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Spring 2024 Open House Fun Fly

Flyer by Marvin Tedrow



Swan Harbor RC

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Hello Fellow RC Flyers,

Come fly with us for the day at the Swan Harbor RC flying field this spring.

Where: Swan Harbor RC Flying Field

When: Saturday, June 8, 2024

Time: Starting at 10:00 am

Location: 401 Oakington Road, Havre de Grace, MD 21078

(follow our signs upon entering the park)

Website: www.swanharborrc.com

No Rain Date



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- *Jim Snyder's passing.*
- *Distribute Sportswear ordered at the Christmas party.*



New Main Entrance Sign

Review Newsletter Minutes from the January meeting:

Steve brought the meeting to order and asked the attendees for any comments regarding the January 2024 newsletter minutes. Everyone at the meeting agreed the minutes were good as written and had no changes to report. It should be noted that we did not have any club meetings since the January meeting.

Review Membership and Financial status:

Steve provided an update on the 2024 club membership status as of the meeting. The club membership is at an all-time high for this time of the year. The club currently has 83 members enrolled so far for 2024, which is absolutely fantastic. Steve has successfully contacted and resolved all prior year members that have not renewed for 2024. All members that are going to renew have done so. We thank all members for their 2024 membership and we hope you all have a great time this year at the field!!

Steve also provided an update for the Swan Harbor RC financial status as of the meeting. He provided a handout to all members present at the meeting for their review. We do not publish our financial information in the newsletter. The club's finances are in great shape to start the year out. We continue to have an active mower replacement fund for when the time arises for new equipment. The biggest part of maintaining a great flying field is keeping the grass mowed in excellent shape.

Old Business:

- **Weather station and camera update:**

There was a brief period in February when the weather station was not actively providing weather information. The batteries in the remote module needed to be replaced. The batteries were replaced and it is functioning correctly.

As discussed in 2023, Steve purchased a camera for the AWN Weather Station. Steve anticipates that it will get installed in April as soon as weather conditions are more favorable. The camera will provide still images approximately every 5 minutes in the AWN app and a summary time lapse of the day's activity.

- **Indoor Flying ended Friday, April 5th.**

The 2023-2024 Indoor Flying season ended on Friday, April 5th. We had a great time flying at the Emmorton Rec Center and each week was well attended. We now look forward to flying at the Swan Harbor RC field.



Field maintenance status:

- **Completed spring mower maintenance.**

Both zero-turn mowers were serviced in March and are ready to go for the 2024 grass cutting season. The decks were removed, cleaned and painted with a heavy duty undercoating to help prevent corrosion and grass accumulation. The engine oil, oil filters, and belts were replaced. Also, many thanks to Lewis Fillinger for allowing us to do the maintenance in his heated garage along with his help and tools.!!!

- **First grass cutting was on Tuesday March 25.**

The first grass cutting of the season was completed on Tuesday March 25th by Steve and Ron. The far ends of the main runway were too wet to cut at this time so be careful if your plane lands in these areas. It's kind of mushy. The grass is looking marvelous this year as expected.

- **First spring weed control and fertilizer.**

The early spring lawn service treatment was applied in March and should help prevent weeds for the start of the year. There will be 3 more treatments coming later in the year to help maintain the grass in excellent shape.

- **Centerline for runway.**

As mentioned last fall, Steve acquired a sports field line painter and spray paint from one of the Havre de Grace rec teams who didn't use it any longer. We will be painting a straight line down the middle of the main runway to help guide flyers on take-offs and landings. This will be an experiment to see how it works, how long it lasts, and does it help flyers. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Plans for the upcoming Spring 2024 Open House Fun Fly:

The Spring 2024 Open House Fun Fly is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2024 starting at 10:00am. Based on 2023's attendance and comments we have heard from outside club members, we anticipate this year's event attendance could be even greater. So, we are planning accordingly for a large turnout. To be able to successfully manage a larger turnout we will again be needing several member volunteers to help coordinate and help at the fun fly.

- **Team leaders are needed for food, parking and the flight line.**

Steve has designated 3 areas of support that will be needed on the day of the fun fly. We would like to have a Team Leader for each of the following areas: food service, parking coordination, and flight line control. We will need help from several volunteers to support each of these areas as well. Steve will be collecting the names of member volunteers and assigning them to each station. The event will be a great success with your support and assistance. There will be more information to come in advance of the fun fly.

- **Review of flight operations for the day.**

For this year's event we will provide more control and guidance on the flight line so that we eliminate confusion and mishaps as best we can. The main runway will be the active runway for fixed wing aircraft only. All other types of RC models like helicopters and drones will be designated to fly on the right side of the field nearby the little paved runway area. The separation of these aircraft will alleviate unwanted incursions for our members and guests.

Other controls that will be put in place are:

- *Each pilot will need a spotter at the flight line while flying.*
- *Pilots must fly in the pattern with other active flyers like a NASCAR race. Cross runway take-offs and landings will not be permitted.*
- *The small, paved runway will be shut down during the fun fly.*
- *The left canopy parking area will be designated as an unloading & loading zone. Pilots must park their vehicles at the far side parking area.*
- *A Pilot's meeting will be held at the beginning of the day to go over rules.*
- *SHRC is a FRIA approved site so pilots won't need a Remote ID device.*
- *All pilots will need to be current with their AMA & FAA registrations and FAA Trust examination.*
- *Remind all pilots of the 400' vertical ceiling we must observe as RC pilots.*

Lawn maintenance crew status:

Steve will be implementing a lawn maintenance crew to assist with the weekly grass cutting chores. He will be gathering names of volunteers and will develop a tentative cutting schedule. The grass usually gets cut on Tuesday and Friday, weather permitting. Volunteers must coordinate amongst their teams to alleviate any confusion around who is doing what & when. Steve and Ron will provide hands-on training. This approach will ensure that member volunteers will be on a rotating schedule and no one has to cut every week.

New Business:

- **Spring work party at the field to get it ready for the season:**

Steve will be organizing a spring work party on Saturday, April 20th to get the field ready for the 2024 flying season. If we can get a successful volunteer turn-out, we can complete the select chores that are needed that day. Steve will send out an email in advance to get the volunteers lined up. Thank you in advance for your help!!

Items planned to be completed if time permits:

- *Weed and mulch the main flower bed between the canopies.*
- *Weed and mulch the bulletin board and re-sculp the bed with dirt & seed.*
- *Re-sculp the pit flag pole with dirt & seed.*
- *Remove the mulch and shrubs at the main entrance and re-sculp the beds with dirt and seed.*
- *Install a shelf and power strip outlets with USB ports in the shed for charging transmitters and other small equipment.*
- *Install vertical drainage field in the pit area if the soil is dry enough. That area always floods out with heavy rain and possibly kills the grass.*

Other topics:

- **Jim Snyder's passing:**

After 90 years Jim Snyder has gone to fly on the great model airplane field in the sky. He passed Tuesday March 12, 2024 around 11:00 am with his family by his side. Jim was a long time modeler building U-control airplanes as a teenager and later moving into radio control in 1978 with me. Together we have built and flown countless models. Everything from WW1 to WW2 warbirds and many civilian planes. Jim loved traveling up and down the east coast to different model events. He attended some of the first Joe Nall events and would winter in Florida at the now gone RC World. Jim will long be remembered at Swan Harbor RC for all his hard work and dedication. He joined the club around 1995 and served off and on as president for many years until 2011. He was also instrumental in shaping the field as you see it today. He will be truly missed

R.I.P. Jim Snyder (dad), Steve

A memorial service was held in Jim's honor at the Swan Harbor Farm on Saturday, April 13th. It was a great celebration of Jim's life with his family and friends. He will be missed but never forgotten. A military honors ceremony was held at the end of the gathering.



- **Club sportswear:**

At the April meeting, Steve passed out the club sportswear ordered at the Christmas Party. If you didn't get your sportswear yet, contact Steve to arrange how to pick it up.

- **Restocking the refrigerator in the shed:**

Steve will be restocking the refrigerator in the upcoming weeks. Steve will stock it with water and soda for daily flyers to enjoy. Remember, the refrigerator stock and Wednesday cookouts are made possible through your donations in the refrigerator donations box. Thanks for your continued support.

- **Dates for Upcoming 2024 Events:**

- *Spring Open House Fun-Fly: 6/8/24*
- *Fall Club Picnic: 9/14/24*
- *Annual Christmas Party: 12/7/24*

- **May Club Meeting:**

- *The May club meeting will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center:*
 - *Location: 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.*
 - *Date: 5/14/24*
 - *Time: 7:00pm*
 - *Place: The meeting will be held in the same room as the Christmas Party.*

Will McCaslin's 3D Printed Corsair



Jeff Rivers' Micro Draco



Stan Dill's Eratix 3D



Ross & Steve's Vipers



Steve's Viper



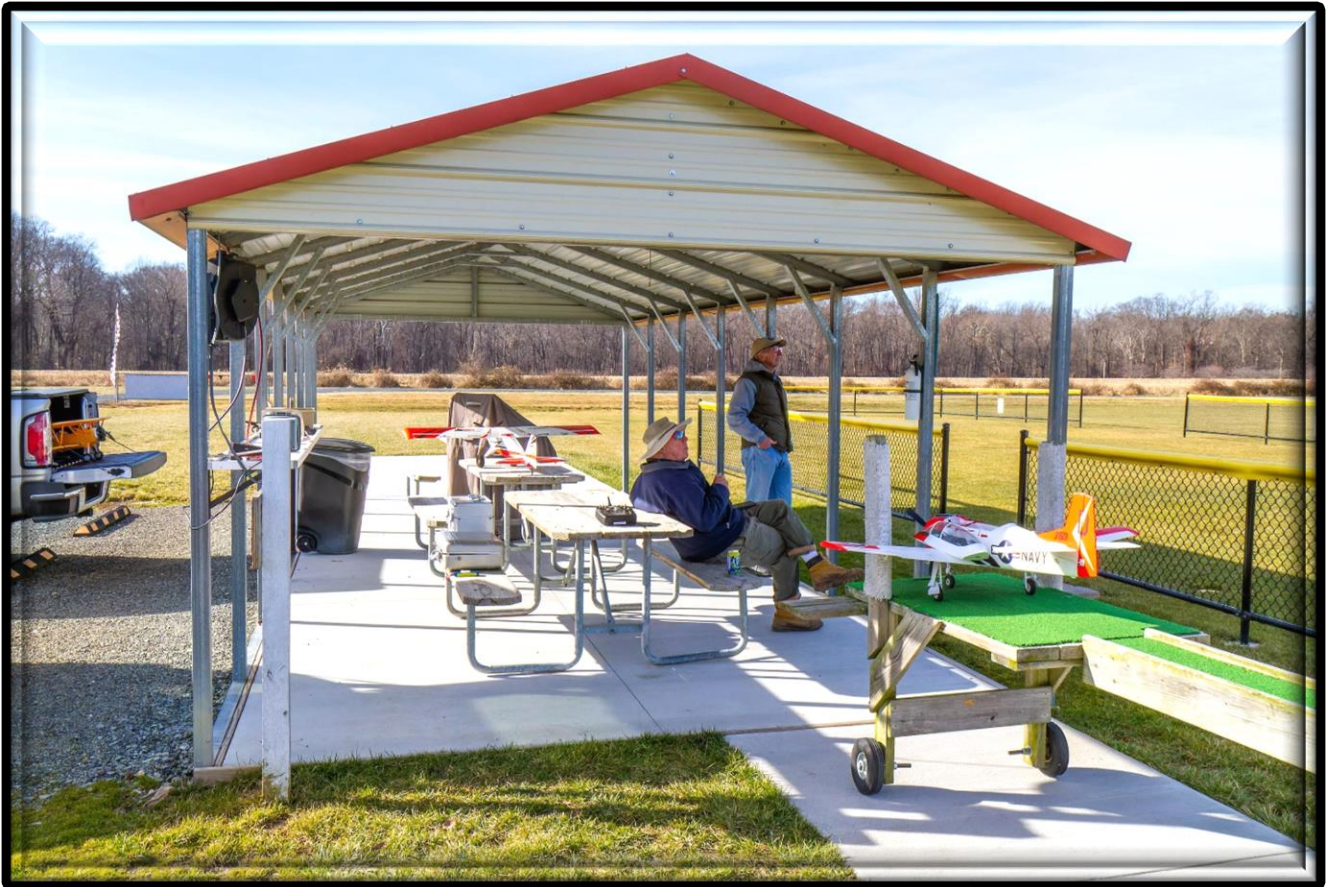
Bob Walker's Big Turbo Timber



*Bob's Fleet
on the
Runway*



Bob & Rich waiting their turn to fly



Ross's RV-8



The Snyders



Jim Snyder – Doing what he loved !!



Marvin Tedrow's UMX Tractor



Rich Schweiger's UMX Turbo Timber



Marvin Tedrow's UMX Timber X



General Information:

How to Join the Swan Harbor RC Club:

If you are interested in joining the Swan Harbor RC club here's how to do it:

- *From the Internet, go to the club's website www.swanharborrc.com*
 - *Proceed to the section "How to Join"*
 - *In this section you will find instructions for becoming a new member.*
 - *There you will find several ways you can pay the membership fees including a PayPal option. Please note that an extra fee is included with the PayPal payment option.*
- *An alternate option for joining the club would be to contact Steve Snyder, President/Treasurer for additional membership information or questions. Steve can be reached at 443-243-4323 or snyder800@gmail.com*
- *Either way you will need to complete a membership application and submit it along with your payment to complete your membership submission.*
- *You are also required to have an active AMA and FAA registration.*
- *Swan Harbor RC is an FAA FRIA approved flying site.*

Membership Dues Policy

To pay your club dues for the season, either as a renewing member or a new member, please follow the above noted procedures. 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 fee: **\$ 85.00 (1)***
- *Annual Renewal period: 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YR*
- *Renewal Payment is due by: 3/31/YEAR*

New Membership Dues:

- *Full year new membership: **\$135.00 (1)***
- *Joining period: **(2)** 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YR*
- *Amount includes \$85.00 annual membership & \$50.00 first year initiation fee*

(1) Note: The annual dues were increased \$5.00 at the October 2023 meeting.

(2) 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 current year and the 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.*

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.*

Newsletter: *To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: [slotnick@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 [slotnick@mac.com](mailto:sslotnick@mac.com) and he will add them as soon as he can.*

Harford County's No Smoking Policy on County Property: *We follow all county rules and regulations and ask for your cooperation.*

Thank You!

