



Academy of Model Aeronautics

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5 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

Spring Float Flys



Wade and Lynne Wiley retrieved lots of airplanes at the float flys. Lynne stayed dry while Wade couldn't resist a swim!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

I write this after opening today's mail and doing a quick scan of this month's Model Aviation. Now I have even more to write about!

I received a letter from Mike Gillette, President of Horizon Hobby. While making reference to the April Model Aviation Skymasters' article he referred to us as "Partners" and sprinkled in "Fun", "Helping" and "RC Flying" in a sentence that ended "All that's good about your passion". He added "Your organization is obviously a real class act".

The May issue of Model Aviation had two references to us. On page 7 in the Aero Mail section Mr. Robert Pouriea wrote a letter that is typical of those I received after our Tuskegee article. On page 11 Lt. Col Jefferson and the Skymasters are recognized by Editor Michael Ramsey in the "Long Overdue Honor" section that leads the page.

May seemed to fly by. The visit by Dick and Eric Watz of R/C Report on May 9 ended our spring meetings. It was a series of general topics reflecting the many years that Dick has been involved in aero-modeling. Eric went into great detail on his unique method of covering with MonoKote. The results on his Carden aircraft were outstanding.

The float flies were both held at Bald Mountain with better weather on Saturday than Sunday. If memory serves me a total of 45 pilots participated between the two days. Thanks to Dave "Mr. Aileron" Wendt and Joe Rubinstein for putting on these events

Our "Field Opening Party" on May 23 was another huge success. I know I will miss a lot of people but I do remember Mark Smith taking the lead on adding a wire mesh to each pilot's station. John Hakala and John Collins were there too. Greg Brausa did a lot of painting. So did Joe Rubinstein. A young man and his mother showed up to find out more about the club. He too grabbed a brush and roller before the evening was finished. The railroad ties supplied by Fred McConkie were installed by Mark Smith's son and Chris Hass. (They got lots of supervision from a WHOLE bunch of us.) Prior to my arrival, Bob Burns, Marv Middleton and Bill Stark got a lot of work done as well. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the field look so good! After a good meal prepared by Dave Wendt, Pete Foss and Greg Cardillo, we even had time for flying.

We have a new pilot. Sixteen year old Mark Elliot, a student at Rochester Adams High School, got his wings after working at the "Field Opening Party". Mark demonstrated his skills to both Greg Brausa and me at the end of the evening. So much for "Where are the juniors?" But there is much more to this story. Mark went to school with Chris. Chris invited him out to the field last year. I had him fly my glow Banchee for his first flight. I encouraged Mark to come out whenever he could. Mark felt uncomfortable flying my airplane but wouldn't get his own until he earned the money himself! Mark always addresses adults with "Yes Sir" and "No Sir". When he had a bad landing with my Banchee his first words were "I am very sorry" and "I will pay for it". Talk about polite and taking personal responsibility. Mark spent the winter practicing with his simulator. He showed up with a completely new skill set. It showed immediately. Even before Mark got signed off, he allowed a first timer to fly his PTS P-51 so the newbie could get some stick time. Talk about a gentleman! Congratulations Mark!

We have a lot of new people and they are assimilating well. We are all responsible for the safe and smooth operation at the field. The biggest thing that continues to need improvement is to not taxi in and out of the pits. Shut down your engine in front of the pilot's station with the airplane aligned with

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the direction of the runway.

After a personal, almost, serious accident a few years ago, I am a firm believer in always holding my left thumb on the base of the throttle stick, keeping it firmly at low throttle when I am walking with the transmitter. There is no chance that the throttle could accidentally be bumped when the aircraft wasn't secured.

I am very pleased with the courtesy being shown by and to some of the larger aerobatic aircraft. The pilots of the big ones wait until the sky is clear before going up. The rest of the pilots enjoy the show and wait to take off until the big bird lands. Thanks to everyone.

Speaking of courtesy, make sure you greet any visitor that may come to the field. We have had a lot of neighbors lately that are interested in aviation. Take a moment to say hello and answer their questions.

As long as you promise not to tell..... While Paula was away for a well deserved vacation, Chris and I took over the family, living and dining rooms, as well as the kitchen (it has a great island with power) for a little building. After all, how much room can 2 guys need to eat? The results? Chris completed his "warm liner" and I am more than half way done with a giant Gee Bee. I still haven't decided if it will be powered by glow or electric. Hate it when work interferes with completing a project. By the way, Paula came home to clean rooms and hardly noticed the new airplanes.

Our annual electric event is this Saturday, June 2. Come out to see the latest in electrics. There are a lot of great pilot's prizes. *(We had a great turnout and lots of fun. Thanks everyone, details and pictures next month - Pete)*

We also have a firm date for our Fish Fry. Bring your appetite on August 15. I have invited Jim Cherry, Executive Director of AMA, to join us.

Have you picked up your fuel from Al McGee? Al's number is 248-589-0283.

Our next membership meeting is Wednesday, June 13 at the field after Student Night.

Here are a couple of questions for you. Many of our prize contributors are asking for a link from our website to theirs. How do you feel about that? They have also asked for our membership list. We have been firm in not providing that information. What are your thoughts on that topic? Call or write.

See you at the field.

Joe Hass

PS. Please remember that the trash container is not for broken airplanes or empty fuel jugs. You have to take those prizes home. If the trash container is full tie it up and take it home with you. Thanks!

Planes For Sale

Hi, I have not flown in the past 3 years and my planes are collecting dust. Some have been flown. Sea Dancer is built, while many are still in original box ready to build. Will be selling them. If anyone has an interest just email me and I can send them pictures or they can get my address to view them.

Al Post 248-693-6916 alpomapo@yahoo.com

Trainer For Sale

I have a Hobbico Superstar trainer plane, I only used it 6-8 times a few years ago. I have many accessories to go with it. Everything is like brand new.

Bryan Drake spartoons@sbcglobal.net

Bald Mountain Involvement Day





Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

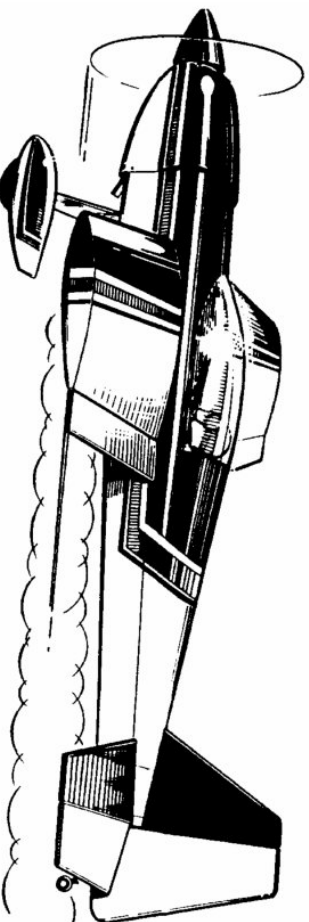
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for an R/C Aircraft Event

Team Fun Fly

Sunday June 10, 2007

Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

Event Flying starts at 10am

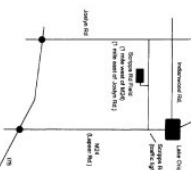


Public

Categories for Intermediate and Expert! Welcome!

Flying open to AMA members. 94dBa at 10 feet enforced.

SCRIPPS FIELD LOCATION



- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Toilet located at field
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby!
- Flying field is located within the Bald mountain recreation Area, about 5 miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills on Scripps Road between Lapeer Rd (M24) and Joslyn Rd.
- All cars need annual/daily State Park sticker – available at event.

For more information call Mark Smith 248-391-5970

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



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Student Night & Pot Luck Dinners

Every Wednesday from Memorial Day to Labor Day

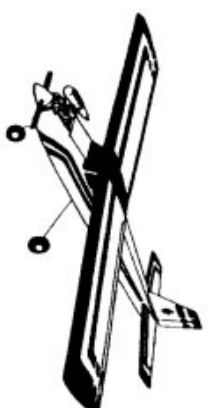
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

Rain or Shine! "We always eat, we sometimes fly!"

Student Night:

Instructors available all day (weather permitting)
Open flying – with priority to student flights

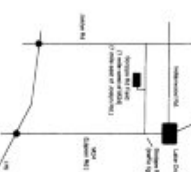
Pot Luck Dinner:



For those participating we ask that you:
Bring something for the grill – enough to feed you and your guests
Bring a dish to pass (see note)
Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage
We eat at 6pm – rain or shine!

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SCRIPPS FIELD LOCATION



- Dish to pass: Don't know what to bring?
- Each week a board will be up listing supplies needed – from plates to condiments, charcoal, etc. Pick one of the needed items to bring instead! The potluck is sustained by those participating with no expense to club.
- Flying field is located within the Bald mountain recreation Area, about 5 miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills on Scripps Road between Lapeer Rd (M24) and Joslyn Rd.
- All cars need annual/daily State Park sticker – available at event.

For more information call Charles and Dairdre McGlothlin 248-364-4194

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Stoney Creek Float Flying

Here's some pictures Larry Boulet send me of one of this spring's flying sessions at Stoney Creek Metropark. Contact Jim Held for details and check the website for the status of each Wednesday's session.



Dick and Eric Watz

Dick and Eric Watz from RC Report came and talked at the last Larson indoor meeting. Dick discussed a wide variety of topics centered on his passion of scale modeling. Eric told us about a surface preparation method before applying MonoKote. He uses a mixture of diluted white glue and talcum powder to provide a sanding sealer for balsa. His plane was gorgeous. Thanks for sharing with us guys! Also thanks to Gordon at RC Report for the free subscriptions (and his annual support for the swap meet).



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.

[Weather permitting we will be flying!!](#)

Student Night and Potluck - Wednesdays Thru Summer

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

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, sometimes we fly!"

Club Fun Fly - Sunday, June 10, 2007

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

Even if you don't fly you got to see this one! Beginner to Expert. Lots of FUN & EASY flying events.

Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, June 13, 2007

Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, July 11, 2007

Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Warbirds and Scale - Sunday, August 5, 2007

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

From P51's to Tiger Moths, Cessna 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 8, 2007

Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

11th ANNUAL FISH FRY - Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Scripps Road Field - 6:00 PM

Our annual family pot luck "FISH FRY" hosted by Bob and Donna Burns!! A donation of \$4.00 per person suggested to cover cost of fish and supplies. Contact Bob or Donna, or put your donation in the Tin Can at Student Night / Club Events by Aug. 8th to allow us to judge the amounts needed. This is a pot luck so please plan to bring a dish to pass and you own (nonalcoholic) beverage. If you have miss this event in past years you won't want to miss it this year. We have averaged 90-100 people in past years! COME BRING YOUR FAMILY, EAT AND ENJOY YOUR FELLOW FLYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Corn Roast and Top Gun - Sunday, August 26, 2007

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. This year includes our "Sig Somethin' Extra Cartoon Scale" Contest.

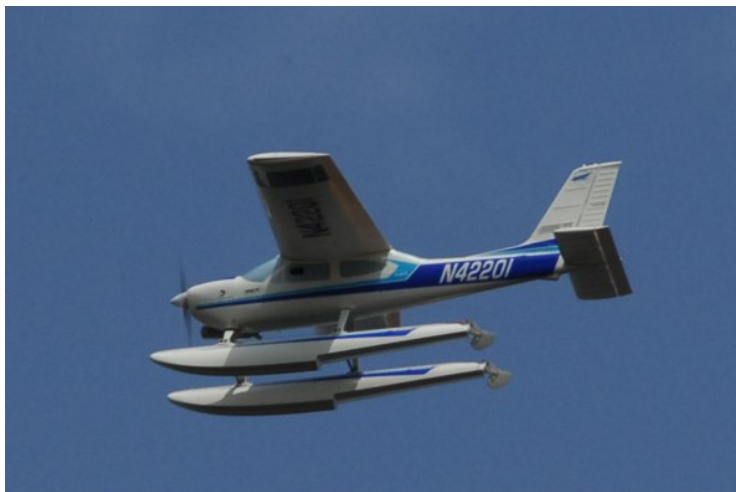
EAA Fly In

The EAA (Exp Aircraft Assoc) is sponsoring a June 16 fly in at the West Branch airport from 8 am until noon. If interested use I 75 exit 212. The airport is a few miles south of town, off of the "Old M 76 hwy".

Spring Float Flys

Due to water conditions at Seven Lakes State Park, both spring float flys were held at Trout Lake in Bald Mountain Rec Area. We had about 45 pilots between the two days with Saturday being a much nicer day than Sunday. Special thanks to Wade and Lynne for retrieval duty.

Thanks to Dave and Joe for running the events. Dave went over the top on food this year with home made green and potato salads to go with the burgers, brats and dogs. We are an eating club with a flying problem.





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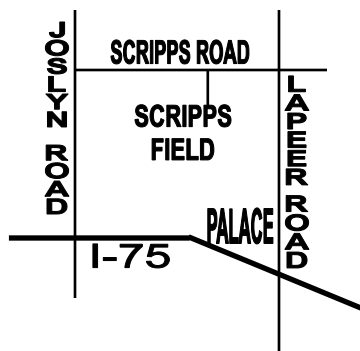
Skymasters Information.....

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 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!