



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

Skywriter

Cubs, Cubs and More Cubs!



Bill Brundle from Horizon, Chris Hass and Pete Foss are joined by Walt Plentis' son showing off the Eflight and Hanger 9 cubs.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

I usually do a bit of a recap in the November / December time frame but I can't help myself and do a portion of it now. This has been a great year for the Skymasters! And there is more to come!

We have had the most powerful programs to date with the major manufacturers sending in reps to educate and inform. My personal thanks go the management at Hobbico and Horizon for their support. Then Horizon and Hobbico outdid themselves again in support of our Midwest Regional Float Fly (MWRFF). Their contributions were, simply put, over the top. Bill Brundle from Horizon wrote me to say how impressed he was with everything he saw. We had great pilot prize contributions from Skymasters Mark Smith, Ross Jones and Al Mrock too. And I can't forget Prop Shop and Flight Line, our local retailers.

And speaking of impressive, what an impressive team we had at the Float Fly. So many people, under the leadership of Greg Cardillo, did so much to pull the event together. Another impressive contribution came from Donna Burns who once again outdid herself with the sale of raffle tickets. All I can say is THANKS!

This is the best organization anywhere! And there is more to come....

Wednesday Morning Float Flying will continue through October at Stony Creek. Saturday Morning Float Flying will continue at 7 Lakes. These warm days and cool nights have made for some great flying. The field continues to be active. Our first meeting was a lot of fun. No program, just a recap and some announcements. But we still used up the entire 2 hours with conversation and airplanes.

Our next meeting is President's Choice on October 8th. For those that are new this is a fun evening flying rubber powered aircraft for fame and prizes. This year we will be using the Right Flyer. We passed out the kits at the meeting. I still have a few left. These are more complicated than in the past so you need to get a kit ahead of time. Build it light. Avoid CA (too heavy). Give me a call at 248-321-7934 to get one. I will get all the rules out via e mail (as soon as I finish making them up). Come by and join the fun.

Hobby Lobby will again join us on October 29 (note one week later and at the Boys and Girls Club, 3670 John R, Troy, MI 48085). Jason Cole always has something new to share. You won't be disappointed.

November 12 will be the elections and financial review. I am still working on a short program. At this point the current officers plan on running again. This will be the last time I will run for president. It has been a privilege to be associated with such a fine group of ladies and gentlemen.

December 3 is the Christmas Party. Everyone enjoyed the earlier date last year so we have done it again, moving things up one week. Donna Burns is again taking the lead and will be counting on the same great support she had last year. More, later. I have confirmed that Santa will be there. He has asked me to help with his list so I will be in touch to find out who will be attending.

At this writing there are no arrangements for indoor flying this winter. A lot of things are in the works but the issue is complicated.

The JR Indoor Festival, usually in November in Columbus, OH, has been postponed (not cancelled) as Terry Nitsch looks for a different site. The dome that they used was destroyed as the remnants of hurricane Ike roared through. More as things unfold.

AMA Elections are coming up. You should receive a ballot in the mail. Horrace Cain has my vote for Executive Vice President. I urge you to support him as well.

I want to leave plenty of room for the pictures from the MWRFF so I'll sign off

Joe Hass



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

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

Hobby Lobby

Wednesday October 29, 2008 – 7PM

Featuring a discussion with

**Note meeting
date and location
changes!!**

Jason Cole

Come see:

New Products from Hobby Lobby

Questions and Answers

Giveaways!!



**Sure to be an
interesting
evening!**



Free Admission! All Welcome!!!

Boys and Girls Club of Troy

3670 John R

(South of Wattles)

Troy, MI 48085



For more information call Joe Hass 248-321-7934

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org

18th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly

The 18th Annual Midwest Regional Float Fly was held on September 6th and 7th. Sun, clouds, light winds, temperatures in the 70's!! With 87 registered pilots and well over 120 planes, our 7 flight lines saw a lot of action as they took to the skies...almost all of them returned for safe landings. The hard work of many people came together for another successful Float Fly! We had beautiful weather on Saturday...and after a slightly wet start to Sunday, ended up with many flights later in the day.

Our full scale participation increased this year as well! Past Skymaster Mike Weltyk flew down to join us once again on Saturday – this year in a Maule Rocket. Mike offered a ride to a lucky spectator – chosen via raffle with proceeds to the club – thank you Mike! We also had an Ultralight on floats fly in. On Sunday, Walt Plentis and his son flew in with their J3 Cub and spent some time with us. As we were cleaning up after the event, Walt departed – but first performing a couple of single float touch and goes from the lake. In addition to the flying, those that joined us for dinner Saturday night enjoyed a great meal. A new caterer and menu this year featured both bbq and lemon pepper chicken, baked pasta, Greek salad and breadsticks. Skymaster Curt Craig donated “just a few” desserts (he filled 2 picnic tables!) for a perfect ending to the meal.

After 2 days of flying, the pilots were rewarded with prizes from our generous sponsors! Everyone went home with something.. from a new tool, magazine subscriptions, kits, electronics, to a ARF J3 Cub! Our Super Prize Raffles this year included a Goldberg Anniversary Cub from Hobbico/Great Planes, assembled by Ron Sokacz, and matched with a pair of floats also built/covered by Ron, a FASST radio and OS engine – as well as a 106” PNP Cub from Hanger 9 complete with the addition of floats provided by Hanger 9 at the event! For those that won a prize – especially the larger ones – please take a minute to write to the sponsor to thank them for the donation! The challenge of obtaining prizes grows each year as requests to manufacturers and dealers continue to increase. The reputation of our event, and thank you's after the event all help in obtaining prizes for future years. (If you need to know who to write to – let me know...)

While the event is mostly 'Fly for fun' - we do offer 3 competitive categories to entice those special and unique models to come out. The winner in each category took home a Futaba FFAST Spread Spectrum radio! This year had some great looking models... And the winners were: In the Scale category, winning with an impressive Tigermoth was Ross Jones from Dimondale, Michigan. Laddie Mikulasko from Dundas, Ontario won the Sport Scale category with another of his own designs - a beautiful Shearwater – a v-tail flying boat with pusher engine. And to round out the competition, Skymaster Ron Sokacz won the Sport category with his Schneider racer.

This event can't happen without the help and efforts of our members (and some guests!) Thank you to EVERY-ONE that helped out - your efforts are greatly appreciated, by me and the rest of the club! I do want to thank some of the people that stepped up to coordinate different parts of the event. They recruited help, and ran their area.

Registration: Fred and Edith Engelman volunteered to run Registration.

Impound: Ron Sokacz took care of the impound tent for the weekend, insuring no frequency conflicts for the pilots flying on 72MHz.

Flight Control: Roger Schmelling ran the Flight Control tent - getting everyone that wanted to fly in the air as quickly as possible.

Kitchen: Gary and Phyllis ran "Cloud Nine Cafe" this year with Bill and Louise Dezure. They did a great job keeping the workers, participants, and spectators fed.

Raffle: Donna Burns and Sharon Edwards spent the weekend selling raffle tickets with their helpers! This has been the event's biggest money maker, and this year was no different!

Retrieval Boats: Dave Wendt and Wade Wiley provided the necessary boats for those water retrievals.

A special thanks to one of our guests - Bill Brundle from Horizon/Hanger 9. In between his flying, he performed the judging duties for our competitive events. Many other Skymasters and their families pitched in to help in these and other areas... THANK YOU ALL!!! Enjoy the pictures! and maybe you will see more in an upcoming magazine article. The SKS video of our event should be available soon.

Greg Cardillo



Hey, who snuck in a pair of full size floatplanes!



Thanks for coming back in your
Maule Rocket Mike.
See you next year!

Spectacular weather and a long list of fun events brought out many spectators and participants to the Annual Orion Township's Barn Daze on Saturday, September 20. For several years now the Skymasters have been hosting Kid's Day at this event. The soccer field makes a great place to demo some nice airplanes and offer trainer flights to anyone interested. Kids and adults alike waited patiently in line for a chance to try one of the trainers first-hand. The smiles were huge and the memories everlasting for an estimated 100 students given some trainer flight time. Joe Hass, Chris Hass, Wade Wiley, and Gary Weaks also demonstrated some larger planes and helicopters to give the crowd a nice overview of the hobby. This event was a great success because of those pilots along with Fred Engleman, Roger Schmelling, Dave Deeter, Bruce Thoms, Scott Abbott, John Hakala, Greg Cardillo and Curt and Danny Craig.

MIDWEST R/C SOCIETY
20th annual
R/C SWAP MEET
November 9th, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Northville Senior
 Community Center
 Northville, Michigan

For information, call Rudi Reinhard at
 248.643.4509
 e-mail: wwtbi@aol.com

Directions

Take the 8 Mile Road exit off of I-275 and go west for 2.5 miles on 8 Mile to Center Street. Go south (left) on Center Street for .5 miles and then west (right) on Main Street. The Northville Senior Community Center is located at 303 Main Street in downtown Northville. There is free parking in the back of the building, off of Cady street.

This is always the largest and best swap meet in southeastern Michigan!



Swap Meet



Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club



Sunday October 19, 2008

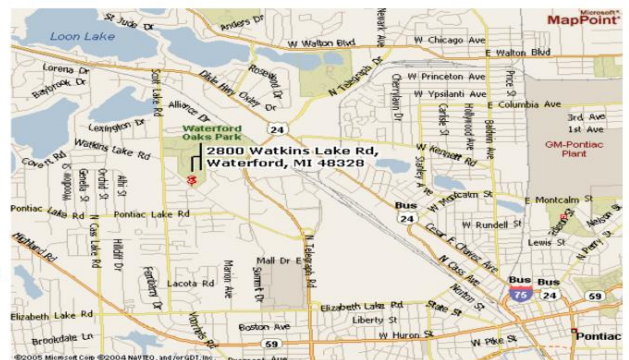
Waterford Oaks County Park - Activity Center,
 2800 Watkins Lk. Rd., Waterford MI.48328

9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

\$4.00 admission, Tables: \$10advance \$15 at the door

Vendor Setup 8:00a.m.

For info contact: Al Johnson PH:248-459-0803, ajohns79@sbcglobal.net



3/4 miles south of Dixie, 1/4 mile east of Scott Lake Rd

Entrance on 2800 Watkins Lake Road Lake Rd

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.

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.

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

"President's Choice" returns! Build and fly a specially selected model (must be obtained in advance - it won't be possible to complete this evening). Prizes for longest duration flights in the gym.

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 29, 2008**Boys and Girls Club of Troy. 3670 John R, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Hobby Lobby returns!! Come see Jason Cole and the new products available now from Hobby Lobby! These visits have been among our most popular - come join us!!

**** note DATE and LOCATION change!! ****

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, November 3, 2008**Spargo's Coney & Grill - Auburn Crossing Plaza, 2767 University Dr., Auburn Hills - 9:00 AM**

First and third Monday of each month throughout the winter - Join us for breakfast and R/C talk.

Note new location!

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, November 12, 2008**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Program TBD. Annual elections and financial report.

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, November 17, 2008**Spargo's Coney & Grill - Auburn Crossing Plaza, 2767 University Dr., Auburn Hills - 9:00 AM**

First and third Monday of each month throughout the winter - Join us for breakfast and R/C talk.

Note new location!

NO Meeting* - Wednesday, November 26, 2008*School Closed - Thanksgiving -****Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, December 1, 2008****Spargo's Coney & Grill - Auburn Crossing Plaza, 2767 University Dr., Auburn Hills - 9:00 AM**

First and third Monday of each month throughout the winter - Join us for breakfast and R/C talk.

Note new location!

Skymasters Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 3, 2008**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!! Santa has been informed. ****

Free! October Seminars



1192 S. Lapeer Rd.
Lake Orion, MI 48360
248-814-UFLY
www.flightlinehobby.us

“Gotcha Covered” October 4th, 2008



Terry Overton will do a seminar on covering a model. He will outline the basics as he cover one of his own beautiful scratch built models.

Every Saturday in October 11:00 a.m. at Flightline Hobby!

“Speed Controls 101”

October 11th, 2008



Scott Pavlock from Castle Creations will give a talk on Castle products and will be available for question and answers!

“A Heli of a Good Time”

October 18th, 2008



Chris and Joe Hass will go over all things related to heli flight! Electric demos, fixing, flying and 3-D as well. Join us and bring your machine!

“Let’s Talk Electrics”

October 25th, 2008



Many modelers need a little help here. Join our soldering demo and participate in our question and answer time with Joe Hass. Learn all about what size controller for what motor, props, set ups and more!

Free Coffee & Donuts!



SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

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Greg Cardillo



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.

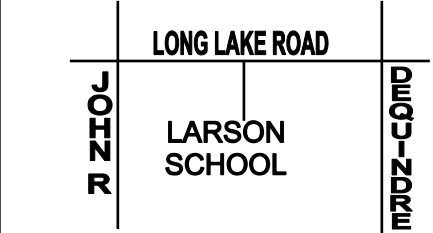
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all night is also a pot luck buffet, 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!