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From the President...



Dear Skymasters,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is an honor to write this letter as the new President of the Skymasters RC Club. I am both excited and humbled by this opportunity. I want to thank everyone for their overwhelming vote of confidence and support as I move into this position. I hope to use my gifts, talents and skills to lead the club well and in every situation and decision my thought will be "what is in the best interest of the club and its' members."

About me; I live in Lake Orion very near St. Joseph Church, grew up in Oxford, graduated from Brandon High School, and worked at GM, both Pontiac and Warren out of high school. I was a Benedictine Monk, of St. Benedict Monastery, on East Draher for several years. Fr. Mike Green OSB, (a dear friend) the Prior of St. Benedict, and I, joined the club at the same time a few years ago, thanks to one of the clubs greatest ambassadors and good man, Frank Genovese. I lived eleven years in Rogers City and about seven in Charlevoix working in Harbor Springs. Emily, my daughter, is a freshman at CMU. For my work I am a (IT) Field Engineer for Advantage Technologies Inc., and install, train and service

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CBCT (3D (x-ray) imaging) in dental, ortho, and oral surgeon offices. I do not have the vast experience in this hobby of others; thank God that is not required to be president, but..., I was the founding member, at 10 years of age, of the Apollo Aerospace Club of Dartmouth Road. I used to make the neighbor kids and my sisters, learn, build and watch my model rockets. I've always been fascinated with all the diverse and interesting things that make up our hobby.

Being Membership Chair the past two years, I have gotten to know most of our 227 members, and, with many of you, I have developed a close friendship, which I value. Each one of you have enriched my life and I am blessed to know you. I hope that in this upcoming year I can meet the few members that I have not yet, and especially all that will join our club this year.

Your membership is VALUED! **You are very important to this club...** One of the greatest assets of this club is its members, YOU. I cannot express to you, how important you are to Skymasters. Over 1/3 of our members are new within the past five years which is a **great ingredient**. Many of our members have been in the club for decades and have unselfishly shared their time, talent and treasure with the club in one way or another over the years, another **important ingredient**. As we continue to grow, I hope we all realize that we are all ambassadors for our club and hobby. Let's continue the strong tradition of **hospitality**. We have a lot to offer as Skymasters!

If you've been a member of Skymasters in the past... **COME BACK!** Maybe you've been away from the club, for whatever reason, for however long a period of time... maybe, someone or something upset you in the past, your life got in the way of your flying; or whatever may have you away from the club..., I personally invite you to come back. I promise you will be welcomed and I know you will really enjoy the "spirit" of the group at the field and events.

With this hobby that all of us are so passionate about, so many diverse personalities it is inevitable someone will rub us wrong or, we, someone... One cool fact is that there are 225 others you can focus on... As my daughter would say.... "Dad... **build a bridge and get over it.**" Sincerely, come back to the club, let the past be the past, I

truly want you to enjoy this club. There is so much positive going on, the past is the past, and the future is exciting. I'd like you to be a part of it. Even if you didn't make it to the field this past season, fly often or whatever your participation, you are valued and important!

It is a HOBBY, a very cool one at that, relax, enjoy, fly, and have fun!

As far as the upcoming year for the club, my term as president, the new Board, (EOC - executive operating committee), and the calendar of events; I would tell you to expect a lot of the same quality events and beautiful field we share for flying. I don't foresee any major changes from the normal course.

I have learned well over the past two years, or more, attending the board meetings and club events that this gift we have of Skymasters is truly a **treasure** and was built with the very hard work and care of a lot of great men (and women). I consider it a privilege to be a part of such a fine group. **Membership has its privileges!**

I have learned that there are many good reasons for the way that the club does things, nothing is random and arbitrary. If there is some aspect of the club that strikes you funny or odd, I can tell you that (for the most part) it is deliberate, intentional and well thought out. It may not be perfect. I've asked a million questions over the past few months to the past presidents and board and all I can say is that I am amazed at how well organized this club is. That is not to say that there isn't room for improvement and that I (we) would not welcome your input and ideas. When you make those suggestions, though, I'll be asking how you're going to make it happen since there is no "they" in our club, as in, **"they should do this or they should do that..."** WE ARE THE THEY. I am sure that I will add my own flavor, as each president does, and I just pray that I will continue to enjoy your support and confidence. I will do everything to earn that. Again, this club is a treasure and I just want us to be good stewards of the legacy that is Skymasters.

As far as the flying field (Scripps Road) I hope to keep it maintained to the fine standards we have and continue to maintain and improve our space there. I know we need to do the field rolling to smooth it out, the club field workdays are vital to keeping the space well maintained. That and our relationship with Bald Mountain is key to

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Front Cover:

The Keith Shaw scale model of the 1939 Bugatti Racer. This has to be the sexiest model of the sexiest airplane I have ever seen. Come see it in person... Keith is the guest speaker for the January 22nd meeting! And as a bonus, click on [THIS LINK](#) for a YouTube video of the plane. It even SOUNDS cool.

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our future. I hope we can make some adjustments to improve the heli field this year. It brought in many new members and while we welcome them to fly on the main field when possible (fly the pattern if there is airplane traffic, primarily--- this club existed for many years sharing that space), we need to do some things to continue the improvements begun with the addition of the heli field space.

We will have all the same major events this summer; the Spring Float Fly; Swap Meet, Electric Fly, Heli Fly, Warbirds and Scale Fly, Fun Fly, the Fish Fry and Corn Roast, Top Gun; Krazy Snow Fly, and very important and exciting... this will be the **25th anniversary year of the Midwest Regional Float Fly!** The Indoor Flying, too, is an integral and important part of the club. I know I missed several events and they are in no way any less important! I really appreciate the ways we ALL get behind these events and support them, even if whatever particular event is, may not be "our thing." Everyone's help and support is vital. It is so darn exciting and rewarding to see brand new members to our club helping out the very next day or week in club events. That's cool!

I hope we will have some *mini events* this summer including; Slow Pylon Racing (with a small electric setup); Combat Flying event; Control Line event(s), and we'll continue to have our rocket launches that have been a great time. Each of these are in the preliminary planning stages and if anyone would like to participate in making them happen please let me know.

Our club has a world class website. We will continue to add to both the infrastructure and design. Your content is always welcome to enhance that space. Your pictures, articles, stories can do that. Please forward any content to webmaster@skymasters.org. Connected with our club website is our club email system. Very soon, we will introduce new **plans to change the way we use and you receive emails**. I would ask that you all, especially members be "signing into" the members portion of the website, using the forums, and each of us keep our profile updated and accurate. We will have email options that you will set regarding what you'd like to receive to eliminate those unwanted emails but, at the same time keep you informed of official club business. We must STOP using the club email as a forum to vent gripes. If you are unhappy about something we have a Board that you can contact directly, email, all or one member, and communicate any issues. Each board members phone number and email address is listed in the club newsletter and a contact sheet will be included with your membership card mailing.

The new EOC or Board with me is: John Billinger; vice president, Pete Foss; Secretary, Chris Strong; Treasurer; and our at-large board members; Paul Goelz, Phil Saunders, and Gary Wells. I know you realize how fortunate we are to have such fine guys serving our club. They have a good heart and truly care, as you do, about our club. We have hit the ground running and are ready to serve. It amazes me how much it takes to keep our club running smoothly.

I cannot thank enough, Ken Gutelius. I have nothing but, respect and admiration for him and his presidency, I hope to follow and continue the good things he carried on and the good he introduced. I want to thank all the past club presidents, board members, club members and all the Skymasters of the past. The web site has an awesome collection of photos and newsletters that communicate the **legacy of Skymasters**.

SAFETY is of primary importance in our club. We will focus on safety this year and plan to adjust our new pilot sign off and instructor training to include a continued focus on safety and procedures. The monthly newsletter and club meetings will include "5 minutes on safety". Let us all renew ourselves to a commitment to pre-flight check every airplane and heli, each flight and to fly safely. I am pleased to announce that our Chief Flight Instructor for 2015 will be Dan Berry. When you read our club bylaws it states that all club flight instructors are "field marshals" responsible for safety. I would like to point out that each of us is responsible for safety. It is not always easy when someone has to point out a safety violation (if it happens...) but, I would rather risk hurting someone's feelings and tell them, then have someone get hurt. We all do care about one another and need to keep one another SAFE!!

As far as our (bi) monthly Club Meetings, (first one of 2015 is Thursday January 22, 6:45 p.m. Orion Center Meeting Room A) we plan to continue having interesting, relevant speakers and topics. I would like to encourage you to **attend as often as you are able**, let me know if you have an idea for a presenter or speaker or your idea for a topic. It is sometimes a challenge because half our club has seen it done it all, and half are somewhat new... but, I know we can always learn, and learn from one another so your participation is important. I want to **increase participation in "show and tell"** at each meeting. You are encouraged to bring your current, or future, or past project, build, purchase, whatever to share with the rest of the club. Personally, I have really enjoyed this part of the meetings and been fascinated at the amount of talent and skill we have within our member-

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ship. It is exciting to see the many various aircraft and models that others work on. I am working on an incentive to encourage the Show and Tell participation at each meeting with an entry in a drawing for a "prize" in the spring. In March we have **"In-the-Bones"** where those who build (kits or arfs) can bring their airplane in and share it with us for "show and tell". Typically, we award the winner of show and tell with a gift certificate.

Take a moment and review the **AMA Safety Code**, look at our **Club Field Flying Safety Rules**, both of which you attest that you have read when you renew or join this club. Log into the club web site and update your profile and add your picture so we know who you are instead of "the guy with the purple four star". Keep introducing yourself at the field and events and invite a friend to come out flying and continue to be a great Ambassador of Skymasters and the hobby! With all those excellent ingredients, how could we not have a GREAT YEAR! I am looking forward to it.

We are positioned very well as a club. We have a superb field, vibrant membership, excellent leaders, a positive number in the club checkbook, and most importantly YOU. What an exciting time to be president, or a member, eh?!

Invite someone to the field, remember how exciting it was to see this hobby up close for the first time. We have a treasure, let's share it and encourage new members, especially youth!

See you soon - fly SAFELY!



Bob Chapdelaine president@skymasters.org

P.S. Don't forget each Tuesday Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer Arena and the Skymasters **Swap Meet Saturday** February 21; 9-1 p.m. at the CERC (same place as last year) It's going to be huge!

Hello, my name is Jon Angelo Grigsby and I'm an RC addict

A few years ago while off work with an injury I got the idea to start living out the dream I've always had of flying. As a child in the 70's and 80's of a single parent household there really wasn't the monetary freedom to afford the tools necessary to enjoy RC flight. Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed my childhood greatly. It's just that some things took a back seat. But things change and I was now chomping at the bit to fly.

I had purchased a few off brand helis and learned quickly that, as with many aspects of life, you get what you pay for. But once I bought a higher quality machine I was up and running. Fast forward a couple of years and I was finally flying my real desire, a plane! A familiar plane to many, the Parkzone T-28. It was a totally different animal, however. You couldn't simply stop and hover when things got hairy....You gotta keep flying this bird! Then you gotta land it!



December 26, 2014
Do I have a problem?

I had no help. I was on my own and after a couple of crash and burns shelved the plane.... well, the stars aligned and in May of 2014 I moved to Brandon Twp. and joined what has been the greatest group of people ever, the Skymasters!

I've made some great new friends, found a great hobby shop, Flightline, and now have a more positive view on the hobby. But, there is a dark side. A side many of you surely know. The bug!

Since that one T-28 (which after 2 gallons of CA, 3' of packaging tape and a few wood screws I still fly!) I now have about 15 planes, including a 35% Extra 260! This is during one summer. My wife tells me I have a problem but I know the warning signs. The first, I've heard, is denial. I am NOT in denial therefore, I have no problem!

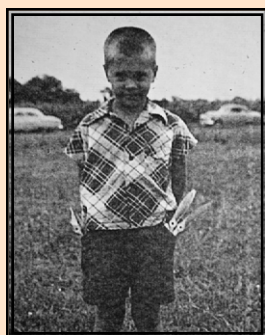
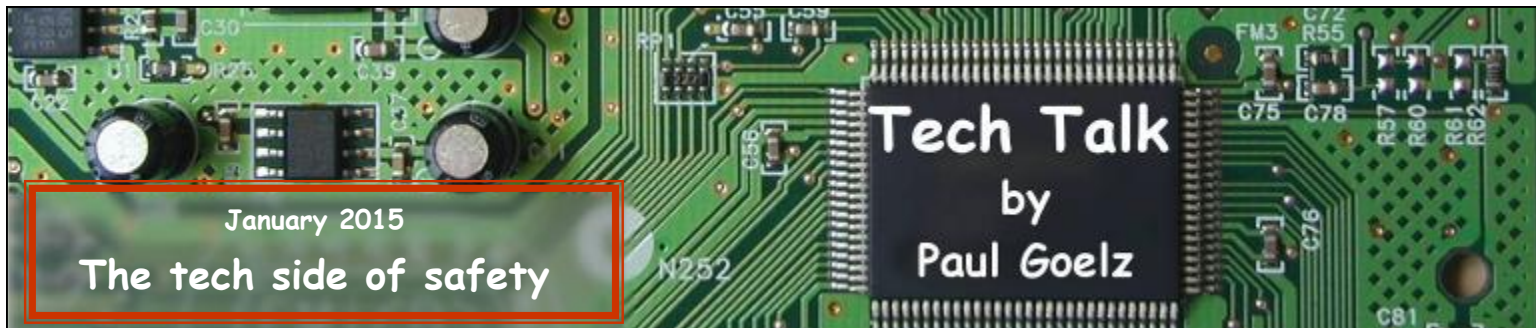
A big thank you to the Skymasters and the gang at Flightline Hobby for all the help and aiding me in creating great new memories and the hope to pass this great hobby and the love for flight down to my children.

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May 1, 2014

Note from the editor.... You don't have a problem until you start to number your aircraft ;)



Hello Skymasters!

The watchword for this year looks like it will be "safety" and as such, I thought I'd devote the January Tech Talk column to safety and how it is affected by our equipment. When we think about safety, we all think about piloting skills and judgment but we tend to forget that if our

equipment fails, the best skills in the world will not prevent an accident. As an instructor, I have always said that I don't care IF you crash. But I do care WHERE you crash ;) If you have an equipment failure, you can't control where you crash. So what can we do as pilots to make sure our equipment is as reliable as possible?

The very first item is a **proper and frequent range check**. And I'll admit that I am a flagrant violator of this one too. Because of how the RF protocol is engineered, our 2.4GHz radios are VERY reliable. But they can only remain that way if the transmitter is getting enough signal to the receiver. A range check using the range check feature on the transmitter reduces the RF power. When you move away to the recommended 30 paces AND reduce the transmitter power, you are simulating the signal level at normal flight distances. If the link is still reliable, you have a reasonable expectation that all is well. If the range check fails, do not fly.

Batteries are another important factor and one of my hot buttons. If you fly with a flight pack, make sure you know its condition before you fly. Make sure it is charged and more importantly, make sure you know that it is healthy and able to power the aircraft for the expected run time. Using a charger that can do a measured discharge is the only way to be sure. If you fly electric, MAKE SURE you are not exceeding the capacity of the BEC. This is not easy to determine but you can test the system. Exercise all the servos simultaneously while the motor is running (to maximize the heat load) and make sure the receiver does not brown out or re-boot. When tested like this, my Storch failed. If it had happened in flight, I would have lost the plane. I installed a separate BEC and problem solved.

Connectors are an often forgotten area where problems can occur and take down a plane. On an electric plane, immediately after a flight, feel the battery connector. If it is warm, check it over carefully or better yet, replace it. Heat indicates high resistance and a potential failure. Check your servo and flight pack (if used) connectors carefully. Make sure they are all fully seated and snug. Any connector that can be mated or unmated too easily is suspect. We often pull on the wires to remove servo connectors... make sure the wires are not pulling out of the connector pins. Wiggle all connectors and look for intermittent operation.

On an electric plane, an **arming plug** is a VERY good idea, especially if the battery connector is not easily accessible. Using an arming plug allows you to connect the battery and close any access hatches while leaving the system unpowered until you are ready to fly. It also gives you an easy way to be 100% certain the system is safe after a flight or to quickly de-power it in an emergency.

If your transmitter allows it, you should always program... and use... a **throttle kill switch**. The throttle kill switch overrides the throttle stick and holds the throttle channel at zero. I have seen several accidents (including one that was my fault) occur because a throttle kill switch was not being used. This is especially important on an electric model because the motor can start at any time after the system is powered. All it takes is an accidental bump of the throttle stick (or in my case, it got caught on my sleeve). I now program **and use** a throttle kill switch on each and every model I own... including glow.

And last but not least, let's talk about **safe charging practices**. Our modern lithium batteries are marvelous things but they can and do bite from time to time. They can ignite due to operator error or equipment failure. Make dead sure you know what your charger is doing and always **ALWAYS** charge somewhere where a battery fire cannot spread. **Don't charge in or on your car**. Don't charge unattended. Be careful and know what you are doing. And ASK QUESTIONS if unsure.

See you in February!

Paul

Skymasters Christmas Party

Greg Cardillo photos



Five Minutes On Safety

This is the first of what is intended to be a monthly column on the subject of safety. For this month, we thought we would simply reprint the field rules. They are designed to keep us safe and to prevent our operations from impinging on our ever-closer neighbors.

[Reprinted from the "Skymasters Field Rules" found on the Skymasters web site:](#)

- 1. AMA and Skymasters memberships are required. Guests, as defined by the Skymasters Constitution and By Laws, and those participating in a Skymasters event must have AMA membership. All others must comply with the applicable requirements in effect at the time. See AMA Document 911 Flying at AMA Chartered Club Sites and AMA Document 917 Introductory Pilot Program.**
- 2. All 50 MHz and 72 MHz transmitters must be narrow band (27 MHz, 49 MHz, 900 MHz and 2.4GHz Spread Spectrum transmitters are allowed to be used). All transmitters must be stored on the impound stand when not in use.**
- 3. A frequency may be blocked for a maximum of 15 minutes. This is to allow others the opportunity to fly. The time is determined from the moment you place your frequency pin on your transmitter until the time you remove it, regardless of whether your aircraft got into the air.**
- 4. No flying over or behind the flight line. Aircraft returning to pit must end taxi at flight line. (Note the flight line is infinitely long. It does not stop at the ends of the flight stations or runway.)**
- 5. Engines must be muffled to 94 dBA on the ground at 10 feet from the propeller (See the Club President for Club dB meter.**
- 6. A fire extinguisher is required and must be present when using gasoline or other combustible materials.**
- 7. Running engines in pit area must have the propeller pointed toward field.**
- 8. The line of flight and the direction of pattern will be determined by wind direction and members present at the field.**
- 9. Pilots, while flying, will stand at one of the provided flight stations (behind the protective barrier). Hovering helicopters should fly in the designated area.**
- 10. All new, repaired or altered aircraft must be safety inspected before flight by an instructor or experienced pilot.**
- 11. All pilots shall secure the assistance of a more experienced pilot when attempting to fly a more advanced aircraft.**
- 12. It is the responsibility of all members to stop the flight of an unsafe aircraft or pilot and to enforce all of the above rules.**
- 13. Instructor Pilots are available to assist any pilot who needs help flying including using our Club buddy boxes. It is every pilot's responsibility to fly safely and request assistance when necessary. Put safety first and fly with an instructor if you need help to insure safety for everyone.**
- 14. All Skymaster members over 16 years old, when at any Skymasters flying event regardless of location, shall function as spotters of full scale aircraft and notify those flying of the location and direction of the full scale aircraft. Maximum flying height not to exceed 1,000 feet.**
- 15. All injuries that occur at the field that require medical attention must be reported to one of the Club officers within 24 hours of the accident by phone call or e-mail.**

Indoor flying at Ultimate!



FPV racing



On December 27th, I attended a fascinating event organized by [Detroit Drone](#) and one that seems to be gaining popularity quickly. FPV (First Person View) racing refers to flying around a predetermined course using a quadrotor. Not too hard, right? Wrong! These quads were flown solely by wearing goggles and viewing live video from the quad! It is harder than it sounds, as evidenced by the fact that one of the most effective race strategies was simply not to crash ;)

The race took place December 27th in the golf dome on Joslyn by the entrance to Great Lakes Crossing. I counted about ten participating pilots and maybe 30 or so non-racing pilots (there were several open fly time slots). Since we are only just now seeing turnkey FPV solutions, there was a wide array of Rube Goldberg contraptions in use. Some worked better than others and not all of them were particularly expensive. I was intrigued by the fact that unlike most of us model airplane pilots, many of these pilots were attracted to the tech and not necessarily to the fact that they were flying something. I'm happy to report that geekdom is alive and well.

The race consisted of time trials where pilots flew three laps alone on the course against the clock. Typical times were about 20 seconds per lap. The course consisted of four lighted pylons and two inverted "U" hoops that you had to fly through. Making the turn past the #3 pylon and then through the hoop was not easy. The last heat put the top four pilots on the course at the same time in an exciting "blade to blade" flyoff.

I did not get the names of all the finalists, but the race was won by Jon Hair (a frequent heli and quad flyer at Ultimate). Well done Jon.

Paul Goelz



Salvation Army Toy Drive



Thanks to all the indoor pilots who donated more than \$850 during the 6th Annual Holiday Gift Drive at Ultimate Soccer Arenas on 12/16/14. All donations are going directly to the Salvation Army along with over 35 toys which will help make this year's Christmas a little happier for families of need. Add to that \$150 which was collected at the AMA District 7 Town Hall Meeting in late October and another \$200 from Santa Joe's pizza delivery on 12/23. Making a Grand Total of \$1,200 which was presented to Major Nathan Johnson from the Salvation Army by the Detroit Metropolitan Aero Modeling Community. Special Thanks to our Sponsors, Santa Joe and Ultimate Soccer Arenas for the extra flying time. May everyone have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Skymasters R/C Club



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For more information contact Fred Engelman: indoorfly@skymasters.org

* Special Family Rates available at the door.



Detroit Aero Modelers R/C Swap Meet

Sunday January 4th, 2015

9:00am – Noon

Location

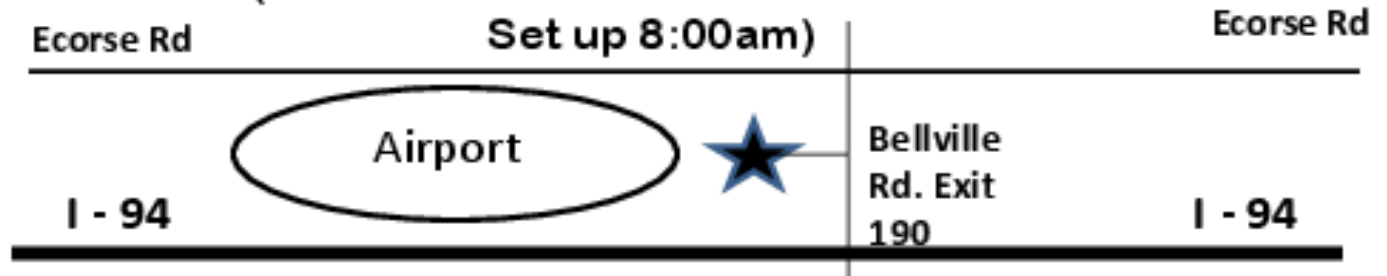
Yankee Air Museum

47884 D St., Belleville, MI 48111

**admission charge
\$5.00 per person**

Vendor Table Cost

**\$20.00 per table, limited availability
Advanced reservations recommended
(vendor cost includes one admission**



For information contact Vince Blasky 248.228.4945 or vblasky@aol.com

**Attendees & Vendors get FREE PASS
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Skymasters R/C Club



Indoor Electric Flying

In conjunction with the Radio Control Club of Detroit

R/C BONUS HOUR

Sponsored By:



Monday, Jan. 19th from 11 AM to 2 PM
Martin Luther King Day



Pilots will receive an extra hour of flying time for the low cost of a single 2 hour flying session of \$10:00. That's 3 hours of flying for \$10 thanks to the Romeo Skyhawks R/C Club.

Spectators Free - Great Lunch Available

All Pilots must have proof of current AMA Membership

See rules for size and weight limits.

For more information contact Jim Wynn: www.indoorfly@skymasterrrs.org
Visit our web site at www.skymasters.org

* Special Family Rate see the Event Director Jim Wynn for details



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Radio Control Club of Detroit

Presents Their

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Time: Open 9:00am – 1:00pm
Location: Knights of Columbus Hall
23695 Mound Rd.
Warren MI 48091
1/3 Mile North of 9 Mile Rd. on the
West side of Mound Rd.
(See Map)

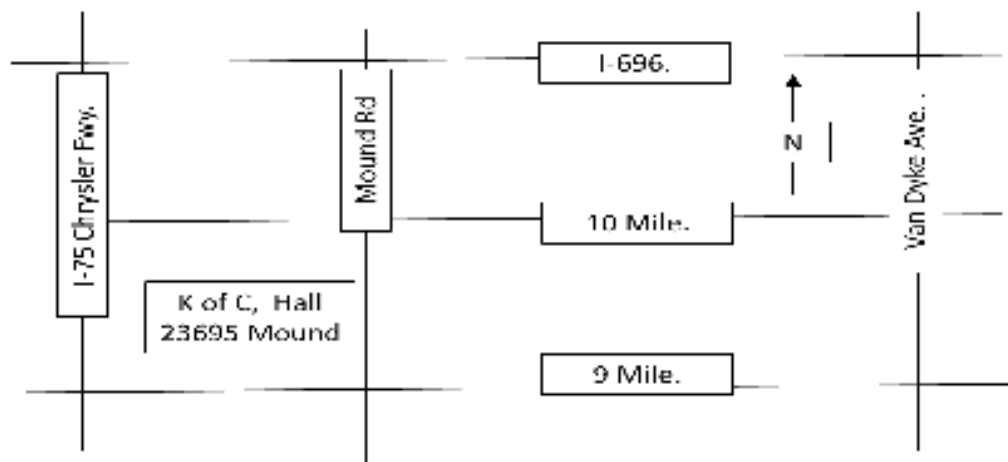
General Admission:
Adults - \$3.00
Children under 12yr old - \$1.00
Children under 5 – Free!
Free Parking
**Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawings,
Special Raffles all day.**

Food and Refreshments: Waffle
Breakfast 9:00 – 10:00. \$2.00
Lunch to follow.

Contact info: To reserve tables
Or general info contact: Phil
Laperriere – 586-876-5401,
or email: lap.phil@gmail.com

Vendors: Tables \$20.00 each
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\$18.00 if payment is received by
Jan. 8th. Table set up at 8:00.
Vendors requested to stay until
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More Info at: www.rccd.org

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Super Swap Meet 2015

Saturday February 21, 2015 | 9:00-1:00 p.m.



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DATES

Time 11:AM – 1:PM unless noted.

NOVEMBER:

Tues. 4th
Tues. 11th
Tues. 18th
Tues. 25th
Sun. 30th * 11AM-2PM

FEBRUARY:

Tues. 3rd
Tues. 10th
Mon. 16th * Pres . Day
Tues. 17th
Tues. 24th

DECEMBER:

Tues. 2nd
Tues. 9th
Tues. 16th
Tues. 23rd
Fri. 26th * 11AM-2PM

MARCH:

Tues. 3th
Tues. 10th
Tues. 17th
Tues. 24th
Tues. 31st

JANUARY:

Fri. 2nd * 11AM-2PM
Tues. 6th
Tues. 13th
Mon. 19th * MLK Day
Tues. 20th
Tues. 27th

*** 5 - Holiday Bonus Sessions**
3 Hrs. Of Flying from 11:AM – 2:PM
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Radio Control Club of Detroit &
Skymasters

For additional Information go to www.Skymasters.org

Or contact Fred E. at Indoorfly@Skymasters.org

ON THE WING

Skymasters Breakfast

First and Third Monday of
each month through May

9AM

Everyone welcome

Red Olive restaurant
In the strip mall on Walton
across from Crittenton Hospital,
Rochester MI

Skymasters Indoor Flying

Every Tuesday

See the Skymasters web site for details

11AM to 1PM

At Ultimate Soccer,
Opdyke and South Blvd

Pontiac, MI

AMA required

Next Skymasters Meeting...

January 22nd

Regular meeting, with guest speaker Keith Shaw.
Don't miss this one (see flyer) !!!!!!!

6:45PM

at the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road

(on the east side of Joslyn,
just south of Clarkston Road)



Other local area indoor flying sessions

Premiere Training Center

51379 Quadrante, Macomb MI

(north of 23 mile and east of Hayes)

Thursdays, 9AM to 3PM (yes, that's 6 hours)

January 1st Thursday session moved to Friday January 2nd

Small electric planes and helis (separate heli space)

\$10/session, AMA not required

Info: Steve Durecki 586-246-4203 (text or voice)

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Legacy Center

9299 Goble Dr.

Brighton, MI 48139

(Off of Winans Lake Road, between
Rickett Rd. and M23)

Thursdays 12PM—2PM through April
30th \$5/session

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Skymasters Information...

[The Skymasters field is located in Lake Orion, within the Bald Mountain Recreational Area](#) on Scripps Road, between M24 and Joslyn (see map). A recreation passport or sticker is required and can be obtained from the Park Headquarters located on Greenshield Road or you can check the box on your tab renewal for a "Recreational Passport".

Flying is permitted from 10 AM to 8 PM. The noise limit is 94 dBA at 10 feet. This noise rule is enforced.

Wednesday evening (through August) is Family Night with flying and a pot luck buffet. Bring something for the grill & a dish to

pass.

Wednesday 5PM to 8PM is also Student Night (through August) but there are usually instructors around all day. Meet the instructors and arrange for more instruction time together on other days. Our Chief Flight Instructor is Dan Berry, 248-202-5776, cfi@skymasters.org

From June through August, club meetings are held at the field, on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 8 PM. A great chance to fly and socialize. **Winter meetings (September through May)** are held at the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn, in Lake Orion. Check the calendar here

or on the [web site](#) for specifics. Bring a model for Show and Tell, enjoy coffee and donuts and listen to the speaker of the evening.

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