



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skywriter

Greater Detroit Soaring and Hiking Society



Alex Straub of GDSHS brought his own design 26 pound 20 foot composite scale glider to the November meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

As the year winds to a close, it is fitting that we give thanks for the many blessings that have come our way. I am gratefully to be part of such a wonderful organization. The Skymasters are truly unique. We have more fun pursuing our hobby / sport than any group I know. I am particularly thankful to the board for all their efforts. I push them very hard and they always deliver. I thank all the members who quietly get things done without anyone asking. Things get fixed, repaired or supplied constantly with our members just doing what is needed without anyone asking.

I thank the spouses who support our efforts. What would we do without ladies like Donna Burns who take the lead on the Super Prize Raffle Sales, the Christmas Party, the Fish Fry and more? I can't thank everyone so please know that I truly appreciate all your efforts.

I have confirmed that Santa has already received all of your Christmas lists and is ready to grant your wishes. It does require that we all have to be very good between now and Christmas. Make sure that you and your family attend our Christmas Party on December 13, 2006 beginning at 6PM.

The article on our experiences with Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson has been submitted to Model Aviation. Titled "A Tuskegee Airman Flies Again" it has been fine tuned by the board. Greg Cardillo did a great job with the pictures.

The visit by the Greater Detroit Soaring and Hiking organization was phenomenal. I couldn't believe the size and complexity of those magnificent gliding machines. There was more Kevlar, carbon fiber and fiberglass on the stage than I have ever seen. 300MPH gliders?! You can fly a glider to qualify for your turbine waiver! It is the speed that counts. And get this. I got a call from Dave Corven, one of the presenters, thanking us for a great evening.

Chris and I traveled to the JR Electric Festival in Columbus. What a great time! There were over 160 participants for 2 days of intense indoor flying. There was even an indoor lake for water flying. There were scale ships like a Bucker Jungmeister that fit in the palm of your hand. There is a new breed of highly aerobatic aircraft that fly very slow but can do the most amazing maneuvers. The helicopters were simply indescribable. I saw machines that did things I didn't think possible. We went down with 6 airplanes. Chris had 3 midair collisions. I didn't buy any airplanes. We came back with 6 airplanes! We were making repairs at a furious pace! One of the midairs was with Peter Goldsmith, Marketing Director of Horizon. It was a head on that really busted up both airplanes. Two hours later Chris was again ready to fly. We also saw the first release of the SKS 2006 Midwest Regional Float Fly video. Looked great!

There was raffle for one of Terry Nitch's new Teerific Micro Jets. You could have blown me away when I got the call from Terry Sunday afternoon that I had won. Greg and Alyssa Cardillo along with Chris joined me in the Cessna 182 when we met up with Terry and Sheila in Findlay, Ohio to retrieve my 12 inch prize. It was a ready to fly MIG 29 with a sub micro radio system onboard and JR transmitter. We landed back at Troy at 5:15PM with the sun quickly setting. We got the transmitter out and Chris flew the MIG's first flight in near darkness at the airport.

I just got an e mail from Dick Watz, RC Report columnist, confirming that he and his son Eric will us on May 9. Dick founded Aerodrome Models. He will have a lot to share with us. Make sure you attend all of our winter meetings. We will have excellent programs.

See you at the Christmas Party. Bring an airplane for the prize drawing.

Joe Hass



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club
for an R/C Aircraft event

Annual Swap Shop!

Wednesday February 28, 2007

Table set-up - 6PM, general entry - 7PM

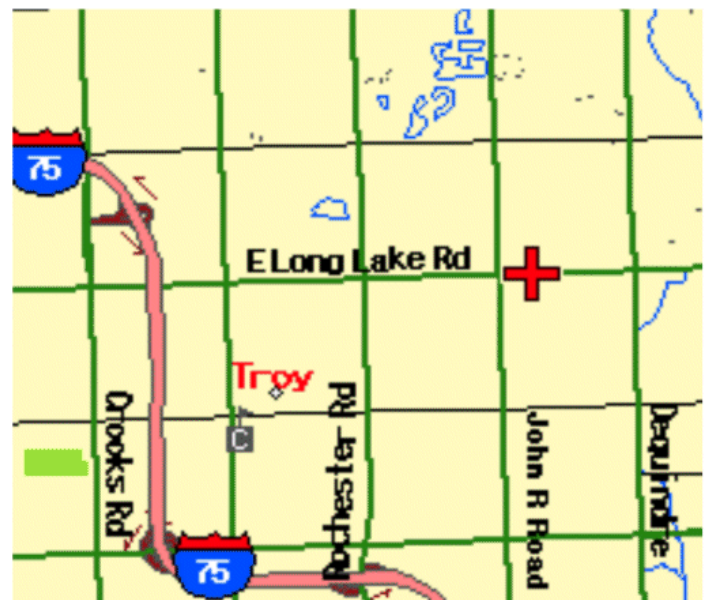
- * **TABLE \$10-00** One per person, first come first served. Includes one admission. No reservations.
- * \$3-00 Admission - No table
- * Kids under 18 - Free
- * Door prize
- * Refreshments available.
- * 50/50 drawing.
- * Raffles drawn throughout the evening.
- * Please remember - no smoking in the school buildings.

? Raffles Sell outs ?
Lots of 'stuff' ? Bargains Junk Door Prize
Old 'gear' 50/50

General Admission: \$3
Tables: \$10
All Welcome!!

Auction at end of evening!!

Larson Middle School
2222 E. Long Lake (18 Mile)
Troy, MI 48085



For more information call Joe Hass at 248-321-7934
Visit our website at: www.skymasters.org

MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 8, 2006

The November 8 meeting was held in the cafetorium at Larson Middle School. The meeting began at 7 PM. 42 members were in attendance.

As expected the election for new officers was a hard fought battle taking at least 27 seconds. The 2007 officers are:

Joe Hass	President
Paul Zabawa	Vice President
Dave Wendt	Secretary
Joe Rubinstien	Treasurer

Thanks guys!

As our guest speakers were setting up, Joe Hass recounted the trip he and son Chris made to Columbus, Ohio for the JR indoor festival. It is definitely a destination for indoor flying in November. (*see Joe's President's Letter for more details*).

Our guest speakers were from the Greater Detroit Soaring and Hiking Society (GDSHS). This 40 member group flies out of Addison Oaks County Park. Four different types of soaring aircraft were displayed and discussed. GDSHS member Barney Bauer discussed hand launch gliders that are thrown much like a discus. Dave Corven discussed winch launch gliders with pictures of the winch and winch line recovery system. Dave's glider was about 100 inches and made of fiberglass, carbon fiber and Kevlar with a flying stab. Both the wing and stabilator were on pylons.

Alex Straub brought his own design 26 pound 20 foot composite scale glider. It took up most of the stage. It was magnificent. Cost was approximately \$5,000.00. It requires a tow by another aircraft. Alex went into great detail describing the aero towing technique.

Jack Lafret described self launch techniques that use electric motors and folding props. His setup draws approximately 175 amps. The NiCad batteries last about 10 flights. Wibert Hutchings described the types of contests that the club holds.

During the break the members present swarmed around the aircraft asking numerous questions.

The 50/50 was won by Ron "Lucky" Sokacz. Gene Thuringer was the winner of the show and tell gift certificate for his beautiful Chris Craft runabout.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.



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SUNDAY - JANUARY 28, 2007

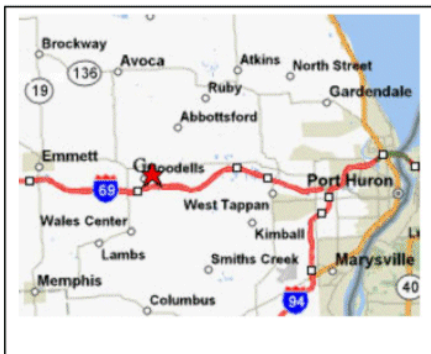
**8:30 am to
12:00 pm**

FREE TABLE SPACE - \$3.00 ADMISSION

If you have something to sell that is R/C related,
Call Sheila O. at (810) 367-6367 to reserve a table today.
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Pancake Breakfast at 8:30

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Sunday February 18, 2007

9AM-1PM

Lake Fenton High School

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Advance tables \$15 + \$5 admission

General admission \$5

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(Dealers at 8:15 a.m.)



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Admission

\$4.00 at Door

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Location

Monaghan K of C Hall
19801 Farmington Road
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Between 7 & 8 Mile Roads

Tables

\$15.00 in advance

\$18.00 at door

Includes one admission

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Call Charlie Thomas
at 313-565-2973 or

E-mail: DAMswap@comcast.net



BARGAINS!!

Visit With Santa on December 13th

*Celebrate the Season with
the Skymasters RC Club*

*You and your family are requested to join us on
Wednesday December 13th*

*Larson Middle School
2222 East Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48085*

Appetizers at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass



Skymasters R/C Club 2007 Application For Membership



Information (print clearly)

New Member () Renewal ()

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

AMA #: _____

Pilot: () Student: ()

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

City: _____

Work Phone: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Frequencies: _____

Birth Date: _____

Newsletter: Will be sent by email. If you need a paper copy, please check here: Standard Mail ()

Significant Other: _____

Other Family Members Who Fly

Name: _____ AMA #: _____ Pilot () Student ()

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Field Rules

- 1) Field hours are 10 AM - 8 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 2) Noise limit is 94 dB at 10 feet.
- 3) All transmitters must be narrow band (Gold Sticker equivalent) excluding 53 mHz.
- 4) All receivers must be AMA approved narrow band (dual conversion or ABC&W) excluding 53 mHz.
- 5) Radio in impound when not in use - Membership card must be placed in slot on frequency board when pin is removed.
- 6) You must not fly behind the flight line.
- 7) AMA Safety Code must be followed.
- 8) All vehicles at field are required to have current year State Park Permit.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them and all other Skymasters and AMA rules and regulations.

Member's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Club Officer Use:

Date: _____ Dues Paid: CK () CA () AMA Verified _____ *Voted In _____

To renew by mail, send the following:

- 1) *Renewing members: Check for \$70 (\$100 after February 28, 2007)
- 2) *New members: Check for \$100 (\$70 Dues + \$30 Initiation Fee)
- 3) Photocopy of 2007 AMA Card
- 4) Self addressed stamped envelope
- 5) Completed & Signed Application

Mail To: Gary Weaks
2512 Red Fox Trail
Troy, MI 48098
Make checks payable to Skymasters

*We are asking **ALL MEMBERS** to fill out an application to help verify our records. Thank You.*

UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, December 4, 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 Christmas Party - *Wednesday, December 13, 2006*

Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 6:30 PM

Our annual Christmas Party. Bring the family for food, fun, and a visit from Santa with gifts for the kids! Social time with Appetizers starts at 6:30. Pot Luck Dinner at 7:00.. Santa visits after dinner!!

Status: Note earlier dinner time of 7pm this year!

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, December 18, 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)

***NO Meeting* - *Wednesday, December 27, 2006* - School Closed - Christmas Break**

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.

Happy New Year!! - *Monday, January 1, 2007* - No Breakfast Today!!!

No retiree breakfast today... we're sleeping in from New Year's Eve! Happy New Year - and come join us next time.

Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, January 10, 2007*

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

Wolfgang Ludwig presents "Make Your Own Motors" Learn about making your own electric motor. While we will not have enough time to actually make a motor tonight, Wolfgang has offered to schedule time with those interested in doing so.

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, January 15, 2007*

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)

For Sale

Graupner Loop
31.75" span, 32" length
Conventional Landing Gear
Speed 400 Geared with (9" X 5") Prop and spinner
4 HS-50 Servos, Pixie 20 ESCI and Battery
Add receiver and fly.
\$175.00 or best offer.
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and
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Greg Cardillo



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.

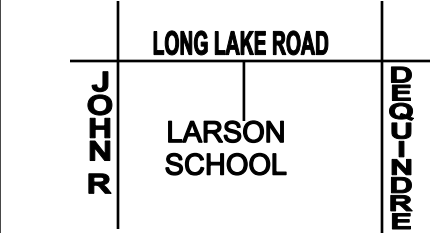
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all day. Student 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!