lower in height and all the thistles and things will be eliminated. Also, the cost of bushwhacking will be reduced or eliminated. More as this unfolds.

We have a plumbing problem at the field. But it is easily fixed. Please keep the lid down in the out house.

We have made arrangements for free wood chips for the area under / around the shelter. The problem is we don't have any idea when they will be delivered. If you show up and find a large pile of fresh wood chips you will know what to do.

A number of members have asked about changing the club logo. The board has reviewed the suggestion and had decided to keep the things as they are. There are a number of reasons. The most pressing is that we have established recognition based on the current logo and don't want to jeopardize that identity.

Remember that Wednesday morning float flying at Stoney Creek. See you there or see you at the field.

Joe Hass



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Jim Held shows why all pilots should wear their seat belt when nosing over! See the Project GO report for much better pictures of Jim Held, Mike Holmes and Wade Wiley on dawn patrol.

# 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)***







# Skymasters R/C Club

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

## Inter-club Fun Fly

**Saturday, July 22, 2006**

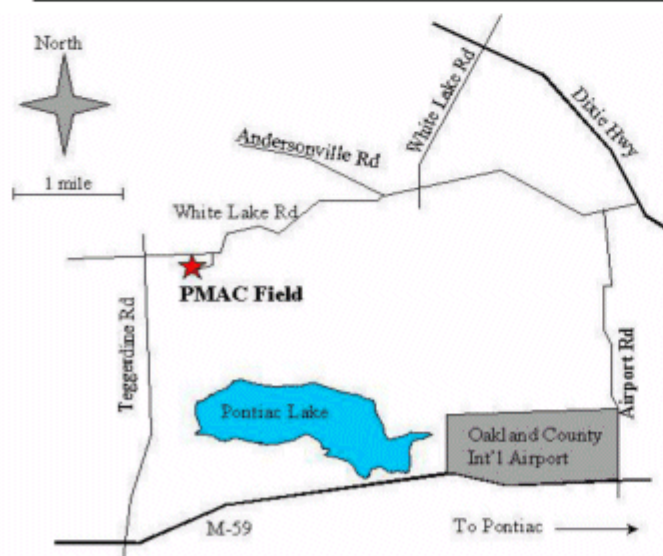
**at the PMAC Club field (see map).**

Event flying starts at 11AM. (Practice at 10)

**Categories and Additional Information Coming Soon**



Noise limit - 98Db at ten feet - for PMAC Field.



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

PMAC Field is located in the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in White Lake, Michigan. On White Lake Rd, 0.55 miles east of Teggedine Rd and about 1 mile west of Andersonville Rd.

For more information call Mark Smith 248-391-5970

Visit our website at: [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)

# 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.

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).

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

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Inter-Club Fun Fly - **Saturday, July 22, 2006** - PMAC Field - Pontiac Lk Rec. Area, White Lake, MI -

11:00 Lots of exciting flying events, lots of fun, and even some prizes.

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!



Sam Foss catches her dad's RBC Skyray bungee launching for it's second flight before the Small Fry, Electric and Sailplane meet.



# Andrew Jesky Aerobatic Symposium

As Joe said in his President's letter, Andrew Jesky really put on a show with a big IMAC scale aerobatics plane. He then went on to fly several other peoples airplanes and help them with setup questions. Your really missed out on a quality day if you weren't there and some unbelievable flying. It's one thing to hover 1 foot off the ground with a \$60 foamy but to hang thousands of dollars on the prop like that, whew! Check out the shadow on the cover photo, YIKES!





# Project Go

Unfortunately, we didn't make the announced program for Project GO-Get Outdoors, the DNR's get out to the state parks promotion. We only had a few drop in visitors but those who came got a great show including WWI biplanes from Wade Wiley, Mike Holmes and Jim Held; Pete Foss' Zagi carried aloft on Wade Wiley's Sr. Kadet and released at altitude; and aerobatics by Joe Hass' with his SIG Extra 300.





# Small Fry, Electric and Sailplane

The Small Fry, Electric and Sailplane meet was a great success again this year with 26 pilots and some fantastic weather. Thanks to great support from Castle Creations, Horsefly Hobbies, Funplanes.com, FoamFly and Quiet Flyer everybody went home with a prize. We had a good balance with several gliders and glow powered small fry, a Blade electric heli, 2 EDF jets and a slew of electrics of all types from aerobatic to scale to 3D foamies. Thanks to Carolynn and Sam Foss and Teo Terry for running the kitchen and to Greg and his mom Anita Cardillo for help with setting up and tearing down. See you next year!





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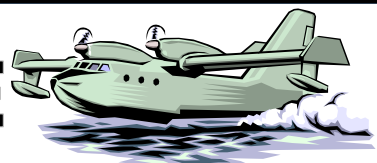
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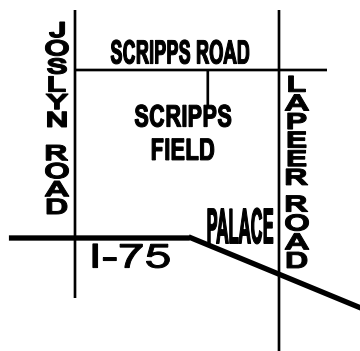
## Skymasters Information.....

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,

### 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!