



The Dead Stick Flyer

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January Club Meeting:

The first meeting for the 2023 season was well attended on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00pm in the Havre de Grace Activity Center on Lewis Lane. This year we have some returning Board of Directors as well as a couple new members as voted in at the December Christmas Party. The new Board for 2023 is as follows:

- *Steve Snyder: **President/Treasurer***
- *Dan Seldomridge: **Vice President***
- *Ron Lazzeri: **Secretary/Newsletter***
- *Stephen Slotnick: **Webmaster***
- *Stanley Dill: **Safety Officer***
- *Bob Bartell: **Member at Large***
- *Dale Davis: **Member at Large***

The annual Christmas Party in December took the place of the regular monthly club meeting so there wasn't any meeting minutes to review or approve. As usual, the Christmas Party was a great success and the attending members and their guests had a great time. See the December 2022 newsletter for more information on the party.

The Board is optimistically looking forward to another great year of flying and comradery at the flying field. The field is in great shape from all the improvements made last year and years prior. We are truly spoiled at the Swan Harbor RC flying field so come out and enjoy yourselves this year and make some new memories and friends. Guests are always welcome to visit the field and watch you fly so take advantage of the great opportunity we all have to enjoy this great hobby.

The winter months are a great time to take a hard look at your RC aircraft & equipment and make necessary repairs, upgrades, and/or replacements. It is also very important to check all of your batteries since they do not last forever. Remember to put your LIPO batteries in the "Storage Charge" mode to help them last as long as possible. There are plenty of articles on the Swan Harbor RC website in the TECH Section to give you some assistance with a lot of RC procedures and explanations.

If you have not been out to the field in a while you will be amazed at how great the runway and pit grass looks. The club has put a lot of effort and resources into making the grass better each year. Also, you will recognize a new pit and flight line fence that is second to none. Not only has the Board done a great job managing our limited resources but with help from the county and our consistent membership, upwards to 80+ members, has made it possible for all of the improvements to be carried out.

On January 4, 2023 at 7:30pm Steve coordinated the first Board meeting of 2023 to welcome the new members and to layout his plan for the coming year. He is trying to develop a good working relationship with Board members and regular members alike.

Lastly, the Board strongly encourages and really appreciates member attendance at the monthly club meetings. The Board wants to make sure that the club is doing things that make flying at the Swan Harbor RC field enjoyable, fun, and safe for you and our guests!

Old Business from 2022:

The Canopy concrete project is coming this spring. As noted at prior meetings in 2022, the county will be working to install concrete under each canopy, a sidewalk between the canopies, and a concrete pad on the outer sides of each canopy. We will provide more details as they become available. This will be done at no cost to the club.

Membership & Treasury:

- **Membership:**

At the meeting, Steve Snyder reminded members that we ended 2022 with 82 members. So far for 2023 we have 48 renewed members with 34 members yet to renew their membership. Just a quick reminder that the 2023 dues renewal deadline is March 31, 2023. We hope to see all members return for another strong year, so until then, we thank you for your 2022 membership.

- **Treasury:**

Steve Snyder provided an update on how the SHRC finances ended for 2022 and that we are in great shape heading into 2023. The club does not publish financial information in the newsletter or website. If you are a member and would like more information regarding the club's finances please attend the regular monthly club meetings or send an email to Steve Snyder or Ron Lazzeri with your questions or requests.

Steve Snyder: snyder800@gmail.com

Ron Lazzeri: ronlazzeri@verizon.net

New Business for 2023:

- **Review of 2023 club budget:**

Steve presented a 2023 budget for the club. As noted, the club does not publish financial information in newsletters. The Budget includes the following categories:

- *Estimated income by source and expenses such as AMA annual recharter, Havre de Grace Rec Committee, Go Daddy web, tractor supplies, club parties, grass maintenance, field maintenance, miscellaneous (weather station).*

- **New internet accessible weather station:**

Steve presented information regarding a new weather station purchased for the field to be installed by early spring. The weather station can be accessed by members via the internet with 8 various services. The station will provide information about wind, temperature, sun radiation (cloudy, partly cloudy, etc.) plus other features. It will not be set up to provide video due to the internet usage cost. Steve is looking to get internet service through Straight Talk (2GB/month for about \$15/month) on a pay as you go basis. The internet device will be installed in the shed and the weather station mast will be mounted to the shed on a grounded pole 2-3 feet above the shed roof. The weather station monitor may be mounted in the bulletin board. The internet access will be locked down to the weather station only. Steve advised the weather station's cost was approximately \$360 on a holiday sale.

- **Monthly club meeting venue update:**

Due to various issues like inclement weather, heat, low member attendance, etc., all 2023 club meetings will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center on Lewis Lane at 7:00pm, on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except for events that take the place of monthly meetings. When meetings get cancelled, the food and supplies purchased for the meetings either get spoiled or are required to be kept longer than their expiration dates. No food will be served at the HDG center.

- **2023 SHRC club events (no rain dates):**
 - **Saturday, June 10, 2023: Open House Fun Fly**
 - **Saturday, September 16, 2023: Open House Fun Fly/Picnic**
 - **Saturday, December 2, 2023: Annual Christmas Party**

Note 1: Dale Davis will work with the Harford County Aegis paper to get an article on the club to entice spectators from the area to visit the club during our events. This should be good visibility for our club.

Note 2: Food served at the 2023 club events will be the same fare as in 2022, hamburgers, bag of chips, cookies, a drink, and simple condiment fixings.

- **Discussion Topics:**

- **People parking at SHRC gate entrance:**

- Dale and several members mentioned that at times people park at the club's front gate entrance when they come to the field. Please be aware you may see this when you come to the field so just ask the person(s) to move so you can enter the field. Dale will look into installing a sign to help deter people from parking at the entrance.

- **Safety Tip from Stanley Dill, Safety Officer:**

- Stan would like to remind members to stop and look for low flying aircraft before you cross the runway while driving into the main field. This is not only for your safety but it will help prevent an incident if a plane is on final for landing and is too low.

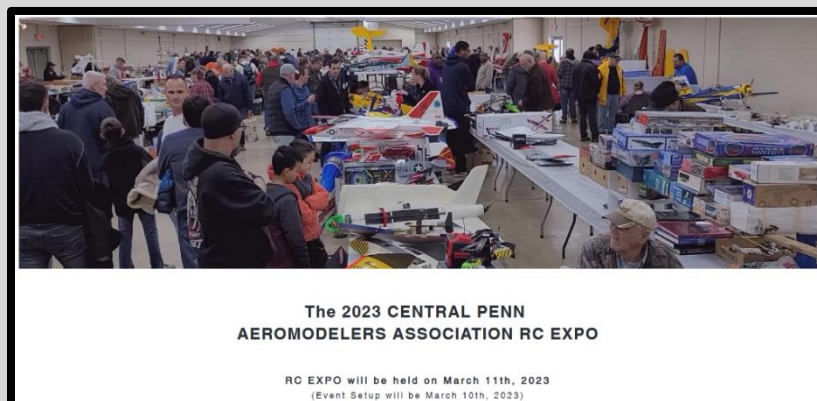
- **Local Area Events:**

- **Cloud Kings RC Club's "New Year's Day Freeze Fly"**

- Steve Snyder and Ron Lazzeri attended the Cloud Kings RC "New Year's Day Freeze Fly" on Monday, January 2nd along with Ross Carson, Bill Brueckman, and many Cloud King members. It was a fun day and everyone got a lot of flights in. Bill is President of Cloud Kings RC. Ross is a member of Cloud Kings RC and the Lancaster County RC club. Bill and Ross are members of Swan Harbor RC as well. See pictures in the club pics section below.

- **Lebanon RC Flea Market:**

- **Date: March 11, 2023**
- **www.centralpennaeromodelers.club**
- **Advance tickets are \$10.00 per ticket. These are NON-REFUNDABLE. The event is held RAIN or SHINE. Tickets at the door will be \$15.00 per ticket.**
- **Tom Insley and Steve Snyder will be selling some RC stuff so stop by their tables.**



Sad Club News (via Steve's email January 5, 2023)

All,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this email to tell you that Mark Pry passed away the 1st week in January 2023. Mark's father reached out to me to give me the news. They don't know what caused his untimely passing (autopsy pending) but his parents found him last Wednesday in his apartment in the North East area. Per Mark's wishes, he is being cremated and they are not having any services.

I will pass along any more information I receive.

I'm really going to miss Mark and please keep his family in your prayers.

Mark, may you rest in peace.

Steve Snyder



▪ **For Sale by Members:**

Zeb Bertsch: Contact Zeb @ 443-417-4394

E-flite Carbon Z Cessna 150

- Float set (still in box)
- Xoar Prop.
- \$300 or reasonable offer



Pilot 92" Extra 330

- DLE 61 W/JTEC Muffler
- Hitec servos
- Dual Miracle power switch w/fuel dot
- LiFe ignition and servo batteries
- Wingtote
- \$1,100 or reasonable offer



Steve Snyder: Contact Steve @ 410-638-2895

Package new in box deal:

1. Horizon Hobby Carbon Cub 15cc ARF, 90"

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/carbon-cub-15cc-arf-90/HAN5065.html>

2. 6 Hitec D625MW servos

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/d625mw-standard-digital-high-speed-metal-gear-servo/HRC36625.html>

3. Castle Talon 90 AMP speed controller

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/talon-90-amp-25v-bl-esc-with-20amp-bec/CSE010009700.html>

4. 5065-450Kv Outrunner Brushless Motor

<https://www.horizonhobby.com/product/avian-5065-450kv-outrunner-brushless-motor/SPMXAM4770.html>

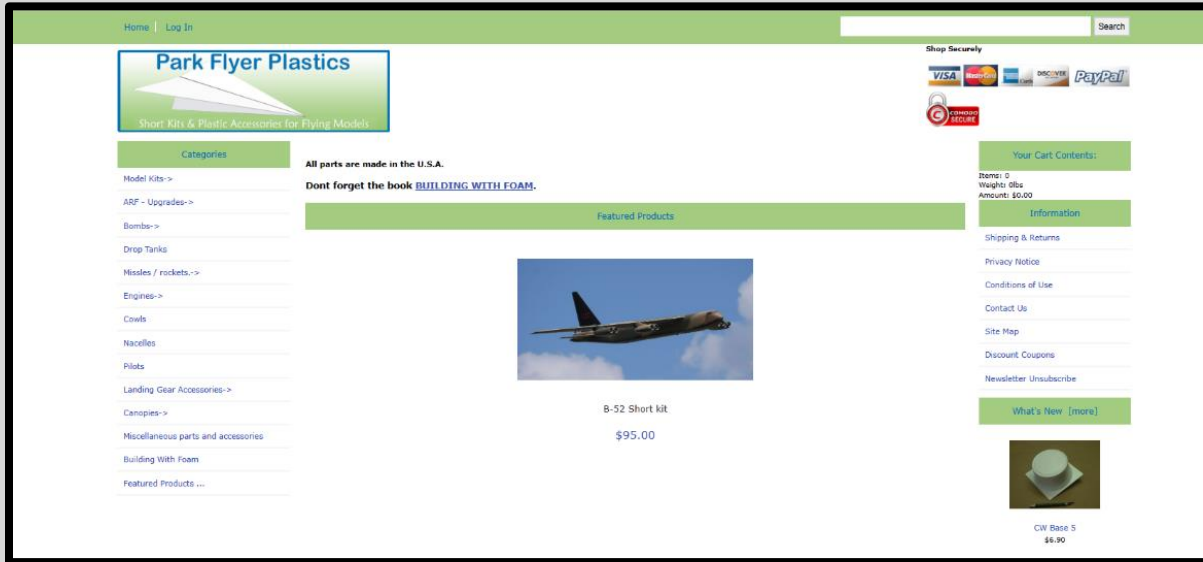
Everything you need for a 6S setup.
Total package price \$525.00



▪ **Tech Corner by Ron Lazzeri:**

- **Try the Park Flyer Plastics website if you need a plastic part, like a cowl for a foam plane, that you cannot find a replacement anywhere. This site may have what you need. However, it is a formed raw molded part only in most cases. You'll have to assemble and paint.**

▪ www.parkflyerplastics.com/cart/

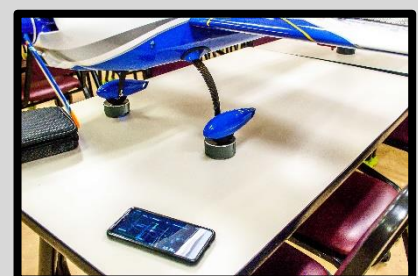


▪ **Show & Tell:**

Steve Snyder's new "Electric Extra"

- **The airplane is an Extra NG, 61" from Extreme Flight and it uses a 6S 3800 - 4400 MAH battery.**
- **The Weight and Balance system is from SkyRC:**
 - **Digital Center of Gravity Gauge and Angle Sensors**
 - <https://www.skyrc.com/cgg-020>

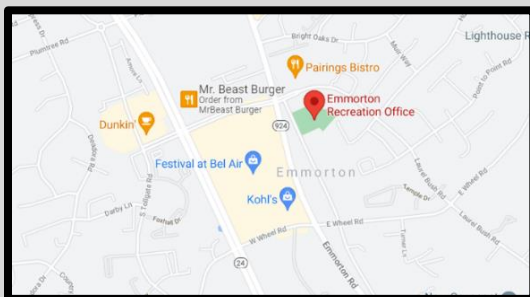
He bought it as a "Black Friday" deal from Amain Hobbies.



▪ **Indoor Flying:**

Indoor flying for 2022 – 2023 is in full swing for all members at the Emmorton Gym facility in Bel Air, MD. Indoor flying is scheduled as follows and an email reminder will be sent out weekly, including closed sessions:

- **Date:** *Indoor Flying continues on consecutive Fridays through April 28, 2023*
- **Time:** *Noon to 2:00pm*
- **Location:** *The Emmorton Recreation Center.*
- **2213 Old Emmorton Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015**
- **www.emmortonrec.com**



Club PICS:



Bill Brueckman's Foamy got stuck in the lights on Friday, January 13th. Pictured is Ron Lazzeri throwing up a softball to dislodge it. It eventually came down after about 30 attempts.

Good old Friday the 13th !

Pic submitted by Bob Walker

***Twin Otters
Ready for Flight***

Pic submitted by Bob Walker



***Cloud Kings RC
New Year's Day Freeze Fly***

January 2nd



Bill Brueckman (L), Ross Carson (M), Steve Snyder (R)



Ross Carson's D18





Ross Carson's PBY



Steve Snyder's Muscle Coup



Steve Snyder's Muscle Coup



Ross Carson at the Flight Line



Ross Carson's RV 8

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:

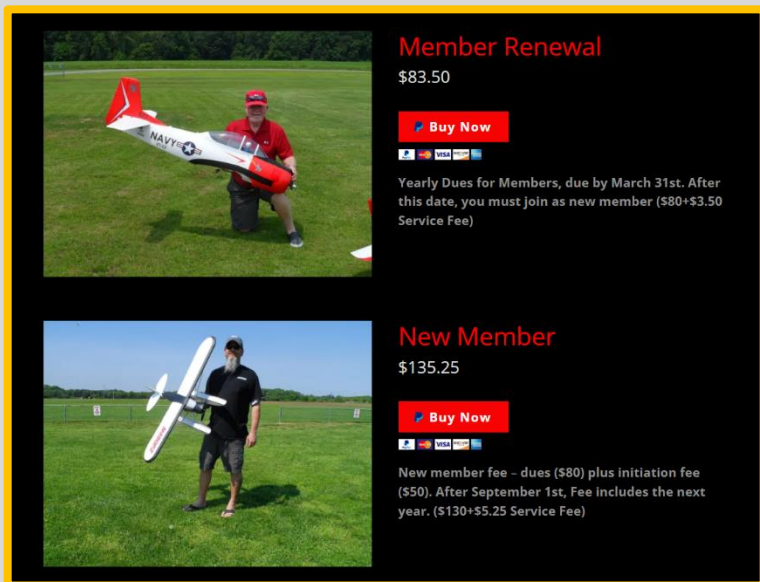
- **Annual renewal membership:** \$80.00
- **Renewal period:** 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YEAR
- **Payment is due by:** 3/31/YEAR

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

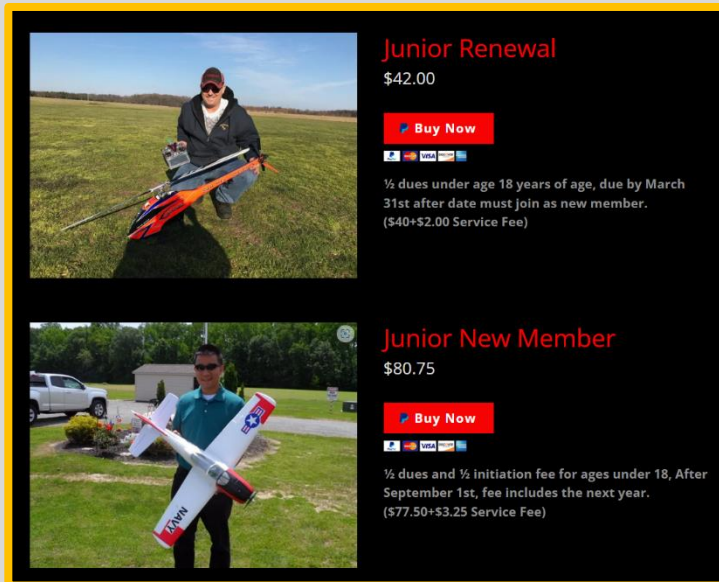
[Buy Now](#)

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!

