



Academy of Model Aeronautics

Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

Skypwriter

Top Gun 2009 Scott Abbott



Joe Hass presents Scott Abbott with his trophy for winning the Top Gun 2009 title. Scott is the first Top Gun winner to fly a helicopter in the competition.



2009 Club Officers & Appointees...

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Midwest Regional Float Fly September 12 & 13: Our biggest and best event is just a few weeks away. The pilot's prizes keep coming in. I am running out of room! Greg Cardillo has a team together ready to put on a great event. **All we need is YOU!**

Register to fly. Come out to watch. Join us for dinner. Buy some tickets for the "Super Prizes", a Great Planes Skybolt with engine, FASST 2.4 radio, all assembled and ready to go, donated by Hobbico. An assembled Saratoga with engine and servos donated by Horizon will also be given away.

There will be a lot of things to do the day before, during and after the event. Please contact Greg to volunteer. Even a few hours during set up, during the event or during tear down make a huge difference. Thanks in advance for your help!

I have confirmed that 2 representatives from Horizon, Bill Brundle and Pete Bergstrom will spend the weekend with us. I wonder what new things they will have for us to see.

Fish Fry 2009: Dave Wendt and his team did an outstanding job creating a veritable culinary masterpiece for our August Fish Fry. I lost count at over 80 people. Great eating and a good time!

Top Gun 2009: Scott Abbott, flying a big block Raptor 30 heli, took home the coveted "Top Gun" trophy and bragging rights for the next year. Six pilots flew their best for their fellow pilots. Chris Hass came in second. There was a tie for 3rd.

The event certainly had its challenges. With a forecast of "2,000 foot ceilings with 6 miles visibility by 11AM" we were instead scrambling to get aircraft under the shelter in what Gary Weaks described as a "hard mist". Persevering through it all, Gary again took care of grilling the corn to perfection. Greg Cardillo and Pete Foss, aided by his wife Carolyn and Phyllis Weaks took care of the grilling and serving duties. Lunch and the "Top Gun" flights started a bit early to take advantage of the break in the "mist". Numerous members helped with the clean up as the skies opened up again shortly after the award ceremony. Again I lost count but we had a great crowd of members, family and friends.

Hobby Lobby Visit October 14: Jason Cole from Hobby Lobby will again be joining us on Wednesday, October 14. Important Note! The meeting location has been moved to the fabulous Ultimate Soccer Arenas. Dinner and beverages will be available for purchase at the arena at about 6 PM. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Flight demos will break up the evening. Jason is very excited about the new products he will be sharing with us.

There is still going to be a lot of great flying and one more Wednesday "Student Nights" ahead.

See you at the field,
Joe Hass 248-321-7934

PS: Estate Sale Collectors Kits \$75.00 each
Fairchild PT19 by SIG (Kit RC2) 72" span
Waco S.R.E. by Sterling (Kit FS34) 56" span
Stearman PT17 by Sterling (Kit FS20) 64" span
Piper Super Cruiser by Sterling (Kit FS8) 72" span

Fish Fry



Bill Dezur, Fred Engleman, Jack Edwards and Steve Fredericks fry fish while Bill Stark supervises.



The first piece goes in!



Yum, deep fried cod!



More than 80 members, family and friends joined us this year and tucked away over 50 pounds of fish!



Chris Hass and Danny Craig put on a nice formation flying demonstration with their NATS Fun Scale competition airplanes: Hanger 9 Miss America P-51 Reno Racer and Hobby Lobby Furias Sea Fury .

Top Gun 2009



2006 Top Gun Chris Hass flew his Banchee E-3D to second place.



Pat Norton flew his 3D Hobby Shop AJ Slick designed by Andrew Jesky.



2007 Top Gun John Fischer flew this profile 3D.



Robin Rissell flew this sort-a-scale Pica Duelist.



2009 Top Gun Scott Abbott flew his Raptor 30 to 1st place. Congratulations Scott!



2004 Top Gun Joe Hass proved he can fly 3D with his GP 82" electric powered U-Can-Do 3D.

Top Gun 2009



Tom Wheeler put on a really nice IMAC demonstration flight with his Extra 260.



Joe Hass brings his E-flight Deuces Wild in for a landing.



Short field takeoff .



Joe Hass presents 2009 Top Gun Scott Abbott with his trophy while Reba looks on proudly.



Swap Meet



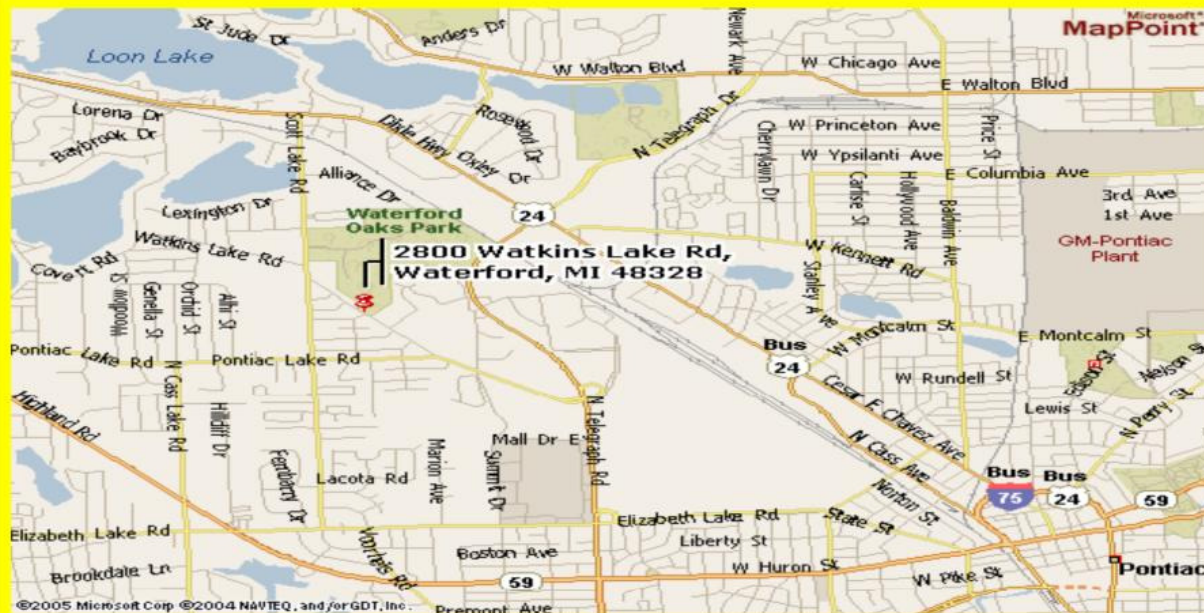
Sunday October 25, 2009 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club

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

\$4.00 admission, **Vendor Setup 8:00a.m.** Tables: \$15advance \$18 at the door **Buy Sell Trade 50/50 Raffle**

$\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of Dixie, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of Scott Lake Rd, Entrance on Watkins Lake Rd



Contact: Alvin Johnson(248)459-0803 or Email: ajohns79@sbcglobal.net



Visit <http://www.pmac.us> for details





Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

Join the Skymasters Radio Control
Club for our 19th Annual Event

Midwest Regional Float Fly

Saturday/Sunday September 12-13, 2009

Island Lake Recreation Area, Brighton, Michigan

Check in at 8:30AM; Event flying from 9:30AM each day!

"The best float flying site I've ever seen!" – Dave Brown, Past President AMA



The Judged Competition

Win a radio in one of 3 categories
Scale; Sport Scale; Sport.
Static and flight judging!
Bring out your best!!

Super Prize Raffle!

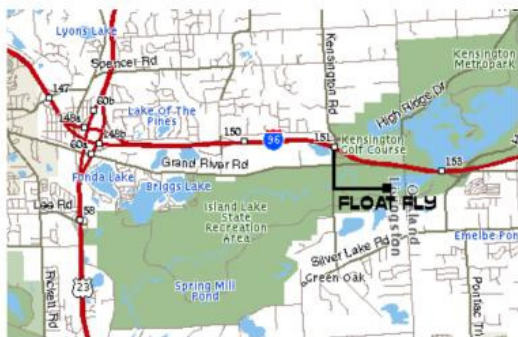
Prizes to be announced...

Saturday Night Dinner

As seen in
SKS Videos and
National Magazines

40 acre clear lake
1,000 feet sand beach
6 acre lawn/picnic area

Flying open to AMA members. Public Welcome!.



- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Pilot Door Prizes
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby!
- Island Lake Recreation Area is located on the south side of I-96 at Kensington Road. 12 miles west of I-96/I-275 or 3 miles east of I-96/US-23.
All cars need State Park sticker – available at event.
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For more information call Greg Cardillo 248-431-5562

On the web at www.skymasters.org – Email at floatfly@skymasters.org

The 2009 Midwest Regional Float Fly is fast approaching... It takes support from many members to make this event go smoothly - both behind the scenes before the event, and of course the days of the event. To 'spread the load' - members have taken ownership of various areas each year - and insures that area is covered.

This year we are looking for help in 3 key areas - we need a 'point person' for:

Friday Setup - coordinating staking out the flight lines, pit areas, picnic tables, etc.

Raffle Tent - coordinating the selling of tickets at the event Saturday and Sunday.

Retrieval Boats - coordinate manning the boats. (boats will be available - just need to keep people in them!)

The other areas covered include:

Registration - Fred Engelman

Impound - Ron Sokacz

Flight Control - Roger Schmelling

Kitchen - Bill Dezur

These can all use additional volunteers - contact the coordinators (or Greg for the 'to be assigned' areas) if you will be available to help out...

We also could use a couple of people that can tow our trailers to the event on Friday, and home on Sunday... More people helping makes for easy work!

Thanks for your support!

Greg Cardillo

Register NOW for the 2009 Midwest Regional Float Fly

**Register online with Paypal,
or use the registration form below to register by mail!**

2009 Midwest Regional Float Fly Registration

Name: _____ **AMA or MAAC#:** _____

Address: _____ **Club:** _____

_____ **Email:** _____

Evening Phone: _____ **Daytime Phone:** _____

Primary Aircraft: Model: _____ **Manufacturer:** _____

Primary Frequency: _____ **Additional Frequencies:** _____

Pilot Registration:

By 8/31/09: _____ @ \$15

Late Entry: _____ @ \$20

(By postmark date)

Judged Events:

Sport: _____ @ \$5

Standoff: _____ @ \$5

Scale: _____ @ \$5

Cookout Reservations:

Adults: _____ @ \$10 each

Children: _____ @ \$7 each

(12 and under please!)

Additional Purchase:

30 Raffle Tickets _____ @ \$20

2008 SKS DVD _____ @ \$15

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to Skymasters. Mail to: Skymasters; %Greg Cardillo; 2086 Cedar Key Ct; Lake Orion, MI 48360

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.

Last Student Night and Potluck for this year! - September 2, 2009**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!"

Midwest Regional Float Fly - Saturday/Sunday, September 12-13, 2009**Island Lake State Park, Brighton - 9:30 AM**

This is the big one! Float flyers from all over the Midwest bring all sizes, shapes, and color of aircraft imaginable and fly them for two days solid. A blast! Flying starts at 9:30 AM both days!

TOPS Meeting - Wednesday, September 9, 2009**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Troy Oakland Pilots Flying Club (full size)

MDOT Safety Seminar - Air Traffic Control Communications.

Prospective Pilots can earn credits for the WINGS program. Skymasters are welcome to attend.

Seven Lakes Float Flying - Saturdays - September 19th 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...

[Starts Saturday September 19th!](#)

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, September 23, 2009**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Jim Young (<http://www.tnmodels.rchomepage.com/>) will visit to talk about model designing in CAD.

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 14, 2009**Ultimate Soccer, 867 South Blvd, Pontiac - 7:00 PM**

Hobby Lobby visit by Jason Cole.

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, October 28, 2009**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Vapor races in the gym.

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, November 2, 2009**The Honey Tree Restaurant Of Rochester Hills, 1194 Walton Blvd, Rochester - 9:00 AM**

First and third Monday of each month throughout the winter - Join us for breakfast and R/C talk. (located in the new strip mall directly across the street from Crittenton Hospital on Walton Blvd. just east of Livernois.) Restaurant features a \$3.59 breakfast special and all of their omelets are \$3.95 on weekday mornings. Contact Sherman Dickson or Fred Engleman for more information.

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, November 11, 2009**Larson Middle School. 2222 E. Long Lake Road, Troy - 7:00 PM**

Program TBD

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, November 16, 2009**The Honey Tree Restaurant Of Rochester Hills, 1194 Walton Blvd, Rochester - 9:00 AM**

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"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!