



# ***The Dead Stick Flyer***

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## **April Club Meeting:**

*The April club meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Havre de Grace Activity Center as planned. There were 7 members in attendance. The last club meeting was held on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Since we did not have any pressing issues to discuss or report there were no meetings held in February or March. The following points were discussed at the meeting.*

## **Next club meeting: May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**

*The next club meeting will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center located at:*

*Location: 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078*

*Date: May 9, 2023*

*Time: Starting at 7:00pm*

*Room: Where the Christmas Party was held*

## **Treasury Report:**

*Steve provided an update on the club's financial status through April 2023. The club's finances are in good shape. A handout was given to attending members. Please note we do not publish financial information online.*

## **Membership Report:**

*Steve also provided an update on the club's membership tally as of the meeting. The club has 74 members signed up for the year so far.*

## **Old Business:**

- **Field Updates:**
  - **Tractor Maintenance & Supplies:** Steve has purchased the necessary supplies needed to service the 3 Zero-Turn tractors for this season. We will be servicing the equipment in April.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Lawn Treatment:** The field received its 1<sup>st</sup> lawn treatment in April. This on-going preventive maintenance will keep the runway and pit areas healthy and green throughout the year.
  - **Grass Cutting is Underway:** Grass cutting has already begun and the field is looking in fantastic shape for this year's flying season.

- **Canopy Concrete Project:**
  - *The canopy concrete project has finally arrived. The contractor “Bowman” started the project on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and is expected to complete the work on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Please go easy on the fresh concrete until it fully cures during the next several months. This is another Swan Harbor RC accomplishment for the field and for all members to enjoy!*
- **Online Weather Station:**
  - *Steve and Ron installed the new Ambient Weather Network “Online” weather station in April. It is currently operating and can provide you with pertinent information about weather conditions directly from the field. See the mobile phone installation instructions in the **Tech Section** below and on the club’s website in the **Tech Section**. Additionally, Steve sent out an email in April regarding the mobile app installation procedures.*
  - **Security Camera System:**
    - *Steve and Ron installed a new security camera system at the field in April on the main shed. This will add another level of security that will allow us to see any issues like vandalism or weather destruction and hopefully identify what occurred.*

## **Swan Harbor Park – Main Entrance Update & Plan:**

**Steve’s Update via email dated April 4<sup>th</sup>:** *Last fall the county lost the caretaker for Swan Harbor Park. He was responsible for opening and closing the park from dawn to dusk. This is why they started closing the park at 5:00pm last November. A few weeks ago, I talked to the county about allowing us to use the park after 5:00pm and the county agreed to just dummy lock the gate so we could have access. Today, the county has notified me that they will no longer be “dummy” locking the gate and will be locking the park at 5:00pm. Their reasoning for the change is the county has set up expensive catering equipment and a large party tent to support this year’s weddings and other events and they are worried about protecting this equipment from vandalism.*

*I know this is a problem for our club members who work during the week and with frequent weekend TFRs, this leaves no time for working members to enjoy our field and fly.*

*We’ve discussed this with the director of parks and recreation and he is very sympathetic to our issue. His office is taking several steps to resolve this issue:*

- **First**, *they are looking for a new caretaker and expects to have a new person in place by June.*
- **Secondly**, *they will be replacing the current front gate with a new gate that will automatically open at dawn and close at dusk. The gate will also have an automatic sensor to open the gate should you be in the park after the gate closes. They are installing a sensor so when you pull up to the gate it will*

***automatically open and allow you to exit. The county expects to have the gate installed by Memorial Day.***

***In the meantime, the director has offered to allow us to have a dedicated evening for flying, say every Wednesday night. We would then be responsible for closing and locking the main gate when we leave. So, we have put together the following plan of action to help with member evening and weekend flying:***

- ***Wednesday Evening Flying Night: We will adopt every Wednesday afternoon & evening as a planned flying session until the new gate system is installed and working. Steve or another volunteer will be responsible for locking up the main gate at the end of the night's flying. Who knows maybe this will be the start of some regular summer evening flying for members.***
- ***Swan Harbor Park Events: GOOD NEWS! Steve has also obtained the Swan Harbor Park events schedule for April through October 2023. The main gate will be open late in the evening while events are going on at the park. So, you will be able to fly during these times without the worry of locking up the park. However, we can't help with any TFR's in effect during these times.***

***Here are the current 2023 event dates (\*):***

- ***April 15, 20-22, 27-29***
- ***May 6, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28***
- ***June 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24***
- ***August 5, 12-13, 19, 25-26***
- ***September 2-3, 7-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-30***
- ***October 1, 6-8, 12-15, 20-22, 26-29***

***(\* Please note these dates are subject to change without notice.***

## **New Business:**

- ***Spring Open House Fun Fly:***

***The club will hold its annual Open House Fun Fly on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am. An email invitation was sent out to local area clubs, like prior years, to come and join us for the day. We will have the same lunch items as last year which will include grilled hamburgers, chips, cookies, and a soft drink for a nominal price yet to be determined.***

***We will be asking for some volunteers to help with certain duties like lunch preparation and cooking, cash box, and some light duty parking. We will also try to get the ice cream vendor back again if he can be reached and is still in business.***

***So, we are challenging all members to get out to the field in advance and get in some flying practice to be ready for the Fun Fly. We are hoping for a great turn out this year.***

# Swan Harbor RC Open House Fun Fly



Take Oakington Road off US 40 between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace and follow the signs for Swan Harbor Farm to Swan Harbor RC field.

Ample parking at the field.

## Swan Harbor RC

### Spring 2023 Open House Fun Fly

[www.swanharborrc.com](http://www.swanharborrc.com)



**Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023**

**Time: Starting 10am**

**No Rain Date**

No landing or parking fee for event. Lunch will be served.  
Donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information contact:

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## Tech Section:

# Swan Harbor RC

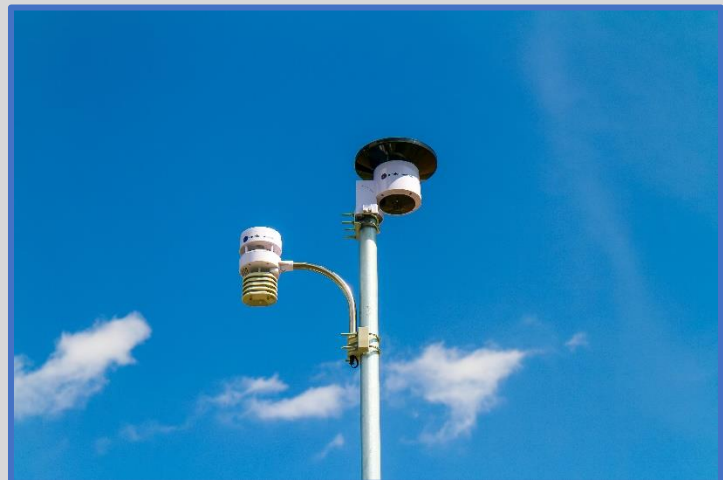
## “New” On-Site & On-Line Weather Station

### March 2023

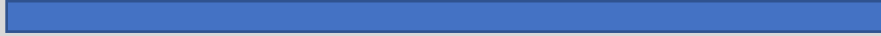
On March 29, 2023, a new weather station was installed at the Swan Harbor RC flying field. This new weather station was introduced at several club meetings in 2022 by Steve Snyder and was promised to be operational in early spring 2023. It is now operational and this document will explain the components of the system and how you can use it. The weather station has been installed in the main shed. You can see the key indicators from the weather station display inside the shed but you can also install the weather station’s app on your smart phone and get all of the same weather indicators via the internet.

The components of the weather station are as follows:

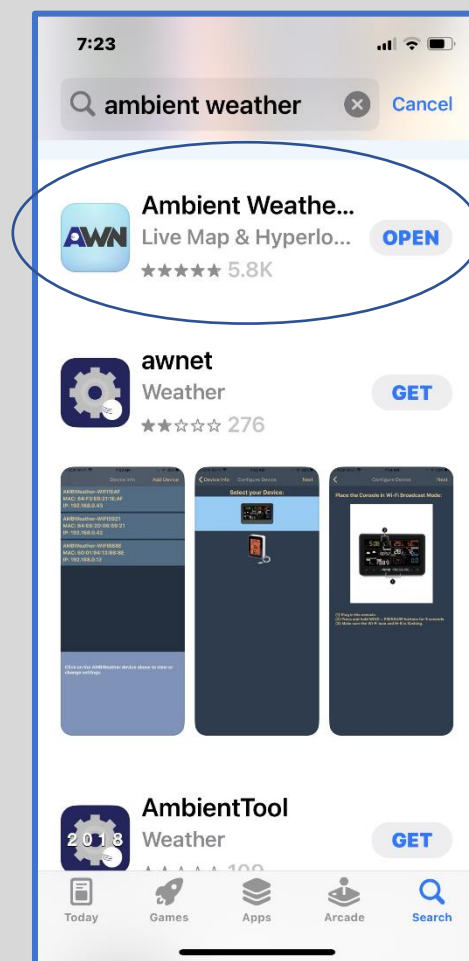
- Weather station: Ambient Weather Station WS5000
- Verizon: TCL Link Zone 5G MiFi



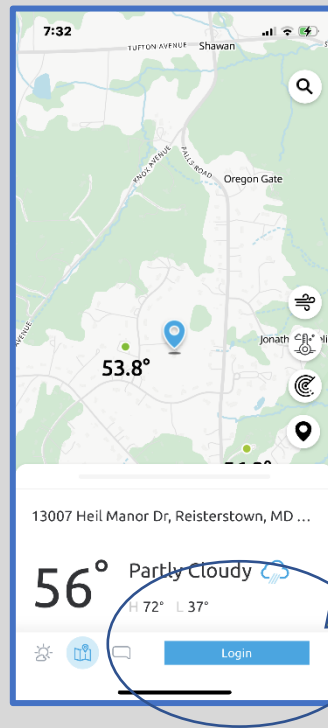
# ***Instructions for installing and setting up the Ambient Weather station “APP” on your smart phone:***



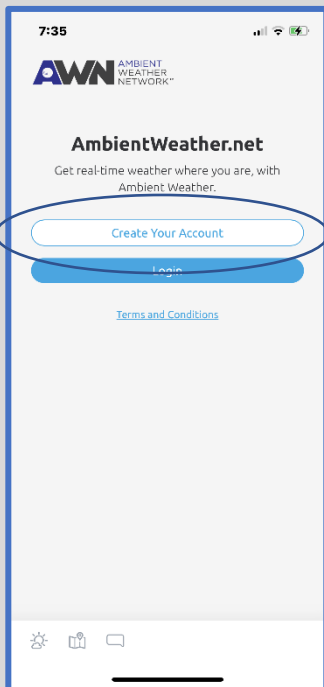
***Step 1:*** Download the Ambient Weather Network (AWN) “APP” from your smart phone’s applicable “App Store” to your phone.



***Step 2:*** Open the Ambient Weather Network (AWN) app on your phone and click on the LOGIN bar to create your own personal account. You will need your own account to access the Swan Harbor RC weather station.

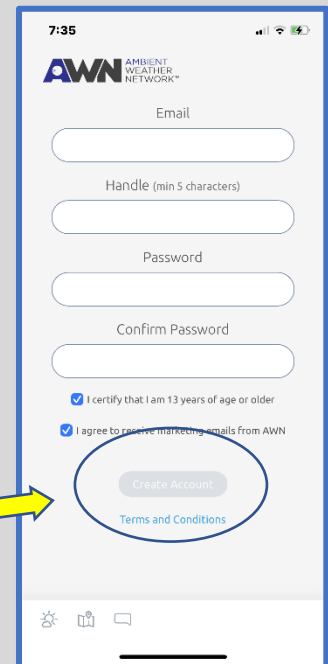


**After the AWN app opens, click on the LOGIN bar to create your own personal AWN account**



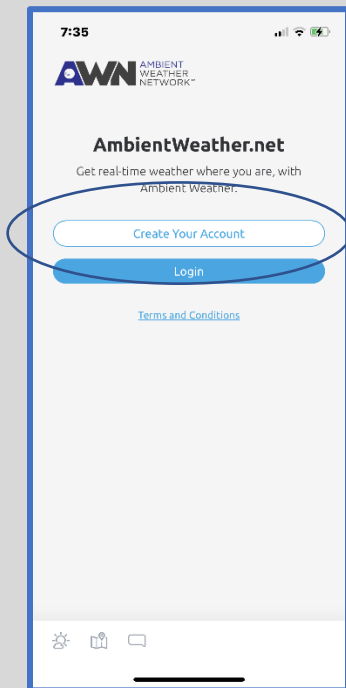
**Click on Create Your Account**

**Then complete the account creation screen and then click on Create Account**

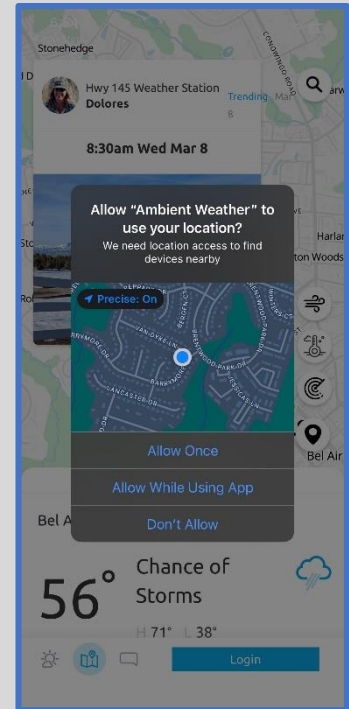




**Step 3: LOGIN to the Ambient Weather Network (AWN) app with your new LOGIN credentials:**



**Click on LOGIN to gain access the Ambient Weather Network app.**



***It is possible that you may get a Location Services option to allow the Ambient Weather app to use your location. You can choose Allow While Using App so the AWN app can operate normally.***

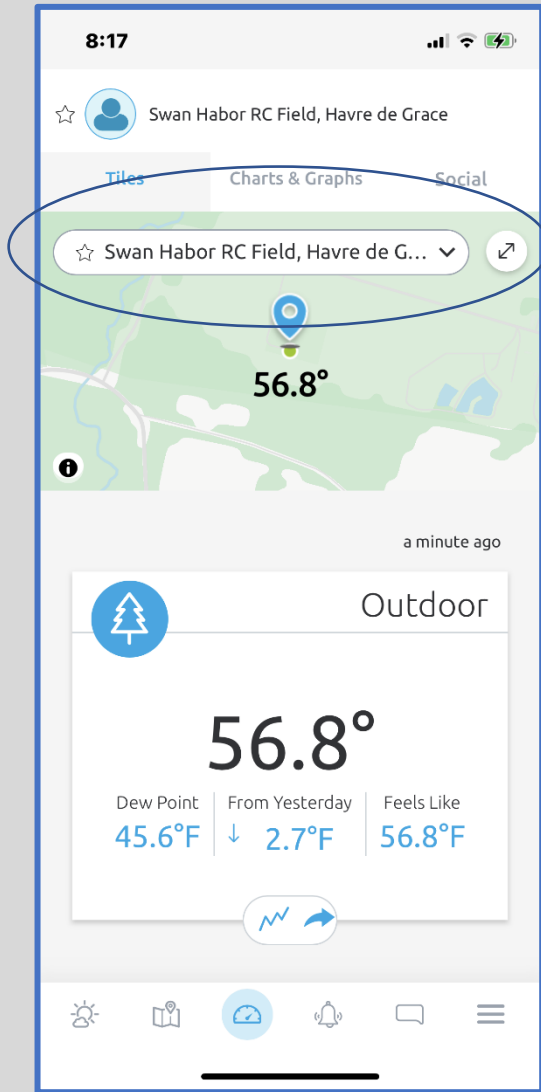
**Step 4: Navigate to the Swan Harbor RC Weather Station link:**

***After successfully logging in to the AWN app, type in Swan Harbor RC in the search field to navigate to the Swan Harbor RC weather station. Once you see the Swan Harbor RC link, click on it and it will take you to the Swan Harbor RC weather station data. You will then be able to scroll through all of the SHRC weather station indicators.***

***Currently the weather station online indicators are updated every minute.***

***You do not have to log out of the app and is entirely your option.***

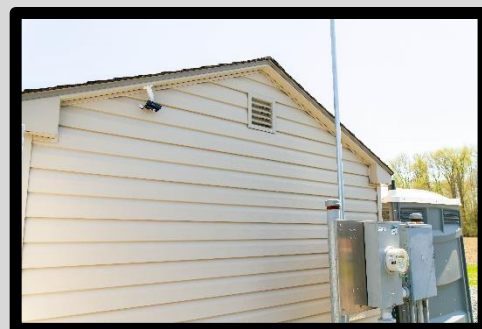
**Search for the Swan Harbor RC Weather Station Link:**



***(Scroll down while in the App for more indicators)***

***Outdoor Temp, Wind, Rainfall, Pressure, Humidity, UV Index, Solar Radiation, Shed Temp, Canopy 1 Temp, Battery Levels, Forecast, etc..***

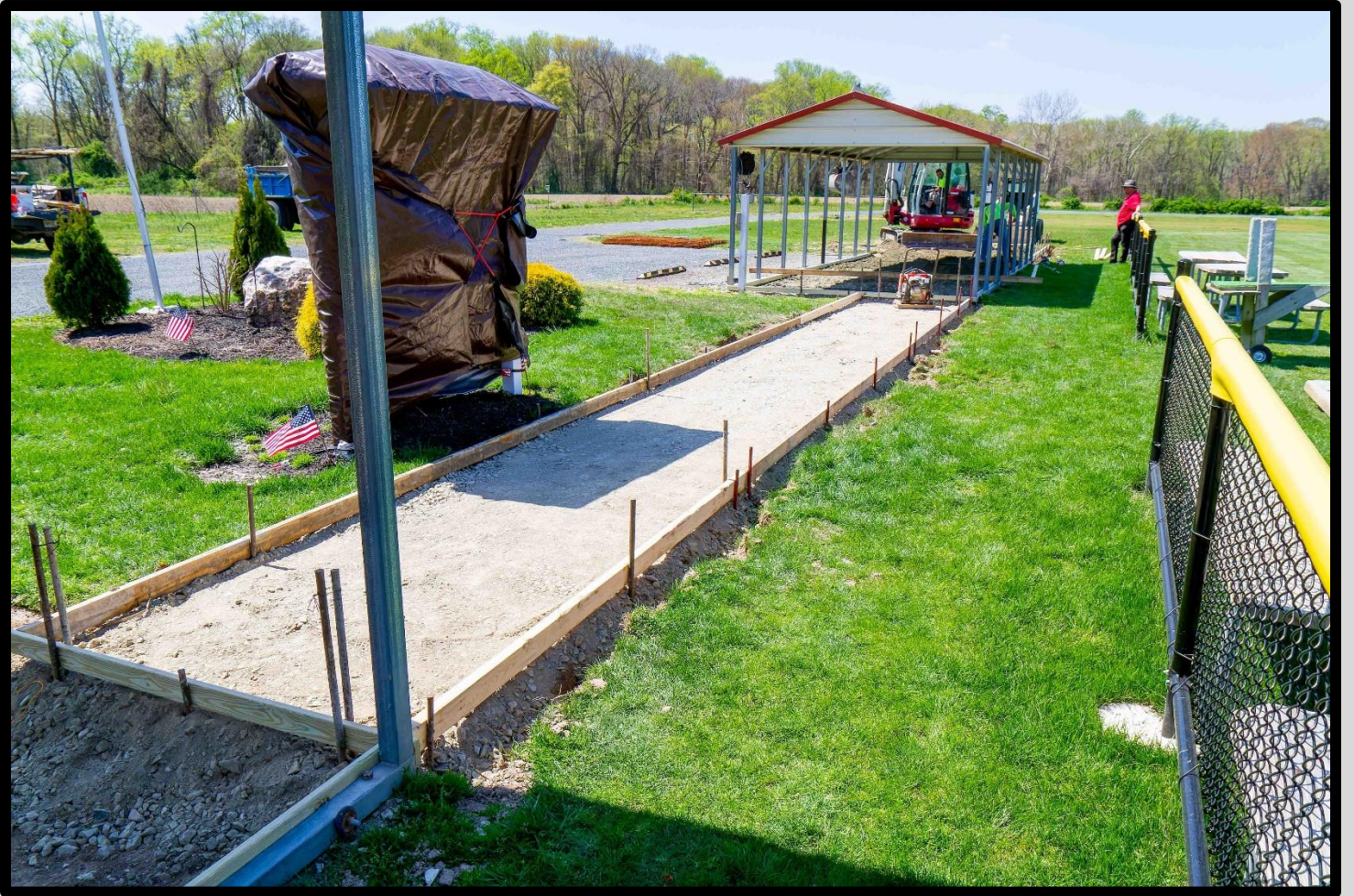
## **Security Camera System**

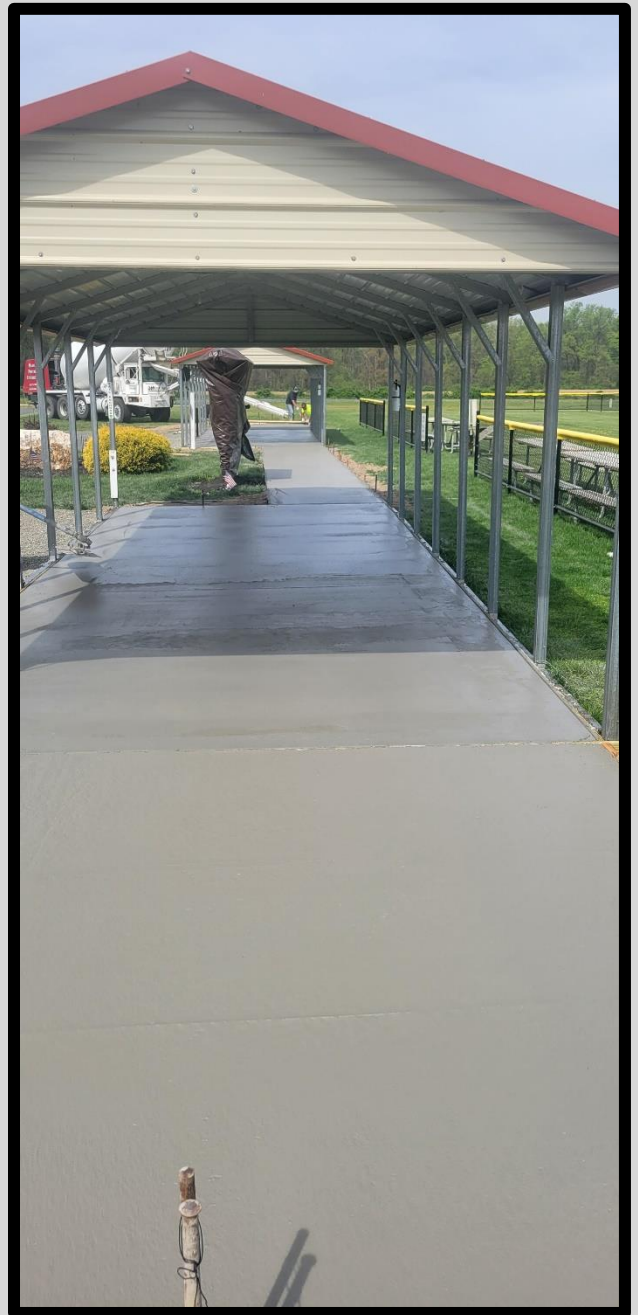
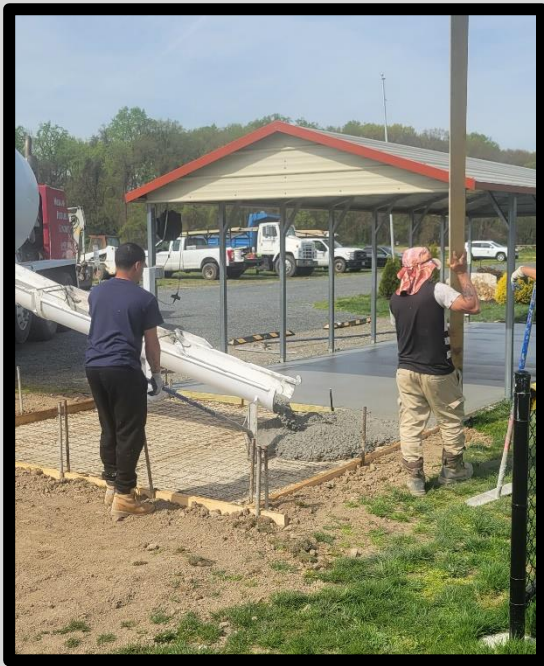
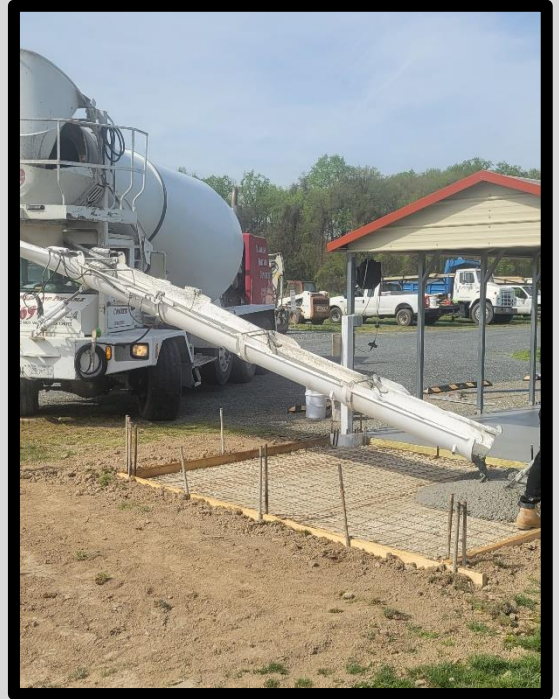
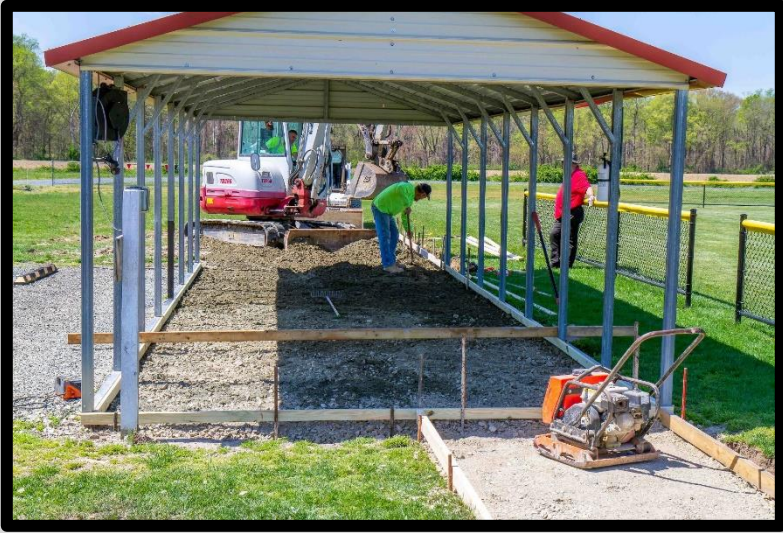


**2023 Canopy Concrete Project**



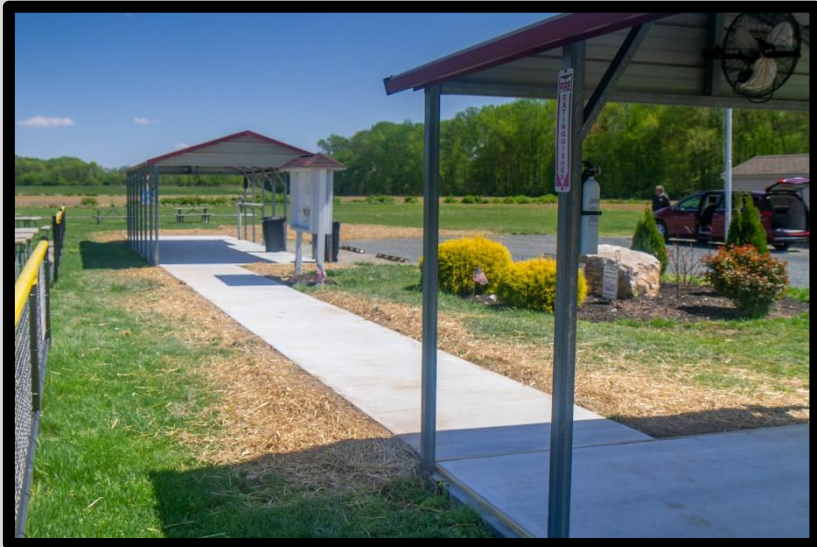






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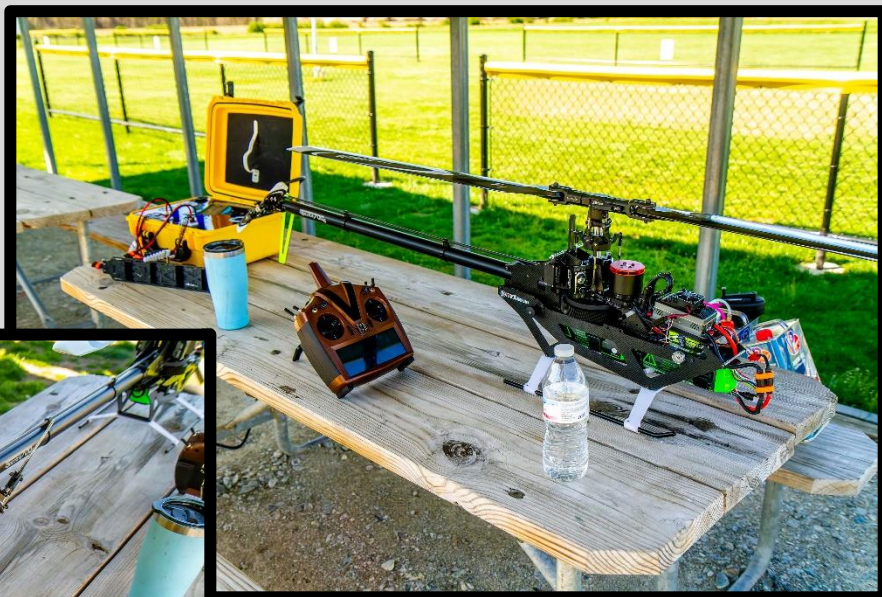
*Ross Carson's new T-28*



**WOW! Look At Our Beautiful Runway Grass**



## Bob Sinsky's Helicopters



Ron Moyer



## General Information:

### Membership Dues Policy

To pay your club dues for the season, either as a renewing member or a new member, please forward them to Steve Snyder, Treasurer. As you all know we depend on our dues to fund projects and general maintenance for our club.

#### Existing Annual Membership Renewals:


- Annual renewal membership: \$80.00
- Renewal period: 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YEAR
- Payment is due by: 3/31/YEAR

#### New Membership Dues:

- Full year new membership: \$130.00
- Joining period: 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YEAR (\*)
  - Includes \$80.00 annual membership & \$50.00 first year initiation fee

(\*) Note: New members joining the club on 9/1/YR or after in that same year are considered paid in full for the remainder of the year and the immediately following year. The reason for this exception is that the current flying season is about 75% over and we want to give new members an incentive to join our club.


**You can pay your dues with PayPal:** If you decide to pay your dues with PayPal go to the club's website: [swanharborrc.com](http://swanharborrc.com) and click on the top menu item How to Join. This section will explain everything you'll need to know regarding how to join as a new member or pay your dues as a renewing member. In this section you will see the PayPal payment options as pictured below. Please take note that the PayPal payment includes a service fee added to the payment total as seen below.



**Member Renewal**  
\$83.50

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Yearly Dues for Members, due by March 31st. After this date, you must join as new member (\$80+\$3.50 Service Fee)



**New Member**  
\$135.25

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New member fee - dues (\$80) plus initiation fee (\$50). After September 1st, Fee includes the next year. (\$130+\$5.25 Service Fee)



**Junior Renewal**  
\$42.00

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½ dues under age 18 years of age, due by March 31st after date must join as new member. (\$40+\$2.00 Service Fee)



**Junior New Member**  
\$80.75

[Buy Now](#)

½ dues and ½ initiation fee for ages under 18, After September 1st, fee includes the next year. (\$77.50+\$3.25 Service Fee)

**What members are working on:** Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable, or want to sell something? We would love to hear about what you are working on. Send us some information and a couple of pics of your project and we will post it in the next monthly newsletter. Send your emails to: [ronlazzeri@verizon.net](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net).

**Newsletter:** To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: [sslotnick@mac.com](mailto:sslotnick@mac.com).

**Photos:** Anyone who would like to have new photos appear in the slideshow or the photo gallery is encouraged to send their photos to Stephen Slotnick at [sslotnick@mac.com](mailto:sslotnick@mac.com) 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 [www.swanharborrc.com](http://www.swanharborrc.com) under the heading "How to Join." Additional membership information or questions can be obtained from Steve Snyder at (443) 243-4324 or email: [snyder800@gmail.com](mailto:snyder800@gmail.com).

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Thank You!

