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Skypwriter

Warbirds and Scale



Wade Wiley's 105" wingspan Curtis Jenny was one of several large airplanes at this year's Warbirds and Scale meet, which was organized by Joe Finkelstine.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

You may have noticed we have a new event on the list this year. For the first time in Skymasters history, we are hosting a Helicopter fun fly. August 1st we will be grounding the fixed wing aircraft for the day. I'm really excited to see what comes from this event. There are a lot of unknown elements when hosting a new event. How many people will show up? How much food will we need? The bottom line is we have been sorting through many challenges to make this happen, and I doubt the event will be perceived as unorganized. The email activity for this event has been high for about two months now. Paul Goelz is the event coordinator. Paul has been working through safety rules and has done a great job of getting the event organized. In addition, there is nobody better than Joe Hass to organize prizes. I am hoping this will be a big success for the helicopter pilots and I'm certain that it will be fun for all who attend.



In case you have not noticed we have new event signs at our field! Ron Bernot clearly has skills! Check out the new signs, they are very well constructed. We were having trouble with water damage in the previous signs displaying our event dates. Ron took the initiative and built great looking, and functional cases to protect the new signs. If you get a chance thank Ron for his efforts. Skymasters is an organization comprised of truly exceptional people. The next time you are at the field take a look around. It's a great place spend the afternoon.

As president, I'm making a small addition to our long standing Top Gun – Corn Roast. We will still have the corn. We will still have the top gun flying competition, closely followed by the shock on the face of somebody's wife when the large and equally gaudy trophy comes through the front door. So what's different you ask? I'm going to do a Cuban pig roast! I haven't done a Cuban style pig roast since my collage days, and I have been looking forward to introducing the succulent and tangy flavors to the club. The pig is marinated overnight in a tangy sauce called Mojo. The sauce is made up of sour oranges, garlic, salt, pepper and oregano! You folks are going to love it. There is nothing like a pig roast to make an event special! If you see concrete blocks at the field don't get upset. Nobody is using the field as a make shift waste removal zone. I use the concrete blocks to make the cooking pit. I know it sounds strange but the pig is Awesome! I will clean up the blocks after the event. After all we have a beautiful field that many of you have worked hard to maintain.

I leave you with one final message! Summer will pass by before you know it. Take some time away from your busy lives and get out to the field. Being a member of Skymasters is much more than having a field to fly at. It's about the friendships you make and the memories you build.

David Wendt



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Warbirds and Scale



RC Scale NATS

Skymasters was well represented at the AMA NATS recently at the Scale event. Dan Craig, Chris and Joe Hass flew in Open Fun Scale while Al Mrock and Chris competed in Team Scale. Dan Craig flew his Hanger 9 "Miss America" P-51 powered by an E-Flite 90 coupled with an 8 cell 5000 mah Li-Po battery. Chris Hass flew his Graupner Sea Fury "Furias", newly repowered with a Hacker motor and a 10 cell 5000 mah Li-Po battery. Chris also flew Al Mrock's Sikorsky S-39 in Team Scale. Al recently rebuilt the aircraft with a new radio system, Hyperion motor and a 10 cell 5000 mah Li-Po battery. Al's aircraft was the most unique on the field, continuously drawing attention and questions from competitors and visitors alike. Chris flew it in a most scale fashion. Unfortunately the landing gear was damaged beyond quick repair when a strong gust caused the aircraft to roll off the runway. Al and Chris were unable to fly in round 3 and 4.



Dan Craig's Hanger 9 Miss America



Joe Hass' Voodoo P-51



After 4 rounds of competition Dan and Chris were tied for 3rd. The judges decided that the pilot with the highest single flight score would have the edge. Dan had a single flight scoring 96.5 (out of 100) so he won 3rd place. Chris finished in 4th place. It is important to note that 1st and 2nd place were both turbine powered aircraft (a duplication of last years results).



Al Mrock's Sikorsky S-39 floats in for a perfect landing. For more details on Al's Sikorsky, check out his Classic Aero website at www.classicaero.com.

Dan Craig calls for Joe Hass while Chris Hass has a discussion with the flightline officials.

Photos courtesy of the AMA Nats website.

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Sponsor of the Month: I'm starting a new feature this month to recognize people and companies who contribute prizes to our events. I thought I'd start with Skymaster's own Ross Wegryn-Jones who recently started a full line hobby shop to compliment his RJR CoolTools business. Give Ross a call and check out his websites.



Skymasters R/C Club

We'll Teach you to fly!

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

Student Night & Pot Luck Dinners

Every Wednesday from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

Rain or Shine! "We always eat, we sometimes fly!"

Student Night:

Instructors available all day (weather permitting)
Open flying – with priority to student flights

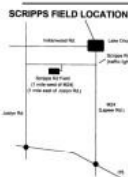


Pot Luck Dinner:

For those participating we ask that you:
Bring something for the grill – enough to feed you and your guests
Bring a dish to pass (see note)
Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage
We eat at 6pm – rain or shine!



94dBa at 10 feet enforced.



•Dish to pass: Don't know what to bring?
Each week a board will be up listing supplies needed – from plates to condiments, charcoal, etc. Pick one of the needed items to bring instead!
The potluck is sustained by those participating with no expense to club.

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 Charles and Dairde McGlothlin 248-364- 4194
Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



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Helicopter Fun Fly!

Sunday August 1, 2010
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

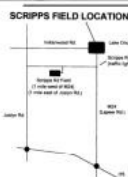
Event Flying starts at 10am

Flying open to AMA members.



Public Welcome!

**Our first Helicopter Fun Fly event!
Come join the fun!!**



- Lots of Parking
 - Refreshments available at event
 - Toilet located at field
 - Great chance to see this exciting hobby!
- 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.
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No Landing Fee
Pilots Prizes!

For more information call Paul Goelz 248-375-9461
Visit our website at www.skymasters.org



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14th Annual Fish Fry!

Wednesday August 11, 2010
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field



Fish Fry:

For those participating we ask:
\$4 per person donation requested
Bring a dish to pass (see note)
Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage
(if you prefer a different main dish, we will be running the grill...)
We eat at 6pm – rain or shine!



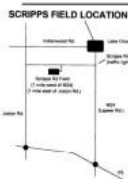
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Each week a board will be up listing supplies needed – from plates to condiments, charcoal, etc. Pick one of the needed items to bring instead!
Donations used to purchase fish and supplies.
The Fish Fry is sustained by those participating with no expense to club.
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For more information call Steve Fredericks- 248-696-6686
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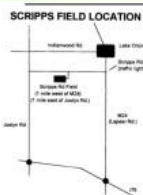
Corn Roast and Top Gun

Sunday August 22, 2010
Bald Mountain Scripps Road Field

Club members, their families, and our Scripps Road neighbors:
Please join us for our annual Corn Roast and Top Gun event
Free food and drinks available

Open flying throughout the day starting at 10am
Annual Top Gun contest to find the best of the best!

94dBa at 10 feet enforced.



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UPCOMING SKYMASTERS EVENTS

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.

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!"

[Bring the family and come out and join us! Spectators welcome!!](#)

Helicopter Fun Fly - Sunday, August 1, 2010

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

A new event for 2010 - our first Helicopter Fun Fly! Check back for more details.

Skymasters Summer Meeting - Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Scripps Road Field. Lake Orion - 8:00 PM

Summer meetings are short - following student night!

14th ANNUAL FISH FRY - Wednesday, August 11, 2010

Scripps Road Field - 6:00 PM

Our annual family pot luck "FISH FRY"!! A donation of \$4.00 per person suggested to cover cost of fish and supplies. Put your donation in the Tin Can at Student Night / Club Events by Aug. 4th to allow us to judge the amounts needed. This is a pot luck so please plan to bring a dish to pass and your own (nonalcoholic) beverage. If you have missed this event in past years you won't want to miss it this year. We have averaged over 100 people in past years!

COME BRING YOUR FAMILY, EAT AND ENJOY YOUR FELLOW FLYERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

Corn Roast and Top Gun - Sunday, August 22, 2010

Scripps Road Field, Lake Orion - 10:00 AM

This is the club event of the year with our annual 'Top Gun' pilot competition. A field full of aircraft and some great flying - a great day out for all club members, their families, and our neighbors.

TOPS Meeting - Wednesday, September 8, 2010

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

Skymasters members are welcome to the Troy Oakland Pilots meeting.

Midwest Regional Float Fly - Saturday/Sunday, September 11-12, 2010

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!

Seven Lakes Float Flying - Saturdays - September 18th 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 AFTER Midwest Regional Float Fly!](#)

Skymasters Meeting - Wednesday, September 22, 2010

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

Program TBD

Skymasters on Facebook

Do a search for Skymasters on Facebook and click the "Like It" icon. After that, you will get a Facebook notification anytime we change the website.

UPCOMING AREA CLUB EVENTS

Sponsor Club: **Flying Pilgrams-Detroit Aero Modelers-Midwest R/C**

Michigan Jets - August 13-15, 2010

Grosse Ile Municipal Airport - 9:30 AM

All proceeds donated to Naval Air Station Grosse Ile Memorial fund and The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Landing fee: \$45 at event, \$35 in advance. Spectators: \$10/vehicle

Website: <http://www.michiganjets.com/>

Contact: George Thomas Phone: (313) 215-3159

Email: events@michiganjets.com

Sponsor Club: **RCCD**

Melee over Lenox - Saturday/Sunday, August 21-22, 2010

RCCD Flying Field in Wetzel State Park - 8:30 AM

Times: Registration starts at 8:30am, Pilots' Meeting at 9:45am, Practice Starts at 10:00am, Contest starts at 10:30am, Flying ends approx 4:00pm

Format: RCCA Limited "B" – 6 rounds(Saturday), RCCA Open "B" – 6 rounds(3 on Saturday, 3 on Sunday), RCCA SSC class – 6 rounds(Sunday)

Website: <http://www.rccd.org>

Contact: Scott Gilkey Phone: (586) 786-1265

Email: sock1960@hotmail.com



Pass Gas, Fly Electric!



Watts Over White Lake

Electric Only Fun Fly and Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 8th

**You'll get a *CHARGE*
out of this event!**

Leave your slimmers at home
and join us!

We'll have fun, food and prizes.

All electric pilots
and spectators are welcome!



*Proof of AMA required
for all pilots.*

Pontiac Miniature Aircraft Club's
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Pontiac Lake State
Recreation Area,
White Lake Michigan
(off White Lake Rd., 0.55 miles east
of Teggerdine Rd. and about 1 mile
west of Andersonville Rd.



State Park Motor Vehicle Permit Required

What: PMAC Watts Over
White Lake
Electric Fun Fly



When: August 8th, 2010

Where: Pontiac Miniature
Aircraft Club,
White Lake, MI

Time: 8:30am—9:30am
Breakfast and
pilot check in
9:30am Flying begins



Other: For further information
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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 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.

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



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!