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Skymasters Radio Control Club of Michigan

it's another beautiful day at Skymasters...

February, 2017



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From the President...



So... February is typically our Swap Meet Month but we are doing something bold, new and exciting this year. We've combined with our neighboring club PMAC and will be holding our SWAP on Saturday March 4, at the St. George Center in Bloomfield Hills, on Woodward Avenue just North of Square Lake Road (see the flyer in the newsletter). I am quite excited about working together with the PMAC Club, combining two great swaps, moving to a NEW location and putting on a top-notch swap meet. I can tell you it will be NICE. NOW is the time to register if you want get a table to sell /swap your items as space is limited and I can guarantee our table space will sell out. [Click Here](#)

[to Go to Registration Page Now!](#) Lastly, I want to thank the group of Skymasters and PMAC-ers that have been meeting and planning over this past year to make this happen. It's going to be great!

I hope you've found time to make it to one of the fantastic indoor flying sessions at Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer Arenas on Tuesdays... I continue to be impressed with the wonderful group of great guys who fly together and

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sometimes crash together. Thanks to our Indoor Event Director and crew for a very smooth running event and to all our Indoor Sponsors. Skymasters thanks; Old Detroit Bar & Grille in Lake Orion, Iris Café in Lake Orion, Nankin Hobby in Farmington Hills, Flightline Hobby in Lake Orion, Prop Shop Hobbies in Warren, and M & B Graphics in Lake Orion. Please mention you're a Skymaster and you appreciate their sponsorship when you patronize these local businesses. We also thank PMAC for contributing towards our Indoor Flying at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Our last club meeting we packaged boxes for Troops serving overseas... it was a simple gesture and took us no time at all but I know in the coming weeks when those men and women receive those boxes with their names on them it will make their time away from home and family in the remote areas of the world, risking their lives for our freedom maybe somewhat more tolerable and hopefully they'll feel somewhat appreciated. That night we committed to host another packing event at the end of March. Watch for more information about the Troops Need Love Too packing project and start now to gather items on the lists each time you go shopping. Jill Beyer the founder of the local organization used my blog entry on their Facebook page recently. If you've not read what I wrote check it out here: [Troops Need Love Too Blog Post from December Packing Event Skymasters.](#)

I know that going out on a cold winter night to the Orion Center for a Skymasters Club Meeting may not be "your thing", but I would like to encourage you to come to our club meetings this winter. I am making an effort to make them less time constrained and more "interpersonal" so we have time to talk as club members. I know that the break and social time after the meeting seem to be very popular when we all get to chat and touch base with one another and catch up. During the winter months, we don't get to bump into one another at the field and it is nice when I see your smiling face at the meeting and get to say hi. I continue to be amazed at the great friendships that I know have grown from this club and guys that are working on projects and building or just call on one another for help from time to time. We have some wonderful new members that have joined our club recently that we need to get to know and club meetings are one of many ways that can happen.

As incentive to attend the Club Meetings I have the President's MAD drawing, the Meeting Attendance Drawing that each meeting you attend you get an entry in a drawing to win a \$100 gift certificate from Flightline Hobby Shop. Our Club meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of each month for February and March and in March we'll have the "IN THE BONES" meeting where we all bring our winter projects and share our builds, ARFs, kits or ANYTHING your working on to share with the group. Also, when you bring something each meeting for show and tell you have a chance to win a gift certificate. Lots of incentive to come and share and participate. I know I would love to see you there.

With that I'll leave it here for now... I'm working on some exciting things for the coming months that I know you'll love. PLEASE respond when I get the VOLUNTEER list up for helping at the Swap Meet because I will/We will need your help and I look forward to seeing you around. I hope you are doing well and thanks for being a great part of this great club. I hope our Snowbirds are well... maybe if you're not too busy you might snap some photos of your flying field and jot down some of your experiences wherever it is that you fly there... we'd love to hear from you.

2017 is going to be great for Skymasters!



Bob Chapdelaine
President, Skymasters RC

Front Cover: No airplanes in this photo? Not to worry... this is the group at the January 26th meeting packaging up boxes of goodies and essentials for our troops overseas.



Accentor Finishing

In the first two articles we went through the construction of the Accentor airframe. This month we will go through how I finished mine. Color schemes are of course an individual choice. I wanted to do a scheme that is consistent with modern control line stunters so I Googled "control line stunters" and selected pictures. I saw that the schemes can get very complicated and they almost always display their AMA number on the right wing. With that in mind I designed my scheme in 3 colors with two colors of pinstripes. I also determined that I was going to use Ultracote instead of my usual Monokote.

One thing that really bothers me about film covering is wrinkling. I've had

success with applying Balsarite to the airframe before covering with Monokote so I figured I'd use it under the Ultracote. That was a mistake. I had problems with bubbling on sheeted surfaces. I don't know why for sure but I suspect the Balsarite wanted a higher iron temperature than the 200 degrees that the Ultracote likes. Anyway, I won't use that combination again.

The other issue I had was that covering the fully assembled model made everything **much** more difficult. It makes it almost a two person job. The next time I will cover the wing, fuselage, and tail feathers separately and then glue everything together like an ARF.

To do the two colors on the wing I made a cardboard template for where the colors will overlap and used that to cut the film. Remember to make left and right pieces.



Mark film for cutting using a template

I made a template for the second color to create a 1/4" overlap (dark color over light color). On the bottom of the wing I applied each piece separately. In this case I applied the yellow pieces first and when I shrunk the film I had issues of pulling of the seams. On the top of the wing I ironed the two color pieces together before applying them to the wing. The 200 deg. Ultracote bonding temperature vs 300 deg. Shrink temperature allows this. It worked good for me.



Two colors being ironed together

I completed the wing colors by adding silver checker board pieces done as trapezoids rather than squares. I used Monokote trim material for this. I wet the surface with Windex so I could slide the pieces around a bit to get them aligned. When I was satisfied I used a credit card to squeegee out the excess Windex and air bubbles. I almost always use a pinstripe to separate the major color areas. I think it gives a more finished appearance. I used 1/4" Great Planes black striping tape. I decided to add a bit more spiff so I added a second pin stripe in red positioned 1/4" away from the first stripe. Here is the result

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Wing color detail and pinstripes

For the fuselage sides I made an airfoil template to cut an airfoil shaped hole in the film which I then slipped over the wing and then ironed it to the fuselage. You can use multiple pieces to avoid doing it this way but I was trying to have the fewest overlaps and seams.



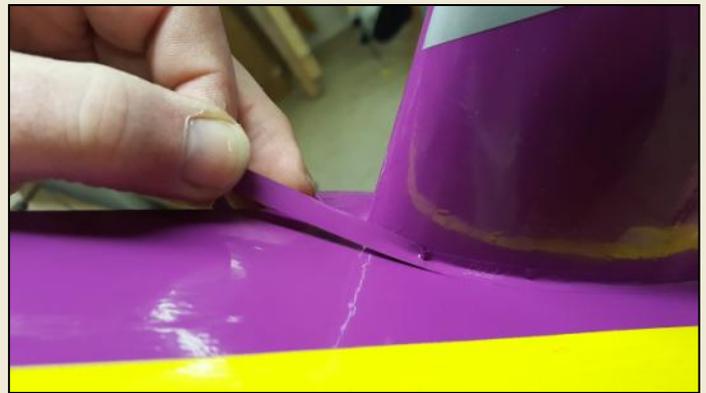
Paper template for fuselage side piece

I covered the top of the fuselage with two pieces. One for the turtle deck behind the cockpit and one piece from the cockpit to the spinner.



Fuselage top (lighter) color being applied

After everything was covered I cut some 1/4" strips of both colors to apply to the joints between the fuselage and the wing and tailfeathers. This is a glow fuel model and the strip will keep the fuel residue out of the joints.



Sealing the joints with a strip of Ultracote

I also added a little detail to the tail feathers to complete the scheme. In this case the 1/4" tape was too wide to look right so I cut the 1/4" tape in thirds along its length.

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Finishing the tail feathers

Having finished all of the Ultracote work I did some additional finishing in the engine and fuel tank areas. I took some samples of the yellow and purple colors to Home Depot and had them mix some matching sample size containers of latex paint. Why Latex? Well, because it's easy to use, it's inexpensive and it can be matched to any color you want. I used the latex to paint the insides of the engine bay, under side of the lower cowl block and the wheel pants. Now, latex **IS NOT GLOW FUEL PROOF** so I used 3 coats of TopFlite gloss Lusterkote paint to deal with that issue. It goes over the latex without problems. I also used it to fuel proof the inside of the fuel tank compartment.

To do the AMA numbers I just bought a package of die cut vinyl numerals from Michaels. I taped a piece of waxed paper on the wing and positioned the numbers on the wax paper. I then ran a piece of masking tape over the numbers to lift them off of the wax paper. It was then easy to attach the numbers in position.



AMA numbers aligned on waxed paper



AMA numbers aligned on the wing

We've got one more thing to do. We must balance the model to get the proper C.G. position. I used my Vanessa balancing machine that I showed you in an earlier article and determined that I needed 2.3 oz of tail weight.



Model hanging in Vanessa C.G. machine

No big surprise here, the Evolution .40 is about 4 oz heavier than the typical control line motor. I mounted

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all of the electronics behind the C.G. but that was not enough. Also, there isn't a lot of space in the tail to install a weight along with the electronics. After a little head scratching I decided to cast a lead tail wheel. I calculated the size necessary to be 2.3 oz and made a mold out of 2 pieces of 1/2" MDF. I melted the lead and poured it in the mold.



Molding the lead tail wheel

After I removed it from the mold, I drilled it to fit the tail wheel wire, painted it flat black and mounted it like a standard wheel.

The model is ready to fly at this point but there is one other thing that we need....the flying wires and a control handle.

You can purchase a spool of flying wire from Flightline Hobbies. For a model of this size and weight .015" wire is appropriate. You will want to fly on 60ft lines so buy that size spool. The spool of wire contains 2 pieces about 65ft long without the end eyelets installed. The package has the eyelets and copper tubing included to do 4 crimped ends. Stretch out the lines and use the crimping method I showed you in the Accentor wing build article a couple of months ago.



Flying wire triple crimped end fitting

The final thing we need is a flying handle and AMA safety thong. The handle below is made by Brodak and is completely adjustable for small differences in flying line and leadout lengths. It also has adjustable flying wire spacing. Wide spacing is like having an RC plane on high rates while closer spacing is like low rates. If you are a beginner you want closer spacing. I set mine at 3-1/4".

AMA competition rules require the use of a safety thong. The handle comes with material for making one. Tie a loop on both ends and attach one end to the DOWN side of the handle and the other end goes around your wrist as shown below.



Flying wire spool, handle & safety thong

To attach the lines to the handle and to the model you need some special removable clips. There are 2 types both of which are approved by AMA if you use them properly and they are of the appropriate proof load rating.



Line attachment clips

The black ones at the top of the picture are a loop with 2 overlapping hooks on one end. When installed there is the possibility of an eyelet getting cocked out of position. This will cause the neutral control position to be off. The bottom clips in the picture are sized so that

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the eyelet can't get cocked **BUT** if you do not center the locking sleeve when you install them they could spread open under some circumstances. I will be using the bottom design in the large size....I used them as a kid without problems.

Now for the scary part. AMA competition rules require load testing of the control system. For stunt models they require the system to withstand a 10 g load. My model weighs 51oz so my proof load is 31.9lb. I have a 40lb weight in my shop so that is what I used. I took a nylon cord and tied a loop through the lead out eyelets and around the weight. With the 40lb weight on a bathroom scale I held the model by the wing and lifted up on the weight until the scale read 8lb. That of course put a 32lb (10g) load on the leadouts and bellcrank mount. Remember when we built the wing we added a reinforcement to the bellcrank mount? This is why. Feeling brave, I went ahead and applied the full 40lb load to the system without any problem. In like fashion I tested all of the other line, handle and safety thong connections. Even though you probably will not be flying in an AMA sanctioned contest I am asking you to please perform this safety test at least before your first flight and after any repairs that you may be doing later.

Here is a picture of the completed model. I hope you like it.



Accentor ready to fly

If you wanted to start flying RC models does having a private pilots license mean you will be successful without help? Probably not. In like fashion, if you are a great RC pilot that does not guarantee immediate success with a control line model. Setting up and flying one is quite different from RC, If you are new to these models I'd suggest you do some reading on the web. The Brodak site has some good tutorials that are worth reading. (<http://brodak.com/tutorials/>)

That's it for this month.

When I bought the Accentor kit I actually bought two. We've just finished the build on the first one. Next month we'll start the second one. It will be done as a full RC plane. Control line to RC conversions are not uncommon but some changes will be necessary. We will go through what those changes are and why they are being done. It promises to be a fun project.

Steve

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

REMINDER!

If your vehicle license plates are coming up for renewal, don't forget to check the "Recreation Passport option" box on your application. 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.](#)

Krazy Snow Fly

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



Skymasters Meeting

January 12th

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Skymasters Meeting

January 26th



Troops Need Love Too

January 27 at 3:00pm · 🌐

TNLT would like to thank Skymasters RC Michigan for a great packing event on Thursday evening at their monthly meeting. 32 boxes were packed tightly with Jerky, Tuna, Chicken, Candy, Granola Bars, Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, many other food items, hygiene items and one of my favorites little/micro RC planes that our troops can charge and fly. We know our troops are going to LOVE these boxes. Thanks to all Skymasters RC members that contributed these items and shipping donations. We will be posting pictures soon!



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

January 26, 2017

Dear Service Member:

Tonight we are gathered at the Lake Orion Community Center in Michigan for Skymasters RC Club monthly meeting. This month they have chosen to take time out of their meeting and pack boxes for all of you, our brave men and women serving.

Skymasters RC Club was founded back in 1974 and had only a couple dozen members. Currently it is one of the largest model airplane clubs in the country having approximately 230 members. Some of it's members have been on the US scale FAI Team and many members contribute articles the their national model magazine.

Skymasters RC Club volunteers it's time at the DNR (Department of Natural Resources), various Boy Scout troops and Elementary Schools. They also have helped us, Troops Need Love Too, make sure you, our troops, have items for your boxes throughout the year. The members consist of all different people including engineers, doctors, military, professors, truck drivers, pilots, city workers, machinists and many others.

We hope you all enjoy the contents found in your boxes as all these members have come together to support all of you, our brave men and women currently deployed. If you would like to send a note or pictures back to Skymasters, please do so at office.troopsneedlovetoo@gmail.com or by USPS at Troops Need Love Too, P.O. Box 300192, Drayton Plains, Mi 48330. We will be sure to forward all responses to Skymasters RC Club.

Please know you are in our thoughts daily. Stay safe and may you all come home very soon.

Troops Need Love Too



2017 Camp ama

ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

Sponsored by:



June 11th-17th, 2017



Looking for a way to involve a youngster in model aircraft? Click the 2017 Camp AMA graphic (above) for a link to its AMA site.

Got a great photo of someone sharing modeling across generations? Click this graphic for a link to the Generations of Flight site.



Its Membership Renewal Time!

For those of you who haven't done so already, it is time for you to renew your Skymasters membership! It is fast, easy and convenient. You can renew online using PayPal, or credit card. If you prefer, you can print a renewal form and send along with a check to the address below. Visit us at skymasters.org and go to the "Information" tab, followed by "Join or Renew Membership." As previously communicated, we have changed our membership renewal policy from a 'calendar year' membership to a '12 month membership' policy, like the AMA has already done. Our bylaws have been updated to reflect this new policy.

How to Renew your Skymasters Membership

As you have in the past, you have the option of renewing your Skymasters membership online at www.skymasters.org (go to the "information" tab, or click "renew membership" in the upper left corner of the home page) using PayPal or credit card, or you can fill out & send an application (available to print from website or hard copy available from Membership Director) and personal check by mail, to the Membership Director.

Skymasters Membership Fees

We are holding steady with keeping the same membership fee schedule as we have for the past several years. □ Regular membership fee for members over 19 years of age is \$70.00, with an additional \$30.00 initiation fee in the first year of membership for new members.

Members up until age 19 are **FREE** and initiation fee is waived. (Note: AMA membership is also **FREE** up until age 19 with AMA magazine optional)

Skymasters Membership Cards

We are now encouraging Skymasters members to use the new self-service feature of printing their own membership card, through the Skymasters website. To print your own card after renewal, simply go to **Members > Skymasters Member Information > My Membership Card**. Once there, you can view / print your card. For those who would still prefer to have a card sent to them, or simply don't have the capability to print their own, a membership card can still be sent to you. By mid-February, I will determine which members have renewed online and have not printed their own card, and send them one. Also, anyone who renews by mail will automatically be sent a card once your membership has been processed, with mail-out beginning in mid-February.

Welcome Your Friends & Family to our Meetings, Flying Field and Events!

Invite your friends, family members, neighbors, work acquaintances or anyone of any age to our beautiful Bald Mountain State Park flying field, or to the Ultimate Soccer sessions in the winter months to see all types and sizes of radio-controlled model aircraft in action! Also, our bi-monthly meetings at the Orion Center (September- April) are a great way to meet and connect with members, learn new things from a variety of guest speakers, and see many interesting member projects. If you have any questions or problems with renewing your membership, contact me and I will be happy to assist.

Blue Skies,

Phil Saunders

Skymasters Membership Director

1690 Hillcrest Dr.

Rochester Hills, MI. 48306

(248) 459-9663

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

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 !](#)

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Swap Meet

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Setup begins at 8:00 a.m.



Saturday
March 4, 2017

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General Admission: \$5.00 | women children active military - free
coffee, donuts, lunch & refreshments available
Handicapped accessible

Reserve Tables Here: www.skymasters.org/register

Vendors & Table Rental email to:
swaptables@skymasters.org OR swaptables@pmac.org
each table includes 1 admission | setup begins at 8:00 a.m.

Tables: \$20 main floor | \$25.00 outer wall

GREAT NEW LOCATION!

St. George Church / Cultural Center

43816 Woodward Avenue – Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302



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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



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

[EOC/Board Meetings = 1st Thursday/Month | Club Meetings = 2nd & 4th 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

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 Meetings:

Thursday, February 9th and 23rd

6:45PM

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

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Saturday Breakfast 8:30AM Iris Cafe
5	6 Skymasters Breakfast 9AM Red Olive, Rochester Hills	7 Indoor Flying 10AM-1PM Ultimate Soccer, Pontiac	8	9 Skymasters Meeting 6:45PM Orion Center	10	11 Saturday Breakfast 8:30AM Iris Cafe
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19	20 Skymasters Breakfast 9AM Red Olive, Rochester Hills	21 Indoor Flying 10AM-1PM Ultimate Soccer, Pontiac	22	23 Skymasters Meeting 6:45PM Orion Center	24	25 Saturday Breakfast 8:30AM Iris Cafe
26	27	28 Indoor Flying 10AM-1PM Ultimate Soccer, Pontiac				

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.

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