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Skywriter

2007 Electric Meet



Chris Jarman flew his 100" wingspan Hanger 9 Sukhoi at the electric meet this year. Chris' plane weighed about 25 pounds and had 7400+ watts. That's almost 10 hp and 300 watts/pound!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

178 and counting!

At last count we are at 178 members. We finished last year at 165. WOW! Thanks go to all those who meet and greet visitors, give introductory flights, answer questions and provide instruction. Last Wednesday 3 newcomers came up to me to compliment our organization on our friendliness and hospitality. We also have a lot of youngsters as well as father and son teams. A demo flight that was done last winter in a golf dome resulted in 2 new members. All of our PR work is paying off.

The Wednesday float flies at Stony Creek have been well attended with lots of great midweek water flying. Winter Cove from 9 until noon is the place to be.

Speaking of float flies we have received the Super Prize for the 2007 Midwest Regional Float Fly. It is the B E A U T I F U L Great Planes Cessna 310. It will be built and ready to fly complete with engines and 7 channel Futaba radio. Jim Held and company will be building it for us.

Mark Smith's Fun Fly was a success with lots of pilots and prizes. It was the first time I had been to the event. I was the cook and wood chip mover. A good time was had by all.

In case you didn't know....

Membership Director Gary Weaks is very involved with the Detroit Science Center. He is arranging for a demo flight inside the science center. Obviously it will be electric with one of the very maneuverable 3D foamies. The practice sessions will occur in the next few weeks with the actual program in August.

Speaking of science and safety...

SAFETY

It has happened already this summer. Someone carrying a transmitter accidentally rubbed the throttle stick against their leg while walking to the flight line and advanced the throttle to full. Thankfully the helper holding on to the airplane had a good grip and all that happened was a lot of startled looks. I am a firm believer in holding on to the transmitter by jamming my left thumb in the left stick assembly while carrying the transmitter. See the attached picture. I carry the transmitter in my left hand and carry the airplane, if small enough, in my right. I learned my lesson many years ago when carrying a 60 size heli and transmitter. The throttle stick bumped my leg and went to full. The engine responded. Thick exhaust and smoke from the clutch was everywhere as I had to desperately hold on to the rotor head while putting down the transmitter and then moving the throttle stick down. Fried clutch and shattered nerves taught me my lesson.



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SCIENCE

The issue of charging the airborne and transmitter batteries has come up again. If you are using the batteries and charger(s) that came with your system then all you have to remember is to plug it in the night before you plan to fly. The math is simple. If you have a 500 milliampere hour (mAh) battery and a 50 mA charger it will take 10 hours to completely charge (not exactly correct as it is not 100% efficient but you get the idea). Obviously if you have a quick charger you have other options. The point is that if you change to 1000 MAH airborne battery and stay with the 50 mA charger it will take a lot longer to charge. In fact it may not completely charge at all! The rule of thumb is that the charge rate should be at least 10% of the battery capacity. Anything less can be a problem. Contact one of the veterans if you have questions.

THERE IS NO CLEANING SERVICE

Remember that we are all responsible for keep the field clean. The trash container is for the usual items. It is not for pieces of airplanes. If you have an unfortunate incident please take everything home with you. If the trash container is full, take the bag home with you (one of us does-spread the joy). Thanks in advance for your help.

See you at the field. The Wednesday cookouts and student nights have been great!

Joe Hass

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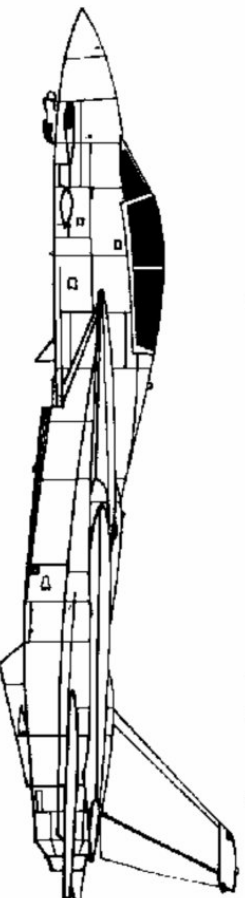
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Corn Roast and Top Gun

Sunday August 26, 2007
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

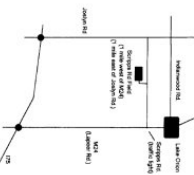
Club members, their families, and our Scripps Road neighbors:
Please join us for our annual Corn Roast and Top Gun event
Free food and drinks available

Open flying throughout the day starting at 10am
Annual Top Gun contest to find the best of the best!
2007 features the Sig "Somethin` Extra" static/flying competition



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 Joe Hass 248-321-7934
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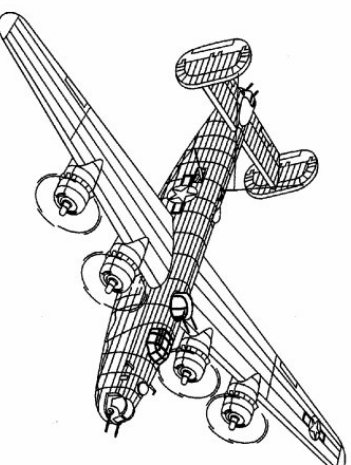
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Harold 'Big H' Mesales Warbirds and Scale

Sunday August 5, 2007
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

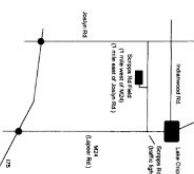
Event Flying starts at 10am



**Public
Welcome!**

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

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- No Landing Fee
Pilots Prizes!
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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



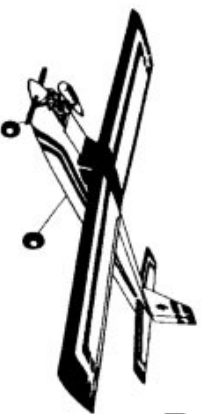
Pot Luck Dinner:

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)

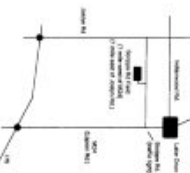
Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage

We eat at 6pm – rain or shine!



94dBa at 10 feet enforced.

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

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FISH FEY

11TH ANNUAL

AUGUST 15

DINNER
AT
6:00P.M.



\$4.00 PER PERSON DONATION
BOB & DONNA BURNS



BRING A DISH TO
PASS AND
SOMETHING TO
DRINK

2007 Electric Meet

The 2007 electric meet was not combined with "Small Fry" for the first time this year. The meet was very successful with absolutely perfect (if hot) weather. Thanks to Carolynn and Sam Foss, Greg and Alyssa Cardillo, Brad Lyon and a whole bunch of others for making the meet such a great success. As shown on the cover planes ranged from Chris Jarman's monster 100" Sukhoi to Joe Hass' 11" wing-span Teerific micro jet. Thanks very much to our sponsors www.horseflyhobbies.com, Fancy Foam, FoamFly.com, Hobby Lobby and Castle Creations.



Thanks 2007 Electric Meet Sponsors!



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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, we sometimes fly!"

[Starting Wednesday, May 30!!](#)

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, Cessnas 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 your own (nonalcoholic) beverage. If you have missed 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.

Midwest Regional Float Fly - Saturday/Sunday, September 8-9, 2007

Island Lake State Park, Brighton - 9:30 AM

This is the big one! Float flyers from all over the Midwest bring all sizes, shapes, and color of aircraft imaginable and fly them for two days solid. A blast! Flying starts at 9:30 AM both days!

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, September 12, 2007

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

Program TBD

Seven Lakes Float Flying - Saturdays - September 15 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...



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Midwest Regional Float Fly

Saturday/Sunday September 8-9, 2007

Island Lake Recreation Area, Brighton, Michigan

Check in at 8:30AM; Event flying from 9:30AM each day!

"The best float flying site I've ever seen!" – Dave Brown, President AMA



The Judged Competition

Win a radio in one of 3 categories

Scale; Sport Scale; Sport.

Static and flight judging!

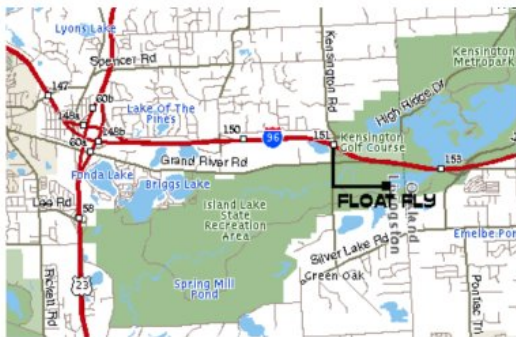
Bring out your best!!

Super Prize Raffle!
Prizes to be announced...
Saturday Night Dinner

**As seen in
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National Magazines**

40 acre clear lake
1,000 feet sand beach
6 acre lawn/picnic area

Flying open to AMA members. Public Welcome!.



- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Pilot Door Prizes
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby!
- Island Lake Recreation Area is located on the south side of I-96 at Kensington Road. 12 miles west of I-96/I-275 or 3 miles east of I-96/US-23.
All cars need State Park sticker – available at event.
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For more information call Greg Cardillo 248-431-5562

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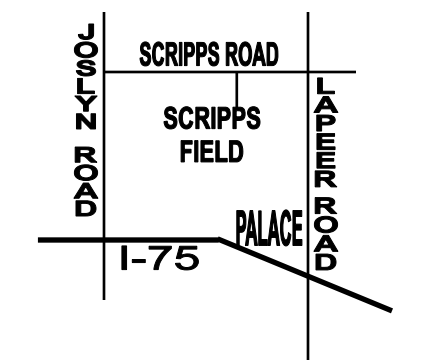
Skymasters Information.....

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 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.

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!