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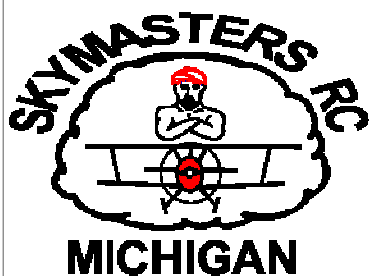
Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

TopGun 2008



2008 Top Gun winner Kyle Dorosz with his Aeroworks Yak.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

BY: Joe Hass

Lots to review/announce this month...Even more than last month!

And the winners are...

Congratulations to Kyle Dorosz on his win at our annual Top Gun Competition. Kyle gets the trophy and the Top Gun hat (as soon as I get it to him). Chris Hass came in second. A certain old guy came in third.

Congratulations to Danny Craig on his First Place National Championship at the recent Scale Nationals at the AMA headquarters in Muncie on August 10. Danny overcame the loss of his aircraft in a mid air during practice. With a borrowed airplane and a missed call, resulting in a zero for that maneuver on his third flight, he stayed focused and flew to win on his 4th flight. A great accomplishment for a 13 year old who has been flying for just over a year. He was the youngest pilots at the Scale NATS.



Three Skymasters are more than winners. They are heroes. On Wednesday, August 6 the skies over our field were filled with helicopters searching for a missing 75 year old women with Alzheimer's. What we didn't know was that it was Dolores Reuter, wife of long time Skymaster, Harold who was missing. On Thursday August 7, Dan and Joy Stolz, Greg Brausa and Joe Rubinstein were at the field. In the quiet after a rain, Greg was the first to hear a faint cry "Help". Then Joe heard it too. They were able to get a fix and proceeded to the area. Oakland County Sheriff officers happened to be at the field and joined the search. Dolores was found about 200 feet west of the entrance to our field, about 200 feet south of Scripps. Joy, an RN, administered first aid until emergency personnel arrived. Dolores had traveled over 1.5 miles through some very rough terrain and had been missing for over 36 hours. She is recovering.

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At the Fish Fry, Greg and Joe were presented with an AMA Award of Appreciation for their heroic efforts. Joy, we have a plaque for you too!



And speaking of the Fish Fry.....

Over 110 people came out on a beautiful Wednesday evening to enjoy the cooking of our own Bob and Donna Burns and Company. Only the ocean had a greater selection of fish. In addition, Greg Cardillo and Pete Foss manned the grill for grilled seafood, burgers and brats. More desserts than you can imagine. It was a beautiful event. We used the gathering to recognize the continued efforts of Greg Cardillo in promoting the Skymasters. Greg, in addition to being part of the EOC as a past president, is also our webmaster, is a Contest Director, runs the Midwest Regional Float Fly, and grills a lot during Student Nights. His input is always valued. Greg was presented with an AMA Award of Appreciations for all his efforts.



We had a guest at the Fish Fry, Eric Wierman from Van Nuys, CA. He heard about our Fish Fry and just had to be there. Well, not exactly. Eric is a corporate pilot flying a Gulfstream 5. He found us on the web while he was in town on a layover. When I met him in the shelter, he said he flew some electrics. I got him on the sticks of a PTS P-51. He did very well and enjoyed the rest of the evening with us. What he didn't mention until I got a delightful email from him later in the evening was that he was a member of the US Team flying F5B high performance motor gliders. He will be in Kiev in September representing the US. F5B are machines that fly at over 100 MPH and pull well over 200 amps. Chris overheard him talking to one of his friends on the phone - "I have only been here 10 minutes and I am flying an airplane and they are trying to feed me. You can't believe how nice these people are." The Skymasters are always gracious hosts. He comes to Detroit on a regular basis so I hope we will see him again soon.

And then there was the Corn Roast...

With another beautiful day Gary Weeks did his magic with the corn and Greg Cardillo manned the grill for a great day. We lost count at 115 in attendance. There was plenty of food and desserts. As always those that arrived early simply did what was necessary to get things set up and going. We had a lot of relaxed flying. The "Top Gun" competition had 8 entries with fantastic flying, some choreographed to music.

The end to Student Nights...NOT YET!

Ordinarily we would end the Student Nights with the coming of Labor Day. But with the number of students we have and the great weather we will continue but with not quite so much formality as our usual hosts have commitments during September. Float Flying at Stony Creek will continue as well.

MIDWEST REGIONAL FLOAT FLY SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7

The best Float Fly in the country is coming up in less than 2 weeks. Tell your friends. Come out and spend the day, even if you don't have a float plane. The Super Prizes consist of a complete Goldberg Cub, ready to fly with Futaba 2.4 FASST radio, engine and floats and a 110" Hanger 9 Plug and Play Cub with servos and engine installed. Donna Burns has tickets. So do I. Bill Brundle from Horizon will be joining us demonstrating some of Horizon's new products and acting as judge for our competition.

Other upcoming events...

There is no meeting on September 10 as it is so close to the MWRFF. There will be a MDOT presentation at Larson Middle School on Instrument Flying. All are welcome. We will need a few Skymasters to show off our side of the aviation. Remember that there will still be student flying at the field.

Barn Daze will take place on September 20. **THE FIELD WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE TIME WE ARE AT BARN DAZE.** We have had the discussions about 2.4, etc. It is just too risky to have the field open while we are so geographically close and flying demo flight as well as students.

Our next meeting will be September 24 at Larson. I have the kits for our President's Choice event on October 8. This one cannot be built that evening so you need to get your kits early. Only 40 kits will be available. Skymasters first. Call me at 248-321-7934 or see me at the field. Remember that there will be a special award for anyone who converts this to R/C. More details to follow (as soon as I make them up. Hey, it is President's Choice!)

Hobby Lobby will be joining us on October 29. **NOTE DIFFERENT DATE AND DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING. MORE INFO ON THE WEB OR IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**

See you at the field and at the meetings.

Joe Hass

2008 Bob and Donna Burns Fish Fry

The 2008 edition of the Fish Fry was one of the best ever! The weather was absolutely delightful with bright sun and light winds. Donna and the ladies had tons of deserts and salads while Bob and his crew fried up 60 pounds of fish. In addition, Greg and I poached, grilled and blackened about 10 pounds more. Great food and great friends, it doesn't get any better than that! Thanks Bob and Donna, Charles and Dairdre, Carolyn, Fred, Marv, Steve, Mark and Chuck.



2008 Corn Roast and Top Gun



RC at Pontiac Airport Open House

On Sunday, August 17, Skymasters Jim Held and Gary Weaks were part of a select group of RC pilots who were allowed to fly for the hundreds of spectators gathered at the Oakland Pontiac Airport open house. This is an annual event that showcases many aspects of aviation to the public. The RC portion of the open house was hosted by the United Flying Organization (U.F.O.) out of Highland, Michigan. Because the busy airport remained active during the entire day, special NOTAMs and procedures were posted to full-scale and RC pilots. The south runway, 27L / 9R was closed for two 1/2 hour sessions for RC operations while the parallel runway remained active. This required careful skills and planning to avoid any conflicts of the two airspaces. After being cleared by the tower, the RC show began and ended with stunning aerobatic routines by members of the UFO club. Between these demos, Gary with his P-47 and Jim with his P-51 joined Vic Kerster (PMAC) for a giant scale war bird gaggle. Nothing compares to multiple war birds warming up on the ramp together or flying a tight pattern. In addition to full and RC static displays, full scale fly-bys continued through the day with a T-28, a Waco biplane, F-16's from Selfridge, and several other interesting aircraft.

Gary Weaks with Ron Wlosinski photos.



UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

Aug 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!"

[Extended thru at least September 3rd! Check back for additional dates...](#)

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...

[Seven Lakes flying starts Saturday, September 13th!!](#)

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

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 22, 2008

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

Program TBD

Float Flying Video on Youtube

Larry Boulet <labco@wideopenwest.com> sent me a link to a video he took of the Stony Creek float flying a few weeks ago. Take a look at <http://ca.youtube.com/watch?v=qPkrd2ahTwY>. Some great video of pilots just splashing around!



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.

For more information call Greg Cardillo 248-431-5562

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



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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 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 pot luck buffet,

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



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!