

# No ol' routine here

Tired of that ol' summer routine?

Well, there's plenty of chances this summer to break the monotony if you'll only take the time to look.

Throughout Michigan there are festivals and sporting activities which don't really fit in to the regular grind.

Sporting enthusiasts may want to take advantage of sports other than baseball, swimming and water skiing.

Persons looking for a different kind of thrill may want to buy a ride in a hot air balloon with one of two hot air balloonists in the area.

In Avon Township the Balloon Platoon will be chasing the hot air balloon every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening when weather permits during the summer.

The group meets at the Trans Com balloon factory at 2545 Leach Rd., Avon Township at 6:15 p.m. the day of the flight.

Balloon Platoon members can hitch a free ride on the balloon by being the first person to reach the balloon when it lands. Non-members must pay \$75 for a ride. For information on Balloon Platoon activities phone 852-0666.

In Troy Carl Thomas at Grand

Prix airport will take person on a balloon ride for \$50. Call the airport to make arrangements for the ride. Balloon rides are given during early morning hours and at dusk.

If ballooning doesn't catch your interest try gliding. The Vultures, an Oxford gliding club, offers thrill seekers a chance to quietly take to the skies.

When the snow isn't on the ground the Vultures take to the air. The group meets on weekends at a field on M-24 and Metamora Road in Oxford.

Non-members can buy a day membership in order to get a ride in the club's two-seater glider. Riders also pay for time spent in the air.

For information about the club contact John Kuhn of Madison Heights or call the club's trailer at the field, weekends at 628-9097.

The growing sport of hand gliding is gaining interest in Michigan, too. For about \$550 one can buy a hand glider which resembles a large kite, according to Bob Newcomb, owner of Sky Sails in Royal Oak.

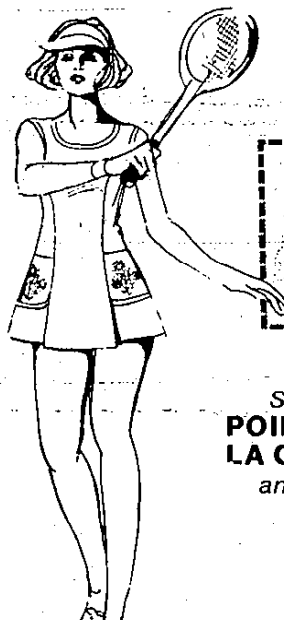
Newcomb suggests the best place for hand gliding in Michigan is on the west coast of the state. He

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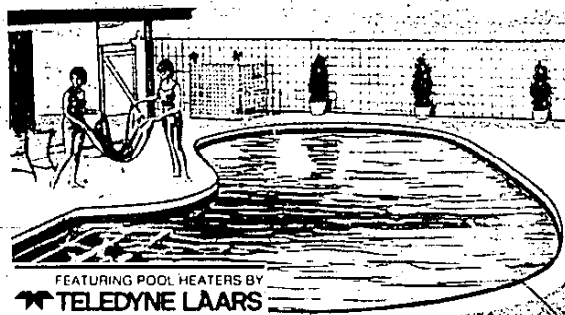
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