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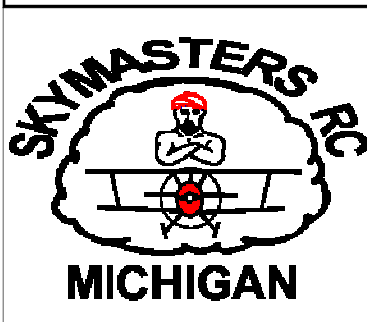
Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

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Horizon Hobby Visit to Skymasters



Matt Andren and Bill Brundle from Horizon Hobby present Skymaster Brandon Bartz with a Seagull Models Extra 300S.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Where to begin...

Indoor Finale: We finished to indoor season with a great turnout. Thanks to all for making it so successful! And we ended just in time as it is no longer legal to harvest foam for this season (joke in case anyone is wondering).

Horizon Symposium at Ultimate Soccer was a phenomenal success with 145 people from 12 clubs in attendance. We started the evening recognizing the loss of one of our guests. Mr. Nguyen, 37 years old and the President of Seagull Models, died of a heart attack on the flight from Detroit to Toledo. Pete Bergstrom was pulled off our program to help the family. Bill Brundle and Matt Andren did double duty putting on the show for the evening.

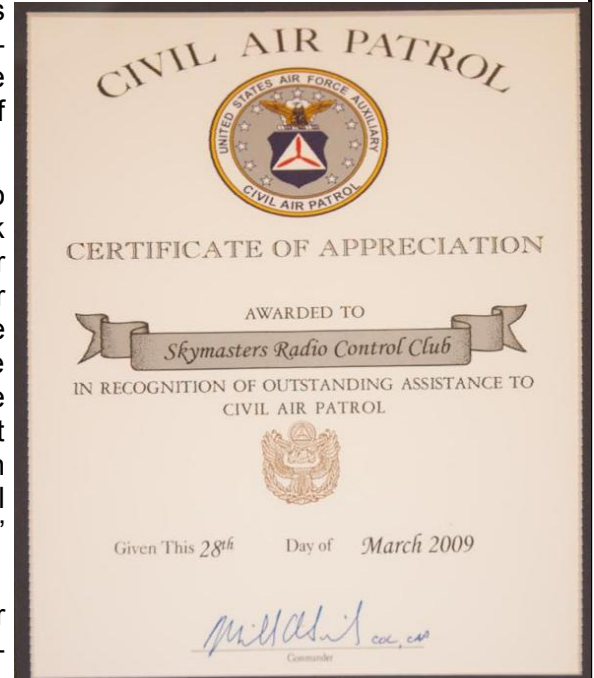
The Michigan Wing of the Civil Air Patrol presented the Skymasters with an Award of Appreciation for our work with Aerospace Education. We then recognized George Derderian, our host at Ultimate Soccer for allowing us to fly at his fantastic facility. A small token of our appreciation was given to George to share with his staff.

With only a short time window for demos we then quickly moved to field 2 for some flights. Bill and Matt flew some new releases (Park Flyer WWI and 3D machines) while Chris flew our SE 5 Park Flyer and a Funtana 300. We then moved back to the meeting room for the rest of what Bill and Matt had in store for us. WOW! There were some super airplanes and accessories. It was a privilege to be able to get "up close and personal" to these fine aircraft. We finished the evening raffling off the Seagull Model Extra that Bill and Matt brought along as well as the PTS F-22 Raptor donated by John Hoover of Flight Line Hobby. As the evening ended I asked Bill Brundle what he thought of the Ultimate Soccer site. "Amazing" was all he could say.

Stewardship Day Part 2: We again had a great turnout for another Stewardship Day at the park. We earned another \$250.00 credit toward our annual park lease.

Bald Mountain Involvement Day: Under the guidance of Steve Fredericks, we tackled a major project for the park. Reroofing the garage was going to be a big project to begin with. But upon removing the old shingles, it became clear that the job was going to be more extensive than originally planned. Mark Smith and Fred Engleman took the lead in making the repairs while Steve handled the roofing on the opposite side with Sherman Dixon and Roger Schmelling up on the roof with a team. Steve carefully matched the skills of each individual to the jobs available. For example, Steve had me on trash pick up. Since the job was not finished on April 18, a group came back and completed the project on April 25. Thanks to all who gave their time and energy to this worthy cause.

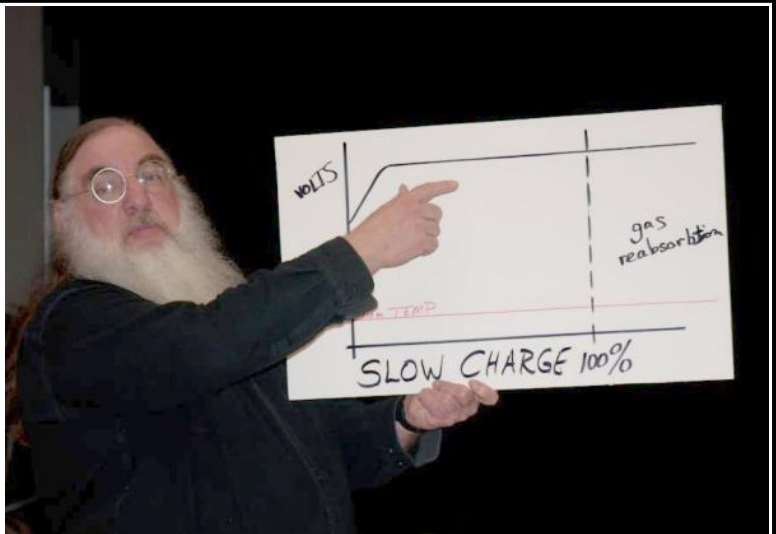
Scripps Road Field Improvement: The park has approved our request to add concrete under the shelter and to install the bleachers. While a plan was developed to make all this happen, our concrete contractor asked if he could get started early, well before we were ready. He offered to do some additional work in exchange for moving the job up earlier. **(We will have an extra work party on Saturday May 2nd to install the new bleachers. Come on out and help - Pete)** We will still have plenty to do on and around our "Field Opening Party" on May 13. More details will come out to you via email. Steve is working with Mark Smith on some new benches.



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Keith Shaw's Visit: Our new radios, especially combined with multiple high torque, high speed servos, test our knowledge and assumptions for our airborne battery packs. It is great to have access to the knowledge and expertise of Hall of Fame member Keith Shaw to shed light on this subject. *(I learned that routinely fast charging radio batteries the way I have been the last few years was hurting their life - Pete).*

In the Bones Revisited: We have very talented members. I was completely amazed at the quality and complexity of the projects brought in for us all to enjoy. Thanks folks for sharing your creativity and skills with us!



Outside of that, not much going on.

See you at the field! Joe Hass

Skymasters at Toledo

Skymasters members Ross Jones (RJR CoolTools and Air, Land and Sea Hobby) and Al Mrock (Classic Aero) both had very successful Toledo shows with their respective booths. Also, Al Mrock's Sikorsky S-39 took 2nd place in Non Military Sport Scale while his just released Loening kit looks great in Miss Weak Signals hands.











Skymasters R/C Club

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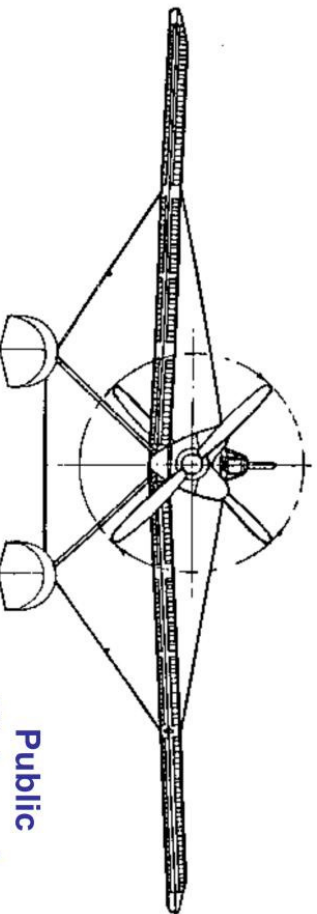
Join the Skymasters Radio Control Club for an R/C Aircraft Event

Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly

Saturday May 16, 2009

Seven Lakes State Park, Holly

Event Flying starts at 9am



Public
Welcome!

Flying open to AMA members.

- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby
 - Toilet located at field
- Seven Lakes State Park** \$3 Landing Fee
Pilots Prizes
- Park entrance is on Fish Lake Rd, just north of Grange Hall Rd. Take entrance will be on left. Follow park road to Big Seven Lake beach area. All cars need annual/daily State Park sticker – available at event.
- 1-75 to Exit 101, Go west approx 5 miles (2nd Light), Turn right. Park
- Palace of Auburn Hills
- Grange Hall Rd
- Exit 101
- Seven Lakes Park
- 1-75
- North
- Holly

For more information call Joe Rubinstein 248-693-4265

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



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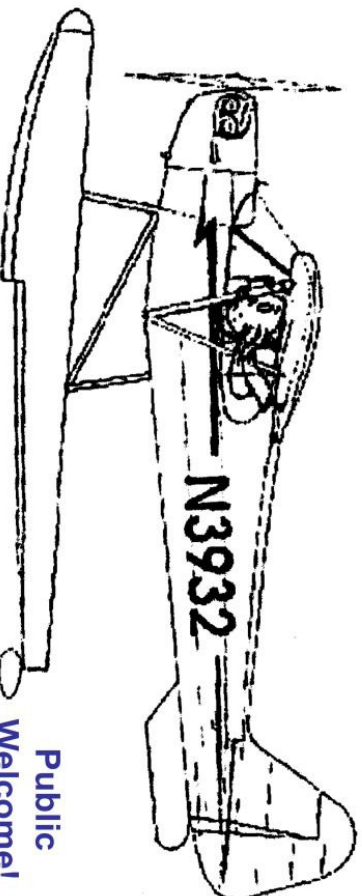
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Bald Mountain Float Fly

Sunday May 17, 2009

Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Lake Orion

Event Flying starts at 10am



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Flying open to AMA members. 94dBa at 10 feet enforced.

- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Toilet located at field
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby!
- Bald Mountain State Park** No Landing Fee
Pilots Prizes
- Main Park entrance is on east side of M24 about 5 miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills, between Silverbell and Waldon. Follow park road to Trout Lake beach area. All cars need annual/daily State Park sticker – available at event.
- Palace of Auburn Hills
- Lake Orion
- Bald Mt Park main gate
- M24
- Lapeer Rd
- 1-75
- North

For more information call Dave Wendt 248-703-2318

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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.

[Starts in May based on weather - check back for exact date.](#)

Skymasters Work Party - Saturday, May 2, 2009**Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 9:00 AM**

Come out and help install the new bleachers as well as other work.

Skymasters Field Opening - Wednesday, May 13, 2009**Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 6:00 PM**

FIELD OPENING PARTY - The field never closes for the winter, but how else can we celebrate the beginning of another flying season? Some cleanup and maintenance tasks to be done to get the field ready for spring... dinner at 6pm

Chet Brady Memorial Float Fly - Saturday, May 16, 2009**Seven Lakes State Park, Big Seven Lake, Holly - 10:00 AM**

Our first Float Fly Event of the year. It adds a whole new dimension when flying from water - it's also great to watch.

Bald Mountain Float Fly - Sunday, May 17, 2009**Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Trout Lake, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM**

The beach will be closed, and R/C float planes will take the place of bathers. Another fun day on a great float plane site. The Scripps Road Field will be closed for this event due to proximity to the Trout Lake location.

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!"

[Starts the Wednesday after Memorial Day!](#)

Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, June 10, 2009**Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM**

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Electric Fly In - Saturday, June 13, 2009**Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM**

Come see what electric airplanes can do! The advances in technology make anything possible with electric. Any size electric powered airplanes ONLY.

Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, July 8, 2009**Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM**

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

Warbirds and Scale - Sunday, July 19, 2009**Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM**

From P51's to Tiger Moths, Cessnas to Tomcats. There should be lots of variety in the air and on the ground. Come see the old Warbirds, Military and Civilian scale planes.

Radio Control Club of Detroit

www.rcdd.org



2x2 Rally

(2 or more wings; 2 or more engines)

Date: June 14, 2009
 Times: Pilots' Meeting at 9:30 AM
 Flying Starts at 10:00 AM
 Location: RCCD Flying Field in Wetzel State Park (see map)
 Format: Fun Fly - No competition
 Sanction Number - 09-0961
 CD: Emie Varilone - CD
 586-566-8237
 Skip Gizowski
 734-981-2079 co-CD
 Peter VanHeusden
 248-515-1071

Put the lawn mower away, turn off the TV, get off the sofa, & join us for a day of fun flying.

Aircraft are limited to multi-wings and/or multi-engines. Power may be gas, nitro, or electric.

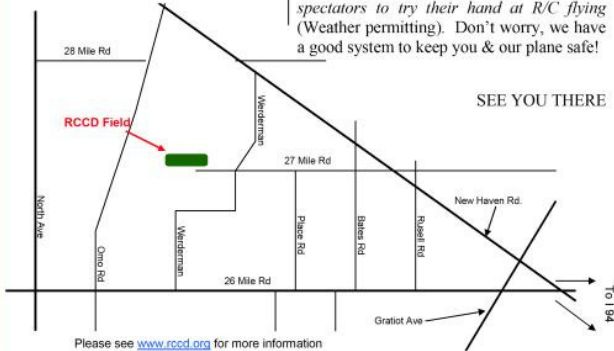
We know that you have one of these lurking in your basement, so bring it out into the bright sunshine and gentle winds for a pleasant day of flying.

Who knows, you may win a great prize (well alright, maybe an OK prize)

Flying at the 2x2 Rally is open to any current AMA member.

In addition, there will be a draw for spectators to try their hand at R/C flying (Weather permitting). Don't worry, we have a good system to keep you & our plane safe!

- Ample parking and bleacher seating.
- Refreshments available at very reasonable prices.
- Parking donation: \$3.00
- Landing Fee (for 2x2 pilots): \$5



Please see www.rcdd.org for more information

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4th Annual Electric Fly-In

Date: **Sunday May 3rd 2009**

Times: Pilots' Meeting at 9:30 am
 Flying Starts at 10:00 am

Location: RCCD Flying Field in Wetzel State Park (see map)

Format: Fly-In - **Electrics only, any size** (pilots only): \$5.00

CD: Mike Pavlock (586)-295-3053
 Keith Jones

AMA Sanction #: 09-0535

Ample parking, Refreshments, Raffles, Sun Shades Suggested, Limited bleacher seating available.

Parking Donation \$3.00



Event Sponsor

If you're into electric flying, this is the event to be at! All your friends and fellow electric flyers will be there, **so should you.**

RCCD's Annual Electric Fly-In has grown leaps and bounds over the years boasting a large numbers of pilots, an awesome flying site, great food, 50/50 raffles, plane raffles, and a ton of prizes donated by Castle Creations!

RCCD member, Scott Pavlock, a Castle Creations representative, and Contest Director Mike Pavlock invite you to a day of fun, filled with electric flying, friends, and plenty of prizes to go home with!



Please see www.rcdd.org for more information

Mid-America Electric Flies 2009

At the 7 Mile Road MRCS Field

2nd Year at the New Field Location!

AMA Sanctioned
 Saturday, July 11 & Sunday, July 12, 2009
 Hosted by the:

Ann Arbor Falcons and Electric Flyers Only

Site Provided by the:

Midwest R/C Society

Contest Directors are:

Ken Myers phone (248) 669-8124 or
 KMyersEFO@aol.com - <http://homepage.mac.com/kmyersef/>
Keith Shaw (734) 973-6309

Flying both days is at the Midwest R/C Society Flying Field - 7 Mile Rd., Northville Twp., MI (see map on map/hotels flyer)

Registration: 9 A.M. both days
 Flying from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Sat. & 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Sunday

Channels 00 through 60, the six 27MHz frequencies, & eight 53MHz frequencies, will be in use. Flying on five 49 MHz frequencies may be accommodated on request - Narrowband receivers are recommended for flying on Channels 00 - 60 - Very Wideband 27, 49, & 53 MHz, receivers may be accommodated on request - 2.4Ghz controlled at impound

Pilot Entry Fee \$15 a day or \$25 both days - - - Parking Donation Requested from Spectators

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Sunday's Events
 Best Scale
 Most Beautiful
 Best Mini-Electric
 Best Multi-motor
 CD's Choice

Planes Must Fly To Be Considered for Any Award

Open Flying Possible on Friday
Night Flying Possible, Weather Permitting, Friday & Saturday Nights
 Refreshments will be available at the field both days.

Potluck picnic at the field on Saturday evening.

Come and join us for two days of fun and relaxed electric flying.

Come, Look, Listen, Learn - Fly Electric - Fly the Future!

Saturday's & Sunday's Awards:

Plaques for 1st in each category

Merchandise drawing for ALL entrants

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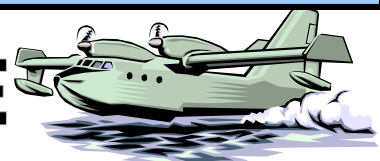
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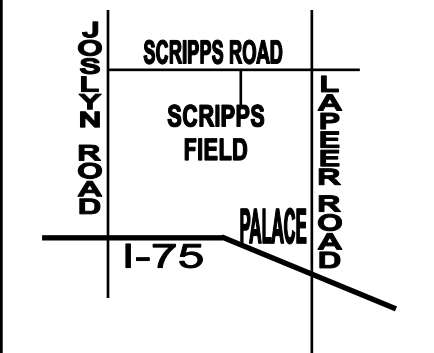
Skymasters Information.....

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.

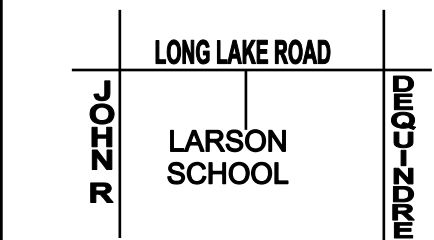
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

tors around all night is also a

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



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!