



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970  
5 Year Gold Leader Club

# Skypwriter

## A Gathering of Eagles



**Lt. Colonel Alexander Jefferson, a P-51 pilot and POW; Captain Phil Fine, a B-25 Navigator; and Captain Edward Glucklick, a B-24 pilot; entertained and informed almost 100 Skymasters members and guests with stories of their experiences in WWII. An exceptional evening, thank you gentlemen.**



### 2007 Club Officers & Appointees...

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

We are here to serve, but.....

The Board of Directors (more correctly the Executive Operating Committee) works very hard to provide the membership with interesting programs, fun events, great parties and a sound financial footing. They do this because they are interested in model aviation, the club and they want to have a good time with all of you "flying airplanes". Beside the time commitment, many board members reach very, very deep into their pockets paying for things so the club dues remain low while the members enjoy very professional and enjoyable activities. The club has not paid for the use of Larsen Middle School for over 2 years because one board member has paid for it out of his own pocket. Other board members pay for and do other very generous things as well.

Recently the board has received some very nasty correspondence and conversations questioning our activities and motivation. This has occurred while we have the highest membership numbers and treasury totals we have had in a long time. The situation seems to have quieted down for the moment but it diverted attention from what the board should be working on. It has been personally insulting to all of us on the board.

If any member is not happy with the operation of the club you have a couple of choices. You don't have to join the Skymasters in the first place **or you can run for office.**

**I will personally refund the dues paid by any member who regrets joining the Skymasters for 2007. In the meantime understand that the board works to make things better for the entire organization.**

The weather has certainly been "interesting". It of course contributed to the cancellation of our February 14 meeting with the Henkel Loctite folks. I am sure everyone used this extra time to spend with your sweetie, correct? Truth be told the Hass household hasn't opened our Valentine Cards yet. They are still on the mantle. Too busy. Doug Fischer from Henkel Loctite has agreed to come back on April 25 to bring us all up to speed on CA adhesives, thread lockers, epoxies and other adhesive products. I am looking forward to that one.

We have two great meetings in March. The folks from Merlin Glow Plugs will join us on March 14 for an informative discussion on glow plugs. What is a "hot" plug? What is a "cold" plug? Why do 4 stroke engines run better with a 4 stroke plug? All this and more will be covered when Al Kelly of Merlin joins us.

March 28 is our annual "In the Bones" evening. I better take a few days off work to build something! Bring your latest project. I hope to see a lot of Somethin' Extras.

Our article on the Tuskegee Airmen will be in the April issue of Model Aviation which will be out later this month. Make sure to congratulate Greg Cardillo on his cover photo. The Oakland Press has asked for a version of the story for publication in their paper. Work has begun on that.

The Swap Shop was a lot of fun and a success. As always, everyone pitched in and made it happen. Following the trend I have seen elsewhere, the number of tables and the number of attendees was down. We made money, but not as much as we have in the past.

Hard to believe that the Toledo Show is just over a month away. I wonder what goodies will be a "must purchase item" this year.

See you at a meeting.

Joe Hass



# Come out and support the R/C flying community with the Detroit Ignition!



## Michigan Has A New Professional Indoor Soccer Team!

The Detroit Ignition, in its first season, has planned a special  
night for the R/C aeronautics community!

- Special R/C family offer - \$19 Special R/C offer (normal ticket price is \$22) – purchase 4 tickets and the fifth will only be \$10
- Show up early to witness an amazing demonstration which includes Andrew Jesky - one of the top 10 fliers in the U.S. This show will include a live combat and precision acrobatics
- We will host a 1 hour pregame fly time open for the first 20 fliers that purchase 3 or more tickets
- Check out all that R/C aeronautics has to offer at the pregame static display and flight simulator
- These offers are only valid if tickets are purchased prior to the day of the game.  
\*Elements of the evening are subject to change based on the R/C community response
- Kick off is at 7:35 at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth (14900 N Beck)



For more info, call Quentin Berner with the Ignition at 248.304.2855 x1249

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



## Inaugural R/C Ignition Day

March 23rd at 7:35pm, Ignition vs. California Cougars

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Discounted Seats (No Limit)..... x \$19.00 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

# of Special R/C Seats (Limit 1 per order - minimum purchase of 4) ...\_1\_ x \$10.00 = \$10.00\_

TOTAL = \$\_\_\_\_\_

VISA / MC #: \_\_\_\_\_ EXP: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to the Detroit Ignition)

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00

### Return Order & Payment to:

Detroit Ignition - Attn: R/C Night  
24901 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 710  
Southfield, MI 48075

OR

### FAX Credit Card Orders To:

(248) 223-0199



All orders must be received by March, 16<sup>th</sup>

\*Please remember that all tickets are subject to availability and are handled on a first come first serve basis



# A Gathering of Eagles

Date: Wednesday January 31, 2007

Location: Larson Middle School Gym

Attendance: 98 people were in attendance.

Club President Joe Hass opened the meeting.

Guest Speakers Captain Edward Glucklick – B24 Pilot, Captain Phil Fine B25 Navigator, Lt. Colonel Alexander Jefferson P51 Pilot.

The symposium for the January 31st meeting was a panel style question and answering session with three WWII aviation veterans. I was able to capture a portion of the conversation, but this is by no means a complete for 100% accurate account of the discussion.

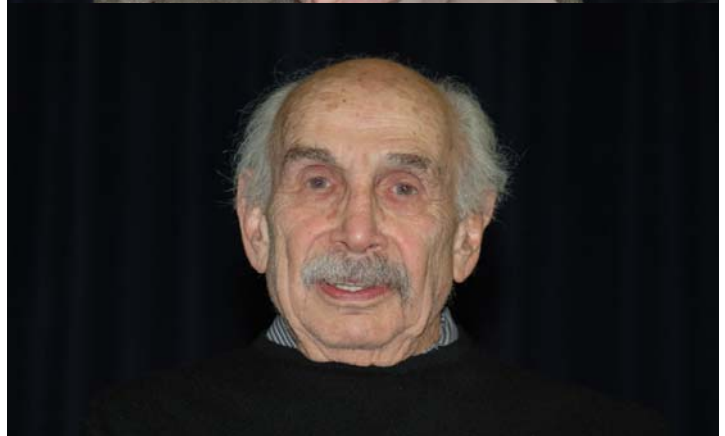
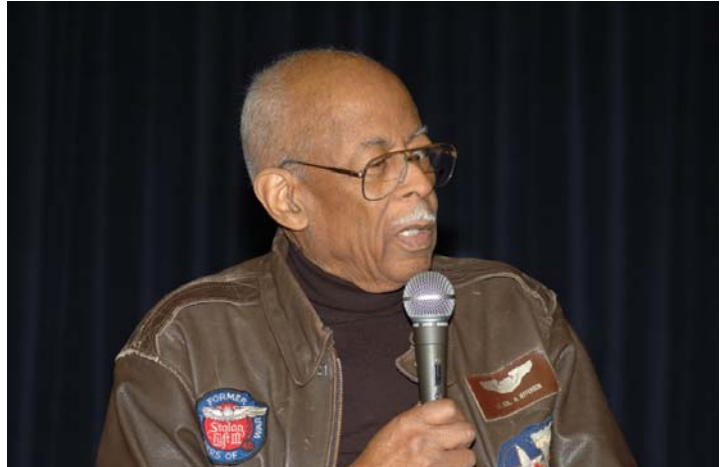
Phil Fine was born in Detroit on Cooley. Phil enlisted in the navy on Dec 8 1941. He said the Navy didn't want him. The Army wanted him to gain weight, but the Air force took him without need for immediate physical alterations. The first airbase he was assigned to was in India. Phil was asked if he was ever shot during combat. Bill laughed and said "Lots of people shot at me", "Mostly ground fire". He did a total of 66 missions. Most of his flying was done in Burma. Phil said the B25 was not a pretty aircraft, but it was tough. The top speed was about 230 mph with cruising at around 125 mph.

A question was asked about how the Air force navigation was done. Phil's answer was "mostly a prayer" Col. Jefferson: said most of the navigation on his missions was done via dead reckoning. Usually they stayed in pairs. Some times they would stay behind to bring damaged planes back.

Col. Jefferson commented on how fast things happened in the air. On his fourth or fifth mission his flight leader shot down 3 ME 109s.

Ed: The first airplane he flew was a PT-19. His first instructor told him it was easy to kill yourself. He said all you have to do is do something a little stupid. Ed's instructor took care to show him a few stupid things. After that Ed said he was convinced of the need to be careful. Flying in combat is very surreal. It's very cold at 20,000 feet with tons of gear on. It's easy to view it as an unreal experience. You don't have a good feel for what your doing to the folks on the ground.

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Questions were asked about the length of the missions. All three men agreed that the missions could be very long. One of the guest speakers commented that you didn't want to drink coffee prior to a mission. Phil commented that the B25 had a chemical toilet in the rear. The rule was the first person to use it had to clean it when you got back to base. Nobody wanted to go to the bathroom because they didn't want to clean the facility.

The maps in Burma or French Indochina (Vietnam) were not very accurate. The shorelines were pretty good. But mountain elevations were very bad. Mountains could be off by 2 or 3 thousand feet.

Phil: Guys would count 2 or 300 holes in the planes and still the plane flew and nobody got hurt. The sorties were flown under the general rule, "one pass and haul A%^". Ed commented that flying a B24 in formation was a job and a half. All he was doing was concentrating on keeping the proper distance between planes. There was no relaxing during the flight.

## Show and Tell:

Joe Finkelstein: Roy Vaillancourt 1/5 scale Focke Wulf FW 190. This plane is a fantastic work in progress.

Ross Jones: Stinson from a Royal kit he purchased at the Toledo auction in the bones. He spent time making it lighter. Covered in Coverite and latex paint. 14lbs.

Pete Foss: B24 F7A that flew out of India to Tokyo. Jack Stafford Kit with balsa and foam wings. 12.5 lbs. with 4 OS FP 25, finished with Perfect paint. *She **will** fly someday - Pete.*

Chris Hass: E-flite BYP Yak 3D ARF biplane.

Joe Hass: Andrew Jesky Extra 300s 3D Parkflyer ARF

John Hakala: Prototype Vintage bush plane Fokker super universal. Used in northern Canada and Alaska. It had a 50' wingspan.

Jack Goodrich: Hobby Lobby \$100 plane

David Wendt - Club Secretary





# Swap Shop 2007



Happy raffle and door prize winners at this years swap meet.



The action was fast and furious during the annual auction at the end of the swap meet.



# Swap Shop 2007



## FOR SALE

"John Malloy N.T." <condor007@ameritech.net>  
 Carl Goldberg Ultimate Biplane  
 ( 85% construction stage )  
 Equipped w/ Saito 210 engine, NEW  
 Futaba 4 channel Skysport radio NEW  
 Asking \$600.00 or best offer.



The Carl Goldberg ULTIMATE BIPLANE

## Freedom 3D For Sale

Unlimited Vertical with this setup. Flies great. No bad habits.  
 48" Wingspan; 53" Length  
 Astro 05 Brushless 3 Turn Motor with Super Box 3.3:1  
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 Original Price: \$936 Sale Price: \$350

Guy Marshall, 734 994-6212 Please leave a message.  
 Scio Fliers / Ann Arbor Falcons



# UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

## Winter Weather Reminder

Our meetings are dependent on the status of the Troy School District. If Troy Schools are closed - or cancel after school activities, our events are cancelled as well. Please check local radio and TV stations for status. We will update the site as soon as possible in the event of a cancellation.

### Skymasters Meeting - **Wednesday, March 14, 2007**

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

Al Kelly from Merlin Glow Plugs joins us for the evening! Come learn everything you ever wanted to know about Glow Plugs.

### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - **Monday, March 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)

### Skymasters Meeting - **Wednesday, March 28, 2007**

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

"In the Bones" Bring in your winter projects still under construction. Prizes will be given away!

### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - **Monday, April 2, 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)

### **\*NO Meeting\* - Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

**School Closed - Spring Break**

### Bald Mountain Involvement Day - **Saturday, April 21, 2007**

**Park Headquarters, Greenshield Road - 9:00 AM**

A day we give to the Park each year - to help get the Park ready for spring. Projects for everyone, from painting signs, repairing picnic tables, roofing shelters, wood splitting, etc. Come out and support your club - and the Park we fly in!!

### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - **Monday, April 16, 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, April 25, 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.

### Skymasters Meeting - **Wednesday, May 9, 2007**

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

Dick Watz - author of the "Watz Scale" column in R/C Report joins us for the evening. A question and answer session about Aerodrome Models, starting a model company, writing a column or anything about modeling in general.

**Don't Forget the Toledo Show At the SeaGate Centre**

**April 13th, 14th, & 15th, 2007**

**Show hours: Fri/Sat 9am to 5pm - Sun 9am to 3pm**



# 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.*



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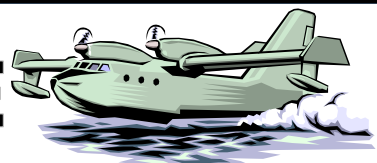
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## Skymasters Information.....

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 day. Student 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 7:00 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!