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# Skywriter

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**Skymasters Radio Control Club of Michigan**

*it's another beautiful day at Skymasters...*

**May, 2023**



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### Happy May!

Wow what a crazy month of April I had! I was able to fly at the field a few times and once at indoor. Then the wheels fell off when Carolynn and I got COVID. Thanks George and Paul for finishing up the indoor season for me. George did a fantastic job handling registration all year! Thanks a ton!!!

Due to Covid we had cancelled our planned five week trip to SEFF (Southeast Electric Flight Festival) at Hodges Field in Georgia and then on to the Gulf coast. Week before last Thursday, Carolynn woke up and said, I can recover the rest of the way at SEFF. Three hours later the RV was loaded and off we went. SEFF was a great time with a great flying site, camping in site, 200+ pilots, a lake to fly off, etc. Their pilots raffle was absolutely amazing. The estimate was that had over \$19,000 in prizes to raffle off. I bought \$50 worth of raffle tickets and won 3 small bronze

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\$25 prizes plus a gold prize (the 50 mm Habu from Horizon worth \$199)! The prizes went up to Super Platinum class of over \$500 airplanes. Amazing!

Right now I expect the first Student Night to be May 17th. If the weather looks good on the 10th and instructors are available, have at it! I don't expect to be back from Myrtle Beach and SEFF by then.

Event wise the first local event is John's Jet Jam at PMAC on May 28th starting at 3PM. Hope to see you there!

Safe Flights.,

**Pete**

Pete Foss, President

Skymasters RC

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**Editor's note:** You may notice that this month's newsletter is once again a bit light. All our regular columnists are burned out! So how about someone step forward and start your own column? Or tell us about yourself. We ALL have something to contribute, right? One article or many, its all good.

Email me at [newsletter@skymasters.org](mailto:newsletter@skymasters.org)

**Beginning May 17th (or possibly the 10th), its Skymasters Student Night and Pot Luck Every Wednesday at the field through at least September!**

**Flying & instruction any time but we eat around 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 hotdogs - 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.



**Front Cover**

And so we bid a fond farewell to another season of indoor flying at UWM Sports Arena.

Paul Goelz photo

# Life with Doni -

## Bumblebees and dog houses



I love watching Bumblebees. Those fat little fuzzy bodies defy the principles of flying. In fact, they aren't supposed to be able to fly, science says so. And yet, they don't really care what science or anyone else says. They pull that fuzzy butt up in the air and push those little wings onto their next destination.

I felt the same way when I watched some RC planes fly next to the church that my old Cub Scout pack used for some events. Some of the planes were sleek, and looked fast and it made sense when they flew. And then some, just didn't make sense, but I didn't think much about it.

Of course, most of you know that the reason I play with you guys is because of Brad. Brad and I started dating during the COVID shutdown in 2020, and we went to the field often and he brought me up into the air on his buddy box. I was very intrigued and pushed on for a couple of years to get my pilot's license. This is a story on its own, but for now, just know it was entertaining, to say the least! But while we were out there, I saw some of you guys flying things that totally didn't make sense to get up in the air. Someone had a pizza. Someone had some crazy wing-it designs that surprised me, and then my favorite: The Snoopy Doghouse.

In theory, a doghouse shouldn't fly, but apparently, a big enough engine and a couple of key components and everyone in the audience is happy. I know that kind of stuff makes me happy. I LOVE the creativity I have seen on the field. Whether a vintage bi-plane, or a warbird, passenger jet... the audience always seems to enjoy the show. But when it shouldn't fly, that gets extra attention.

I've noticed people come out sometimes just to watch other people fly: other pilots, officers, kids spouses, and we should remember that many of them don't understand the physics of the flying.. Its just kinda magical and amazing! Especially the acrobatic planes. That's what made me excited, watching Brad whip that T28 of his around. I think I cried the night he crashed it for the last time... (Not really.. He has a few more).

So build the plane you want, and play with it. Realize what you do inspires others when done well. And me? I think I want to build a bumblebee ☐



~Doni Muzzy

# May Indoor Flying (last of the season)

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





## NEW SWAG!

Full Zip Hoodies • 1/4 Zips

Kids Shirts • Womens

Long Sleeve Tees • Hats • Mugs

Tank Tops and MORE!

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Click anywhere in this flyer to go to the Sky-masters section of the web site



# Hamburg Flyers R/C

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## Free Parking Lot Swap Meet



<p>Saturday May 13, 2023 9am Swap starts Field will be open for Flying with AMA</p>	<p><b>Hamburg R/C Flyers Airfield</b> Manly W. Bennett Park Hamburg MI 48189 42.44755032973737, -83.81393344496203 <b>See Map and Website for more information</b> <b>Hamburgflyers.org</b></p>
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Free Parking lot swap meet

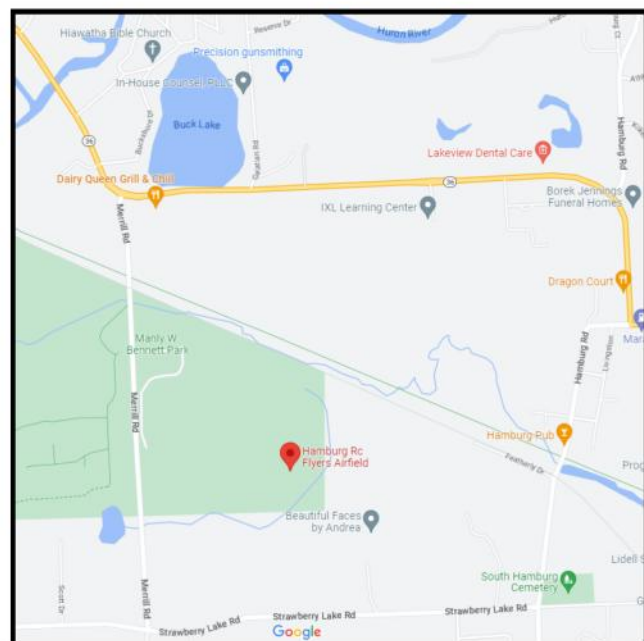
Spots will be provided

No table or chairs will be provided

No rain date

8am Setup for vendors

AMA required to fly



# ON THE WING

## The Retirees and Wannabes Breakfast At Ram's Horn

**9AM, 1st and 3rd Mondays**  
1990 Rochester Road,  
Rochester Hills

## Skymasters Breakfast At the Orion Grill

**Every Saturday at 8:30AM**  
3667 Baldwin Rd  
Orion Charter Township



## Other local area indoor flying

### 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 12:30PM—2:33PM November 2nd through April 26th**

\$10/session

Sponsored by the Hamburg Flyers RC club

# May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Skymasters Breakfast 9AM Ram's Horn	2	3	4 Indoor flying 9AM-3PM Premiere Soccer	5	6 Breakfast 8:30AM Orion Grill
7	8	9	10 Student night / pot luck 5PM Scripps Field  (unofficial / weather de- pendent)	11 Indoor flying 9AM-3PM Premiere Soccer	12	13 Breakfast 8:30AM Orion Grill  Hamburg Swap 9AM Bennet Park  R/C Swap Meet 10AM Metamora Old Town Hall
14	15 Skymasters Breakfast 9AM Ram's Horn	16	17 Float Flying 9AM Addison Oaks  Student night / pot luck 5PM Scripps Field	18 Indoor flying 9AM-3PM Premiere Soccer	19	20 Breakfast 8:30AM Orion Grill
21	22	23	24 Float Flying 9AM Addison Oaks  Student night / pot luck 5PM Scripps Field	25 Indoor flying 9AM-3PM Premiere Soccer	26	27 Breakfast 8:30AM Orion Grill
28 John's Jet Jam 3-7PM PMAC	29	30	31 Float Flying 9AM Addison Oaks  Student night / pot luck 5PM Scripps Field			



# 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 and the noise limit is 80dBa at ten feet.** Regular flying is permitted between 10 AM to 8 PM and the noise limit is 94 dBa at 10 feet. These noise limits are enforced.

**Student Night & Pot Luck** Every Wednesday, May 11th through September. Flying any time but we eat at 6:00 p.m. - rain or shine, literally! For those participating we ask that

you bring something for the grill - enough to feed (at least) you and your guests -OR- bring a dish to pass -OR- bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage. **Something for the grill:** The obvious choices are burgers, sausages/brats and hotdogs - but other alternatives are welcome. If you bring it we will cook it! We've cooked pork tenderloin and chops, salmon, venison burgers, steaks and more. Don't forget the buns.

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

**Potluck dish to pass:** Don't know what to bring, working late? Each week we'll let you know what is needed for the next week 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!

**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. 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)

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Call us at 248-403-8279 and  
leave a message. We'll get  
right back to you.**



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