



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Happy Holidays to all

This is the Newsletter for the Swan Harbor RC Club for the month of December 2020.

We did not publish a Newsletter for the month of October 2020 since there wasn't much news to report on for the month. As you all can tell the weather has turned to winter now along with a recent snow storm so it's time to focus on any new RC projects, repairs, upgrades, and battery maintenance. Don't forget the very important battery maintenance because if you take care of your batteries they will take care of you and your plane.



The Board hopes that everyone has a safe and happy holiday this year however you plan to celebrate. We all should be optimistic that 2021 will be a better year since we now have vaccines on the horizon to help eliminate this awful virus. The club has appeared to fair very well this year surviving the Covid-19 virus. Please keep up your vigilance until we beat down this virus and get back to normal sometime in 2021.

The club had also had a very good year flying considering the circumstances and members that did come out to fly enjoyed all the field improvements that were made this year. We hope to continue making improvements in 2021 and beyond. The goal of the board is to keep making this one of the best clubs in Maryland. Our hope is to get back to having normal club meetings and holding events sometime in 2021. We welcome your participation and input at future club meetings so we can work towards a club that everyone can enjoy and use to its fullest extent.

The Board would like to thank all members for their support and cooperation in 2020 and look forward to more RC flying fun and excitement in 2021.

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Club Information:

- **Surviving the Covid-19 Pandemic in 2020**

This year has been a real challenge for everyone staying clear of the Covid-19 virus as well as getting tired of talking and reading about it. However, the club has fared well, managed to get things done at the field, and enjoyed many good flying days. The club has been following State of Maryland, Harford County, and CDC mandates and restrictions and have not held any meeting gatherings, flying events, or our annual Christmas Party. We certainly look forward to better times in 2021 as the Covid-19 vaccines get rolled out. Stay safe and practice good habits till then.

- **Reflections on Previous Christmas Parties**

As a result of the Pandemic we were not able to hold our annual Christmas Party this year at the Havre De Grace Activity Center. We look forward to resuming this event next year. Normally we've elected a new Board at the Christmas Party but this year was different. Steve Snyder developed a voting system in an email format that was sent out to all members to vote on the new 2021 Board. That worked well and members have voted in a new Board that will start January 1, 2021. See the "Club PICS" section for a look back at some previous Christmas Parties.

- **2021 Board Officer Elections**

The new 2021 Board was voted in by members and will be effective January 1, 2021. Congrats to the new Board! We also want to thank all members for your participation in the voting process this year.

President/Treasurer:	Steve Snyder
Vice President/Newsletter:	Ron Lazzeri
Secretary:	Dale Davis
Safety Officer:	Tom Insley
Webmaster:	Stephen Slotnick
Members at Large/Directors:	Jae Jang, Lewis Fillinger, Bob Bartell

- **[Thanks to Gary Gunter and Chris Mounayer](#)**

We want to express our gratitude and a heartfelt thanks to Gary Gunter and Chris Mounayer who have decided to let to someone else run the club for a while. They both want to take a break and enjoy the club as regular flyers. Can't blame them for wanting to enjoy what we have built!

Gary has been the club President for the years 2014-2020 and Chris has been the VP for the years 2016-2020. Gary has led the club with great leadership and has inspired all of us to make the club the best it can be. Gary has accomplished a lot of wonderful things at the club during his term. Chris has been steadfast in assisting Gary and has provided the club with many opportunities for improvement. Both Gary and Chris have not only donated their time to the club but also have donated many items they purchased for the club.

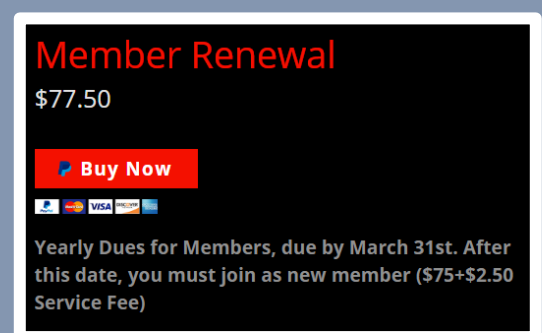
Thanks Gary and Chris for your support and excellent leadership!

- **[Club Dues for 2021](#)**

Since most of the club dues have historically been collected at the annual Christmas Party, it was imperative that we provide a new simple way for members to pay their dues. You can mail a check to Steve Snyder payable to: Swan Harbor RC at the following address: 800 Van Dyke Lane, Bel Air, MD, 21014; give payment to a Board Officer; or now pay your dues through PayPal.

The renewal this year will remain the same at \$75.00 (cash or check) but if you use PayPal, it will add an extra \$2.50 fee to cover the PayPal service charge. Once payment is received, Steve will mail your membership card to you. You can start paying your 2021 dues now but you will only have until March 31, 2021 to do so as a regular renewing member.

How to pay your dues with PayPal: 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 option as pictured. Remember, the PayPal option has a PayPal service fee added to your payment.



- **Club Accomplishments in 2020**

Despite the Pandemic, the club has still managed to accomplish some new and exciting things this year that we can all be very proud of. The Board continued to make progress improving the field and has accomplished the following achievements this year:

- ***Indoor Flying @ Churchville Rec Center (Spring 2020 up until Pandemic hit)***
- ***Survived Covid-19 Pandemic (April thru Year End)***
- ***Secured Asset Insurance for Field Property (March 2020)***
- ***Installed Electric in new 2nd Shed (April 2020)***
- ***Lawn Service Treatments, Aeration, and Over Seeding (Began May 2020)***
- ***Dale added new Field Signage (April-May 2020)***
- ***Installed a new Paved Runway (Began June 2020)***
- ***Tom Insley replaced Bob Walker as Field Safety Officer (June 2020)***
- ***Members elected a new Board for 2021 (Oct – Dec 2020)***

- **Thanks to the SHRC Field Maintenance Crew**

A special thanks goes out to the unsung heroes in the club for giving of their time on a weekly basis to keep the SHRC field in great shape and providing a very nice place for all of us to come to and fly. These guys have handled everything from cutting the grass, performing maintenance on the equipment and facilities, planting new shrubs, painting, etc.you get the idea.

The regular crew consists of Dale Davis, Steve Snyder, Herman Reichart, and Jae Jang. From time to time other club members have pitched in when needed and a heartfelt thanks go out these members as well.

As with any organization, without the tremendous help and support by members like these guys, the organization would soon fall apart and leave its members looking for another place to fly. We are very fortunate to have members like this so the next time you see them at the field take a moment to give them your thanks for a job well done!



- [Passing of Cecil Davis](#)

In November, Steve Snyder sent out an email to let us know that one of our fellow flyers had passed away. We are very sorry to hear of the news and we will certainly miss Cecil Davis

“Fellow club members, it is with a heavy heart that I tell you that Cecil Davis died Sunday, November 29, 2020. Cecil has been a member of the club for as long as I can remember. While at the club Cecil built the amazing bulletin board that stands between to the two canopies. I looked back through the newsletters and found some pictures of Cecil which I have attached.” Steve Snyder....



- [Membership & Treasury](#)

Steve advised of the following:

- ***The club membership for December has finalized at 75 members.***
- ***In January, Steve will be working on a financial plan and budget for 2021.***

Every year we manage to reach a membership roster between 75 and 85 members. This is mainly the result of our club having a great wide open location at Swan Harbor, excellent leadership by the board, and most of all the best group of members, guys and gals, that any club could ask for. Our members are the friendliest gang of RC flyers and everyone helps each other to learn more about the hobby and troubleshoot their equipment so everyone can enjoy this great hobby.

Another big thanks to our members!

- **Club Members on the Move**

Every now and then we hear good news that is near and dear to our club's heart. So it is only natural that we want to talk about it and applaud this good news, whatever it is. On Wednesday, December 23rd, Dale was at the field checking on things when he saw Lloyd Young and the two struck up a friendly conversation.

During the conversation, Lloyd had mentioned to Dale that he had just gotten promoted the week prior to a Human Resource Partner for Chili's Restaurants and is now responsible for 110 Chili's restaurants in 9 states.

The back story according to Dale is that Lloyd began working for Chili's several years ago at the Northeast, Maryland Chili's restaurant where he turned that store around and made it very profitable. Lloyd was later promoted and given the White Marsh Chili's to run which was already the number one store in Maryland. Lloyd maintained the store's performance and profitability and worked hard to make it even better than it was.

This just goes to show you that hard work pays off over time. Congratulations to Lloyd for achieving such a tremendous opportunity and a special thanks to him for sharing his good news with Dale.

- **AMA and FAA Registration for 2021**

All returning members for 2021 should make sure they have renewed their AMA Insurance and, if required, their FAA registration.

- *AMA: www.modelaircraft.org*
- *FAA: www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone*

In an effort to ensure our club's compliance with AMA and FAA rules and regulations we are requiring that all members, whether a new member or an existing member, submit the following documents to Steve Snyder when paying your dues:

- *Swan Harbor RC Membership Form:*
 - *The form can be found on the Swan Harbor RC website*
- *Proof of AMA & FAA membership:*
 - *Provide a copy of each membership's email or registration card*
 - *The copy must include the registration number*

- [Club Pics](#)



Dan Seldomridge sent in this pic of his Grandson, Xander, with a Twisted Hobby SU29 plane given to him by Jae Jang. Dan says his grandson loves it and it flies really well.

Way to go Jae!

Bob Walker submitted this pic from 2010 of him and his pre Spread Spectrum transmitter.

Time for a new transmitter Bob.....?



In case you have ever wondered how the large "ROCK" got into the middle of the flower garden at the field. Well, here's your answer.....Photos from Bob Walker.



Reflections from Previous Christmas Parties

2019 Christmas Party



2018 Christmas Party



2017 Christmas Party



- [SHRC Yard Sale](#)

Sale by Bob Bartell:

E-flite Timber 1.2 with AS3X and SAFE Select:

The plane is in excellent shape with extra parts

All you will need to install is a battery

Asking Price: \$100

Email: rf1bark@comcast.net

Phone: (410) 939-6489



- [Club Meetings and Events Scheduled for 2021](#)

"ON HOLD until Further Notice"

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic all club meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice. Once the Pandemic gets under control and we can have in-person meetings and event gatherings we will notify all members accordingly.

A message from
Central Penn Aeromodelers Association:

The 2021 R/C Expo has been cancelled!

After careful consideration we have decided to cancel the 2021 Lebanon R/C Expo. As health care concerns remain a priority, we feel it is in the best interest of our volunteers and patrons to cancel this years event. We are looking forward to seeing you all for a successful 2022.

- 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 fee: \$75.00
- Renewal period: 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YEAR
- Payment is due by: 3/31/YEAR)

New Membership Dues:

- Full year new membership fee: \$125.00
- Joining period: 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YEAR

- Fee Includes:

- \$75.00 annual membership fee
- \$50.00 1st year initiation fee

- *Note: New members joining the club on 9/1/YR or after of that same year are considered paid in full for the current 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.*

- **General Information**

What are Members Working On: 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: 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!

