



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970  
5 Year Gold Leader Club

# Skypwriter

## 2006 Holiday Party



**Miss Donna and Miss Phyllis share a laugh with Santa at the XMAS party. Thanks to all the Skymasters ladies for all their help at events this year! We all appreciate it!!!**



### 2007 Club Officers & Appointees...

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Membership:	Gary Weaks	2512 Red Fox Trail	Troy	48098	248-540-8358

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Christmas Party was a huge success with over 110 people enjoying a wonderful evening. Santa was his jolly old self with plenty of presents for the kids, young and old. Wade Wiley and Paul Zabawa walked away with a couple of wintertime projects to keep their workbenches busy. The evening would not have happened without all the volunteers. Donna Burns and Sharon Edwards headed up the food with help from Phyllis Weaks and my wife Paula. There were many, many others as well. Paula took care of the kids and ladies gifts as well as helping Santa on stage. Thanks to all.

John Collins, our Public Relations coordinator made sure that all of our contributors received a remembrance. It is this kind of proactive effort that gets us the great programs we enjoy. Also keeping John busy is the new little "addition" to his household. Congratulations John!

Helicopter on the ceiling? Paula and I hosted a holiday gathering of aviation enthusiasts at our house. TOPS board member Dave Pinegar brought along his electric heli. I was told that he took off from the floor in the basement, went inverted and then "landed" on the ceiling. Chris ran upstairs frantically looking for the digital camera to capture the moment. Seems that it was a bit staged as the heli started out being suspended from the ceiling and then was spooled up to "plant it on the ceiling". Shouldn't try to fool Santa! Anyway, it is now the wallpaper on my desktop.

Of course we had to have the obligatory look at my very messy workshop and garage. To paraphrase the women, "What are you going to do with all those, airplanes, kits, tools, engine, radios, etc.?" To paraphrase the men, "See honey, I really don't have that much stuff!" Favorite basement conversation? Bob Burns looking at the kits and saying, "I built that, I built that, I built that!"

Our last event of the year will be the KRAZY SNO FLY on December 31. Who knows what the weather will be but Paul Zabawa will be there with his world famous chili. It is a great way to send out the old year and bring in the new.

Gary Weaks, Jim Held and Pete Foss will discuss foam building techniques for the first meeting in January taking over for Wolfgang Ludwig who has a conflict. Wolfgang will be back at a later date.

While we still have a couple of "To Be Determined" on our speaker schedule we are working on some great programs. Keep checking the website to get the latest update. We are also working on the details of the event schedule and the Midwest Regional Float Fly. Didn't we just finish?

Let us all make 2007 the best year ever! See you at the field! See you at a meeting!

Joe Hass



Skymasters and TOPS Holiday Gathering  
(Brad Lyon photo)





# 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

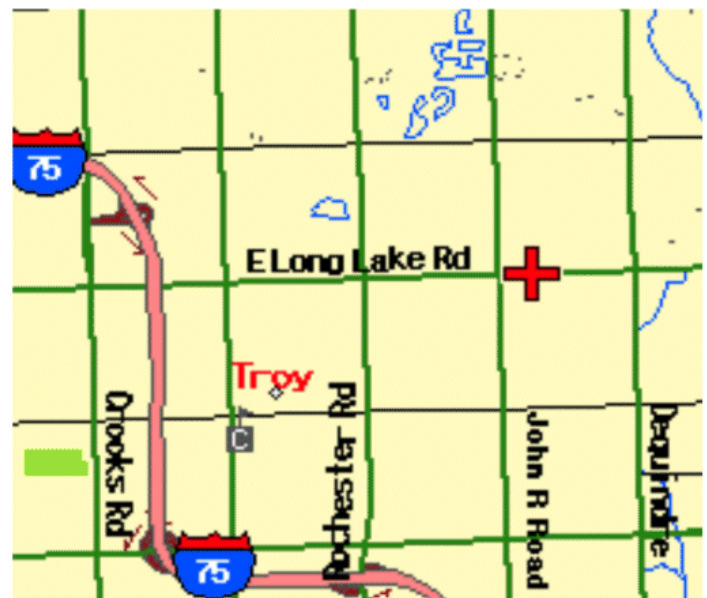
- \* **TABLE \$10-00** One per person, first come first served. Includes one admission. No reservations.
- \* \$3-00 Admission - No table
- \* Kids under 18 - Free
- \* Door prize
- \* Refreshments available.
- \* 50/50 drawing.
- \* Raffles drawn throughout the evening.
- \* Please remember - no smoking 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](http://www.skymasters.org)



# XMAS 2006 Party



**ST. CLAIR COUNTY PROPBUSTERS  
R/C MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB PRESENTS:  
OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



# **R/C SWAP MEET**

Open to  
The Public

**SUNDAY - JANUARY 28, 2007**

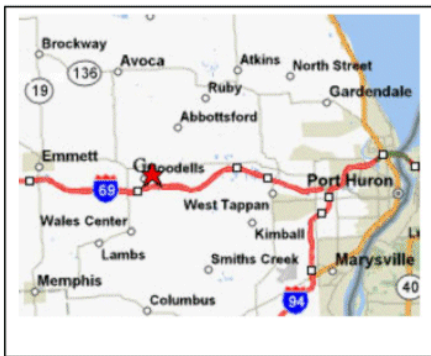
**8:30 am to  
12:00 pm**

**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.  
Be sure to arrive a ½ hour early to set up your table.

**Pancake Breakfast at 8:30**

Come early for the Pancake,  
Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast!



## **R/C MODEL SUPPLIES OF ALL TYPES - NEW & USED**

PROPBUSTERS SWAP MEET IS LOCATED  
AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING AT  
**GOODELLS COUNTY PARK** ON COUNTY PARK DRIVE.

[www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.COM](http://www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.COM)

## **FLINT'S R/C SWAP MEET**

Sunday February 18, 2007

9AM-1PM

Lake Fenton High School

4070 Lahring Rd.

Linden, MI 48451

Advance tables \$15 + \$5 admission

General admission \$5

17 and under \$1

Women No Charge

Bill Gerald 810 845-3007

[www.rcflyingaces.com](http://www.rcflyingaces.com)



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AMA 1204



Fly on by  
for some  
great deals!

## Swap & Shop

R/C Airplanes, Cars, Boats, & Equipment

Sunday, January 7th, 2007

9 a.m. 'till 3 p.m.

(Dealers at 8:15 a.m.)



**Refreshments**  
**Door Prizes**

### Admission

\$4.00 at Door

Under 12 FREE

### Location

Monaghan K of C Hall  
19801 Farmington Road  
Livonia, Michigan

Between 7 & 8 Mile Roads

### Tables

\$15.00 in advance

\$18.00 at door

Includes one admission

2 miles East of I-275 & 7 Mile Road Exit  
3 1/2 Miles North of I-96 & Farmington Rd

Call Charlie Thomas  
at 313-565-2973 or

E-mail: [DAMswap@comcast.net](mailto:DAMswap@comcast.net)



**BARGAINS!!**





## Farewell Old Friend

Skymasters lost a long time member last month when Herb Schiebold passed away. In the real world, Herb was a very successful commercial artist. But to many Skymasters, he was the consummate pilot and gentleman. When I first joined the club in the mid 80's, Herb was an established pattern flyer. He was always willing to help a pilot perfect maneuvers. (You mean you can use the rudder in the air for something besides snap rolls and spins?). Even a rookie like me.

Thanks Herb and Goodbye,  
Pete

# 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 ( )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_      AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_      Pilot ( ) Student ( )

## 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

**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**

*All Things Foam - several of Skymasters own talk about different construction techniques with foam. From flat foam to carved foam construction, and lost foam techniques. Roberto Mesnik, Pete Foss, Jim Held, and Gary Weeks will share their experiences. Bring your questions and techniques to share as well!*

*Status: Note topic change - we will be rescheduling Wolfgang Ludwig for another date.*

**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)*

**Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, January 31, 2007***

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

**TBD**

*Status: \*\* Note date change from 24th due to scheduling conflict at the school. \*\**

**Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, February 5, 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)*

**Skymasters Meeting - *Wednesday, February 14, 2007***

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

*Loctite, CA, Epoxy, Thread Retention Products... Learn about them from a manufacturers rep - when to use which one for the task.*

**Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - *Monday, February 19, 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)*

**Swap Meet - *Wednesday, February 28, 2007***

**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy**

*Vendor setup at 6:00, General admission at 7:00.*



# SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

**Pete Foss**  
**562 Tanview Dr.**  
**Oxford, MI. 48371**

Web site: [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)  
Email: [newsletter@skymasters.org](mailto:newsletter@skymasters.org)



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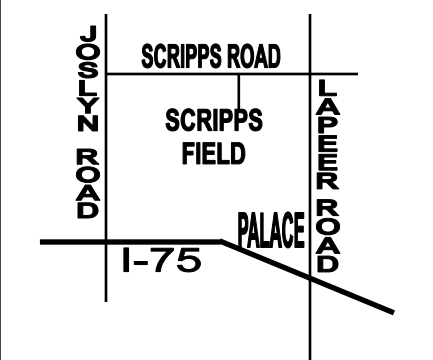
## Skymasters Information.....

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.

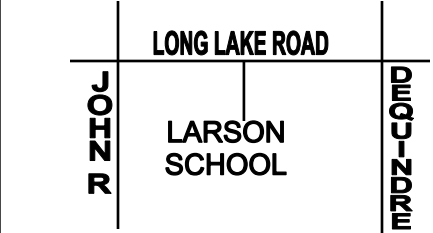
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all 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!