

Chartered Club #970 10 Year Gold Leader Club



### **President's Choice**





President's Choice night was a great example of Skymasters family focus. Pilots of all ages came together for a fun night of indoor rubber flying.



#### 2007 Club Officers & Appointees...

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... BY: Joe Hass

I write this in Harrison, Ohio on a 50 degree, blustery, windy Saturday morning as Chris is out at the Cincinnati Aeromodelers "Chicken Wing" IMAC event. This is the place where the IMAC folks check out and practice the new patterns for 2008. We got in late on Friday evening to be greeted by a hot bonfire and some cold beverages. I thought the "Chicken Wing" reference was to how daring the pilots will be. Reality is that we go out for a chicken wing dinner tonight. The stew that has been prepared for lunch already smelled good at 9 this morning when I dropped Chris off.

110 That was the number of people who attended the Hobby Lobby Symposium on Wednesday October 10. Now that was a crowd! Jason Cole and Dan Wensell of Hobby Lobby were blown away by the response. The Skymasters were featured in the next Hobby Lobby E mail. Their new CEO got top billing of course, then the Skymasters. It is gratifying to have our organization recognized. In speaking to Dan a few days later he reported that the story of their visit to Skymasters had more hits and forwards than anything they have done to date.

**SPEAKING OF RECOGNITION** The Skymasters were mentioned twice in that latest issue of Model Aviation. First near the front of the magazine with Col. Jefferson and the Tuskegee Airman and again in Jim Cherry's column.

**PRESIDENT'S CHOICE** This year's event was again based on the Delta Dart but with a twist. There was a bonus for "creativity". There were Biplane Delta Darts, Canard Delta Darts, Extra Long Delta Darts, etc. 35 people entered. Ron Sokacz made it interesting with a unique design that earned the extra 5 points forcing a fly off with Dave Wendt for second and third place. I have made a mental note to never compete against Dave. He was completely focused on getting the most out of his machine including lying down on the floor so he could launch from the lowest possible position to get the maximum climb time. In the end it was Ron Sokacz in Third place, Dave Wendt in Second Place and Jim Held in First Place flying a completely stock Delta Dart. Jim had trimmed his aircraft for consistent 37 second flights. Amazing! The prestigious awards ceremony was an emotional event (of musical prizes—Pete). When the Genesis Electric ARF was awarded to Ron, Dave got emotional so Ron got the 40 size ARF. That meant Dave got the Genesis and Jim Held got the 6 Channel HiTec Radio System for First Place. Except Jim really wanted the Genesis and Dave really needed the radio system for his daughter's airplane. So Dave and Jim traded and the winners all went home happy.

After that, the name of everyone who entered was put in drawing for some additional prizes. Danny Craig won the Seagull Giant 180 size Super Star. He's barely taller than the box. Danny's mom brought the whole family (except Dad) to the event and had to whisk them away for school the next day. She gave her 50/50 tickets to Chris. Care to guess who won the 50/50.

A number of members donated prizes. Thanks to Prop Shop for giving us a great deal on a number of items as well. Thank Matt the next time you are in Prop Shop.

**SPREAD SPEKTRUM SYMPOSIUM** On January 9, 2008 we will be hosting John Adams from Horizon to discuss Spread Spektrum. This is a phenomenal opportunity for the club and the local model aviation community. John is recognized as the authority on this exciting new technology. We are very privileged to have him join us. Be there and bring a friend!

**ELECTIONS 2007** Our next meeting will be one week early on Wednesday, November 7 and will be focused on our annual elections. We will also review our performance in the past year. It has been an exciting one! I ask that you consider running for office, participating in board activities or simply volunteering. There are a number of positions that are being worked very hard trying to keep up with our growing membership. This would be the time to learn more about desktop publishing, the web, the State Park system, etc. We need your help. We need to position the organization for seamless operation in the future. That means getting people trained and acclimated now. (*It's your club, come help run it! - Pete*) I will also be asking for volunteers for a committee to look at our by laws and the content of our website. Again, the board need your help.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!!** Our Christmas Party will also be one week early on Wednesday, December 5. Santa is ready!

See you on November 7, Joe Hass.

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Cub Scout Day
On Sunday October 14th, Cub Scout Pack 188 from Rochester Hills came to Bald Mt. for their annual aviation activity day. The scouts flew rubber powered rockets on a string as well as launching typical rockets. Skymasters on hand including Wade Wiley, Paul Goelz, Teo Terry, Dave Shea and myself flew demo flights, buddy box flights on Wade's Telemaster and ate brats. (The scouts are an eating club too). Carolynn's ornithopter was a hit! A great time was had by all even though the afternoon was cut a bit short by the approaching showers.



PAGE 4 Hobby Lobby Symposium

November 2007

As Joe discussed in his President's Letter the Hobby Lobby Symposium on Wednesday October 10 was a great evening. Over a hundred Skymasters and other local club members came to see some the latest product offerings from Hobby Lobby. Jason Cole and Dan Wensell presented new products, gave away prizes and sold a few Coco Lama's at a steal. I'd particularly like to thank them for honoring the super price for at least twice as many as they brought with them rather than disappoint anyone. Class act guys. See you next year.



## **President's Choice**







### Skymasters R/C Club

#### We'll Teach you to fly!

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

## **Krazy Snow Fly!**

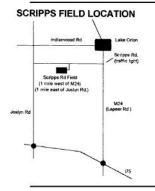
## Monday December 31, 2007 Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

Event Flying starts at 10am



#### What will mother nature bring this year??

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



- Lots of Parking
- Refreshments available at event
- Toilet located at field

No Landing Fee Pilots Prizes!

- 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 Paul Zabawa 810-678-3332 Visit our website at www.skymasters.org PAGE 8 November 2007

#### **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.

#### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, November 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, November 7, 2007

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

Financial Review. Annual Elections.

\*\* Note date change due to school conflict!! \*\*

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

#### \*NO Meeting\* - Wednesday, November 28, 2007

#### School Closed - Thanksgiving -

Well - Thanksgiving is really a week earlier this year - but we traditionally only have one meeting in November, so enjoy some leftover turkey...

#### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, December 3, 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 Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 5, 2007

#### 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!!

\*\* Note date change due to conflict at school. \*\*

#### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, December 17, 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, December 26, 2007

School Closed - Christmas Break -

#### Krazy Snow Fly - Monday, December 31, 2007

#### 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.

#### Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, January 7, 2008

#### Rams Horn Restaurant - 2265 Crooks Road, Rochester Hills - 9:00 AM

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#### Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, January 9, 2008

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

Spread "Spektrum" Symposium! Featuring a discussion with John Adams, Technical Director Spektrum for Horizon Hobby! Come learn everything you wanted to know about: Spread Spectrum Technology - Presentation, Hands On, and Q&A.



### Skymasters R/C Club

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## Spread "Spektrum"

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Featuring a discussion with



## John Adams

## Technical Director Spektrum Horizon Hobby

Come learn everything you wanted to know about:

Spread Spectrum Technology Presentation, Hands On, and Q&A

Free Admission!
All Welcome!!!



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



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# HOME OF THE "MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"

### Skymasters Information.....

Skymasters field is located within the Bald Mountain State

Park on Scripps Road (see map). State Park Permits are required and obtained can be from the Park Headquarters cated 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

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

is strictly enforced.

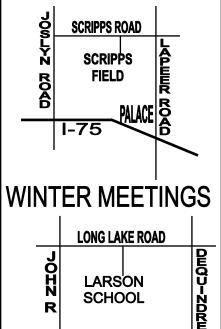
tors around all day. Student night is also a pot luck buffet,

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 (586)Sokacz 977-1404.

From June to August, Club meetings are held at the field, on the s e c o n d 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!



**SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD**