



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970  
10 Year Gold Leader Club

# Skypwriter

## Krazy Snow Fly



**John Hoover tore up the sky with his Multiplex Twister at the Krazy Snow fly. It was a great day to fly and eat chili even if it was a tad bit windy. Come on out next year!**



### 2009 Club Officers & Appointees...

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

**Krazy Snow Fly** This one really was a "Snow Fly" and I think we all had to be a little krazy to be out in the direct cross wind that had to be blowing at least 25mph. My instant light propane torch was used to start the fire; my annual cigars and at least one 4 stroke engine. Glow and electric, fixed wing and helicopters were all there.

My first flight took off the landing gear on my electric Banshee during a low photo pass for Greg Cardillo. The wind just slammed it down enough to instantly install retracts. It continued to fly so I handed the transmitter to Greg to try to get feeling back in my hands. Greg flew it as long as he could before his fingers gave out. I tried to hover it so that it could be pulled out of the air. Chris finally accomplished the task.

Paul Zabawa had plenty of hearty chili for all to enjoy. Those in attendance used the tasty brew to keep warm and replenish expended calories. Thanks Paul! Steve Fredericks created a new fire pit for us. John Collins donated a 55 gallon drum that Steve turned into a very handy heater. Thanks to Steve and John!

Every pilot left with a prize.

**Our Winter Meetings Have Started with a Kick** Ted Allebone showed us how to build phenomenal scale freeflight aircraft for under \$10.00. He was amazing in his description of how he creates these fantastic machines from scraps, old toys, surplus motors, etc. Ted donated a set of plans for his 1/15th scale Sopwith Triplane that was published in the Nov '07 Flying Models. Pete Foss was very happy to win the plans. *(Now all I have to do is convert it to indoor RC - Pete)*

**Cubic Wing Loading** Ken Myers again joined us for a technical discussion of Cubic Wing Loading and a review of power / prop and battery decisions for electric airplanes. I try to keep up with his knowledge but always seem to loose. The good news is that Ken is always available to answer specific questions.

Thanks to both gentlemen for sharing with us.

**February Meetings will also be a Hit!** The Toledo winning TU-95 Bear will appear at our February 11 meeting and our annual Swap Shop will occur on February 25. Both will be a lot of fun so join us on both days.

**And an Added Bonus** Mark Wednesday, April 1 on your calendar! We will have a special meeting at Ultimate Soccer in Pontiac with Special Guests Pete Bergstrom and Bill Brundle from Horizon Hobbies. This will be a pre-Toledo kick off. There may be some sneak previews. There will be demos and other surprises.

Tell your friends. Everyone is welcome!

**Thanks to Scott Abbott and Friends!** Scott is an avid winter flyer and has made arrangements to clear the road at the Scripps Road field so that 2 wheel drive vehicles can make it in. Winter flying is fun.

## E FEST is coming up February 6/7/8 in Champaign IL

Pete Foss, Ross Jones and Chris will be heading out there to enjoy the camaraderie and fly fun. There is still time to make arrangements. I still have room reservations if anyone is interested.

## Indoor Flying at Ultimate

It has been absolutely wonderful to be able to fly every week in this fantastic facility. Even if you don't fly, stop by and watch the fun. Stay for lunch too.

See you soon.  
Joe Hass







# Skymasters R/C Club

**We'll Teach You To Fly!**

Join the Skymasters Radio Control  
Club for an R/C Symposium

## Annual Swap Shop

**Wednesday February 25, 2009**

**Table Setup – 6pm General Admission – 7PM**

\* **TABLE \$10-00** One per person, first come first served. Includes one admission. No reservations.

\* **\$3-00 Admission** - No table

\* **Kids under 18** - Free

\* **Door prize**

\* **Refreshments available.**

\* **50/50 drawing.**

\* **Raffles drawn throughout the evening.**

\* **Please remember - no smoking in the school buildings.**

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Raffles  
Sell outs ?  
Junk  
Door Prize  
Bargains  
Old 'gear'  
50/50  
Lots of 'stuff' ?

**General Admission: \$3**  
**Tables: \$10**  
**All Welcome!!**

**Auction at end of evening**

**Larson Middle School**  
**2222 E. Long Lake (18 Mile)**  
**Troy, MI 48085**



For more information call Joe Hass 248-321-7934

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



# Krazy Snow Fly

February 2009







buy sell trade at our new  
**NEW LOCATION**  
presented by

**Chesaning Area Model Flying Club**  
Sunday, February 8th, 2009  
9 AM to 3 PM

**Adult Admission: \$5.00**

**12 & Under: Free!**

**TABLES \$20.00**  
Call (810) 348 6390 before January 15th.  
Make Checks payable to  
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**This show is always a sellout!**  
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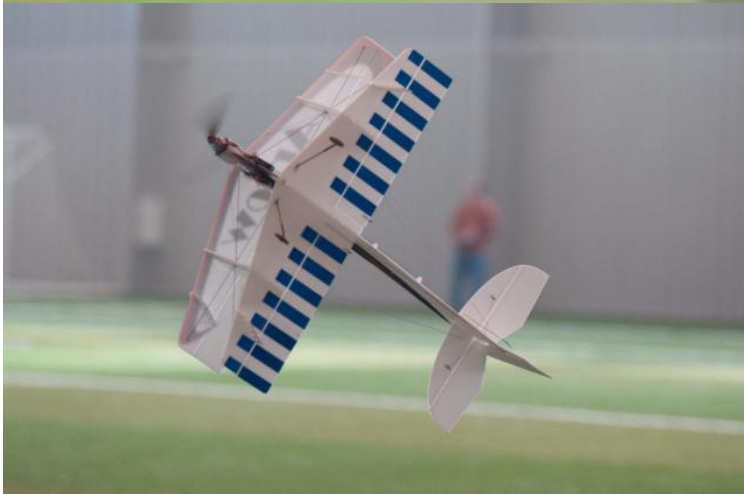
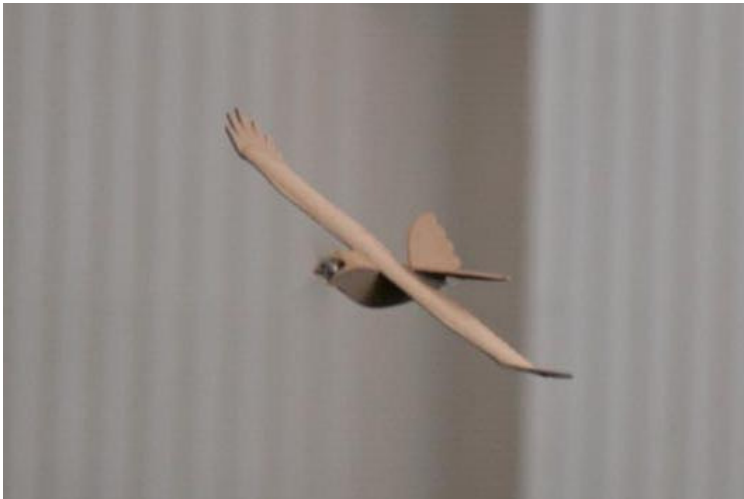


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- All RC Hobbies!









# UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

February 2009

## 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 - Single sessions \$15 (available at event). Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site.

## Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, February 2, 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, February 11, 2009

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

George Maiorana and the Bear! George returns with an update on his TU-95 project. At 108.6 inch wingspan, take off weight of 32 pounds, and powered by 4 motors each turning 2 props using a contra-rotating gear box - this is an impressive airplane! George took top honor in Designer Scale at the 2008 Toledo Expo, and now has several flights on the plane. Take a look at the videos of the TU-95 on the National Association of Scale Aeromodelers (NASA) website!

## Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, February 16, 2009

### Spargo's Coney & Grill

### Auburn Crossing Plaza, 2767 University Dr., Auburn Hills - 9:00 AM

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## Swap Shop - Wednesday, February 25, 2009

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

Our annual swap shop! Known as a hobbyists swap meet - our mid-week event is one of a kind. Set up at 6pm.

## Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, March 9, 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)

## \*NO Meeting\* - Wednesday, March 11, 2009

### School Closed - Spring Break - 7:00 PM

## Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, March 23, 2009

### Spargo's Coney & Grill

### Auburn Crossing Plaza, 2767 University Dr., Auburn Hills - 9:00 AM

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## Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, March 25, 2009

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

"In the bones" Now an annual meeting event - a chance for members and guests to bring in their not yet completed models to share what they have been up to this winter! Always some unique projects being worked on by our members. (Completed models of course welcome for Show and Tell!)

## Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, April 1, 2009

### Ultimate Soccer Arena, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac - 7:00 PM

Pete Bergstrom and Bill Brundle of Horizon Hobby will join us on their way to the Toledo Expo! Check back for more details!

[Note date and location change!](#)



# 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**

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**Greg Cardillo**

**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, 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!