



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

Skywriter

Warbirds and Scale



Terry Overton and his scratch built 2008 Warbirds and Scale Military Pilot's Choice winning Hawker Nimrod.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Lots to review/announce this month...

Our new field lease has been submitted and paid for 2008/2009. My thanks to all of the Executive Committee and Jim Held for all their work reviewing the documents. We now have a mandatory sign in sheet. Please sign in before you fly. The spiral "Sign In" binder is in the Frequency Control Cabinet. Our spotter program is officially part of the lease. Everyone should always be aware of full size aircraft in the area and help those flying models steer clear or land to avoid all full size aircraft. Our flight ceiling is 1000ft.

On July 9 the membership voted to approve the proposed new Constitution, By Laws, Field Rules and Heli Rules. They are on the website and will be posted at the field shortly. Again, my thanks to Jim Held for taking the lead in upgrading those documents. We had numerous meetings. Bill Stark gets the award for "Best Proof Reader" of the year for finding typographical errors after we had convinced ourselves that the documents were perfect.

And the winner is... Danny Craig took 7th place in his first Scale contest. This was quite an accomplishment as Danny has only been flying for a year and he flew my Reno Racer VooDoo for the first time just the day before, flying a sequence that he practiced for the first time as well. Son Chris was going to fly his Hobby Lobby Sea Fury "Furius" but a technical problem kept him grounded so he flew my VooDoo as well. It was the first time he had flown it. And of course I flew the VooDoo. The problem with all this is that Chris took first place and I took third. The older I get the better I used to fly. Danny and Chris will be competing at the National Model Airplane Championships the 2nd weekend in August. Danny will be flying his new P-51 "Miss America" (a great flying Hanger 9 bird with retracts). Danny flies it very impressively. Chris finally got the bugs out of his Sea Fury and will be campaigning that bird. It is all electric putting 1700 watts to the prop.

Warbirds and Scale... I thought I saw Joe Finklestine doing some kind of anti rain dance about 9:45 AM on Sunday, July 20. Shortly after the event started at 10 AM, the rains stopped and by the end of the day the sun was shining. It was a great day. Lots of very impressive airplanes. There will be more coverage elsewhere in this issue.

Annual Fish Fry... Bob and Donna Burns will again host the Fish Fry on August 20. This is always a fun evening with plenty of great food. Families, Friends and Neighbors are welcome! There is a donation canister at each Student Night. Reach in to your wallet to help the cause. Thanks to Bob and Donna for all their efforts for the club.

Annual Corn Roast and Top Gun Competition... On Sunday, August 24 there will be more good eating and some friendly competition as Gary Weaks mans the grill and cooks up some great grub. Grilled corn, dogs, burgers, and brats are all supplied. Families, Friends and Neighbors are welcome! There should be some new competitors for Top Gun and maybe even a few surprises.

Midwest Regional Float Fly Super Prize... Great Planes, Hobbico, Futaba and OS Max have donated a beautiful red, white and blue Goldberg Cub with a 60 LA engine, 2.4 GHz FASST radio system and floats. Ron Sokacz is assembling things. The Hobbico organization has been very generous with us supporting the best float fly in the country. A 25 size Cub with floats as a second prize was donated by Horizon. Tickets are available now.

Float Fly Every Wednesday... Start each Wednesday with a trip to Stony Creek to do a little float flying and then come join us for...

Student Nights... What a great way to spend Wednesday evening. Good food and good flying. Come fly and help a beginner.

See you at the field.
Joe Hass

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12TH ANNUAL

AUGUST 20

DINNER
AT
6:00P.M.



\$4.00 PER PERSON DONATION
BOB & DONNA BURNS



BRING A DISH TO
PASS AND
SOMETHING TO
DRINK

2008 Warbirds and Scale Meet

Well, it started out Sunday morning with a light rain shower, but the weather progressively got better, and our 2008 Warbirds and scale meet went off very well. We had about 30 pilots sign in and as usual for this meet, I saw aircraft lining the whole field. This year, we introduced a new category for Pilot's Choice, that being ARF.

The three winners of the Pilot's Choice were:

Wade Wiley – Curtiss Jenny, Pilots Choice ARF
 Terry Overton, Hawker Nimrod, Pilots Choice Military
 Jim Held, Rockwell P-51, Pilots Choice Civilian

All of these ships were great to watch. Over the last few years I have noticed a slight but noticeable increase in WW I warbirds and I can say we should have enough for a "Dawn Patrol" review next year. While I always like watching the majestic bipes fly, I am fully aware they can be quite a challenge in our typical cross wind at our field. Also of note, I can only recall one 2-stroke this time, that being Jim Held's Rockwell P-51 (Moki 2.1) – Everything else appeared to be either a 4-stroke or electric. As the ever increasing deployment of ARF continues, the list of kit or plan built entries in this meet continues to shrink, as we only had 7 entries in Military, and 5 in civilian. If you fancy getting one of those marvelous plaques I give away each year your odds are pretty good, numbers wise, if you come with something other than an ARF!

As is always the case, several Skymasters were very helpful to pull off this meet, and I would be remiss if I did not thank them publically. Our Warbirds event is AMA sanctioned, which requires an actual CD. This year's CD was Greg Brausa, who also led the kitchen crew including fetching supplies the night before. Our kitchen was manned by Fred and his lovely wife Edith, who did a great job running the show. Several people helped out moving and loading/unloading the trailer and made my life easy as event director this year. Please thank these individuals when you get a chance.

I have been running this event for many years now, and given the turn-over in the club, I have always been a fan of bringing more people into the fold of being an event director or contest director. To that end, I would encourage any of you to contact me sometime either this summer, or at the Larson meetings if you think you might like to run an event like this. We can work Warbirds as a co-event director and continue to build up our pool of qualified people. This event is quite easy to run, and does not take anywhere near the time that a large meet like the float fly does. Please give it some thought and contact me.

Hopefully, the weather will continue to be our friend for next year's event – see you then!
 Joe Finkelstine



2008 Warbirds and Scale Meet (Ron Wlosinski photos)





Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

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

Corn Roast and Top Gun

Sunday August 24, 2008

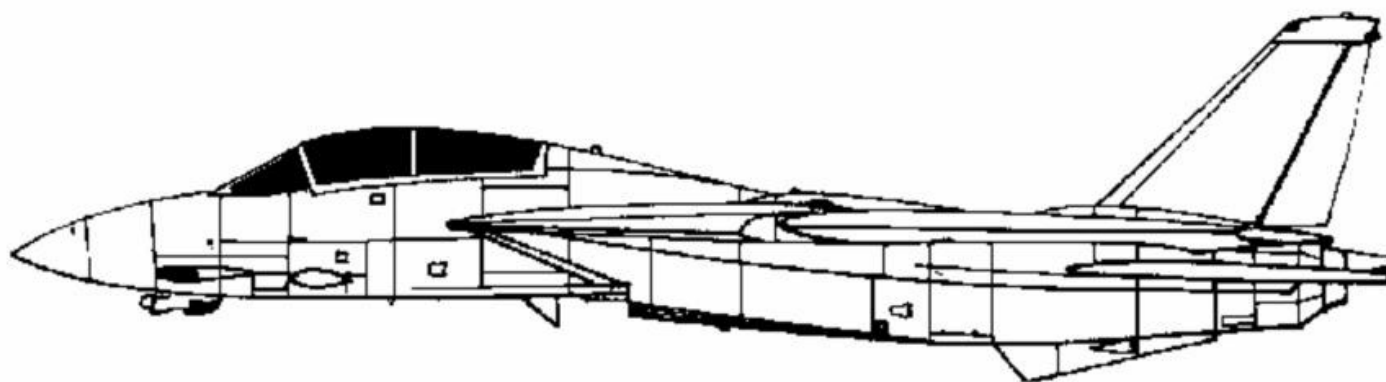
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

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

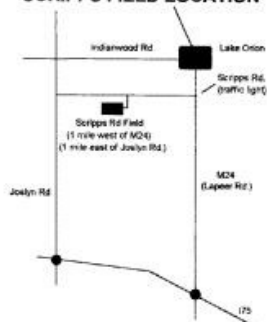
Open flying throughout the day starting at 10am

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



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

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for our 18th Annual Event

Midwest Regional Float Fly

Saturday/Sunday September 6-7, 2008

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, Past 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
SKS Videos and
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

On the web at www.skymasters.org – Email at floatfly@skymasters.org

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.

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, August 13, 2008**Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM****12th Annual Fish Fry - Wednesday, August 20, 2008****Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 6:00 PM**

\$4 for fish plus a dish to pass. Come on out to the biggest Student Night of the year!

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 20, 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****

NOTE DATE CHANGE!

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 8, 2008**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Program TBD

ELECTRICS OVER WHITE LAKE

a n A M A s a n c t i o n e d e v e n t

Site provided by Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club

August 17, 2008



Keith Shaw's Black Baron

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Contest Directors:

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Flying at the PMAC Flying Field on White Lk. Rd.

Registration: 9:00 am ~ Flying from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

No landing fee ~ Daily or yearly state park sticker required - 400' max. altitude

CASH AWARDS FOR TOP THREE PLACES*

- **Pilot's Choices**

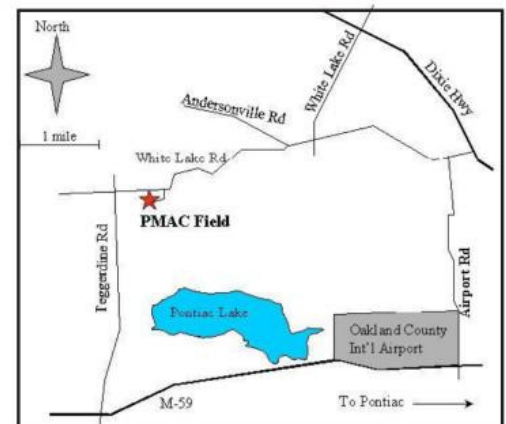
**Planes must fly to be considered for any award*



Come join us for a day of fun and relaxed electric flying!
Even though this is called a contest, the purpose is fun and
the enjoyment of sharing the electric experience!

• *Refreshments will be available at the field*

Come look, Listen & Learn. Fly Electric ~ Fly the Future



Additional information available at www.pmac.us



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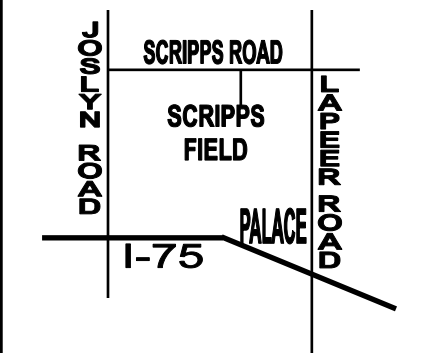
Skymasters Information.....

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 is 94 dBa at 10 feet—this noise rule is strictly enforced.

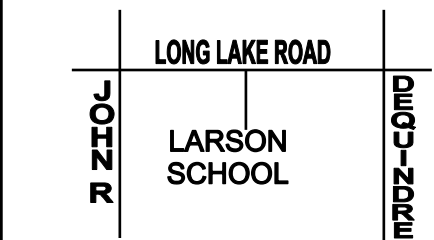
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!