

The Dead Stick Flyer

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July Meeting:

- The July club meeting was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at the Swan Harbor RC flying field at 7:00pm. The meeting was well attended and we had a full spread cookout. Chef Bob manned the grill...
- The club currently has over 55 members on the roster.
- <u>August Club Meeting</u> Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Swan Harbor RC flying field:
 - Flying, cookout, and monthly meeting.
 - Come out early and get some flying in before the cookout and club meeting.
 - Bring your appetite!
- September Club Meeting Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Wendy's in Aberdeen, MD.



- Fall Club Picnic:
 - Our next event for the club will be our annual Fall Club Picnic for members and their families. It will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017 with a rain date of September 16, 2017. Details of the picnic will be determined during the summer months.

- *Motion for a 4th Member at Large:*
 - A motion was made at the meeting to add a 4th "Member at Large" to the club roster. This motion was approved and a member to fill this new position will be voted on at the December Christmas Party where all Club Officers will be voted on.
- Field Improvements for 2018 were Discussed:
 - Gary discussed some field improvements being kicked around for 2018:
 - <u>Option 1</u> > BGE Utility Electric at the field for charging batteries and general field maintenance. This would be an expensive option with a large cash outlay to get it installed but a nominal monthly expense for the active service on-going.
 - This solution would provide 110 volts of house power. Members would need to use A/C power supplies or chargers with built-in power supplies for their charging gear.
 - BGE pricing will be sought and evaluated.
 - <u>Option 2</u> > Solar Panel Kit with deep cycle 12 volt batteries. This would be a much cheaper solution and should provide enough power to handle our members' requirements.
 - This set up will provide 12 volts of power for most RC battery chargers and accessories. Also, a 110 volt inverter for light duty house power requirements could be installed.
 - <u>Reference</u>: Model Aviation Magazine article for July 2017, page 110, "Solar Power at the Field." In this article you will see an example of the solar panels that could be installed atop the shed and the power connections and charging stations that could be installed down below.
 - This option will also be priced out and evaluated.
- Field Issues:
 - Gary discussed what to do when members encounter problems at the field whether it be wild animals, unknown visitors causing trouble with our members and guests, or issues arising between club members.
 - Bring these issues to a Club Board Member for resolution. Please do not try to handle these issues on your own. If the issues warrant further action by the Board, they will decide if county authorities need to be consulted or brought in for resolution.
 - Your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

• Member PICs Submitted for the Newsletter:



Jim Snyder's B25, Achille & Ron

Fred Visnow's Fuel Truck



Bob Walker's T28 at Rest



 <u>Protection from the Sun</u>: The nature of our great RC Hobby dictates that we are out in the sun while we fly our aircraft. We need be mindful and diligent about taking care of ourselves against the harmful rays of the sun. It is very important to apply sunscreen and wear hats to protect our heads, necks and faces from sunburn and the problems that can cause down the road. Just friendly words of advice for our members.

- <u>What are Members Working On</u>: Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable? We'd love to hear what you are working on. Send us some information and a couple pics of your project and we'll post it in the monthly Newsletter. Send your emails to: <u>ronlazzeri@verizon.net</u>.
- Need Help Flying? Are you new or returning to the RC Hobby?
 - Come to our monthly club meetings meet some of our "RC Pilots"
 - Get a computer based "RC Flight Simulator"
 - Line up some assistance for the 2017 flying season
 - Start with the right aircraft to be successful
 - Best advice....Don't be afraid to ask for <u>help</u>!!

General Information:

Newsletter:

To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: <u>sslotnick@mac.com</u>.

<u>Photos</u>:

Anyone who would like to have new photos appear in the slideshow, the photo gallery, or Newsletter is encouraged to send their photos to Stephen Slotnick at <u>sslotnick@mac.com</u> and he will add them as soon as he can.

Interest in Joining the Club:

Please see the instructions on the Swan Harbor RC website <u>www.SwanHarborRC.com</u> under the heading "How to Join." Additional membership information or questions can be obtained from Steve Snyder at (443) 243-4324 or email: <u>snyder800@gmail.com</u>.