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## Skymasters FunFly



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Wow! Another exciting month! Thanks to Mark Smith for hosting and coordinating the Team Fly and the Inter Club Fly at the Pontiac Field. I understand everyone had a good time. Student nights have been very busy. New pilots have been signed off. Students are making progress. Thanks to all the instructors who put in so many hours.

Have you noticed the number of visitors we have had lately? We were out last Sunday. In the span of 2 hours, 4 cars pulled in to watch. Take the initiative to say hello to everyone who stops by. There are club info sheets and event lists in the bulletin board area.

We had a couple of issues in the last month. One member destroyed an airplane and sustained a cut that required 40 stitches when the very powerful engine went to full throttle and WENT THROUGH the flight station. Don't taxi out of the pits. Don't taxi into the pits. Taxi parallel to the flight line and shut off your engine without pointing the beast in toward people. It could have been much worse.

I have a request for the heli pilots (remember I was one and will be one again some day). When there are other pilots flying do not come close to the flight stations when flying a pattern or doing maneuvers. Keep the machine centered in the runway. It is down right frightening to have the machine be that close when you are flying, especially when it comes out of no where. Think of the other guy please.

***(From the AMA RC Safety code rule 7: With the exception of events flown under official AMA Competition Regulations rules, excluding takeoff and landing, no powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot and the pilot's helper(s) located at the flightline. - Pete )***

Our next event is the Warbirds and Scale hosted by Joe Finkelstine on August 6th. On August 16, Bob and Donna Burns (oldbuzzard@aol.com) are again hosting the Fish Fry. The Corn Roast and Top Gun finishes off the month. See the calendar for the specific dates.

Completely personal... I don't know if I will be at Warbirds and Scale as Chris will be competing in Fun Scale at the National Model Airplane Championships in Muncie. While Dave Pinegar will be driving Chris down and being chaperone, Paula and I may fly down to watch. Thanks to all of you who have cleared the skies and offered Chris encouraging words as he practiced. I'm the coach. I have to be hard on him.

Again personal..... While at the Mid America Electric Fly, Terry Nitsch (as in the real Top Gun Terry Nitsch) introduced a new line of foam ducted fan models. He gave Chris a few turns at the sticks, then Terry and Chris flew together for the crowd. They got in some good formation work. Chris couldn't stop smiling after the applause. Visit [www.teerificjets.com](http://www.teerificjets.com) to see a picture. Greg has more as well. It's great to be a proud papa.

See you at the field.

Joe

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PS.....

## FOR SALE

Tekin BC 67 AC/DC Peak Nicad Charger. Up to 5 amp charge rate for 7 cells. \$25.00

Pro Tech DC 703 Nicad Charger 6 or 7 cells. Analog timer Charge or discharge \$15.00

Hitec Focus 4 Transmitter only. Adjustable Travel Volume on all channels. Channel 55. \$20.00



## Skymasters and Inter-club Fun Flies

A great time as always, the "2006 Fun Fly" is history! This year we scheduled 3 classes of competition: Seniors, Intermediate and Expert. Only 2 Senior flyers showed up, so we combined the Intermediate & Seniors together. Bob "Duke" Dukelow came out on top of that class. The Expert class was tied at the end of the day and went into overtime. Gary Bowman and Mark Smith flew the tie breaker and Mark came out on top by only 2 seconds! Thanks to everyone who came out and to Mike Holmes for the great cooking!

The Interclub Fun fly was held at PMAC on a windy July 22. The Holly Club was eliminated when a crash occurred in practice. So it was up to PMAC & Skymasters. After 4 events it was even, then PMAC won the last event by a few seconds, maybe Skymasters can win next year. (See: <http://web.mac.com/geod1/iWeb/PMAC%20pix/Inter%20club%20fun%20fly%202006.html> for more pictures from PMAC.) Mark Smith

## From The Editor

Talk about crazy. Last weekend Oliver Fuchs was flying an airplane west of the field to help Mike Shih establish a search area for his own plane. Mike was west of the swamp and needed to know where the south edge of the flight line was. Unfortunately, Oliver got disoriented and crashed while marking the line for Mike. A few seconds after Oliver went down, Mike called him on his cell phone to tell Oliver that he had crashed within 10 feet of where he was standing. So instead of lost in the swamp, Oliver's plane was repaired and flying the very next day! Some people just live right! PS. If you are out in the area west of the field, Mike Shih's pattern plane is still out there, so keep your eyes open.

# FISH FLY

## 10TH ANNUAL

## AUGUST 16

DINNER  
AT  
6:00P.M.



\$4.00 PER PERSON DONATION

BOB & DONNA BURNS



BRING A DISH TO  
PASS AND  
SOMETHING TO  
DRINK

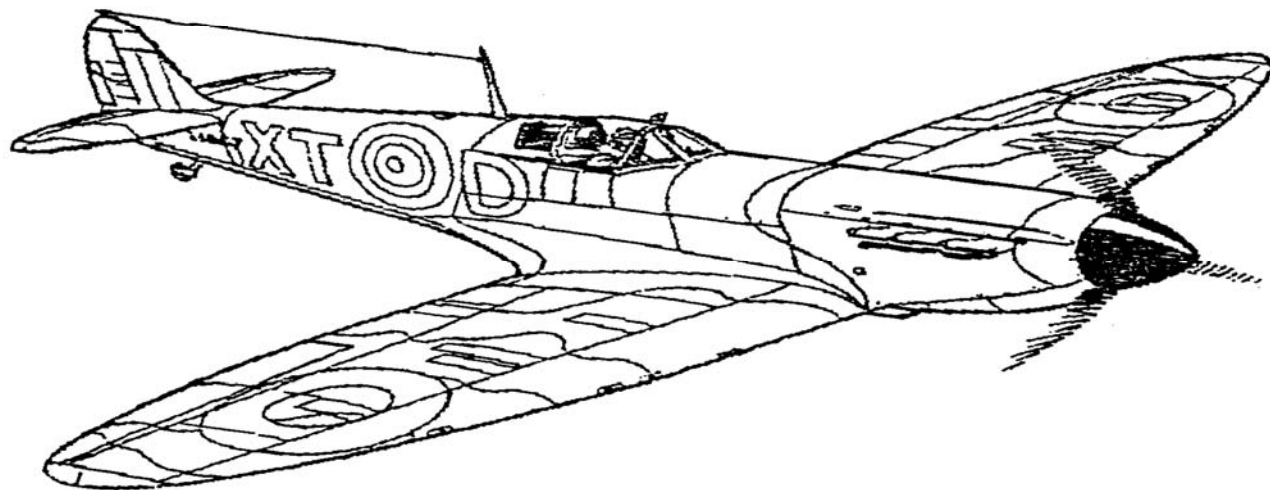


# Skymasters R/C Club

Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event

## **Harold 'Big H' Mesales Warbirds and Scale Aircraft Sunday August 6, 2006 at the Scripps Road field (see map).**

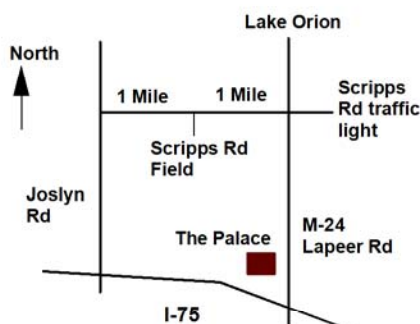
Event flying starts at 10AM.



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

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### 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.

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For more information call Joe Finkelstine 248-877-0086  
Visit our website at: [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)



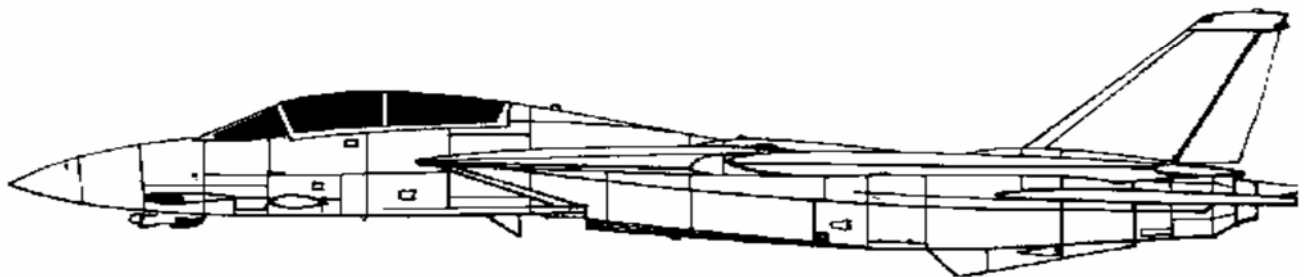


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Skymasters Radio Control Club annual club event  
**Corn Roast and Top Gun Contest**  
**Sunday August 27, 2006**  
**at the Scripps Road field (see map).**

Club Members, their families and our Scripps Road neighbors please come for our annual Corn Roast and Top Gun event :

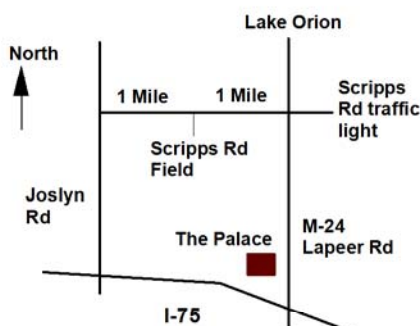
- \* Free food and drinks available.
- \* Flying starts at 10AM.
- \* Top Gun contest to find our 2005 Top hot-dog pilot.
- \* "Slow Gun" static/flying competition for Great Planes Slow Pokes



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# 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.

## 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!

## 10th Annual Fish Fry - **Wednesday August, 16, 2006** Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion

Bring the family out for the annual fish fry hosted by Bob and Donna Burns. Suggested donation of \$4 per person for fish. Bring a dish to pass, and non-alcoholic beverages. If you can, let Bob and Donna know at oldbuzzard@aol.com so we know how much fish to buy.

## 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!

### Oliver to the Rescue!

Complete with climbing gear and a rope, Oliver Fuchs went up a tree to rescue Mike Jones' glider after the electric meet. Oliver was able to lower the plane to the ground without more damage to the airplane. No small feat! For those of you who haven't seen it, when you knock a plane out of a tree, the crash to the ground usually does a lot more damage than the landing in a tree does. Well done Oliver!

Mike Jones Photos





## 16th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly

It's almost time for the Midwest Regional Float Fly! Our largest event of the year... An event this size can't happen without the help of many members. What can you do to help?

First - register and come FLY!! We have a lot of float flyers in the club, and if you've never tried it - many members can help you get a plane set up... From a trainer on floats, to scale planes, and everything in between - many planes fly very well on floats. Your registration fee also enters you in the pilots drawing for some wonderful prizes - many donated by major manufacturers. Have a unique airplane? You just might find yourself on the next SKS Feature Video!

Second - come help!! We always need volunteers to assist throughout the weekend. Most of the major areas have a coordinator. I do still need someone for setup/tear down. Whether you can help on Friday with setup (a group of us will have dinner at a local restaurant after - all are welcome to join....) or be there Sat and/or Sun - help from impound, to boating, to registration, and kitchen - there is something for everyone. Let me know when you can be there - and what you would like to help with... Even if you can't let me know ahead of time - come out to the event and offer to help....

Third - come watch!! Even if you choose not to fly or help - come see this wonderful event. We fly off a beautiful beach and you will see a wide assortment of airplanes. Even if you aren't flying - you are welcome to join us for our catered Pig Roast dinner Saturday evening!! (you can sign up for dinner only on web site or use the registration form and indicate 'dinner only'. This is a 'break even' part of the event - and we need people to do so!)

This event is both a lot of fun - and a money maker for the club. Come out and support the club, and enjoy the weekend! Questions? Contact Greg at 248-431-5562 or floatfly@skymasters.org Thanks!!



### 2006 Midwest Regional Float Fly Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA or MAAC#: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Aircraft: Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Frequencies: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Pilot Registration:

By 8/31/06: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15  
Late Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20  
(By postmark date)

#### Judged Events:

Sport: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5  
Standoff: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5  
Scale: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5

#### Cookout Reservations:

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each  
Children: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$7 each  
(12 and under please!)

#### Additional Purchase:

30 Raffle Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20

**Total Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Skymasters. Mail to: Skymasters; %Greg Cardillo; 2086 Cedar Key Ct; Lake Orion, MI 48360



# Skymasters R/C Club

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## Midwest Regional Float Fly

**Saturday/Sunday September 9-10, 2006**

**Island Lake State Park, Brighton, Michigan**

Check-In at 8:30; Event flying from 9:30AM each day.

*"The best float flying site I've ever seen!"*

--- Dave Brown, President AMA

### 2006 Super Prize Raffle

**First Prize -**  
Great Planes  
Seawind, OS .70 and  
Futaba 7C Radio  
\*Ready to Fly!!\*

**Second Prize**  
To be announced...



40 acre clear lake  
1,000 feet sand beach  
6 acre lawn / picnic area

**Saturday Night Pig Roast!**  
Dinner on the beach!

### The Judged Competition Continues!

Win a Radio in one of 3 categories:  
Scale; Sport Scale; and Sport!

**As seen in**  
**RCModeler Magazine**  
**and SKS Videos!**



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

Island Lake Recreation Area is located on the south side of I-96 at Kensington Road. 12 Miles west of I-96 / I-275 intersection or 3 miles east of I-96 / US-23 intersection. All cars need either an annual or day Park permit which is available at the event.

For more information call Greg Cardillo 248-431-5562  
On web at [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org) - Email at [floatfly@skymasters.org](mailto:floatfly@skymasters.org)



## **The Event:**

Flying from 9:30am to 4pm Saturday; 9:30am to 2pm Sunday -- Check-in begins at 8:30 each morning.

Aircraft must have been flown & checked for stability and safety before entering this event.

Prizes will be distributed by random drawing, raffle, and special categories as designated by the CD.

*All pilots must show proof of AMA(USA) or MAAC (Canada) membership.*

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## **Super Prize Raffle:**

**First Prize will be a 71" Seawindr from Great Planes - Ready to Fly!**

The model is equipped with a OS 70 Engine, Futaba 7C Radio and includes floats and landing gear.

The plane will be the subject of an upcoming review -

and will have been test flown / photographed for purposes of the review.

Second Prize to be announced!

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## **The Judged Events:**

**You may optionally enter up to 3 judged events - Scale; Sport Scale; and Sport.**

**Scoring will be based on Static and Flight Judging. Win a Radio in each Category!!**

**Bring out your best!!**

**Detailed** scale planes (examples include rivet detail) must enter the Scale category.

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## **Saturday Night Pig Roast:**

Following flying on Saturday, join us under the tent for a Pig Roast!

For those that joined us last year - the food was great!

All you can eat Pig Roast including sides and drink.

Purchase tickets with your advance registration!

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## **Lodging**

Island Lake State park allows self-contained camping in the upper parking lot during our event. No hookups available. Camping available Friday and Saturday nights. Michigan State Park Sticker required on all vehicles.

### **Local Area Hotels**

(contact directly for rates and reservations)

**Wyndham Garden Hotel** - located only 8 miles east of the flying site. Exit I96 at Novi Road south, turn east into the Novi Town Center shopping area - the hotel is located on the access road, on the east side of the center. Call: 248-344-8800

**Kensington Inn** - located 15 minutes west of the flying site. Exit I96 at D-19, Exit 137.

Call: 517-548-3510 (pets permitted)

**Best Western of Howell** - located 14 minutes west of the flying site. Exit I96 at D-19, Exit 137.

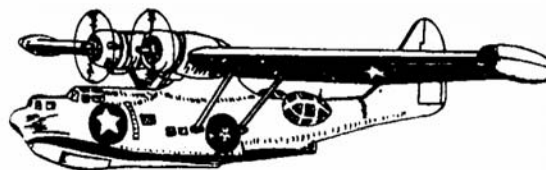
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## **More Information:**

Visit our website at [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org) for the latest event details!

Register online at <http://www.skymasters.org> - Paypal accepted





## SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

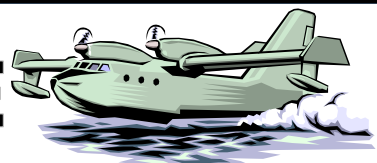
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HOME OF THE  
"MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"



## Skymasters Information.....

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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!