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Skywriter

Top Gun 2006



Chris Hass beat out all contestants to be Mr. Top Gun 2006!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Another month with lots to discuss.....

The 16th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly is coming up September 9 and 10. If you haven't come out before you are missing out on the premier float fly event in the country. We still need some volunteers for various tasks during the event. No hard labor. Help in the kitchen, flight line assistance, transmitter impound, etc. Come out, bring the family, have some fun and help out. Better yet, get some floats on something and join the fun!!!! *(Obviously I didn't get the newsletter out before the float fly. Work and getting my Canadair ready took precedence. Sorry! - Pete).*

A couple of things need attention regarding field procedures. Remember to:

Put your membership card in the frequency control board.

Put the channel number on your transmitter before turning on.

Return your transmitter and reverse the process after every flight!

Don't fly within 25 feet of the safety stations.

Fly behind the flight stations.

Do not touch a flying aircraft.

Do not point a running aircraft toward or taxi into the pits.

Taxi your aircraft parallel to the flight line and shut down the engine /motor.

A TUSKEGEE AIRMAN FLIES AGAIN. Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson finally found time in his busy schedule to spend an evening with us on Wednesday, August 23. He got some stick time on his Horizon PTS P-51. He still has the touch! Thanks again to Jim Held for the "Red Tail" color scheme. It was a memorable evening.

Speaking of the Horizon PTS P-51, I am totally impressed! This is one great flying trainer that actually looks like an airplane. I have flown 2, one without the wing slats and one with. I haven't detected much difference. I like them both. No engine adjustments out of the box. Very forgiving. Quiet. Mark Elliot, one of our young students, has one. Make sure you watch him fly when he is out at the field.

Meeting schedule for 2006 and 2007. There are a number of changes ahead. The school has changed their operating hours. We must be finished by 9 PM. So beginning in September 2006 our meetings will run from 7 PM until 9 PM.

No Meeting on September 13!!!!. Due to the proximity of the MWRFF and that many of our members will be traveling to the NEAT Electric event in upstate New York, we will not have a Skymasters meeting on September 13. However if you need an aviation fix you can still come to Larson Middle School as the Troy Oakland Pilots, TOPS, will have a presentation with the Michigan Department of Transportation, MDOT, on Instrument Flying and GPS approaches. TOPS is the full size club that I belong to. 6 PM start. We will need a few Skymasters to attend as we will be recruiting new members.

We will resume our regular meeting schedule on September 27. This will be your first opportunity to get the aircraft you will need to build for "President's Choice" on October 11. It is an easy project. Could even be built the evening of the event, but you want to spend some time trimming before the event, correct? Maximum flight time will be important. Everything you will need, except adhesive, will be provided. Can't make it to the meeting? Give me a call and we will find a way to get you the "kit". There will be Great Prizes!

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On October 25 we will again host Hobby Lobby. They promise another great evening. This time we will have the gym so flight demonstrations will be included. There will be some exciting new items. Maybe even a demo of variable pitch props on aircraft.

The rest of the meeting schedule is being finalized. It will be a dynamite program schedule. More details soon.

See you at the field and Float Fly.

Joe Hass

FOR SALE

Pitts S2B by Cermark with Saito 150, servos and Futaba receiver. Vince Pettke built. Never flown.
Contact Bud at 248-420-3465.

Numerous semi scale and trainer aircraft, all ready to fly. Lots of accessories too
Contact Bruce at 586-731-1273.

US 41 Gas Engine w/ APC 20x8W prop, spinner, engine test stand, 20 oz fuel tank, and fuel lines.
Runs good!!! \$200

Super Tigre G-61 ABC w/silent muffler, Italian made, NIB \$80

Super Tigre G-90 ringed w/silent muffler, NIB \$100

Super Tigre GS-45 ABC w/silent muffler, reconditioned \$35

Contact Sherm at 48-730-1442



Stony Creek Float Flying

I decided to take a couple of Wednesdays off work this year and go float flying with the “retired bunch”. I had a blast! Great use of a vacation day (especially since I went from Stony to the field and kept right on flying all day!).

Pete (hey I get to publish my own pictures for a change)



Fish Fry

Bob and Donna Burns hosted yet another fantastic fish fry this year. With over a hundred people we packed away 40 pounds of fish. We had it deep fried (plain and Cajun), pan fried and blackened. With all the desserts we had a great meal. Thanks to the Burns', all the cooks, and everyone who came to make a great time! (Sam Foss photos)



UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

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.

TOPS Meeting - *Wednesday, September 13, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 6:00 PM

No Skymasters meeting! Troy Oakland Pilots (TOPS) will have a presentation at Larson in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation on Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) flying. Everyone is invited. We ask that the Skymasters are represented with some scale projects to attract new members.

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...

Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, September 27, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM<<<<<<

Summer wrap up... Midwest Regional Float Fly Review and NEAT review.

Note 7pm start time for all future Larson meetings!!

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****

Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, October 11, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM

President's Choice. We have Delta Darts that members can build. Competition for longest flight time, best 2 flights of 3 timed. The kits will be available at the September 27 meeting. Prizes for the winners! Meeting in Gymnasium.

Note 7pm start time for all future Larson meetings!!

Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, October 25, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM

Hobby Lobby Symposium!! Jason Cole - Advertising and PR Director and Dan Wensell - Daily Operations Manager present: "SPIN" - The latest in electronic speed controls; USING VARIABLE PITCH PROPS - Hover facing down - Here's how! - Flight demos; MICRO HELICOPTERS - flight demos

Note 7pm start time for all future Larson meetings!!

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, November 6, 2006* - Rams Horn Restaurant - 2265 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills - 9:00 AM

First and third Monday of each month throughout the winter - Join us for breakfast and R/C talk. (SE corner of Crooks Rd and M-59)

Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, November 8, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM

Jack lafrate joins us with his Extremely High Performance motor gliders. Up to 4 HP electric motors capable of reaching 1000 ft in 10 seconds!! Annual Elections!

Note 7pm start time for all future Larson meetings!!

Warbirds and Scale

Warbirds and Scale was CDed by Joe Finkelstein. A great time was had by all will airplanes from all eras. Thanks Joe for a fun event. (Sam and Pete Foss photos)



Corn Roast and Top Gun Report

by Joe Hass

With temperatures in the 70s, humidity in the 90s (although it seemed like 190% humidity), low ceilings and intermittent rain, over 50 Skymasters, family, friends and visitors braved the soggy elements for another successful Corn Roast and Top Gun competition.

Gary Weaks aided by his wife Phyllis and Steve Fredericks again did the honors procuring, soaking and then grilling the corn to perfection. Gary continues to make fashion statements at this event. You just have to be there to appreciate it. Mike Jones picked up the entrees and beverages. The Foss and Cardillo families manned the grill for delicious brats, burgers, dogs and chicken. Desserts appeared from numerous members. Lots of good eating was enjoyed by all. Birthday celebrations were the order of the day as Samantha Foss turned "Sweet Sixteen".

In between sprinkling rain, a number of members flew before the lunchtime break including Steve Fredericks and his new giant Taylorcraft. Chris Hass finally got the bugs out of his Viper for some low and fast pylon speed runs. Yours truly even got in a practice flight before the main event, at one point disappearing in the low clouds.

Five pilots entered this year's Top Gun Competition. Mark Smith was looking for a repeat win. Chris Hass was again looking to beat the old man (who, by the way was simply hoping to not crash since I haven't done much flying this year). Chris and I were flying the same SIG Extra which put the pressure on me not to do anything dumb. Jim Held and John Hakala rounded out the field.

The flight order was determined by a random drawing with John getting the first flight. John took the best advantage of his WW I biplane for a very realistic flight. I took to the air in the number 2 slot flying to some "Big Band" music (making Steve Fredericks happy - the music, not the flying). Chris flew in the third slot to some livelier music and his routine reflected his musical selection. Chris flew smoothly with snappy maneuvers in time to the music. Jim Held also flew to music but was a victim of the elevation of the field suddenly changing upward just at the bottom of a loop. How does that happen? Mark Smith flew a blistering, high intensity flight but had his engine die during a touch and go.

While the scores were being tabulated, Greg Cardillo and Chris Hass did a demo flight of the new Terry Nitsch foam ducted fan jets. Chris flew the MIG 29 and Greg flew the F-18. These amazing foamies have a very wide flight envelope. They can loop and roll aggressively yet can hover in a very high angle of attack. Visit www.teerificjets.com for more details on these new jets.

With the scoring completed the contestants were gathered around as Greg Cardillo took a few pictures. Coming off his Best Junior performance in Fun Scale at the National Model Airplane Championships in Muncie, Chris Hass took home the Top Gun trophy, hat and bragging rights for 2006. Yes, he beat the old man again this year!

As always, the membership generously pitched in with the clean up before another rain shower started. My thanks go to everyone who came out, helped and had a good time. The 2007 Top Gun hat has already been purchased. Make plans to attend and fly next year.

P.S. Greg Cardillo suggested that since Chris has won two (*oops make that three after today - Pete*) events this year it was time for him to fund, build and maintain his own aircraft. I am taking a poll. Chris thinks that it is not such a good idea. What are your thoughts?





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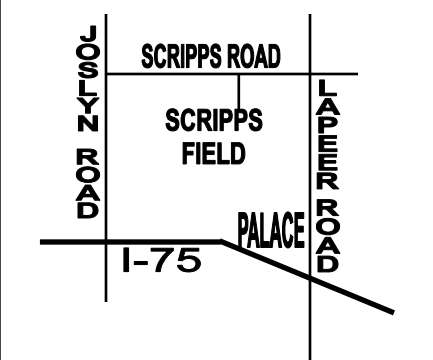
Skymasters Information.....

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.

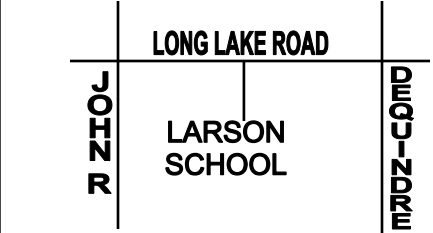
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!