



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Annual Swan Harbor RC Fall Club Picnic

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Starting 10am till....

No Rain Date

Swan Harbor RC Club
Invites you to their
Fall 2023 Club Picnic
Sept 9 – 10am

NO Rain Date

- Food Available

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August Club Meeting

Minutes, Treasury & Membership:

At the start of the meeting Steve asked the members present if the July newsletter minutes were good. All members approved the minutes.

Steve provided an update on the club's financial status as of August 2023. As usual, please be assured the club's finances are in good shape. A handout was given to the attending members. Please note we do not publish financial information online. Steve also noted that the following expenses were forthcoming for the rest of 2023:

- ***1 more field fertilization (late August or September)***
- ***2 bags of grass seed (late August or September)***
- ***Fall picnic food & drinks (September 9th)***
- ***Christmas party food, drinks, and raffle prizes (December 2nd)***
- ***In August, Steve applied bug spray around the canopies for bugs & sweat bees.***
- ***For 2024: Steve will be researching a camera for the existing weather station which will provide still images of the field through the AWN weather app.***

Steve also provided an update on the club's membership status as of the August meeting. The club is holding at 79 members for 2023. We thank all members for your 2023 membership and participation.

Old Business:

- **Swan Harbor Farm Main Gate "Final Update"**

- The main gate is now 100% fully operational.
- The operating hours are 7:00am to 8:00pm daily.
- There is a pressure sensor on the road just in front of the gate that will open the gate in case you leave the park after 8:00pm. Slowly pull up to the gate until you see the gate open and you may leave it unattended.
- The caretaker's house renovation has been completed and a new caretaker is expected to be hired and in service.
- The old gate will be used only as a backup to the new gate when needed.



- **FRIA Update:**

FAA - Recognized Identification Areas (FRIAs)



What is a FRIA?

A FRIA is a defined geographic area where drones can be flown without Remote ID equipment. Both the drone and the pilot must be located within the FRIA's boundaries throughout the operation. In addition, the pilot of the drone must be able to see it at all times throughout the duration of the flight.

- Last fall, Steve submitted an application for Swan Harbor RC to become a FRIA space so that we can fly at our field without the Remote ID equipment. So far he has not heard any updates on the application. We have heard of some other clubs that have successfully been granted FRIA recognition.
- To read up on the FRIA requirements, here is the link:
 - [FAA-Recognized Identification Areas \(FRIAs\) | Federal Aviation Administration](#)

- **Annual Fall Club Picnic:**

- *The Swan Harbor RC fall club picnic will be held on Saturday, September 9th starting at 10am until.....who knows? There will be no rain date.*
- *The picnic will take the place of a September club meeting. The next club meeting will be on October 10th at 7:00pm.*
- *We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, chips & drinks. All food purchases will be on a donation basis, so please donate appropriately. Thank You.*
- *We will try to get the ice cream truck back again.*
- *Bring your favorite plane(s) out and have a day of flying fun.*
- *Please bring your family and/or friends along.*

- **Annual Christmas Party:**

- *The Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 2nd starting at Noon till 4:00pm.*
- *There will be flying in the gym like prior years.*
- *We will have the same full buffet and a celebratory cake.*
- *We will also have raffle prizes for some lucky participants.*
- *You can pay your 2024 dues at the meeting.*
- *The party will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center located at:*
 - *351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078*

- **Wednesday Evening Flying:**

- *We will be continuing on with the weekly Wednesday afternoon & evening flying since it has been well received by members and seems to be a big success. We will notify you in advance if we have to cancel a day due to bad weather or other circumstances. When available we have been grilling cheeseburgers and hot dogs between 5-6 pm.*

- **RC Stuff Donated by Larry Kirssin's Family:**

- *At the August club meeting we had the last of Larry Kirssin's RC stuff to give away which included various miscellaneous electric motors, esc's, receivers, mounts, jumpers, and LIPOs. We still have some stuff left so we will be bringing it to the club picnic for you to look it over and take what you need.*

New Business:

- **Food & Drink Donation Box:**

- *So that we can continue having drinks and light snacks in the fridge, we will be placing a donation box in the shed pantry area to help defray the cost of replenishing the fridge and cookouts. We ask that you donate as you see fit and appropriate. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.*

- **Next club meeting: October 10, 2023 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: October 10, 2023

Time: Starting at 7:00pm

Club PICs:

Flyers on Wednesday, August 16th

Rick Wallace, Ross Carson, Steve Snyder, Bob Walker, Stanley Dill

Pic by Ron Lazzeri



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 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

[Buy Now](#)


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

[Buy Now](#)


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

[Buy Now](#)

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.

Newsletter: To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: 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 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 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.

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

Thank You!

