



Chartered Club #970
15 Year Gold Leader Club

Skywriter

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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President's Message...

It has certainly been a couple of busy months as we get ready for our winter events and next year.

First a look back, and some thank yours. Our Midwest Regional Float Fly was in September. Thanks to Pete and Carolynn Foss and all those that pitched in to help. This event certainly takes the help of many to pull off. Our summer Float Flying at Stony Creek co-sponsored by Sky-masters and Fraser came to an end for the season. Thanks to Jim Held and Harold Dory for coordinating the efforts for all the float fly pilots. Additionally our Fall float flying moved to Trout Lake for this season, and has also come to an end for the season. Thanks to Mark Smith for taking on this event for the season.

We had a number of proposed changes to the clubs Constitution and Bylaws that were the subject of one of our October meetings. Thank you to the significant number of members (over 45) that came out to voice their opinion and vote on the changes proposed and amended. See the meeting minutes in this newsletter for the details of the changes.

As the days get shorter, and the leaves change, we are ready to kickoff our winter events. Our Retiree (and wannabe) breakfasts have started again - the first and third Mondays of the week. Join in for breakfast and conversa-

tion at the Red-Olive restaurant in Rochester.

Our Winter Indoor Flying is back starting Tuesday, November 1st at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac. Come join the fun from 11am to 1pm



each Tuesday. Just \$100 gives you access to 54 hours of indoor flying between now and the end of March! (5 session punch cards are available for \$30... Or individual sessions for \$15.) One change from the original flyer - the Christmas session has been moved to December 26th at the request of Ultimate to better accommodate us. Thanks to Roger Schmelling and Fred Engleman for leading this activity.

Our annual elections and finance meeting will be November 9th at Larson Middle School. We'll review the past year, and choose the officers

for 2012. If you would like a chance to contribute to the club - here is your chance! If you would like more detail on any of the roles, ask me or any board member.

Looking ahead to December, we of course have our annual Christmas Party at Larson on December 7th. Bring the family, and come enjoy some food (potluck dinner)/fun, and a visit from Santa for the kids. Fred and Edith Engleman have again taken on coordinating the potluck dinner (thank you!). If you can let me know the names, and ages of those 10 and under attending - we'll make sure we get word to Santa.

We will end the year with our Krazy Snow Fly on December 31st. More about that next month...

I am happy to say we have resolved our technical issues with our online roster (members only). The website now reflects the complete and current membership status as of today - and will be the master copy of the roster going forward. We ended our fiscal year with over 175 members. Following the review of our dues and establishment of 2012 amounts - we will open up renewals - both online and at meetings. Thank you for your patience as we worked through the issues.

Get those indoor planes ready and as always, Happy Landings!

Greg Cardillo

FLYING HIGH CUBS



Future pilots: On October 13, from the generosity of several Skymasters' members and FlightLine Hobbies, a local Cub Scout den was presented with a complete 40-sized trainer package by Gary Weaks, Bill Stark, Fred Engleman and Chris Hass. The Lake Orion-based Scout group, familiar with the Skymasters, approached us last month looking for a any spare airplanes and equipment we might have so that they could make a group project of it. When the request was

shared with the Skymasters' Board, the response was indeed a proud moment...At the gathering at FlightLine Hobbies the Scout Den was given a NIB Hobbico trainer, along with a new engine, slightly used radio, Mark Smith floats and all of the necessary gear to assemble and fly the airplane. Look for these smiling faces at the field next Spring.

Gary Weaks



Photos By:
Fred Engelman

MEETING MINUTES...

By: Dan Stolz

Skymasters

General Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

Attendance: 46 Members

Greg Cardillo called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

Greg Cardillo welcomed one visitor – Jerry Romito. Greg also informed us the Stony Creek float flying was done for the year.

The major discussion tonight was the introduction of proposed changes to the Skymasters' Constitution and Bylaws. Gary Weaks gave some introductory background on why the changes were being presented to the membership for a vote. Both Gary Weaks and Greg Cardillo coordinated the discussion with the members in attendance on the various topics.

Constitution Proposed Changes - The following changes were approved/not approved.

Article VIII – Committees. The Executive Operating Committee is composed of the current elected officers of the Club. These elected officers will appoint an additional three (3) Executive Operating Committee members which will be brought to the members for approval and will have full voting rights at EOC meetings. These appointed members must be in good standing. Together these officers and members form the Executive Operating Committee. *APPROVED AS AMEND-*

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Article XIII (New) Financial – All financial instruments and accounts, vehicles and items with titles including, but not limited to checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, investments, vehicles, trailers, tractors, Pay Pal, debit cards, etc. must be in the name of the club and controlled/managed by the EOC. All accounts are the property of the club and must be in the possession of the Treasurer. Only the President and Treasurer must have access to all financial instruments and accounts with the ability to move money. *APPROVED AS AMENDED*

Article XIV (New) Publications, Electronic Media and Intellectual Property – All publications, electronic media and intellectual property including but not limited to written documents, electronic media, web site, email accounts, social media, etc. must be registered/owned by the club where allowed. Where registration must be in the individual's name, the organization name must be listed where permitted. Such publications, electronic media and intellectual property are controlled/managed by the EOC. Submissions to each and all of the above include the granting to Skymasters a perpetual license to use and alter the submission as needed. The EOC controls the content of such publications, electronic media and intellectual property and

may direct/select/appoint a newsletter editor, web master, social media manager, etc. *APPROVED AS AMENDED*

Bylaws Proposed Changes - The following changes were approved/not approved.

Article II (page 6) – Regular meetings of the Club are typically scheduled on a monthly basis at the place and time determined by the EOC. However a meeting is mandatory in November to conduct elections and any other necessary business. *APPROVED*

Article III – Financial Obligations – An addition was proposed. (d) All members except honorary members and associate members to pay dues with the exception for hardship cases. *NOT APPROVED*

Gary Weaks also displayed a trainer plane ARF and associated equipment that has been obtained through the generous donations of the Skymasters members for a local Cub Scout Pack. There will be a presentation made to the Cub Scouts on October 13 at 6:30 PM. The presentation will take place at Flightline Hobby. All members are invited to attend.

The Retiree/Wannabe breakfast will be every first and third Monday of the month beginning October 3.

Greg Cardillo adjourned the meeting at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Dan Stolz
Skymasters Secretary



Skymasters R/C Club

In conjunction with Romeo Skyhawks,
Radio Control Club of Detroit,
Greater Detroit Soaring and Hiking Society

Winter Indoor Flying!

Tuesdays - November 1, 2011 thru March 27, 2012 *

**Mondays - Martin Luther King Day and Presidents Day!
Thanksgiving and Christmas Week Holiday Sessions!**

Ultimate Soccer Arenas - 867 South Blvd, Pontiac, MI

R/C Flying Schedule: **Tuesday Sessions 11am-1pm**
MLK and Presidents Day
Nov 27th 12pm-4pm & Dec 26th 11am-3pm

* No session on
December 27th

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365 ft by 260 ft Flying Area with 45 ft to 75 foot ceilings.
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4 Hour Sessions \$15 (or 2 'punches')

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NOVEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 INDOOR FLYING	2	3	4	5
6	7 BREAKFAST	8 INDOOR FLYING	9 MEETING ELECTIONS	10	11	12
13	14	15 INDOOR FLYING	16	17	18	19
20	21 BREAKFAST	22 INDOOR FLYING	23	24 Thanksgiving	25	26
27 INDOOR FLYING	28	29 INDOOR FLYING	30			



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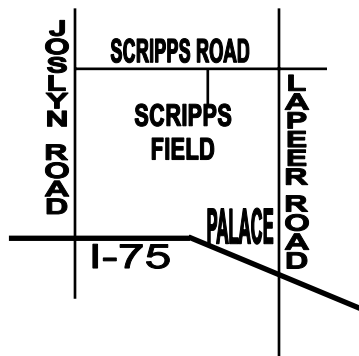
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Skymasters Information.....

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-

SCRIPPS ROAD FIELD



WINTER MEETINGS



tors around all day. Student 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.

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!