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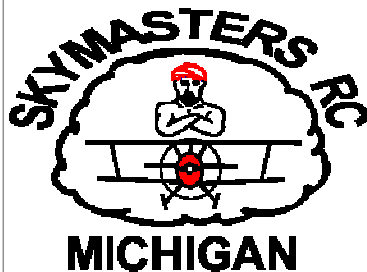
Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

Skymasters XMAS Party!!!!



John and Celyn Collins' son was flying a foamy at the holiday party. A great event, thanks to Bob and Donna for hosting!



2007 Club Officers & Appointees...

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

This will be a short message to give plenty of room for pictures of the Christmas Party. And what a party it was! There were close to 150 people in attendance. Everyone pitched in to get things ready for Santa. The kids had a great time and seemed to win all the kits that were given away. There were some great airplanes on display too.

For those that weren't there, we took a moment to recognize and thank the families that have done so much to make the Skymasters so successful. Included in the recognition were:

Bob and Donna Burns, Wade and Lynne Wiley, Pete,Carolynn and Sam Foss, Gary and Phyllis Weaks, Charles and Dairdre McGlothlin and Bill and Louise Dezur.

It would take 10 newsletters to write about the contributions these fine families have made to the Skymasters. They each left with a plaque and a gift card so that the ladies get a bit of a night out. Hopefully they will take the guys!

Unfortunately the Shelby Soccer Dome will be closed between Christmas and New Years. We will all have to wait for a bit to try our new toys.

Our last event of 2007 is the Krazy Sno Fly on December 31. Paula Zabawa has promised some of his famous chili. I write this after clearing the first major snowfall of the season so there is a strong possibility that we will need skis for the first time in a long time. Whether you fly or not, come out for a good time and to say goodbye to 2007.

From this vantage point 2008 will be very exciting! Make sure you plan on coming to our first meeting on January 9 – The Spread Spektrum Symposium!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Joe Hass



Operation Good Cheer

On Saturday December 8, Joe Hass, with the help of Gary Weaks, volunteered as a delivery pilot (full scale) in this year's Operation Good Cheer. Now in it's 38th year, Operation Good Cheer collects and distributes Christmas toys and needed items to children in foster care throughout Michigan. One of the highlights is the annual fly-off where all of the gifts are sorted at the Pontiac Airport and flown to destinations across the state by volunteer pilots. This year, over 140 pilots helped transport over 16,000 wrapped Christmas presents to 4610 needy children across the state. Joe and Gary took a very full Cessna Skylane to Jackson. The weather was great and flying very smooth in Joe's capable hands. Gary had the "stick" for the ride back. *(Great job guys, sounds like a fun day - Pete)*



2007 Christmas Party



2007 Award of Appreciation

As announced in Joe's letter, six families were honored with AMA Awards of Appreciation for their years of service to the club in a myriad of roles. Most of them seem to revolve around food (*surprise*) with Bob and Donna hosting student night, the holiday party, float fly raffle, etc. while Charles and Dairdre took over student night a few years ago. Bill and Lou have done the food for the swap meet for many years while Gary and Phyllis have organized the float fly food and the corn roast. Wade and Lynne are fixtures at the float fly with Lynne looking after first aid while Wade rescues soggy airplanes from the lake. Finally Carolynn and Sam have helped setup and teardown the tents, kitchen, etc. at approximately 1247.3 events over the years. Skymasters is a great family organization due in large part to the contributions of members like these. Thanks to all of you!



Donna and Bob Burns



Lou and Bill Dezur



Charles and Dairdre McGlothlin



Gary and Phyllis Weaks

Wade (and Lynne) Wiley



Sam, Carolynn and Pete Foss

Detroit Aero Modelers Swap Meet

January 13, 2008

9AM - 3PM

Table Setup at 8:15AM

Monaghan K of C Hall
19801 Farmington Rd.
Livonia, MI

Admission: \$4

Tables: \$18 (\$15 in advance)

Charlie Thomas 313-565-2973
www.detroitaeromodelers.org

Radio Control Club of Detroit Swap Meet

January 27, 2008

9AM - 2PM

Table Setup at 8AM

Knights of Columbus Hall
23695 Mound Rd.
Warren, MI

Admission: \$3

Tables: \$20 (\$18 before Jan 21)

Keith Jones
kaydeejay99@yahoo.com

Flint's R/C Swap Meet

February 24, 2008

9AM - 1PM

Table Setup at 7:30AM

Lake Fenton High School
4070 Lahring Rd.
Linden, MI 48451

Admission: \$5

Tables: \$23 (\$20 in advance)

Bill Gerard 810-845-3007
www.rcflyingaces.com



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach You To Fly!

Join the Skymasters Radio Control
Club for an R/C Symposium

Annual Swap Shop

Wednesday February 27, 2008

Table Setup – 6pm General Admission – 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.

General Admission: \$3
Tables: \$10
All Welcome!!

Auction at end of evening

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



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Flying the F-16!

Wednesday January 23, 2008 – 7PM



Air National Guard

Featuring a discussion with
John Nyquist

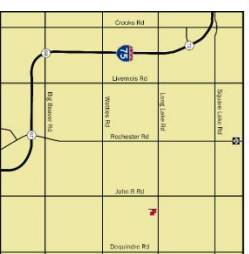


Come hear what its like to fly a powerful fighter jet!
Discussion and Q&A



**Free Admission!
All Welcome!!!**

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Spread "Spektrum"

Wednesday January 9, 2008 – 7PM



Technical Director Spektrum

Featuring a discussion with
John Adams



Horizon Hobby

Come learn everything you wanted to know about:
**Spread Spectrum Technology
Presentation, Hands On, and Q&A**

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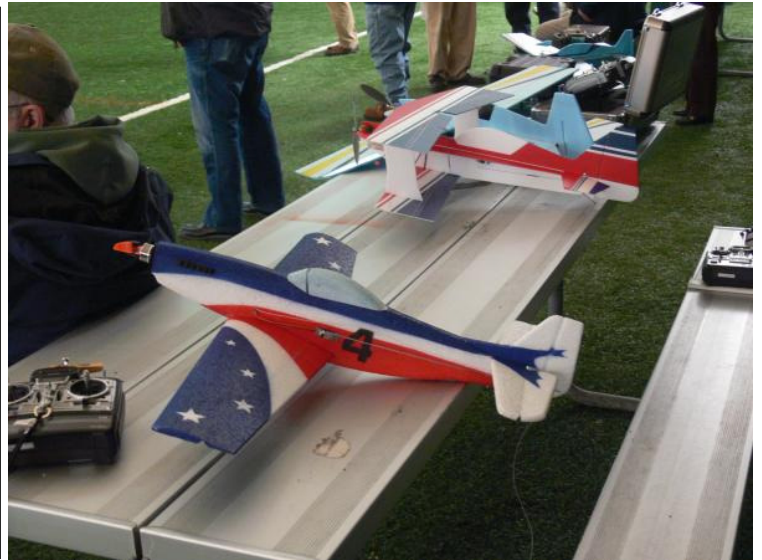


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Indoor Flying

Skymasters and the Romeo Skyhawks, working with the Shelby Township Senior Citizen Center have arranged for indoor flying again this winter at the Soccer City dome on 2452 23 Mile Rd. in Shelby Township. For a yearly fee of \$25 (\$20 for Shelby residents), we can fly RC on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 am to 2 pm. In addition, from 9 am to 11 am on Tuesday and Thursday and 12 pm to 2 pm on Friday's the dome is open for rubber power flying.

I was able to arrange some vacation in December and sneak in for four sessions of flying and had a great time. Quite a range of airplanes are flying including helicopters, 3D foamies and scale airplanes. Come on out for some indoor flying this winter!



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.

Shelby Township Indoor Flying - Tuesday, Thursday, Friday thru Winter Soccer City, 2452 23 Mile Road, Shelby Twp - 11:00 AM

Come fly indoors! Located on 23 Mile Road, east of Dequindre. A spacious soccer dome for our use. R/C Flying on Tuesday and Thursday from 11am - 2pm. Rubber Power Flying on Tuesday and Thursday from 9am - 11am and Friday from 12pm - 2pm. Pay ONCE for the season: \$20 for Shelby residents. \$25 for non-Shelby residents.

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

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 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.

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Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, January 23, 2008 Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM

"Flying the F-16!" John Nyquist from the Air National Guard joins us. Come hear what it is like to fly the powerful F-16 fighter jet!

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, February 4, 2008 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, February 13, 2008 School Unavailable - Band Concert - 7:00 PM

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, February 18, 2008 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 Shop - Wednesday, February 27, 2008 Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM

Our annual swap shop! Known as a hobbyists swap meet - our mid-week event is one of a kind. Set up at 6pm.

Skymasters R/C Club 2008 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 ()

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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, 2008)
- 2) *New members: Check for \$100 (\$70 Dues + \$30 Initiation Fee)
- 3) Photocopy of 2008 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.



SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

Pete Foss
562 Tanview Dr.
Oxford, MI. 48371

Web site: www.skymasters.org
Email: newsletter@skymasters.org



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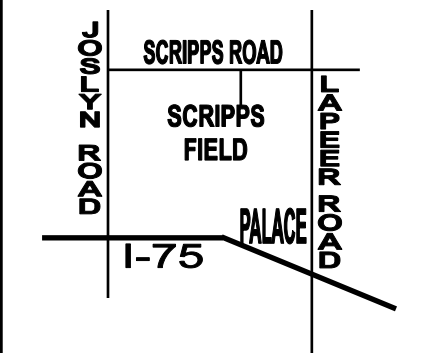
Skymasters Information.....

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.

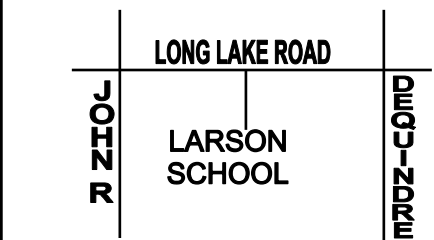
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all night is also a

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



Student 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!