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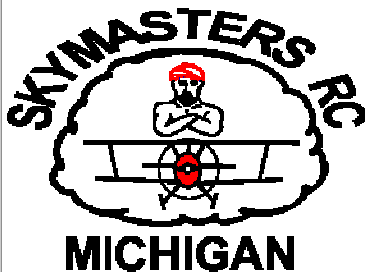
Chartered Club #970  
10 Year Gold Leader Club

# Skypwriter

## President's Choice



**Danny Craig and Elizabeth McConkie get ready to ROG with their rubber powered airplanes at President's Choice.**



### 2008 Club Officers & Appointees...

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

**Hobby Lobby Visit** - I write this immediately after the visit by Jason Cole from Hobby Lobby. It was another great evening with many clubs joining us. We had over 100 in attendance. Their new Aero Fly Deluxe simulator was outstanding. There was also tons of interest in their Pilot View First Person Video Camera. Imagine flying an RC plane from the cockpit! Their new jets have great performance and the hovercraft was a real treat. Hobby Lobby continues to be a trendsetter. Jason shared with me some of the things they have in the pipeline. He hoped that some of them would have arrived for his visit but a few production delays held them up. All I can say is I have placed my orders they are so neat. Dave "The Winner" Wendt won the beautiful F-4 jet that Jason donated for a raffle.

My thanks go to Wade Wiley for installing the simulator on his computer system and bringing it to the Boys and Girls Club. Jason and Hobby Lobby donated the simulator to the club. Wade was all smiles when he found out he could take it home. I suspect that we will see it at the Christmas party.

In addition to Hobby Lobby's visit, we had another special event at that meeting. We honored our third hero from Dolores Reuter's rescue. Joy Stolz couldn't attend when we recognized Greg Brausa and Joe Rubinstein so we presented an AMA Award of Appreciation to her for administering first aid to Delores before the ambulance arrived.



**Indoor Flying** - I took Jason to a number of local hobby shops and to Ultimate Soccer Arenas. He was amazed! He felt that it was the best indoor facility he had seen across the country. Bigger than the JR Fest, E Fest or the Arizona indoor fly. We are very fortunate to have access to it. We will begin our indoor flying on Tuesday November 11 at 11 AM. Did I mention that Jason will be working on a way to support us there too? Our collective thanks should go to FlightLine Hobby, Prop Shop Hobbies, Carleton Hobbies, R/C Hobbies and Hobby Lobby for sponsoring the indoor activities.

**Speaking of Hobby Shops** - We are very lucky to have these establishments nearby. Make sure they get your business. Some may even honor internet coupons. Sign up for their email lists. Get a group purchase together. There may be a better deal. Remember that they need to make a profit too.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... continued

**President's Choice** - Another evening of fun. There is a report elsewhere. Thanks to all those who participated. Next year it will be "Vapor Races". Details to follow.

### Did I mention that...

Dave Shea and Gary Weaks worked together to get a 9 year old boy into an airplane with all the accessories at no charge for anything. Ron Bernot did a beautiful job of framing and sealing the Field Rules for display at our Scripps Road Field. Neil Krohn quietly made a donation to the Boys and Girls Club during our last meeting.

**Elections** - Our next meeting is November 12. Due to a conflict at Larson, we will again meet at the Boys and Girls Club. We will hold elections. Please consider running for office. Everywhere the officers go men tip their hats and women swoon. Honest. We do need to get more members involved to continue to position the club for the future. We have invited a number of individuals to join us at our next board meeting. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

After the elections we will have a short program on Servo Set Up. There is more than most realize to properly set up servos, linkages, exponential, dual rates, etc.

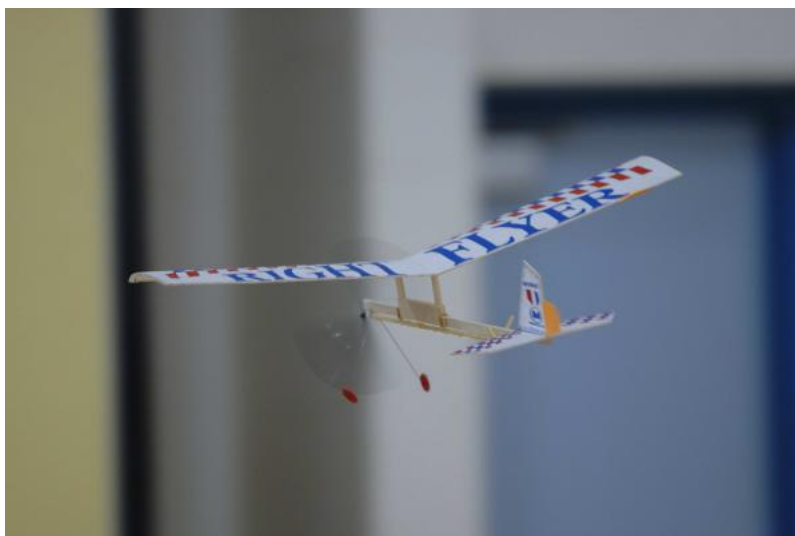
### There will only be one meeting in November.

**Frequency Control at Scripps** - We will be pulling down the Buddy Box and Frequency Control cabinets for the winter. Thanks to Mark Smith we will have a portable unit for 72MHz. Remember to continue to sign in every time you fly. Courtesy and cooperation will make everything work. I am looking forward to more of Paul Zabawa's famous chili on New Years Eve.

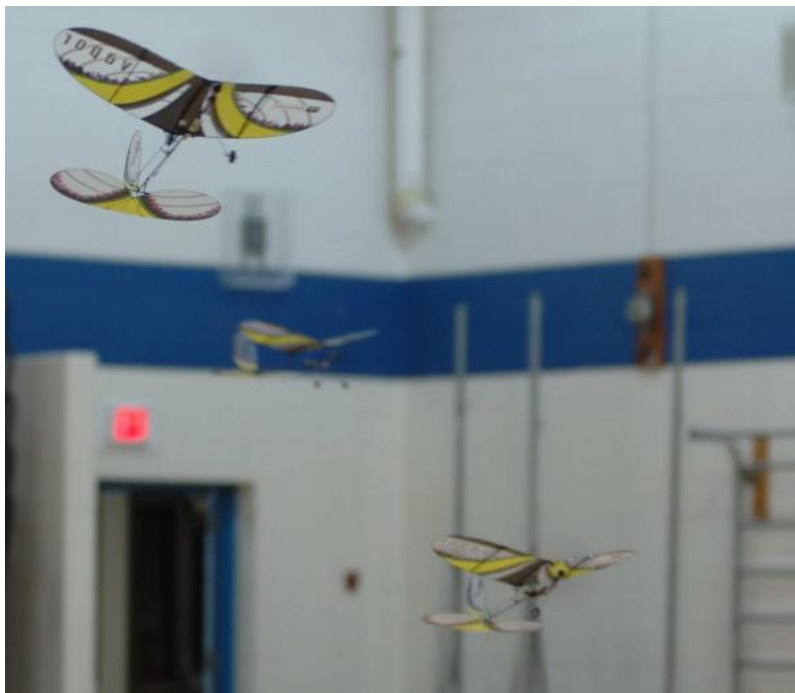
**Christmas Party** - Santa's helpers only heard from a few of you regarding the little ones coming to our annual event. For those that responded "Thanks". Grandkids are welcome too. Mrs. Claus has some shopping to do. Remember that the event is one week early on Wednesday, December 3.

With the continued good weather, see you at the field, at a meeting or at Ultimate Soccer for some indoor flying.

Joe Hass



A Right Flyer takes aim at Ron Sokacz's winning time.



A trio of ParkZone Vapors cruise around the gym at Larson.



# President's Choice with Joe Hass

A great time was had by all who attended the President's Choice event and meeting on October 8. There were almost 20 contestants with 4 R/C conversions of the Right Flyer.

There were a lot of testing and tuning flights before the timing began. Steve Fredericks quickly took the lead with a 55 second flight (remember these are rubber powered airplanes flying in the gym). Ron Sokacz quickly did a 54 second flight to establish a tight contest. Other pilots started out in the 30 to 40 second flight time area. Ron's second flight was 52 seconds and put him in the lead (best 2 out of 3 flights determined the winner). Steve's third and final flight had the makings of a record breaker until he hit an obstacle and got hung up in a basketball net. Ron Sokacz's last flight secured his win with a record breaking 61 seconds. Ron's Right Flyer was perfectly trimmed and just skimmed below the ceiling for what seemed like forever.

The final best 2 out of 3 scores were:

First Place	Ron Sokacz	115 seconds
Second Place	Steve Fredericks	95 seconds
Third Place	Dave Wendt	89 seconds



The R/C conversions were interesting with three out of the four aircraft going for a "brute force conversion". Rich Marshak, Paul Zabawa and Danny Craig used this approach. Only Danny, with the piloting skills of Greg Cardillo, actually flew in a controlled manner. Unfortunately Danny's plane was destroyed when the plane and Danny had a collision (with each other) on the 4th or 5th flight circuit of the gym. Joe Hass did the other R/C conversion going for lightness. His Right Flyer utilized only throttle and rudder. Joe's conversion used the motor, gearbox and prop out of the tiny E Flight Cessna, a Castle Creations Pixie 7, the Spektrum 6300 receiver and a DSP60J servo. Two 50 MAH lipos powered the bird with an all up weight of 1.4 ounces. A standard Right Flyer with rubber motor weighs .6 ounces. Joe took off from the floor, did figure eights in the gym controlling altitude with throttle and then landed. As Event Director, Joe didn't compete, so Danny Craig won the ARF donated by Joe Rubinstein for the successful R/C conversion of the Right Flyer.

John Hoover of Flight Line Hobbies loaned us a new Blade Micro CX. Chris Hass did demo flights and then allowed a large number of participants to fly as well. Chris reported that the mCX sells for \$129.00 ready to fly and \$95.00 using Bind and Fly. They are available at all the local hobby shops.

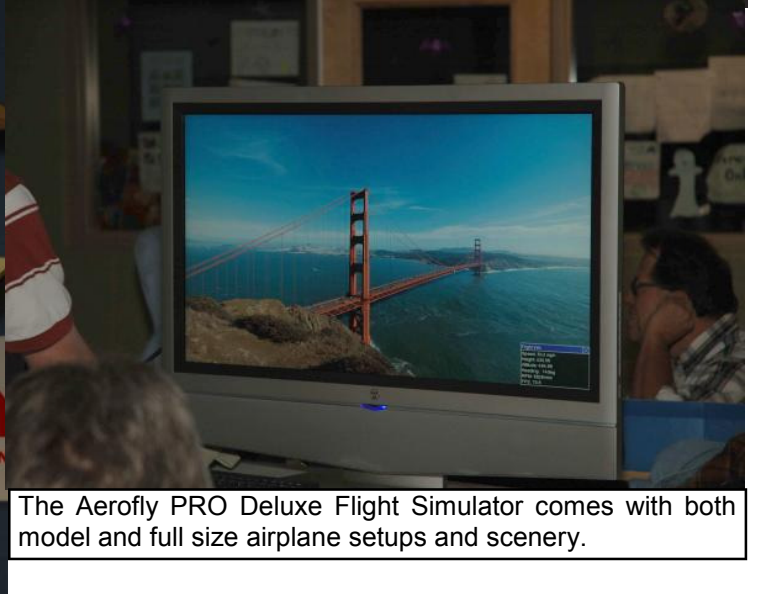
Four pilots brought Vapors and flew them throughout the evening. A straw poll was conducted to check the interest in doing "Vapor Races" for next years President's Choice. The answer was a resounding yes. So if all goes well we will see pylons and checkered flags next year.

Paul Zabawa brought one of his foamie autogyros and flew it around. There were certainly a lot of things spinning in the very tight confines of the gym.



Wade Wiley won the Show and Tell raffle for bringing in his new DC-3 fuselage from KMP. Wade said that he will repaint it and eventually convert it to floats. Chris Hass brought in the wings from his new 101" Yak. The fuselage was someplace in Kansas and on its way back to Michigan. Bill Stark won the 50/50.

A large contingent of Skymasters helped clean out the gym to close the meeting shortly after 9PM.



The Aerofly PRO Deluxe Flight Simulator comes with both model and full size airplane setups and scenery.

Jason Cole with Hobby Lobby's new F-4 Phantom 70 mm EDF jet.



Wade Wiley tries out the new Pilot View FPV2400 first person video goggles. Fly from the cockpit with an RC airplane! Is that cool or what!



Dave Wendt was the lucky winner of the F-4 Phantom 70 mm EDF jet door prize. Thanks Jason!





# Skymasters R/C Club

In conjunction with **Romeo Skyhawks**  
Join the Skymasters Radio Control  
Club for an R/C Aircraft Event

## Winter Indoor Flying!

**Tuesdays thru Winter – starts November 11, 2008**

**Ultimate Soccer Arenas**

**867 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI**

**(west of Opdyke on the north side of South Blvd)**

Flying area is 365 ft by 260 ft with 45 ft to 75 foot ceilings!

Come join us for some indoor fun!!

**R/C Flying Schedule: Tuesday 11am – 1pm**

*Ample space for concurrent flying of 3D, Heli, Sport Flying!*



Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site.  
Check our website for event status throughout the winter.



*Carlton Hobbies*



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**Five Sessions for \$25 - Pilots must show proof of AMA membership**

Ultimate Soccer Arenas - [www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com](http://www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com)

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For more information call Joe Hass 248-321-7934

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

**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](mailto: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!



**ST. CLAIR COUNTY PROPBUSTERS**  
**R/C MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB PRESENTS:**  
**OUR 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**



# **R/C SWAP MEET**

Open to  
The Public

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 7th, 2008**

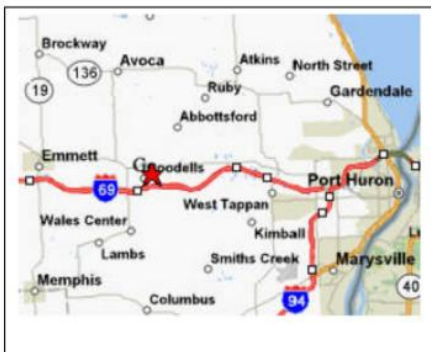
**9:00 am to  
1:00 pm**

**FREE TABLE SPACE - \$3.00 ADMISSION**

If you have something to sell that is R/C related,  
Call Sheila O. at (810) 367-6367 to reserve a table today.  
Be sure to arrive a ½ hour early to set up your table.

**Pancake Breakfast at 8:30**

Come early for the Pancake,  
Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast!



## **R/C MODEL SUPPLIES**

## **OF ALL TYPES - NEW & USED**

PROPBUSTERS SWAP MEET IS LOCATED  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING AT  
**GOODELLS COUNTY PARK ON COUNTY PARK DRIVE.**

[www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.COM](http://www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.COM)



**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.

**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. (Exit 79 from I-75; go east on University to first strip mall on the north side)

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**Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, November 12, 2008 -Note change in location!**

**Boys and Girls Club of Troy. 3670 John R, Troy - 7:00 PM**

A discussion on Servo Setup in our models. 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. (Exit 79 from I-75; go east on University to first strip mall on the north side)

**\*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. (Exit 79 from I-75; go east on University to first strip mall on the north side)

**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!!

**Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, December 15, 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. (Exit 79 from I-75; go east on University to first strip mall on the north side)

**\*NO Meeting\* - Wednesday, December 24, 2008**

**School Closed - Christmas Break -**

**Krazy Snow Fly - Wednesday, December 31, 2008**

**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.



# Skymasters R/C Club 2009 Application For Membership



## Information (print clearly)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Significant Other: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member (  )      Renewal (  )

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot: (  )      Student: (  )

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter: Will be sent by email. If you need a paper copy, please check here: Standard Mail (  )

## Other Family Members Who Fly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot (  ) Student (  )

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AMA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Pilot (  ) Student (  )

## Field Rules

- 1) Field hours are 10 AM - 8 PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)
- 2) Noise limit is 94 dB at 10 feet.
- 3) All legal frequencies on 27mHz, 50/53mHz (with Ham license), 72mHz, 900mHz, 2.4GHz permitted.
- 4) All 50mHz and 72mHz transmitters and receivers must be narrow band.
- 5) All Radios 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, 2009)
- 2) \*New members: Check for \$100 (\$70 Dues + \$30 Initiation Fee)
- 3) Photocopy of 2009 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.*



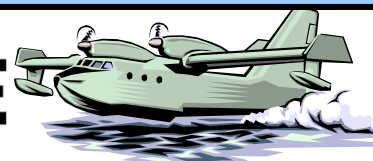
# SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

**Pete Foss**  
**562 Tanview Dr.**  
**Oxford, MI. 48371**

Web site: [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)  
Email: [newsletter@skymasters.org](mailto:newsletter@skymasters.org)



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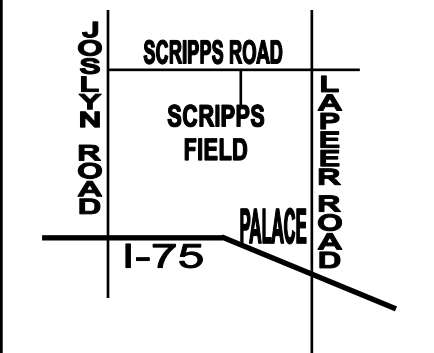
## Skymasters Information.....

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

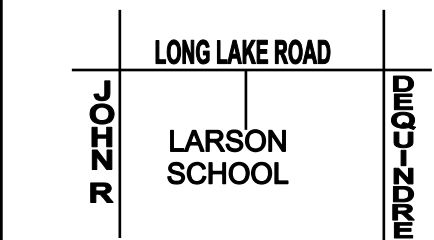
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!