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## From the President...



Happy November everyone. The fall weather and leaves changing colors is finally happening. All our yearly flying events are over except our Krazy Snow Fly on New Year's Eve day - don't miss it and hopefully there'll be nice snow to fly off and not so cold weather, just enough to enjoy Paul Zabawa's world famous chili! But... before that we've got our Club Officer Elections this month on Thursday November 10, 6:45 p.m. and that same night we get the club financial report too. I also have a special look at our club in a way that I think you'll enjoy. I am excited to share some of this information and reminisce a little about the past and look to the future of Skymasters!

If anyone would like to run for one of the elected positions on the Skymasters Executive Operating Committee, please let me know as soon as possible or show up at the election meeting. The existing EOC has agreed to run for a

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third year so if you like what is happening PLEASE show up and vote them in again.

Tell the wife/girlfriend/significant other, let the kids know that the annual Skymasters Family Christmas Party (potluck) is Thursday December 8, with appetizers at 6:00 and **dinner at 6:30 p.m.** Please take some time to let our Club Secretary, Pete Foss know what dish you'll be bringing and then the names and ages of any children under 13 years of age, as Santa Claus himself will show up with gifts for the children. We need you to bring those appetizers and or a dish to share and then any static displays of your airplanes too! Skymasters Christmas Party is one of the nicest Christmas party's I attend and I hope we'll have another huge crowd filling the three rooms of the Orion Center. Thanks to John Larock for heading up the preparations and set up. We'll need you help when you arrive to get the meal ready and then everyone can chip in to help clean up afterwards.

Email your RSVP to [christmasparty@skymasters.org](mailto:christmasparty@skymasters.org) or call Pete at 248-420-5316. For the kids please email: [santa@skymasters.org](mailto:santa@skymasters.org) and let us know the name and age of the child so we can pass that information on to Santa.

I hope you're going to take advantage of some **INDOOR FLYING** this year at Skymasters Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer Arenas just down the road from our flying field at Opdyke and South Boulevard. Skymasters started this great event over eight years ago and it is going strong. You can still purchase an indoor pass for all 23 sessions now for \$110.00 which comes up to less than \$5 per three-hour session per week. You can't beat that. We also have five session deals and even if you pay-as-you-go the rate of ten dollars for those three hours cannot be beat. It truly is a great event and I hope you'll be a part of it this season. Spectators are free, but, I know Flight Line Hobby, just re-opened in its new location at the Shops on Waldon, and is stocked with many, many, ready to fly (for indoor) airplanes and John has everything to get you in the air and enjoying that great indoor flying! If you work during the day consider as many of our guys do, to take a long lunch or some flex time on Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Give Fred a call or anyone if you want more information on Indoor Flying.

We've got a lot of information on our website and tons of photos to whet your appetite.

There's a great Swap Meet coming up at the Northville Community Center on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> the Midwest RC Society has one of the biggest, best and first of the season swap! So, mark your calendar and tell your friends and then get to this great Swap Meet! See you there!

See you November 10 at the next club meeting!



**Bob Chapdelaine, President,  
Skymasters RC**

**Phil Saunders with his  
gorgeous B25..... Gee,  
remember when it was  
SUMMER?**



**Front Cover:** Indoor flying has resumed!!!!

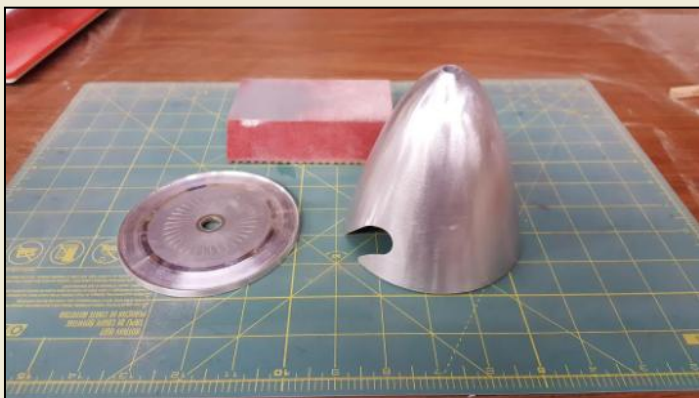


# Spiral Spinners!

## How to paint a spiral on a spinner

Many WWII German aircraft had a spiral painted on the spinner. The JU87 Stuka I am working on has the spiral spinner paint job. Having never done this before I tried the obvious method of freehand masking. After 2 unsatisfactory attempts at freehand masking, I developed a method of laying out the spiral using a shadow mask. So this is how I did it.

First I prepared the aluminum spinner for paint. I used a 220 grit sanding sponge and sanded the aluminum until all of the shine was removed.



Scuffed aluminum spinner

Next I took acetone and cleaned the sanding residue from the surface. After it is cleaned do not touch it with your bare skin to prevent skin oils from contaminating the surface and causing paint adhesion problems. The next step was to paint the entire spinner and backplate with flat white primer. The finished spinner will be black with a white spiral.



Flat white primed spinner

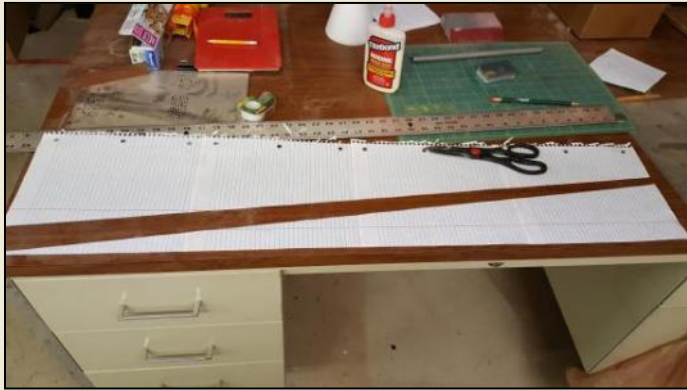
Looking at pictures on line it looked like most spiral painted spinners had the spiral go around about 2-1/2 times. So to make my shadow mask I taped some note book paper together to make a piece long enough to go around the outside diameter of the spinner 2-1/2 times. I then cut a right triangle out of the paper whose base is 33.375" (2.5 times the circumference) and a height of 4.5" (the spinner is 4.5" long).



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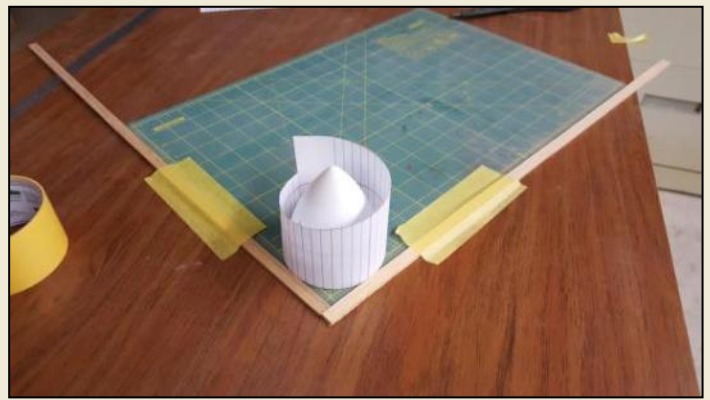
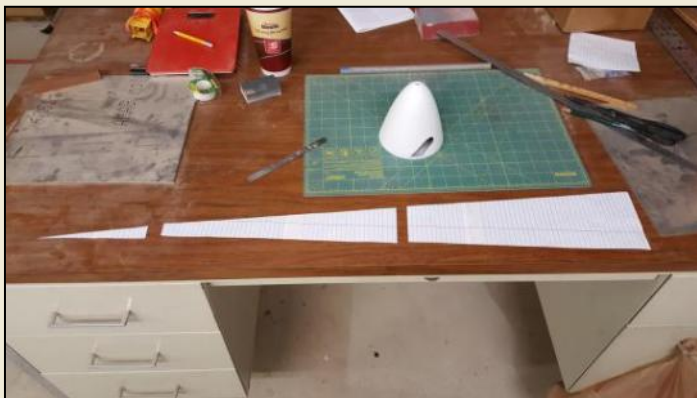


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### The paper mask

Next I cut the paper triangle into 3 pieces. Two pieces are 1 times the circumference long and the third piece is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the circumference long. Each of these pieces will be made into a cylinder with a spiral top edge that will be slipped over the spinner as you can see in the following pictures. Make a pencil mark on the spinner where the seam in the cylinder is located. We'll need the mark later.



### First spiral edge paper cylinder

Note that I have taped a couple of sticks to the table at a right angle to each other. The spinner with the paper mask is held in the corner formed by the sticks. I use a small piece of tape to hold the mask to the spinner so that when I turn the spinner the mask turns with it.

The paper mask is going to be used to cast a shadow on the spinner. The way we illuminate the mask is important to get a proper shadow. The light source should be placed a good distance from the spinner. In my case I had it about 10 feet away. It should also be located about the same height as the spinner. I tried 2 different light sources. One was a small Maglite type flashlight adjusted so that the light is focused at the spinner distance. The other method is to use a laser level. Ok, ok so maybe you don't have one. I bought one years ago at harbor freight and I use it for all kinds of model and home projects. Whether you use the flashlight or the laser you want it pointed straight at the spinner. When you have everything set up turn on the flashlight or laser and turn off the room lights and this is what you'll see.

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**Maglite**



**Laser**

Take a pencil and put a small mark on the spinner directly in line with the light source (easier with the laser!). Rotate the spinner about 1/8 of a turn and make another mark. Continue making the marks until you have gone all the way around.

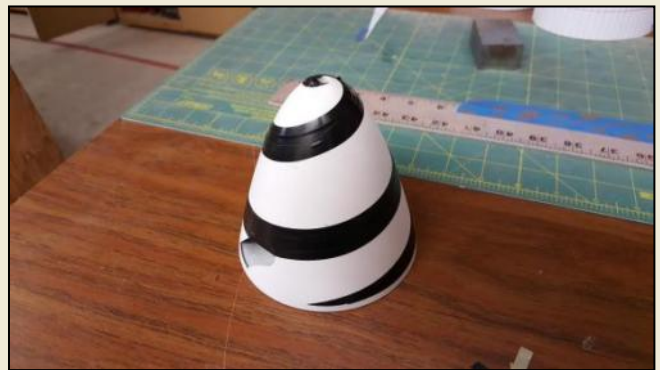
Make a second spiral edge cylinder out of the second paper piece we made earlier. Remove the first spiral cylinder and install the second cylinder with the seam aligned with the mark made earlier. Mark the spiral on the spinner as before. Repeat the process with the final small mask. This one will only go half way around in this example. At this point you will have a series of small pencil marks forming a spiral from the tip of the spinner to

the back plate. This will be one edge of what we will mask off to create the white spiral. I decided I wanted the width of the white spiral to be 5/8" wide (eyeballed). I used a small ruler and made a second line of pencil marks 5/8" away from the first row made with the shadow mask.

You will notice that on spiral painted spinners, the spiral decreases in width as it gets closer to the spinner nose. I simply eyeballed the decreasing width for the first 1/3 of the spiral.

To do the actual masking I use black vinyl electrical tape. I love the stuff for masking because it follows curves easily and gives crisp edges. To do it I put about a 24" long piece on a piece of glass and cut strips about 1/4" wide. Using the 1/4" wide strips I start at the tip of the spinner and apply the tape following the pencil marks. Make sure you apply the tape on the side of the line that is to remain white....I screwed up the first time!

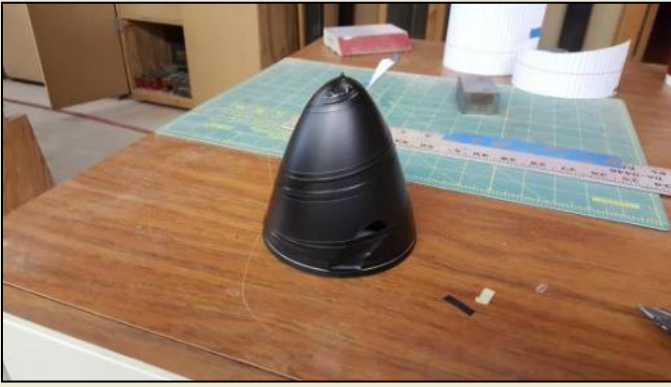
Take a second piece of 1/4" tape and apply along the second (5/8" offset) set of marks. There is now a small gap between the two strips of tape so just use another strip of tape to cover up the remaining white area. The result is shown below.



**Mask over white spiral**

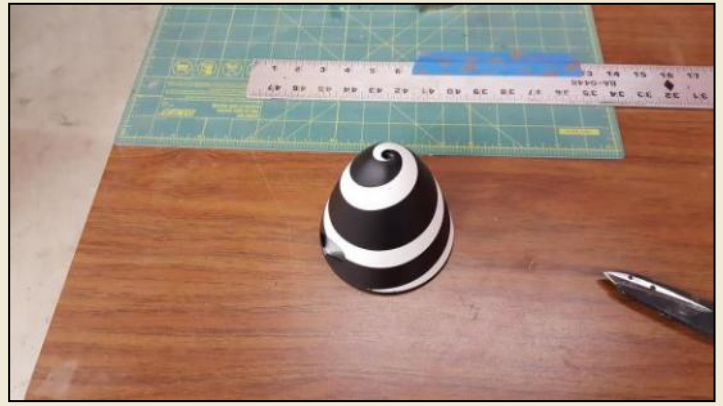
Make sure the tape is tight to the surface and spray the whole thing flat black.

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### Black final coat

When the paint is dry strip the masking tape off to reveal your perfect spiral painted spinner.



### Voila

Once I figured a way to do this the doing part went pretty fast. I'd say the method would work well on smaller spinners but probably not on plastic model sizes.

Next month we'll be starting a series of articles on my winter project plane(s). I'm really excited about them. The first will be aimed at an as yet unannounced informal club event and the second will be essentially the same as the first (but different in very important ways)

Curious?? Good! Read about it next month.

**Steve**

## **REMINDER!**

If your vehicle license plates are coming up for renewal, don't forget to check the box on the application for the Recreation Passport option. It only costs \$11 and in addition to granting vehicle access to the Bald Mountain Recreation Area *and our field*, it also gives you access to 103 state parks and recreation areas, 138 state forest rustic campgrounds, and numerous free family-friendly events, as well as parking for hundreds of miles of trails and fee-based state boat launches. [Here's a link to the official web site for more information.](#)

## Now some practical things at the field

- Always sign in upon arrival – requirement of our lease with state!
- Always wear membership card visible, (especially when flying or in pit area) preferable on shirt or cap – visible so others can see your name etc.
- Don't run up engines for more than 1 or 2 minutes except at test stand or end flight stands.
- Always pull a frequency pin for anything other than 2.4GHz
- Always communicate take offs & landings
- No flying behind the Flight Line
- No solo flying by Students
- Only 5 aircraft in the air at one time – 1 pilot per flight station



# Indoor flying is back

At Ultimate Soccer

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





# Skymasters Meeting

Orion Center, 10-27-2016



## Meeting presentation

For the October meeting, Rob Wagner from the FAA talked about all things FAA, including operations at the Pontiac Airport tower. Rob was also our contact for the Pontiac Airport tower tour earlier this year.








# Website Hints and Tips

By Greg Cardillo

Perhaps you have visited our website... (180 of our current members have visited AND logged in!) Maybe regularly... But there may still be features you aren't aware of.. This is the first of a series of articles on how to get the most out of the website.

## ***Photo Gallery—You can have your OWN albums and photos!***

The Photo Gallery is one of the more popular parts of the website. With new pictures added every month with the newsletter—the content is always current—plus you can go back in time and look at past events, members, and planes. One of the less known features is the "User Galleries". These now have a prominent place on the Gallery main page—just below the scrolling random photos.

Category	Albums	Files
 <b>User galleries</b> Albums/photos uploaded by our members! Members: Add photos of your latest projects, candids from the field/meetings/events - its your area to share!	2	116

Clicking on 'User galleries' will show you what other members have loaded.

User	Albums	Files
 <b>Bob Chapdelaine</b> 1 album(s) 93 file(s)		
 <b>Pete Foss</b> 1 album(s) 23 file(s)		

2 users on 1 page(s)

Well—hey—how do I get my own pictures there? Its not difficult—just follow these simple steps and the rest of us can soon be enjoying YOUR photos!

# Creating Your Own User Gallery on the Website

**Prepare your photos:** A couple of items to be aware of—many of our cameras are capable of producing VERY LARGE image files with high resolution... Loading very large photos provides no benefit for web viewing—and only takes space and additional resources to process. File sizes are limited to 2MB (2048K) per picture. Most photo programs have a way to resize pictures. Reducing the pixel count or quality settings easily reduces the filesize—with no loss of quality. I typically set the max of size/width to 1800-2048 pixels with 'Medium' quality—and photos stay well under the 2MB maximum.

**Login to the Website** using your ID (AMA Number is default) and password. We need to know who you are to put your photos in the right place! Click on 'Photo Gallery' in the main menu.

John Q Skymaster will help us the rest of the way...

**Create an Album:** On the main gallery page, when logged in, you will see a menu choice of 'My Profile'. Hover over this—and select 'Create / order my albums'.



In the Album Manager, select 'New Album'.



Enter **Album Name** and click 'OK'..

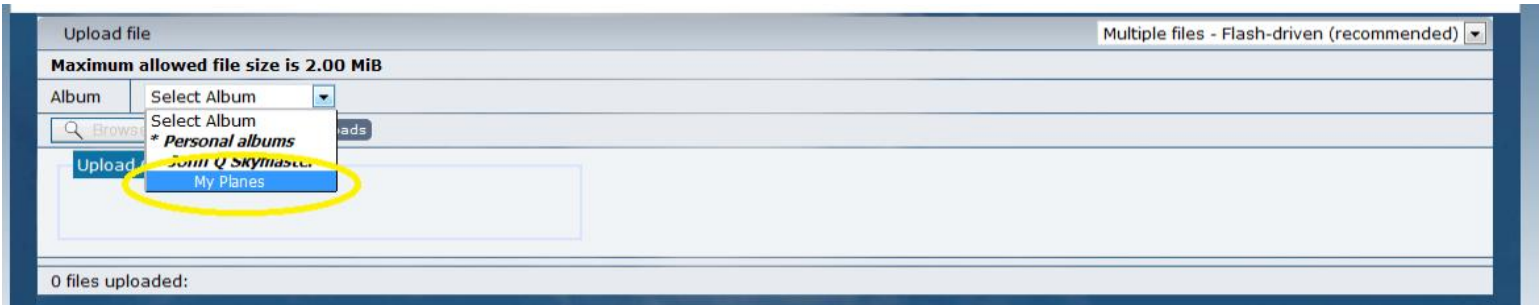


Your album will be created... You can create additional albums—or click on 'Upload File' to continue...

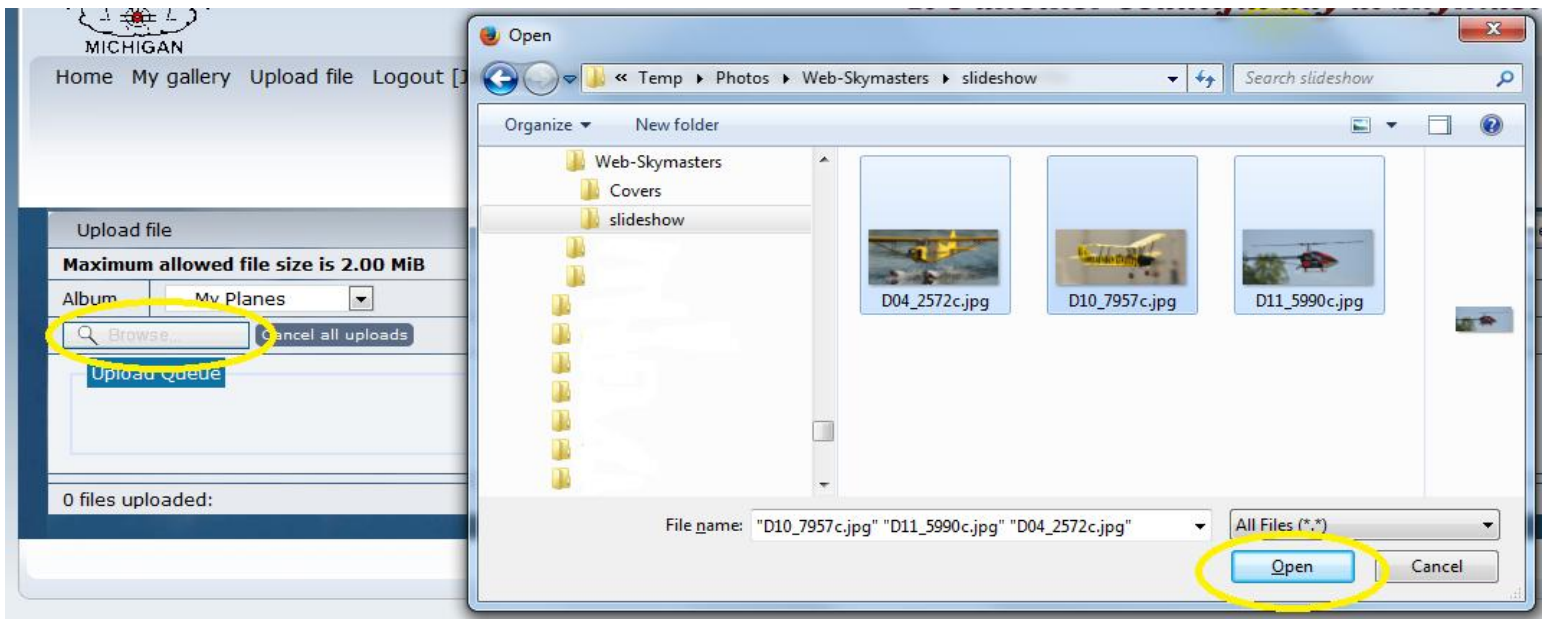




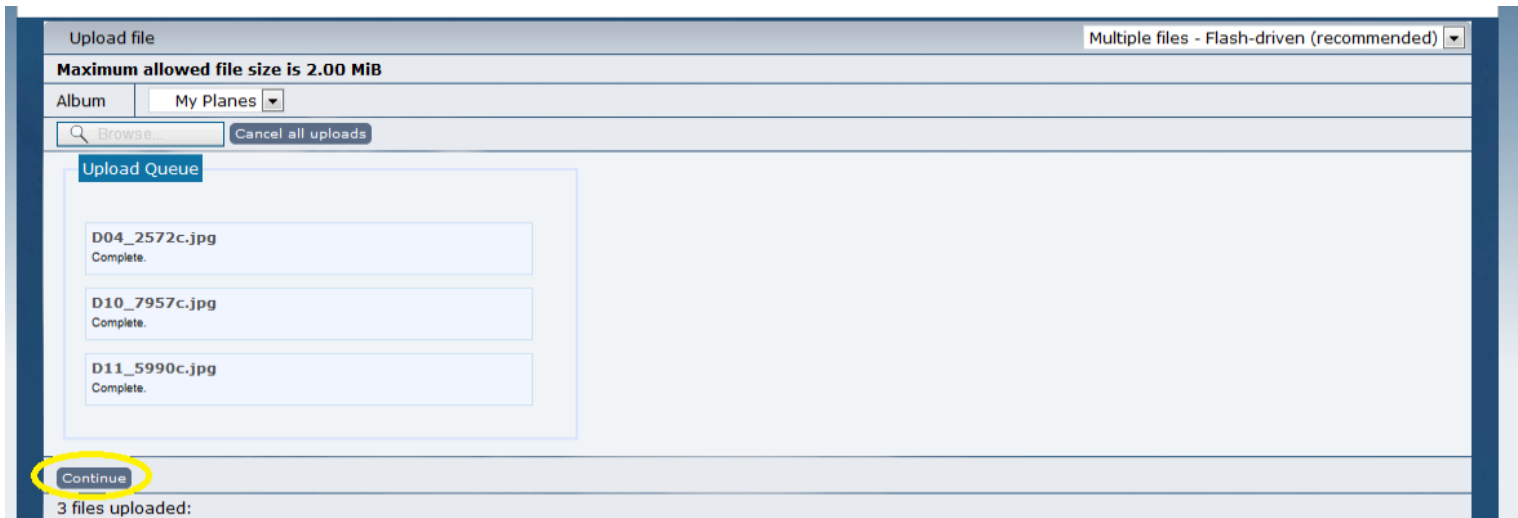
**Upload Files:** First select the desired album from the pulldown list—This will contain any albums YOU have created :



Click '**Browse**' and a dialog will open to explore your computer—Navigate to the pictures and select one or more... Click '**Open**' once completed.



Your files will be uploaded... You will see the progress as they load. At this point they are visible to yourself and others . You can browse again to select more photos—or press '**Continue**' to add information about your pictures (optional!).



**Edit Files:** You can add titles and/or descriptions to any of your photos in the album... Click '**Apply Changes**' (at top or bottom of page) to process your updates.

Edit files

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Title

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Keywords (separate with space)

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You can now view your gallery using the 'My Gallery' link:


**Skymasters R/C of Michigan**
***It's another beautiful day at Skymasters™!***

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3 files, last one added on Oct 30, 2016  
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You can set 'Properties' for your Album, 'Edit Files' - or even 'Delete' the album...

That's all there is to it... Now you can share your projects... event photos... anything R/C related...



# Radio Safety Setup

Lets take a few minutes to talk about a couple of safety items we must consider when we are setting up a radio for any model. I'm certain that we all want to operate our models in the safest way possible. Radio control model aircraft are complicated, some much more than others and things can and do go wrong unexpectedly. When something goes wrong our models can become a danger to ourselves, other people and property. You don't need to do a lot of calculations to know that an out of control airplane no matter how small can cause serious injury to people or damage to someone's property. A .40 size trainer can kill someone. Now I know that there is no such thing as absolute safety but there are things that we can easily do to minimize the risks associated with potential equipment failure or inadvertent actions in the pit area. Speaking for myself, if there is something I could have done and chose not to and the result was an injury or property damage, I'd have a tough time dealing with it on a personal level. There are two easy things I'd like everyone to do to every radio before you fly it next.

First, every radio should have a switch set up to positively kill the engine in the case of glow or gas engines. In my opinion using throttle trim as a kill function is insufficient. It's too slow to use in an emergency. In addition, that switch should be set up so that in a second position the throttle function is locked at idle. The third switch position would be used to enable the throttle stick. Why? Because there have been instances at the field where the throttle was accidentally advanced and the pilot did not have positive physical control of the model. In the case of electrics the first switch position should be set up to hold the throttle at zero and disable the throttle stick. The second switch position re-enables the throttle stick. This goes a long way in preventing a runaway model in the pit area. If you don't know how to set this up with your particular radio, ask for help. Most instructors know how to do this with the popular brands of radio. If your radio cannot be set up this way perhaps it's time to update your technology.

The second thing that should be set up on every radio is the fail-safe function. What's that? I'll go out on a limb here and say that every modern radio has a fail-safe feature that will cause the controls to go to a predetermined or programmed position in the event of a loss of radio signal at the receiver. Note that fail-safe will do nothing if there is a loss of electric power to the re-

ceiver such as a dead battery, fried ESC or BEC or some other cause. Nevertheless loss of radio signal can and does happen for a variety of reasons. When it happens, where the aircraft will go is out of the pilot's control. It is not difficult to imagine that the model can wind up in the pit area or nearby populated areas with potentially dire consequences. In the case of a properly trimmed trainer the model is very stable and can go a VERY long distance easily getting to populated areas (possibly miles away). Something like that could lead to the loss of our field especially if someone is injured when the model comes down. There are lots of scenarios whose outcome depends on the type of model and its flight attitude then the failure occurs. I know that some of you know about fail-safe and have it set up in a variety of ways. Some believe that the best thing is to have the fail-safe drive the servos to neutral and reduce power. Some will set up the fail-safe to throttle down, give a little up elevator and a little rudder under the theory that the model will simply fly a big descending circle. I believe the thinking here is that control might come back and you can save the plane. That could happen but probably not. If you adopt a strategy like that you are leaving the outcome to chance. If you read the forums there are a lot of opinions on what you want the fail-safe to do. In my case I think the safest thing to do is to get the airplane on the ground ASAP. I have my fail-safe kill the engine or motor, give full up elevator and full right rudder. When that happens the model should enter a spin or at least a very tight spiral and go straight into the ground. I'd rather do it that way and know exactly where it is going to go instead of leaving it to chance. In my opinion and the opinion of most forum writers on this subject that this is the safest thing to do. I'd rather damage or totally destroy the model than let chance determine the outcome and possibly hurt someone or their property.

I hope that reading this article will inspire you to think about the two subjects and the possible consequences of inaction. Again, if you don't know how to do the setup there is no shame in asking for help.

# 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 over flowing. 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**



# Indoor Electric Flying

## Every Tuesday



**At Ultimate Soccer Arenas**

**867 South Blvd., Pontiac MI 48341**

**Pilots - current AMA required. Visitors Welcomed.**

## **25 - 3hr. Sessions**

### **75 Hours of Fun Flying**

***Season Pass - \$110 for all 25 winter sessions***

***That's less than \$1.50 per hr. Our Best Deal***

**5 Flying Sessions - Punch Card - \$35**

**That's \$7.00 per session**

**Single Sessions - \$10 at the door**

**[On-line registration is open now for Season Pass and Punch Cards !](#)**

## **SKYMASTERS**

**Would like to thank**



*For the finest indoor  
flying venue in Metro Detroit*





Skymasters RC Club of Lake Orion extends their...



Dear John and Tracie Hoover...

we are happy you're open and we congratulate and wish you the best...

to the BEST HOBBY SHOP in Lake Orion!

**>>>> New Location <<<<**

**Skymasters Members!**

## Flightline Hobby of Lake Orion

**Shops on Waldon Pond**  
Corner of Baldwin & Waldon Road

**3039 Baldwin Road, Lake Orion MI 48360**  
**248-814-UFLY (8359) | Email: flightlinehobby@yahoo.com**



Shops on Waldon Pond Mall

**You're #1 Hobby location!**  
**Happy to serve you!**



John & Tracie Hoover—Owners

### Hours:

**Tuesday – Saturday 11am – 7 pm | Sunday: Noon – 5pm | CLOSED MONDAY**

check for updates: [facebook.com/flightlinehobby](https://facebook.com/flightlinehobby) & [www.flightlinehobby.com](http://www.flightlinehobby.com)





# MIDWEST R/C SOCIETY

28th annual

## R/C SWAP MEET

Sunday, November 6th, 2016

9:00am to 12:00pm

### location

Northville Senior Community Center  
303 West Main Street  
Northville, Michigan

### admission charge

**\$5.00 per person**

(active duty military, kids under 12, and women are admitted for FREE)

### vendor table cost

**\$20.00-\$25.00 per table, depending on location**

The vendor *table cost includes one admission. Vendor set up time is 8:00am.*

Advance table reservations are highly recommended, last year all table were sold in advance!

*For information, call Rudi Reinhard at: 248.631.8205 or e-mail: [therudi@icloud.com](mailto:therudi@icloud.com)*

### directions

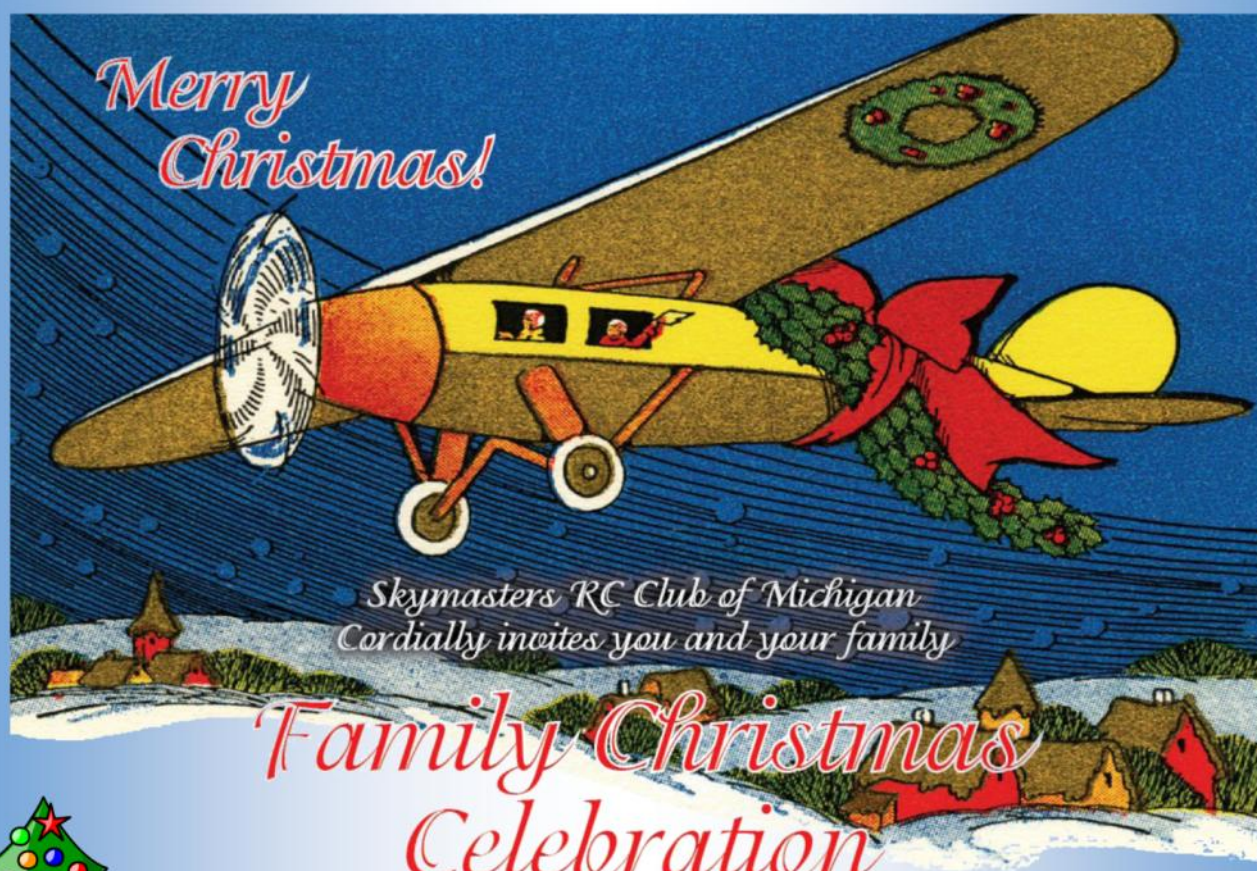
Take the 8 Mile Road exit off of I-275 and go west for 2.5 miles on 8 Mile to Center Street.

Go south on Center Street for .5 miles and then west on Main Street.

The Northville Senior Community Center is located at 303 West Main Street in downtown Northville.

There is free parking in the back of the building, off of Cady Street.

***This is always the BEST & LARGEST swap meet in SE Michigan!***



**Thursday December 8th**



*The Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road Lake Orion, MI 48362*

*Appetizer at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

*Please bring a dish to pass.*

*Please RSVP you, your family members and dish(es) your bringing to:*

*[christmasparty@skymasters.org](mailto:christmasparty@skymasters.org) or call 248-420-5316*

*Please email names and ages of children under 13 years of age that will attend to*

*[santa@skymasters.org](mailto:santa@skymasters.org)*



*Bring Your Aircraft for Static Displays Too!*





# 2017 CLUB EVENTS

SKYMASTERS RC CLUB – LAKE ORION, MI



## January 2017

## February 2017

## March 2017

Saturday March 4 – Swap Meet

## April 2017

Saturday April 22 – Involvement Day – Bald Mountain, Main Park

## May 2017

Saturday May 13 – Field Opening/Work Day – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

Sunday May 21 – Spring Float Fly [Chet Brady] – Bald Mountain Trout Lake; Lake Orion

Wednesday May 31 – Student Flight Training & Potluck begins – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

## June 2017

Wednesday June 14 – Fish Fry Dinner & Member Appreciation – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

Saturday June 24-25 – Electric & Night Fly In – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

## July 2017

Saturday July 15 – Open House - [Recreation 101] – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

## August 2017

Sunday August 6 – Warbirds and Scale Fly In – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

Sunday August 27 – Corn Roast and Top Gun Flying – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

## September 2017

Sat & Sunday September 9-10 – Midwest Regional Float Fly – Island Lake State Park; Brighton

Saturday September 23 – Skymasters Fun Fly – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

## October 2017

Tuesday October 24 – Indoor Flying Season Begins – Ultimate Soccer Arenas; Auburn Hills

## November 2017

## December 2017

Thursday December 7 – Christmas Party – Orion Center; Lake Orion

Sunday December 31 – Krazy Snow Fly – Scripps Road Flying Field; Lake Orion

**\*\*all dates subject to change – PLEASE always consult current information on website: [www.skymasters.org](http://www.skymasters.org)\*\***



# 2016-17 Board & Club Meetings

SKYMASTERS RC CLUB – LAKE ORION, MI



## October 2016

*Thursday October 6 –Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday October 13 – No Meeting*

*Thursday October 27 – Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

## November 2016

*Thursday November 3 –Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday November 10 – Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A \*[elections]*

## December 2016

*Thursday December 1 –Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday December 8th – Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – CHRISTMAS PARTY*

## January 2017

*Thursday January 5 –Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday January 12 – Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

*Thursday January 26 – Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

## February 2017

*Thursday February 2 – Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday February 9– Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

*Thursday February 23– Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

## March 2017

*Thursday March 2 – Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday March 9– Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

*Thursday March 23– Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

## April 2017

*Thursday April 6 – Board Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Multi-purpose Room LL*

*Thursday April 13–Club Meeting Orion Center 6:45 p.m. – Room A*

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[EOC/Board Meetings = 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday/Month | Club Meetings = 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, typically]

Orion Center 1335 Joslyn Road – Lake Orion, MI 48360



# ON THE WING

## Skymasters Breakfast

(Everyone is welcome)

First and Third Monday of each month  
*through the summer... and beyond!*

9AM

Red Olive restaurant

In the strip mall on Walton  
across from Crittenton Hospital  
Rochester MI

## Skymasters Indoor Flying Has Resumed

**We fly every Tuesday**

10AM to 1PM (Yes, three hours) at  
Ultimate Soccer, Opdyke and South Blvd

Pontiac, MI

AMA required

See the Skymasters web site for details

## Next Skymasters Meeting:

Election meeting

Thursday, November 10th

6:30PM

at the Orion Center, 1335 Joslyn Road

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



## Other local area indoor flying sessions

### Premiere Sports Center

14901 23 mile, Shelby Twp, MI

(northwest corner of 23 mile and Hayes)

*Every Thursday, 9AM to 3PM*

Electric planes and helis (separate heli space)

\$10/session, AMA required

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

<http://www.stevesindoorflying.com/>

### Legacy Center

9299 Goble Dr.

Brighton, MI 48139

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

*Wednesdays 1PM–3PM November through  
March*

\$10/session

Sponsored by the Hamburg Flyers RC club

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Indoor Flying 10AM—1PM Ultimate Soccer Pontiac	2 Indoor Flying 1PM—3PM Legacy Center Brighton	3 Indoor Flying 9AM—3PM Premier Sports Center Shelby TWP	4	5
6 Midwest RC Swap 9AM Northville	7 Skymasters Breakfast 9AM Red Olive, Rochester Hills	8 Indoor Flying 10AM—1PM Ultimate Soccer Pontiac	9 Indoor Flying 1PM—3PM Legacy Center Brighton	10 Indoor Flying 9AM—3PM Premier Sports Center Shelby TWP  Skymasters Meeting 6:45PM Orion Center	11	12
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27	28 AMA Update Meeting 7PM Ultimate Soccer	29 Indoor Flying 10AM—1PM Ultimate Soccer Pontiac	30 Indoor Flying 1PM—3PM Legacy Center Brighton			



# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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