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Chartered Club #970
10 Year Gold Leader Club

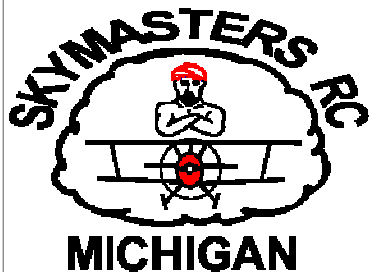
Skypwriter

Christmas Party 2009

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

You and your family are invited
to join us on
Wednesday December 9th
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



2009 Club Officers & Appointees...

President:	Joe Hass	1142 Brunswick Dr.	Rochester Hills	48309	248-321-7934
Vice Pres:	Paul Zabawa	PO Box 138	Metamora	48455	810-678-3332
Secretary:	David Wendt	4549 Sedona	Clarkston	48348	248-969-8738
Treasurer:	Joe Rubinstein	155 Cayuga	Lake Orion	48362	248-693-4265
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State Park:	Bill Stark	1010 E. Clarkston	Lake Orion	48362	248-693-8639
Membership:	Gary Weaks	2512 Red Fox Trail	Troy	48098	248-540-8358

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

Thank You! It has been more than a privilege to serve this fine organization. Tremendous strides have been made over the last few years directly because so many members unselfishly gave of their time, talents and treasure. While my only goal when I took office was to make things better, and only you folks will decide if I succeeded, I am the one who is better for the experience. I have learned so much.

Special thanks go to all the folks who have supported Chris along the way. You have counseled and cajoled him as he learned from each experience. Thanks for looking the other way when he was just being a kid in an adult world. He represents the Skymasters well around the country.

The club is in very capable hands. I will continue to contribute at the direction of the new officers.

President's Choice The Vapor Races were a smashing success, both literally and physically. Dan Craig took home all the honors with a consistent performance in each heat. We started out with 6 Vapors with 2 back ups supplied by John Hoover at Flight Line. Of the initial 6 there were enough pieces left to keep 5 flying. They will be used at other events along the way. Thanks to Neil Krohn for the pylons and flags. Many thanks to Matt Brubaker at Prop Shop and John Hoover at Flight Line for supplying the prizes.



Dan Craig, Neil Krohn and Pat Norton took the top three spots in the Vapor Races with smooth flying and a bit of good luck. Thanks to Horizon Hobby, Prop Shop and Flight Line Hobby for all your support this year!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE... continued

Financial Review and Elections On Wednesday, November 11 we celebrated our Veterans, and had our annual financial review and elections. The club is in excellent financial health, again thanks to the generosity of so many members and the prudent management of the officers. This is an even greater accomplishment since we simultaneously made major improvements to the field. Congratulations to all.

Two major expenditures were discussed. The first was replacing our oldest trailer. For the last few years we always had our fingers crossed whenever we used it. Steve Fredericks took the lead and found an excellent value on a used trailer with spare tires included. The trailer has been purchased, repaired and retrofitted. Thanks Steve!

The second major expenditure **may** be a new(er) tractor. The emphasis is on **may**. While our current tractor is operational it is very old. The winter months will be a good time to do some shopping. No tractor has been identified. No specific purchase has been planned. Again Steve Fredericks has taken the lead on this and will report to the board as necessary.

At the meeting we discussed and voted on a new direction and title for the "Field Development Fund". Rather than designating a portion of each members dues to the "fund" (which had become quite an accounting challenge with the different levels of membership, Pay Pal, etc.) the officers will allocate new dollars to a "Strategic Fund" when sufficient new funds have been accumulated. The current "Field Development Fund" has been rolled over to the new "Strategic Fund". Why the name "Strategic"? As we work to solidify a long term flying field (as in multiple decades) the board may have to make "strategic" decisions. Please don't read anything into this. It is the effort of the board to look well into the future and put the club in the best possible position. Please thank Paul Goelz for his contributions at the last board meeting. It was his initial idea that contributed to this very important and positive change.

The biggest concern is to continue to carefully manage expenditures. Many, many members simply reach into their pockets to pay for things. Others supply in kind donations (storing the tractor and trailers, making repairs, etc.) that tremendously improve our financial position each month. The organization, while always grateful, should never assume that this generosity will continue and should budget and spend accordingly.

The elections were completed by acclamation with David Wendt being elected as President, Paul Zabawa as Vice President, Bob Donahue as Treasurer and Dan Stolz as Secretary. The club is in good hands.

Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer. The indoor season is here and, under the expert guidance of Jim Held, Roger Schmelling and Ron Sokacz, is off to a successful start. We had 81 pilots at the session on last Tuesday! Thanks to all our sponsors and participants.

David Wendt took the lead on the post Thanksgiving 4 hour event at Ultimate. Again it was a complete success. We had pilots as far away as Cleveland join us. Darrell "Big D" Bell of Team Futaba stopped by. All he kept saying was "This place is amazing". Beside our weekly Tuesday sessions, we will again fly on Saturday December 26. \$15.00 to fly for 4 hours.

Special Santa Events

Tuesday, December 1 At the weekly indoor session - Bring a wrapped toy (\$10.00 value labeled for a boy or a girl) and get a ticket for the raffle. Don't have time to get a present? Cash will work too! Each \$10.00 toy or \$10.00 contribution will get you a ticket for the raffle. Over \$200.00 worth of prizes will be given away.

Through December 8 Mrs. Claus has only received the names of a few good little Skymaster boys and girls (grandkids are always welcome). If you are bringing a little one to our party and haven't already communicated with Mrs. Claus at joe Hass@gmail.com please send her a message.

Wednesday, December 9 Fred and Edith Engelman have graciously stepped forward to act as host for our annual Christmas Party. Santa will be there. Make sure you bring a dish to share and an airplane for display. Lots of prizes for the pilots who bring an airplane.

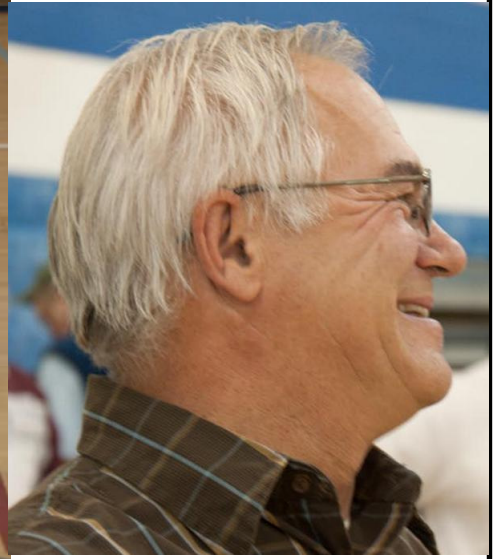
HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A PROSPEROUS AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Joe Hass

Vapor Races



The Vapor is a perfect 1st living room flyer.



Curt and Dan Craig and Joe Finkelstein take off for a heat. Note Dan (orange) is ahead already!

Steve's smile says it all! Great time!!!



Vapor tango!





Skymasters R/C Club

In conjunction with Romeo Skyhawks,
Radio Control Club of Detroit, Greater
Detroit Soaring and Hiking Society
Join us for an R/C Aircraft Event

Christmas Weekend Indoor Flying!

Saturday - December 26, 2009 11am – 3pm

Ultimate Soccer Arenas
867 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI

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

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



Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site.

Check our website for other dates throughout the winter.



Pilots must show proof of AMA membership

Spectators Welcome

No admission charge!

4 Hour Session
For \$15

Ultimate Soccer Arenas - www.ultimatesoccerarenas.com

For more information call David Wendt 248-703-2318

Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

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

Krazy Snow Fly!

Thursday December 31, 2009
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field
Event Flying starts at 10am



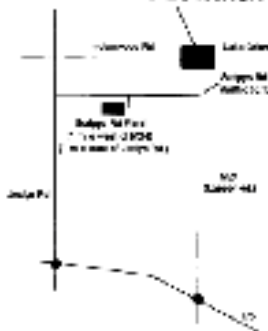
"PERSONALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE ALL THOSE STORIES YOU HEAR ABOUT FANATICISM IN THIS HOBBY!"

**Public
Welcome!**

What will mother nature bring this year??

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

SCRIPPS FIELD LOCATION



- Lots of Parking
- Refreshments available at event
- Toilet located at field
- Great chance to see this exciting hobby!

No Landing Fee
Pilots Prizes!

Flying field is located within the Bald mountain recreation Area, about 5 miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills on Scripps Road between Lapeer Rd (M24) and Joslyn Rd.

All cars need annual/daily State Park sticker – available at event.

For more information call Paul Zabawa 810-678-3332
Visit our website at www.skymasters.org

St Clair County R/C Propbusters
Presents our 11th Annual

R/C SWAP MEET

Great Deals On New and Used R/C Airplanes– Helicopters- Cars- Boats– Modeling Equipment



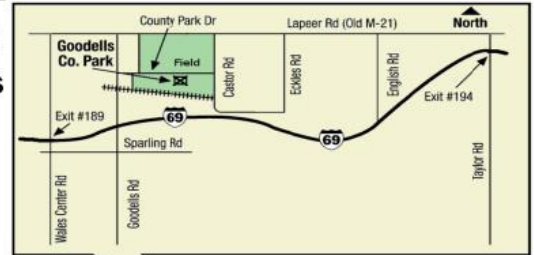
Sunday, December 6th, 2009

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Admission \$3.00 Adult

Women and kids under 12 years

Free Admission



FREE TABLE SPACE with paid admission.

If you have something R/C related to sell, Call Sheila O. at (810)367-6367

or e-mail proptreas@comcast.net to reserve a table today.

Table setup starts at 8:30 AM.



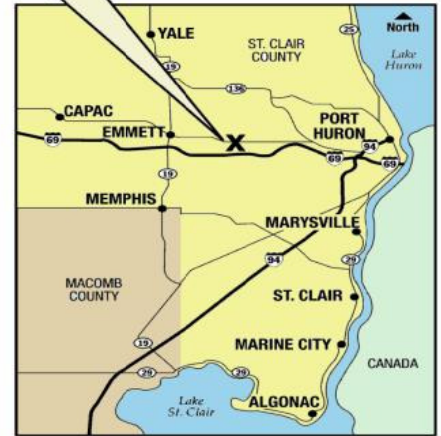
Pancake Breakfast (Starting at 9:00 AM)

Don't stop along the way, enjoy the Pancake, Sausage, and Coffee Breakfast at the swap while watching crash videos! We have the best breakfast price in town (still only \$5.00)!

LOCATION The Community Center Building at Goodells County Park
8345 County Park Drive, Goodells MI 48027

GPS 42° 59' 0" N (42.9839), 82° 39' 7" W (-82.6519)


For online directions and more info go to: www.SCCPROPBUSTERS.COM



Radio Control Club of Detroit
Presents their

“14th Annual Swap Meet”

Sunday January 24, 2010



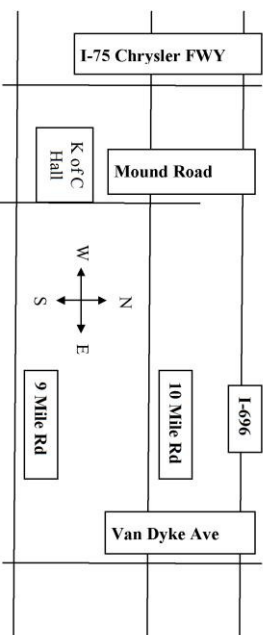
Time: Open 9:00am – 1:00 pm
Location: Same as Last Year!!!
Knights of Columbus Hall
23695 Mound Rd
Warren, MI 48091
[1/3 mile North of 9 mile on the west side of Mound Rd]
(see map)

General Admission:
Adults - \$3.00,
Children under 12yrs old - \$1.00
Children under 5 – FREE!
Free Parking
Door Prizes drawn every 1/2 hour
50/50 Drawings, Special Rafties all day

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.

Food and Refreshments: Waffle
breakfast 9:00 – 10:00, \$2.00
Lunch to follow

Contact: To reserve tables or for any other inquiries contact: Bob Hunt – 313-920-2329 or rahunbustlers@gmail.com



More Info: www.rced.org

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 \$30 or season pass for all 23 sessions for just \$100(available at event) Single sessions available for \$15. Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site.

Retiree and Want'A Be's Breakfast - Monday, December 7, 2009**The Red-Olive (formerly The Honey Tree) Restaurant****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 Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 9, 2009**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 21, 2009**The Red-Olive (formerly The Honey Tree) Restaurant****1194 Walton Blvd, Rochester - 9:00 AM**

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NO Meeting* - Wednesday, December 23, 2009*School Closed - Christmas Break -****Christmas Weekend Indoor Flying! - Saturday, December 26, 2009****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 6pm to 9pm on Saturday, December 27th!! Ample room for concurrent flying of 3D, Heli, and Sport. Temperature controlled, well lit. Restaurant on site. Just \$15 for 11am to 3pm.

Krazy Snow Fly - Thursday, December 31, 2009**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 2010 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 and Skymasters Field Rules 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, 2010)
- 2) *New members: Check for \$100 (\$70 Dues + \$30 Initiation Fee)
- 3) Photocopy of 2010 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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Greg Cardillo



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.

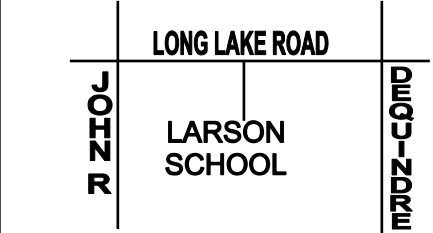
In the summer, Wednesday evenings are Student Nights and there are usually instruc-

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!