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Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

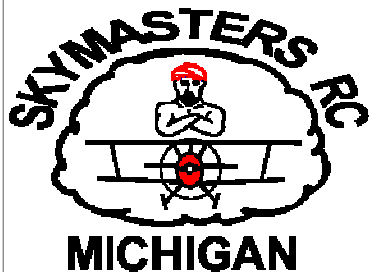
Skypwriter

Christmas Party 2008

***A Family Christmas
Celebration with
the Skymasters RC Club of
Michigan***

You and your family are invited
to join us on
Wednesday December 3rd
Larson Middle School
2222 East Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48085

Appetizers at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Please bring a dish to pass
Santa Claus will be making a special
appearance for the children



2008 Club Officers & Appointees...

President:	Joe Hass	1142 Brunswick Dr.	Rochester Hills	48309	248-321-7934
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Membership:	Gary Weaks	2512 Red Fox Trail	Troy	48098	248-540-8358

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Gone Flying Forever We lost a long time Skymasters member with the passing of Harold Reuter on November 7. Harold was 79. Harold was a very talented machinist and modeler. He called many Skymasters "friend" but was especially close with Al Mrock and Roberto Mesnik. Both Roberto and Al spoke very emotionally during the services. Harold was very influential in establishing a close relationship with the DNR and Township officials during some very difficult times with our field many years ago. Harold worked tirelessly with the Lake Orion library making sure youngsters and retirees were exposed to the marvels of model aviation. He spent the last few years caring for his wife Delores. Please remember the Reuter family in your prayers.

Christmas Party December 3 Our annual event is coming up soon. Santa has made his list and is checking it twice. Bring an airplane for display and a dish to share. Appetizers at 6:30. Dinner at 7. Santa will be by after dinner.

Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer

How do I say S U C C E S S F U L! 36 pilots the first session. 49 the next. Visitors and guests almost doubled that number on each date. We now have an arrangement to fly the Saturday after Thanksgiving (November 29) from 11AM to 3PM. Thanks to all who have stopped by and had fun. The restaurant has been full. Many thanks to our sponsors. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Jim Held, Ron Sokacz and Greg Cardillo for all their help.



Elections and Financials The current board was re-elected. Thank you for your vote of confidence. We spent a lot of time reviewing our financial position. I am pleased to report that due to the generosity of many, many members and the careful management of our resources by the Executive Operating Committee we are in a positive position for the future. Dave "Lucky" Wendt, our club secretary, won the gift certificate for Show and Tell after winning the F-4 at the last meeting.

Elections November 2009 Say What? I thought we just finished an election. Well, we did. As I have said for some time, I will not be running again during the elections of November 2009. Words cannot express my appreciation for the support I have been provided by the officers and members. I firmly believe that no one should be in office for too long. Personally, as I have said before, there are some things that I need to focus on as well. It would be most beneficial to the organization to have those individuals interested in helping mold the organization for the future get involved now to help with a smooth transition in 2010. (How can we be talking about 2010? Wasn't it just Y2K? Glad my grandson and Chris are getting older and I am not).

EOC (BOD) Meetings We invited some current club members to join us at the last BOD meeting at Ron Sokacz' home. We welcome all input. I hope they left with a glimpse of the issues the BOD faces as we work for our future. I know they left full as Ron and Tony created a beautiful dinner for us.

New Address for AMPEER Newsletter Ken Myer has visited us many times to keep up to date on all things electric. He is also the author of the AMPEER Newsletter. It is one of the best in the country. No charge to subscribe electronically. Their new electronic address is: <http://homepage.mac.com/kmyersefo>. While at times technical, it is a good read every month.

Programs for 2009 We have many interesting programs to look forward to in the coming months. Make sure you join the group for the "Retirees and Wannabees Breakfasts". Don't forget Monday Dec 15th's breakfast is the one where the wives and significant others usually attend. Take a look at the website for all the latest.

See you at Ultimate Soccer, at the Christmas Party or at a meeting.

Joe Hass



Skymasters R/C Club

In conjunction with **Romeo Skyhawks**

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

Thanksgiving Weekend Indoor Flying!

Saturday, November 29, 2008 – 11am to 3pm



**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!!

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



Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site.
Large Screen TV, Video Games, nearby Great Lakes Crossing
See more pictures and information on our website!

\$20 for 4 hours – Ultimate Gold Card Holders \$10
Pilots must show proof of AMA membership

Ultimate Soccer Arenas - www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com

For more information call Joe Hass 248-321-7934
Visit our website at www.skymasters.org

Hello From Brazil!!

Dear friends,

Every time I receive a Skymasters communication I remember the great time I shared with all you.

Since I returned to Brazil, this is the first e-mail I am sending to you but you can be sure that I miss all the good friend I had there. I am sending attached some pictures of my new plane that I maiden in the last weekend and the Piper J3 full scale that I am piloting here.

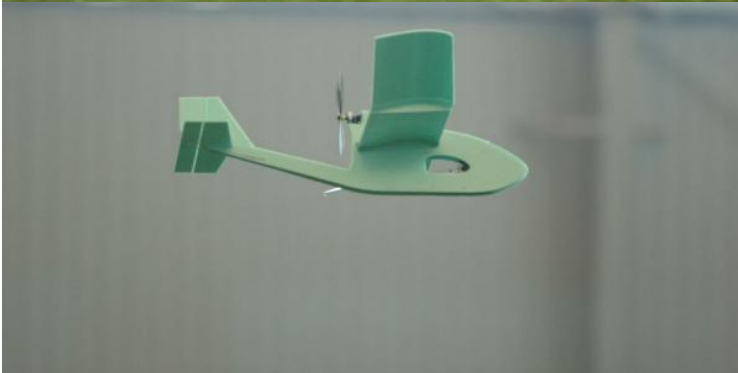
Frank and Scott, this H9 Extra 260 27% (*with a EVO 45GX2*) is great! I recommend! It flies like the small Extra I used to fly in Skymasters and now you are piloting. Now that the summer is starting here, I think I will enjoy this one very much! (*Weather looks great! It was 17 degrees this morning in Michigan - Pete*)

I miss you guys!

Ruy Bueno <ruybueno@hotmail.com>

Flying over Caxias do Sul







Skymasters R/C Club

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Join the Skymasters Radio Control
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Winter Indoor Flying!

Tuesdays thru Winter – starts November 11, 2008

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(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



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

Ultimate Soccer Arenas - www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com

For more information call Joe Hass 248-321-7934

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



Radio Control Club of Detroit
Presents their

“13th Annual Swap Meet” Sunday January 25, 2009

Time: Open 9:00am – 1:00 pm

Location: Same as Last year!!!!

Knights of Columbus Hall
23695 Mound Rd
Warren, MI 48091
[1/3 mile North of 9 mile on the west side of Mound Rd]
(see map)

General Admission:

Adults - \$3.00,
Children under 12 yrs old - \$1.00
Children under 5 – FREE!

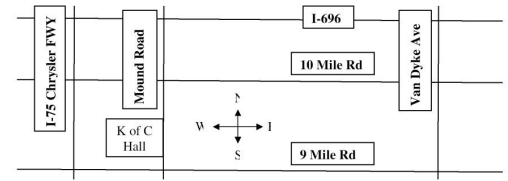
Free Parking

Door Prizes drawn every ½ hour
Food and refreshments available

Contact: To reserve tables or any other inquiries contact:
Bob Hunt – 586-774-5296 Or
rahuntbuilders@netzero.com

Vendors: Tables \$20.00 each (includes 1 admission per table) \$18.00 if payment is received by Jan. 18th
Table setup at 8:00 am.
Vendors requested to stay until noon

More info? www.rccd.org



Cloudbusters Annual Auction

January 20, 2009

8:00 PM

Point of Light Church, I-75 & I-696
Royal Oak, Michigan



**ST. CLAIR COUNTY PROPBUSTERS
R/C MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB PRESENTS:**

OUR 10TH 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

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.

Winter Indoor Flying! - Tuesdays Thru the Winter**Ultimate Soccer Arena, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI - 11:00 AM**

Located just west of Opdyke, on the north side of South Blvd - a 365 ft by 260 ft facility with ceilings from 45 to 75 ft available for indoor flying from 11am to 1 pm!! Ample room for concurrent flying of 3D, Heli, and Sport. Purchase 5 sessions for just \$25 (available at event). Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site

***NO Meeting* - Wednesday, November 26, 2008**

School Closed - Thanksgiving -

Thanksgiving Weekend Indoor Flying! - Saturday, November 29, 2008**Ultimate Soccer Arena, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI - 11:00 AM**

Located just west of Opdyke, on the north side of South Blvd - a 365 ft by 260 ft facility with ceilings from 45 to 75 ft available for indoor flying from 11am to 3pm on Saturday, November 29th!! Ample room for concurrent flying of 3D, Heli, and Sport. Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site. Just \$20 for 4 hours. Ultimate Gold Card holders pay only \$10!

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)

[Bring your significant other with you for today's breakfast!](#) [Last breakfast till January.](#)

***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.

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, January 5, 2009**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 Meeting - Wednesday, January 14, 2009**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Scale Free Flight with Ted Allebone. See the detailed work that goes into scale powered free flight models. Take a look at Ted's Supermarine Walrus on the National Association of Scale Aeromodelers (NASA) website! Come join us to learn more!

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 ()

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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.*



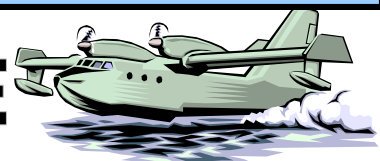
SKYMASTERS RADIO CONTROL CLUB OF MICHIGAN

Pete Foss
562 Tanview Dr.
Oxford, MI. 48371

Web site: www.skymasters.org
Email: newsletter@skymasters.org



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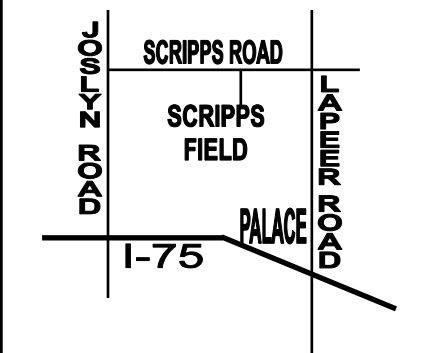
Skymasters Information.....

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.

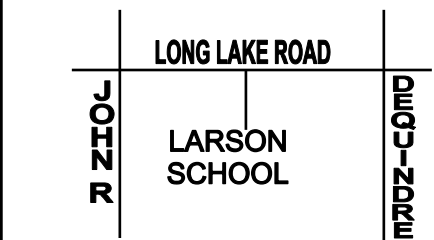
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!