



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970  
10 Year Gold Leader Club

# Skypwriter

## 2008 Electric Meet



**Dr. Keith Shaw's scratch built Flashback zooms off for another aerobatic display.**



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

**CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

Alyssa Wendt has been signed off as a Pilot.

Membership Director Gary Weaks finished in First Place in 4 recent scale competitions with his beautiful Swordfish. At the Romeo Scale Event and the PMAC Warbirds meet, he took home the Pilot's Choice honors. At the RCCD Big Bird Event he took First Place in both People's Choice and Pilot's Choice.

Son Chris took home First Place in Freestyle at his first IMAC competition in Jackson, MI.

**SAFETY FIRST:** Student Nights have been very busy with a fine group of newcomers being helped by dedicated instructors. With such a large crowd things can get a little chaotic. It is VERY important to follow our field rules and common sense. It is imperative that everyone helps insure the following:

**DO NOT TAXI INTO THE PITS.** Shut your engine/motor down on the far side of the pilot stations. Taxi up parallel to the flight line, not through an opening. The prop should never be facing in to the pit area

**RETURN TRANSMITTERS TO THE IMPOUND AFTER EACH FLIGHT.** That is where they should stay until you are ready to fly.

**2.4 GHZ (SPREAD SPECTRUM) TRANSMITTERS MUST HAVE A PIN.**

**TAXI OR WALK OUT (IF HAND LAUNCHING) TO CENTERLINE OF THE RUNWAY BEFORE TAKING OFF.**

**CALL OUT YOUR INTENTIONS. NICE AND LOUD.** "On the field, Hand launching, Taking off, Landing, etc. so that everyone can hear it.

**If someone mentions something to you don't take it personally. Let's keep everyone safe!**

**THE ELECTRIC EVENT WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS:** Thanks to Pete, Carolynn and Sam Foss for again hosting the event. Generous prizes from Hobby Lobby, Fancy Foam, R/C Report, Ross Jones (RJR Kool Tools), Flight Line Hobby, Castle Creations and Prop Shop made it a great day. A lot of newcomers had their first electric experience too.

**RED BULL AIR RACES:** While Saturday was a bust because of the wind Sunday more than made up for it. Words cannot describe it. The Red Bull helicopter did things I didn't think a full size chopper could do. The racers were phenomenal. Greg Cardillo has pictures available that are fantastic and perfect for your shop or office. Give Greg a call.

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!** Our next membership meeting is at the field on Wednesday, July 9. **WE WILL BE REVIEWING AND VOTING ON A REVISED CONSTITUTION, BY- LAWS AND FIELD RULES.** Thanks to Jim Held, his committee and the EOC for all their input. The changes are important to comply with how our organization has evolved, the upcoming new DNR Lease and recommendations from the AMA. The proposed documents are on the website or can be obtained by calling me at 248-321-7934. I welcome your questions and comments in advance too.

Speaking of the new lease, we have negotiated a workable new lease with the DNR. It will require that each pilot sign in before flying, that we have "spotters" for full size aircraft (something we do already) and that we fly below 1,000 feet. Our annual fee has gone up to \$1,400.00 per year but we now have the opportunity to work it down by "providing goods and services" to the DNR.

**WARBIRDS AND SCALE SUNDAY, JULY 20.** Plan on coming to the field for some fantastic flying machines. If you have a scale subject, even an ARF, bring it along and join the fun.

**FLOAT FLYING EVERY WEDNESDAY** Float flying continues at Winter Cove at Stony Creek every Wednesday. Contact Jim Held for more info.

See you at the field!

Joe Hass



# Skymasters R/C Club

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

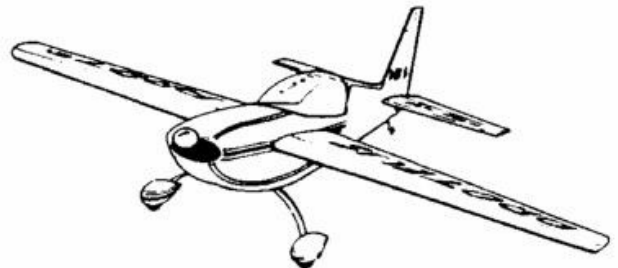
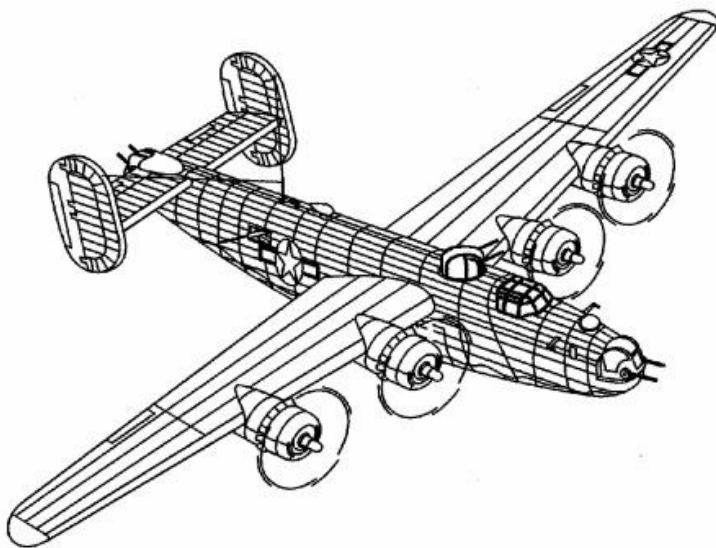
Join the Skymasters Radio Control  
Club for an R/C Aircraft Event

## Harold 'Big H' Maseles Warbirds and Scale

**Sunday July 20, 2008**

**Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field**

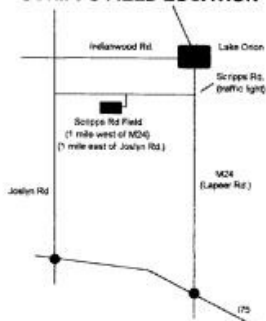
Event Flying starts at 10am



**Public  
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!

No Landing Fee  
Pilots Prizes!

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 Finkelstine 248-877-0086

Visit our website at [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)



# 2008 Electric Meet (Greg Cardillo photos)

This year's Electric meet was a great success. As CD and Event Director, I'd like to thank Carolyn and Sam Foss, Alyssa Cardillo and a fine gentleman who's name escapes me for running the kitchen. Always a big help when that's covered and I don't have to worry about it during the event. Thanks also to Greg Cardillo, Troy Clancy and everybody else who helped setup and tear down.

We had 31 pilots who flew and a prize for everyone. It was great to see at least 1/3 of the pilots were from other clubs including EFOs, Ann Arbor Falcons, Lapeer Propnuts, Romeo Skyhawks and RCCD. Main sponsors were Hobby Lobby and Fancy Foam with R/C Report, RJR Kool Tools, Flight Line Hobby, Castle Creations and Prop Shop. Thanks everyone for your support. Now on to some pictures from Greg and PMAC member Ron Leake.





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## Corn Roast and Top Gun

**Sunday August 24, 2008**

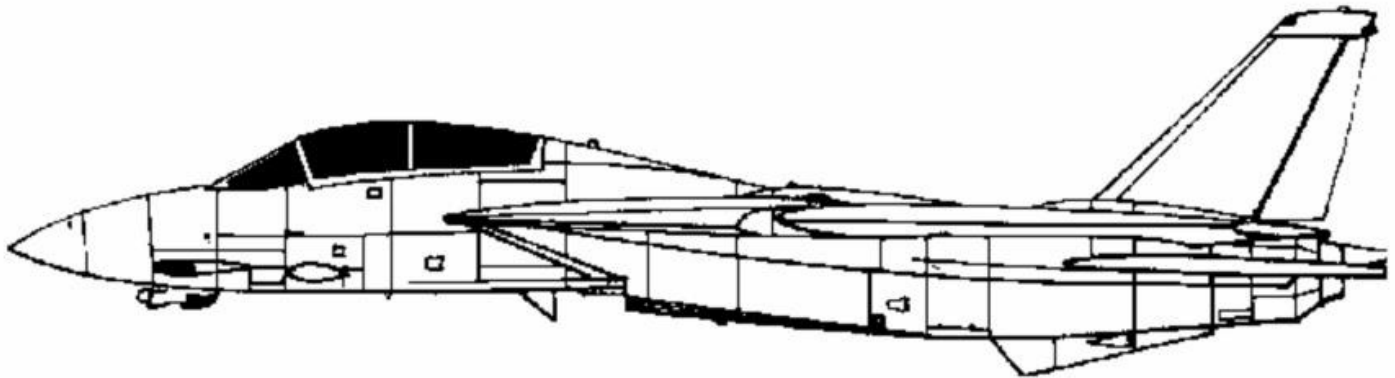
**Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field**

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

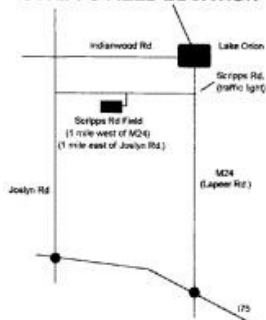
Open flying throughout the day starting at 10am

Annual Top Gun contest to find the best of the best!



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# Skymasters at PMAC Warbirds

Skymasters was well represented Sunday June 22 at PMAC's Warbirds meet. Five of the 19 pilots registered were Skymasters. Brandon Bartz flew his big P-40 and an electrified Corsair, while Paul Goelz flew his Great Planes Fokker DVII. Gary Weaks won Pilots Choice with his Fairey Swordfish and also wowed the crowd with his World Models Zero. Terry Overton took 2nd in Pilot's choice with his Sopwith 1 1/2 Strutter and also flew his F-82 Twin Mustang (from a Sig Somethin' Extra kit). My planes were on the small end of the spectrum with both my Terrific Mig-29s, a Bob Selman Mosquito and an RBC Skyray. Weights on those range from 1/2 oz to 42 oz. Congratulations to Gary and Terry for coming in one-two in pilots choice with a couple of great airplanes (and they are even not ARFs). Thanks to Dave Mac Donald and the PMAC club for hosting a fun event.



# UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

July 2008

## **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.

[Cancellations will be posted here before 8am on Wed. when necessary due to weather. We are at Winter Cove in the Park.](#)

## **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!"

[Starts Wednesday, May 28th!](#)

## **Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, July 9, 2008**

### **Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM**

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

## **Warbirds and Scale - Sunday, July 20, 2008**

### **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 13, 2008**

### **Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM**

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

## **Corn Roast and Top Gun - Sunday, August 24, 2008**

### **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.

## **Midwest Regional Float Fly - Saturday/Sunday, September 6-7, 2008**

### **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!

## **\*NO Meeting\* - Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

### **Recovering from our Float Fly! ;-) - 7:00 PM**

Join the TOPS flying club (full scale) for a MDOT TOPS Flight Safety program at Larson if you are interested...

## **Seven Lakes Float Flying - Saturdays - September 13 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...

## **Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, September 24, 2008**

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

Program TBD

## **Orion Township Barn Daze - Saturday, September 27, 2008**

### **Friendship Park - Baldwin Rd and Clarkston Rd - 11:00 AM**

Our annual Kid's Day once again combines with Orion Township Barn Daze. For a small donation (all proceeds to the park) - have a chance to fly a radio controlled model plane with one of our instructors. Also see a collection of our models on display. For Kid's of all ages! Flying till 5pm weather permitting. **\*\*Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event\*\***

[This is a tentative date from the Township. Please check back to verify!](#)

## **Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 8, 2008**

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

Program TBD



# **Mid-America Electric Flies 2008**

## **At the 7 Mile Road MRCS Field**

# **Note the New Field Location!**

AMA Sanctioned

**Saturday, July 12 & Sunday, July 13, 2008**

Hosted by the:

**Ann Arbor Falcons and Electric Flyers Only**

Site Provided by the:

**Midwest R/C Society**

Your Contest Directors are:

**Ken Myers** phone (248) 669-8124 or

KMyersEFO@aol.com – <http://members.aol.com/kmyersefo/>

**Keith Shaw** (734) 973-6309

Flying both days is at the Midwest R/C Society Flying Field - 7 Mile Rd., Northville Twp., MI  
(see map on map/hotels flyer)

Registration: 9 A.M. both days

Flying from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sat. & 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sunday

Channels 00 through 60, the six 27Mhz frequencies, & eight 53MHz frequencies, will be in use. Flying on five 49 MHz frequencies may be accommodated on request - Narrowband receivers are recommended for flying on Channels 00 - 60 - Very Wideband 27, 49, & 53 MHz, receivers may be accommodated on request – 2.4Ghz controlled at impound

**Pilot Entry Fee \$15 a day or \$25 both days - - - - Parking Donation Requested from Spectators**

### **Saturday's Events**

All Up - Last Down

(No Li ion, Li-Po, etc.– NiCads or NiMH only in  
AULD – any size motor)

Best Scale  
Most Beautiful  
Best Ducted Fan  
Best Sport Plane  
CD's Choice

### **Sunday's Events**

Best Scale  
Most Beautiful  
Best Mini-Electric  
Best Multi-motor  
CD's Choice

**Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award**

Open Flying Possible on Friday

**Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday & Saturday Nights**

Refreshments will be available at the field both days.

**Potluck picnic at the field on Saturday evening.**

Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed electric flying.

**Come, Look, Listen, Learn - Fly Electric - Fly the Future!**

**Saturday's & Sunday's Awards:**

**Plaques for 1st in each category**

**Merchandise drawing for ALL entrants**



# SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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**HOME OF THE**   
**"MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY"**

## Skymasters Information.....

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

tors around all 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.

### SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



### WINTER MEETINGS



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!