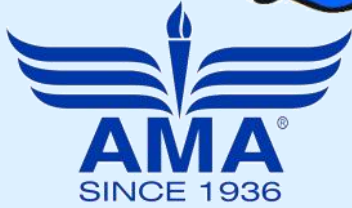


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From the President...



In just a few weeks we will have our next big event for the Summer our Open House/Recreation 101. We partner with the Bald Mountain Recreation Area staff and work together to promote the beautiful park grounds that we share with the rest of Bald Mountain area and at the same time expose the general public to our hobby. We want everyone to know all the good things that Bald Mountain Recreation Area has to offer and at the same time showcase our club. So, to that end we will be putting on an Air show/Open House on Saturday July 16 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and will have several guest pilots from other clubs, plus our own guys "showing off" (safely!) and... at this time we are still hoping to have the full scale Blackhawk helicopter touch down on the runway at noon so we can get a close up view and sit in the cockpit! I want to thank Skymaster, Ted Labbe for all his efforts for the past five years in providing and piloting the aircraft for these events. We love it, the public loves it and we talk about it all year. Ted retired recently and now he works with the guys at Customs and Border Protection to arrange for the landing of the Blackhawk. Ted

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just got word to me a few days ago that there is a chance we may not get an aircraft this year as they are sending them to Cleveland to protect the RNC. We'll keep hoping it happens and really appreciate it when it comes. It won't be for lack of effort, and, if it doesn't come this day, in the interest of national security, I know we'll understand! Regardless, we're going to have a great day and great Air Show!

Please bring out your aircraft for static displays and be there to meet and greet any visitors and guests and share your love for your hobby and be an ambassador for Skymasters. I'll ask our members to please, if at all possible, unload your stuff and then park at the back of our parking lot, or along the driveway, then we can allow our guests and visitors to park closer. We are expecting big crowds this day!

Next I need to point your attention to our Chief Safety/Flight Officers' article on **5 Minutes on Safety** in this newsletter. PLEASE READ IT and I will comment on one thing... Please guys **NO MORE high-speed-high energy flight/maneuvers towards the flight line**... we all know that knot we get in our stomach when someone does that. **Well Don't!** You may be the best pilot in the world but you cannot guarantee something won't break and you lose control as your aircraft is aimed at our pit area, bleachers or pavilion. We've had a long period of no problems but several problems in the past week. Slow down, follow the rules, think and BE SAFE. I'd rather have you mad at me or our club leaders/members for thinking we are going overboard on the safety lectures then to have something terrible happen. It is my greatest fear!

15 MPH! While I'm on it... slow down on the driveway or I'm going to start issuing speeding tickets, REALLY. There is a posted speed limit of 15mph at the entrance. I know you're excited to be at the field and maybe running late when you leave, but, SLOW DOWN! In my opinion if you have dust rolling up behind you on the dry gravel in our driveway you are going too fast.... I know I've done it occasionally not thinking... We need to slow down on the driveway at Skymasters...

It is this time of year each year that we begin planning for the November Skymasters Officer Elections... We've got a great EOC and great officers, but, if there is someone who wanted to be considered as a candidate for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or one of the three At-Large Elected Officer positions please let me or a board member know ASAP!

I finally made it over to the Addison Oaks weekly Wednesday morning float flying that Jim Held and crew host. It was wonderful! What a great location, beautiful lake and I appreciate the wonderful hospitality Jim and Steve Fredericks showed me. If you are ever free on a Wednesday morning (I know... it stinks for those of us still working), head on over to Addison Oaks. You'll have to get a county park pass if you don't have one and then there are really cheap fees, I think \$5 to fly all summer there! Thanks Jim and Steve and everyone!

On Wednesday July 20th in conjunction with our regular Student Night and Potluck we will have a short **Membership Meeting** (at the field) to take care of some essential club business. One particular item will be to vote in all our new members since we last voted, I think it was several months ago. We've grown quite a bit in new and returning members and per our bylaws each new member is given "provisional" membership until the club votes them into full membership. This is one reason why it is great that our new members get out to the field and we get to know you so we have no problem when we vote you into full membership. For all our new members I sincerely welcome you into our club and I hope you find a friendly, helpful group and a great club. I know it is there! I hope our existing members continue to extend themselves and reach out to the new members and make them feel welcome as they always have!

Great job Pete Foss and crew on a wonderful Electric & Night Fly. Other than it being somewhat quiet in the air at the field that day, there was plenty of action in the pits and under the pavilion and the many pop-ups along the fence. We had several overnighters in their motorhomes and some of us stayed well into the morning after the bonfire, flying in the beautiful night, bug free sky! The mosquitoes finally left about 10:30ish and it was a wonderful

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Front Cover:

Joe Rubinstein with his cool glowy Sport Cub.

Bill Pesch photo

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night fly. The Solar Charging system worked great (even after dark) and we owe John Billinger a huge thanks for setting that up and our new charging bench. The new LED's under the pavilion were perfect. Russ Oliver's son Adam brought out his huge (refrigerator sized) telescope and set it up in the dark on the west slab and amazed the heck out of me and many others. I was able to see Saturn and the rings around that planet very clearly in the telescope. What a treat.

Our Fish Fry this past month was great and thanks to Jon Grigsby and crew for getting the delicious fish cooked under the tutelage of Master Chef Bill Dezur. We had a lighter than normal turn out but it was a good night. I came to know that our club fish fry was started by Bob Burns who would go ice fishing in the winter and then share his catch by putting on the club fish fry... Now we just need some of you to carry on this tradition if we want to keep the fish fry, by going ice fishing this winter, hint, hint!

We are finally having some beautiful flying weather and I hope you get out and fly a lot this summer. Our Warbirds and Scale Fly is coming up in the first week of August. Also, Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Midwest Regional Float Fly, September 10-11. We will be having an upcoming seminar at the field on float flying. I'll let you know when we set the date. We also have the Navy Design Flying part of the contest to hold. All those and lots more to come at Skymasters!

It's another beautiful day at Skymasters!

Bob Chapdelaine



President, Skymasters RC

5 Minutes on Safety

By Ken Gutelius - CFI & Chief Safety Officer, Skymasters

In our ongoing effort to maintain our safe record at the Skymasters field, I've been asked to provide a mid-season reminder and some guidance on safe operations. I will focus to some extent on incidents or potentially unsafe practices that have been witnessed recently.

1. Plugging in electric aircraft that are not restrained: When you do this you are relying on the fail-safes built into the speed control AND assuming that the throttle stick will not get bumped. Regardless of what technology you have (including throttle hold switches), there is always a chance that the propeller will spin when the battery is connected. **RESTRAIN YOUR PLANE.**
2. Flightline violations: I still see them. Good intentions are not enough. "Oops, I didn't mean to" is not a valid excuse. Here are some behaviors that lead to violations and must be avoided.
 - a. Taking off in a crosswind and not being prepared to correct. The plane will move with the wind when it breaks ground. Be prepared to correct.
 - b. High energy flight toward the flight line. The gasps that you hear as you fly toward people and pull up at the last second are not gasps of admiration. They are gasps of fear and exasperation. **Don't be that guy that causes people to hide while you're flying.**
 - c. Flying beyond your limits. When you're trying something new, do it high up and far out until you are confident.
3. Flying when you're not mentally prepared. If you have alcohol in your system, are tired or highly stressed, your skills and judgment suffer. Don't fly if you are physically or mentally impaired in any way.



Warbird Weathering Made Simple(r)

This month we're going to talk about weathering our models. This is usually done on warbird models but in truth every airplane will weather over time. It was certainly more dramatic on aircraft that flew in combat in WWI and WWII. For this article I will be showing the techniques I used on a 63" foamy P-38 Lightning.

Weathering and detailing a fine scale model can take a VERY large amount of time and many many different techniques to replicate the appearance of a specific aircraft at some point in its life. That is not what we are doing here. The techniques we will be looking at will be enhancing a foamie fighter to give it a unique look with only a few hours of work. This P-38 weathering project started at 7AM and finished at noon on the same day. It is generic in that it is not attempting to duplicate a particular aircraft but rather show the typical types of wear and tear you might see on a P-38 in service in WWII.

Before we get started, a word of caution. It is REALLY easy to over do weathering. I know this because I've done it. My general advice on your first attempt is to purposely under do the techniques. You can always add a bit more of this effect or that effect but it is really tough to un-do something done with paint.

As always we need some materials and tools. Here is a list of the items in the photo below from top left to lower right.

1. Flat black spray paint
2. Testors Dullcote spray paint
3. Latex paint matching the under side color
4. Latex paint matching the top side color
5. Model Master rust color paint
6. Tamiya flat black paint
7. Tamiya flat white paint
8. Pasche model H air brush with #5 tip
9. Badger #250-4 paint sprayer
10. 1" disposable bristle brush
11. 3/8" camel hair brush
12. #5 china bristle brush
13. #10/0 red sable brush (very small)
14. #0 red sable brush
15. #1 red sable brush



Project tools

Step 1 prep the model.

Most of these models have exposed servos and visible wires. I always paint these to make them less obvious. I also paint all of the push rods, control horns and screw heads. I use the matching latex paint for this. I take a part from the model to Home Depot and have them match the colors. They have small 1/2 pint jars of flat base for this purpose. I have found the color match to be excellent.



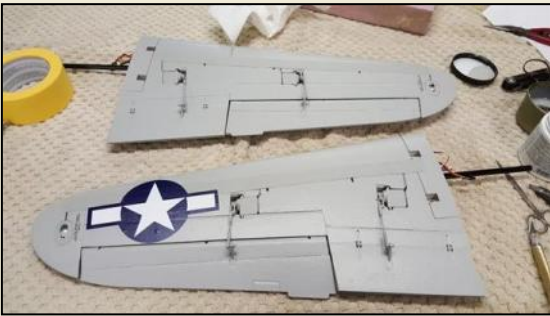
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I used the 3/8" camel hair brush



After

Another word of caution. Most of these models are made of molded EPP or EPO foam. The problem is that the paint adhesion is very poor on those materials so masking tape can lift the paint when you peel it off. Avoid masking if you can. If you must mask use a very low tack tape. I use the yellow Frog Tape meant for delicate surfaces. Apply with light pressure. When removing use a hair dryer to slightly warm the tape as you slowly peel it back over itself. No guarantees here.

Step 2 paint chipping.

The life expectancy of a fighter was generally pretty short. The vast majority of maintenance that was done was to maintain flight worthiness and combat readiness. Not much time was spent on paint and cleanliness. So paint chips and peeling accumulated with time. Most of it shows up on leading edges of flight surfaces and around panels that were frequently opened or removed. This wear and tear exposed the raw aluminum under the paint. I frequently see models where the chipping and peeling is simulated with silver metallic paint. Aluminum

is a very active metal and oxidizes very quickly. Oxidized aluminum is gray, not silver so we'll be using our gray latex with a tiny bit of black added to darken it so we get a little contrast with the light gray undersides. You will usually see this done by the modeler using a small brush to paint each chip by hand. On larger models this works ok but on smaller models the chips and peeling done this way doesn't look quite right to my eye. On the P-38 I used a stippling technique. To do this I use a cheap bristle brush...the kind that you can get at Home Depot for \$0.79. Those brushes have ragged bristle at the tip that we'll take advantage of. To do the stippling dip the tip of the brush in your gray latex and pick a TINY amount of paint on the tip of the bristles. You will find that even that is too much paint so use a stabbing motion and tap the end of the brush on a piece of white poster board until there aren't any paint blobs.



Brush stippling technique

Use the stabbing motion and apply the paint to the leading edges of the flight surfaces. You want a random looking pattern so hold the brush at different angles when you do this stabbing motion or you'll get a repeating pattern that doesn't look right.



Stippling effect

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Note that I also did a bit of the stippling on other areas besides the leading edges.



Don't forget to paint & stipple the prop

Now we want to work on the panels. Here we will use the small red sable brushes.

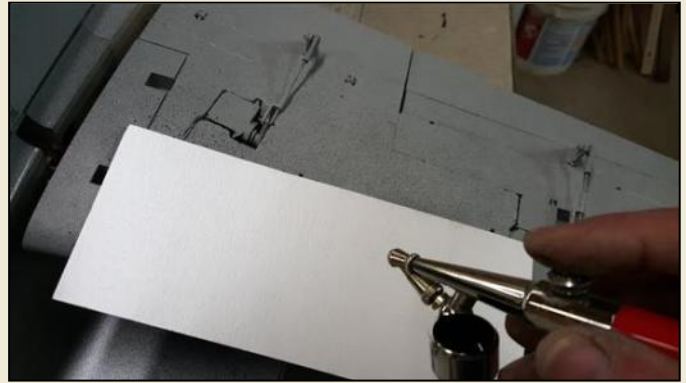


Panel edges

Step 3 overall panel lines. For this part we will use an air brush, flat black Tamiya paint and a piece of poster board as a hand held mask. I have a Pasche artists air brush but you can save some money by getting an air-brush from Harbor Freight such as their Item#62294. I do not have one but it should be fine for this kind of work. Also, the Tamiya paint works pretty good in an air brush. Latex is tricky because of the type of pigments used and the very fast drying time that tends to clog the tip.

The first thing we'll do are the panel lines that are at a right angle to the air stream. Cut a piece of poster

board about 6" by 3" to act as a mask. Hold the edge of the mask on the edge of where you want to highlight a panel line. Adjust your airbrush so that very little paint comes out. Aim your airbrush at the mask and allow some of the over spray to wash onto the model in the down-wind direction. Go lightly here. It will look like nothing is actually going on the model but when you lift the mask it will definitely be visible. Don't do the entire length of the panel line. I like to leave some gaps along the length I think it looks better.



Panel lines

For the for/aft streaks don't use the mask simply do it freehand. Make some of the streaks long and some short starting at the leading edge. Add some streaks downstream from the control surface hinges



Here is the panel effect on my DO-335

Step 4 dirty things up overall. If you are preparing a model for competition you'll use various washes and air-brush shading and be at it for weeks. Here we will keep it very simple. I use the spray flat black rattle can paint for this step. You can also mix black latex with your camouflage colors to darken them up for this. If you go this route use the Badger #250 sprayer. In either case the technique I use is to hold the can or sprayer 3 or 4 feet away from the model and using 1/2 second bursts spray toward the model and let the "over spray" settle on the surface. You want the over spray all over the

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model but you want some variation....a little more here and a little less there. Be careful this is almost impossible to undo so spray a little bit and step back and look at the effect. Add a bit more if necessary and step back again. If you use the rattle can you will notice that under close examination the surface will look a little speckled. From 5 feet away the speckled appearance disappears. Remember that in scale competition judging is done from 15 feet away. If you use the badger sprayer you can thin the paint significantly and the speckled appearance is greatly reduced so you'll have to go over things several more times to get the effect you're looking for.



The overall effect

Step 5 the final details.

Make sure that everything you can see has been done. On This p-38 the wheel hubs were white! I masked them, painted them gray then applied a wash of highly thinned black paint. I did the same on the white landing gear struts.



The details

That's it for this month. Next month I'll be talking about a very important topic...your models C.G. I'll also show you how to make a device that will very accurately show you where your C.G. actually is. It can be used on models weighing a couple of ounces up to giant scale models of 40 to 50 pounds.

Steve

Please welcome this new Skymasters pilot!



Aaron Karjala

40% Dalton Extra 300SP

Many of you know that Ron Wlosinski, Ralph Anzivino and myself spent our winter and spring over at Ron's building the first two production prototypes 40% Dalton Extra 300SP's. Like the Taylorcraft's we built last winter, we documented our entire build on Flying Giants. We had followers from all over the world subscribing to our build log, for us it was a great time building together, lot more fun than building by yourself.

Quick specs, fuse length, 120", wing span, 125", weight, 44lbs, power, DA170's with canister exhaust systems.

Just this past Tuesday we each completed our first two flights on these bird at the Romeo field, everything went great.

For those interested here is a link to the page on our build thread with photos of our finished aircraft and first flight.

<http://www.flyinggiants.com/forums/showthread.php?t=192582>

We started our build on Jan 25th and the first flights where on June 14, Ron has a complete log of the hours spent, don't know our total off hand.

Hope you enjoy and will have them at Skymasters very soon.

Tom Wheeler



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Electric FlyIn

The 2016 Electric and Night Fly was a HUGE success. We had a total of 40 pilots including at least 13 who flew a night flyer. Great turnout for both phases of the event. We also had a very nice turn out for the tailgate swap from which I took home 3 kits that I REALLY needed (cough cough). Steve Gladden from Ann Arbor took home the Flyzone Beaver kit donated by Hobbico! Thanks also to Glen Bianchini and Century 21 for the Flightline Hobby gift certificates.

We had 4 families camp out in a very wide range of equipment from a tent to luxury RV and fifth wheel. Hope to see more of you out the one night a year we can camp at the field next year. Maybe we can convince Ted and Lisa Labbe to make bacon, eggs and Belgian waffles again for Sunday breakfast. It was fantastic and very much appreciated.

I'd like to thank Teo, Jim and Greg for helping with the kitchen. I was also really impressed when I asked for help bringing over the firewood and at least 10 people took a trip or two. Made a difficult job easy! Gotta love how Skymaster's pitch in when needed!

Finally, thanks to Carolynn for all the help and support!,

Pete

P.S. Enjoy the pictures from Bill Pesch and Hong Yin. They got some GREAT shots!

Click anywhere in the collage to view the entire photo album on the Skymasters web site



Help Wanted:

Skymasters RC Club of Lake Orion is looking for people to fill several positions. Some long term some short term. Open positions available are:

Staff Photographer: work with Webmaster and Newsletter Editor to photograph club meetings and events and submit for publication and upload to the club website archive.

Staff Writer: need individuals who attend the many various Skymasters events, and document the event by writing an article for the club Newsletter the Skywriter. Writers don't need to attend everything and are welcome to contribute by writing some general interest articles also.

PR/Promotions: looking for Skymasters to help on promoting our upcoming summer events in various ways, such as distributing flyers and brochures in Lake Orion and surrounding communities. Looking for a few Skymasters who would sit at a table with a couple of display aircraft and give out brochures etc. (like outside of Kroger in Lake Orion etc.) a few days this summer.

Grill Chef: we are always looking for help to perform one of the most important tasks of our club... keep us well fed. Our Chief Cook, Bill Dezur is on sabbatical for some of our events this year we are looking to fill some key positions for some of our big events. Shift work available and you can eat for free. We will need help at our Sunday May 15 float fly and Wednesday June 15 fish fry as well as many other infrequent opportunities. Your help is appreciated.

Sanitation Engineer: keeping our flying field looking nice involves everyone's hard work constantly picking up around the field. We need someone or several people who will just take it upon themselves to just sweep the cement area under the pavilion as often as possible. Along with this task and also asked of all members is to take home the trash from the trash bins at least once per year. Anyone who is able to do this we are grateful to. Seems like a simple thing except when you show up at the field the morning of an event and both trash cans are overflowing. We need your help to keep the trash flowing! We have several places we can dump the bags of trash, locally, the problem is transporting them from the field to those dumpsters. Not all of us have trucks that can easily do this. Please do not try to take the trash home in your car or SUV even if you double bag it because it will leak.



Watch for more Job Postings in the Skywriter



Skymasters RC Club of Lake Orion

presents **Radio Control Model Aircraft**

Air Show

Open House—Recreation 101

*Open
to the
Public*

**Bald Mountain Recreation Area Lake Orion, MI
West Scripps Road Between M-24 & Joslyn Road**

Sat July 16, 2016 10-2pm



food and refreshments

mass F-16 jet formation flight

full scale UH-60 Blackhawk Helicopter landing and
close-up at noon on runway

nationally sponsored ace young pilots

precision aerobatics

flight simulators

quads, multi-rotors & FPV on display

many, many static displays

numerous demonstration flights

bleacher seating, picnic tables, & rustic restroom

bring your own blanket or lawn chairs for viewing
and relax on the lawn!



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UNITED FLYING ORGANIZATION

Annual RC Open Fly

Saturday July 16th, 2016 11 A.M.—4 P.M.

PUBLIC WELCOME

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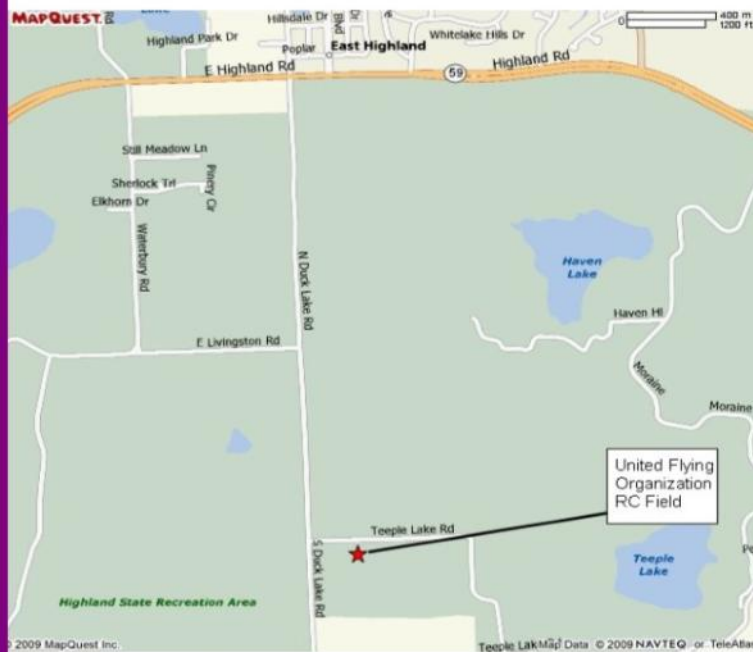
Steve Labuta
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Demonstration Flights at 1:00 P.M.

3D Helicopter - Paul Blais
Control Line - Rick Sawicki

OPEN FLY (All AMA Flyers Welcome) 11 a.m.– 4 p.m.
Pilot's meeting at 10:30 a.m.
Concession Stand Available



Michigan State Park
Vehicle Permit Required

***Our site is within the
Highland State Recreation
Area. Take M-59
to Duck Lake Road.
Head South 1.8 miles
to Teepie Lake Road.
Turn left onto Teepie
Lake Road. Driveway
to field will be on your
right 1/4 mile in.***



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Darrell Watts Memorial
26th annual
Skymasters RC Club



Midwest Regional Float Fly

September 10-11, 2016



Join us at Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kent Lake
in Brighton, Michigan for the premier Float Fly in the Midwest.

The 2016 MWRFF™ hosted by Skymasters RC Club invites you for a weekend of flying, friendship and fun for the whole family. With the 1000' sandy beach and beautiful Kent Lake the Island Lake State Park offers one of the best float flying venues, overnight RV camping. There will be food and refreshments, pilot prizes, and lots of other exciting surprises.

Go to: www.skymasters.org/MWRFF
and see 25 years of videos & photos and for more information.

You can even register early and save \$5*.

Email: floatfly@skymasters.org for more information.

2016 FLYING EVENTS

SKYMASTERS RC CLUB – LAKE ORION, MI



May 2016

Wednesday June 18 – **Student Flight Training & Potluck** begins each Wednesday

Sunday May 22—**Spring Float Fly [Chet Brady]**

June 2016

Wednesday June 15—**Fish Fry Dinner & Member Appreciation**

Saturday June 25-26—**Electric & Night Fly In**

July 2016

Saturday July 16 –**OPEN HOUSE – AIR SHOW Recreation 101**

August 2016

Sunday August 7—**Warbirds and Scale Fly In**

Sunday August 28—**Corn Roast and Top Gun Flying**

September 2016

Sat & Sunday September 10-11—**Midwest Regional Float Fly**

Saturday September 24—**Skymasters Fun Fly**

November 2016

Tuesday November 1—**Indoor Flying Season Begins**

December 2016

Saturday December 31—**Krazy Snow Fly**



all dates subject to change – PLEASE always consult current information on website: www.skymasters.org

ON THE WING

Skymasters Student Night and Pot Luck Every Wednesday at the field. Flying any time but we eat at 6PM

For those participating we ask that you:

- Bring something for the grill - enough to at least feed you and your guests
- Bring a dish to pass (see notes below)
- Bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage

We eat at 6pm - rain or shine! The potluck is sustained by those participating, with no expense to the club.

Something for the grill:

The obvious choices are burgers, sausages/brats and hot-dogs - but other alternatives are welcome. If you bring it - we will cook it! Already this year we have cooked pork tenderloin and chops, salmon, venison burgers and more.

Don't forget the buns if appropriate for your contribution!

We start cooking about 5:30 - having grill items available by then helps us get everything ready on time.

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!

Not one to cook? A quick stop at local supermarket deli for a side salad, or bakery for dessert always works.



Skymasters Breakfast (Everyone is welcome)

First and Third Monday of each month
through the summer

9AM

Red Olive restaurant

In the strip mall on Walton
across from Crittenton Hospital

Rochester MI

2016 FLYING HOURS

QUIET ELECTRICS only from 8AM to 10AM and 8PM to 10PM *The noise limit during these hours is 80 dBa at 10 feet. If in doubt, don't fly.*

Regular flying is permitted between 10 AM to 8 PM

The noise limit during these hours remains 94 dBa at 10 feet.

July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Addison Oaks Float Fly 9AM Addison Oaks Student night and pot luck 3PM (dinner at 6PM)	7	8	9 RCCD Big Bird 10AM Romeo Two's or better 10AM MidAM 10AM Midwest RC field Salem TWP
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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 hours:

QUIET ELECTRICS ONLY from 8AM to 10AM and 8PM to 10PM.
The noise limit is 80dBa at ten feet.

Regular flying is permitted between 10 AM to 8 PM. **The noise limit is 94 dBa at 10 feet.** These noise

limits are 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) Meet the instructors and arrange for more instruction time together on other days. Our Chief Flight Instructor is Ken Gutelius, 248-892-2943, 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.

The Skywriter newsletter is available online at the Skymasters web site and is free to all. It may also be printed from the web site if desired. All contributions are welcome. Please send photos and articles to newsletter@skymasters.org If you know of anyone who may be interested in R/C Aviation, please give them a link to this newsletter or give them a copy of an AMA magazine. It may spark their interest!



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