



The Dead Stick Flyer

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January Club Meeting

Welcome to the 2024 edition of our Swan Harbor RC newsletter! We're excited to share a new year with you and are looking forward to some exciting flying at our fantastic RC airfield.

The annual Christmas Party, as usual, took the place of the December club meeting. The 1st meeting of 2024 was held on Tuesday, January 23rd and was an all-inclusive meeting for the months of December, January, and February. The next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7pm at the Havre de Grace Activity Center.

Happy New Year to all !

Approval of November Newsletter Minutes

Steve Snyder, President, started the January meeting by asking for any comments regarding the November 2023 newsletter minutes. Everyone at the meeting agreed the minutes were good as written.

Current Membership Report

Steve provided an update on the 2024 club membership status as of the January 23rd meeting. The club currently has 58 members for 2024. There are approximately 30 members that have not renewed their memberships from 2023. We hope that most, if not all, outstanding members rejoin again this year.

We thank all members for their 2023 memberships and their renewed memberships into 2024. We hope to see everyone at the field again this year. The field is in excellent shape!!

Financial Report & New Format

Steve provided an updated January 2024 Swan Harbor RC Financial Report and gave a handout to all members present at the meeting. We do not publish our financial information in the newsletter. The club's finances are in great shape to start the year out.

Steve also mentioned that he redesigned the financial report for 2024 and it now shows some new ear-marked fund categories like the “Tractor Replacement Fund” and monies held on behalf of members who have purchased club apparel. These funds are awaiting to be disbursed when payment becomes due. The new report is easy to read and follow. Marvelous job Steve!!

Old Business:

- **Christmas Party Recap:**

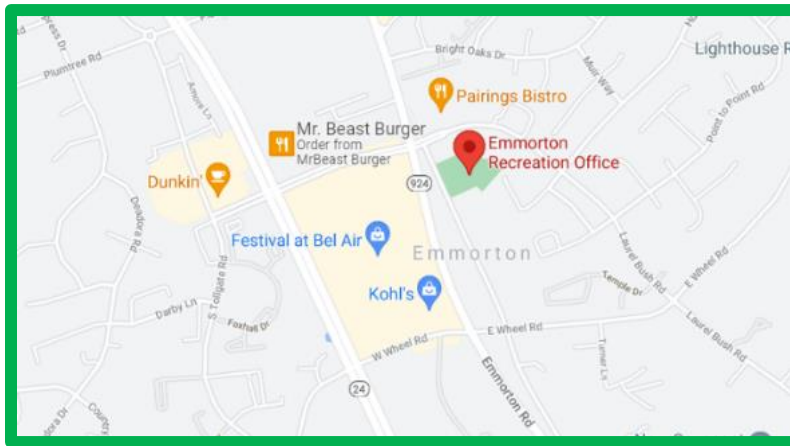
The club’s 2023 Annual Christmas Party was a great success again this year!! We counted approximately 50 members and their guests who attended the party. We feel everyone had a great time, ate a lot of good food, won a lot of prizes, enjoyed indoor flying, and voted on the new 2024 SHRC Board members (more later on the Board).

- **Weather Camera Update:**

As discussed at meetings in 2023, Steve purchased a camera for the AWN Weather Station. Steve anticipates that it will get installed in March or when weather conditions are more favorable. The camera will provide still images approximately every 5 minutes in the AWN app. The purpose of the camera is to give us information about what condition the field is in, who’s flying at that moment, and provide insight over time who’s using the field and when. Steve needs to do more research to see the best way to set it up and operate it on a daily basis.

- **Friday Indoor Flying: Keep ‘Em Flying:**

- *We will continue Indoor Flying through April 2024.*
- *Indoor flying for SHRC members will be 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:*
 - **Dates:**
 - *Indoor Flying will be held every Friday.*
 - *There will be no Indoor Flying if Harford County schools are closed due to inclement weather or other special circumstances.*
 - **Time:** 11:00am to 2:00pm
 - **Location:** The Emmorton Recreation Center.
 - **2213 Old Emmorton Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015**
 - **www.emmortonrec.com**



- **2024 Elected SHRC Board Members:**

At the annual Christmas Party, the following members were voted in as Board Members for the 2024 flying season. Congratulations to the new board!!

- **President/Treasurer: Steve Snyder**
- **Vice President: Dan Seldomridge**
- **Secretary/Newsletter: Ron Lazzeri**
- **Safety Officer: Stan Dill**
- **Member at Large: Bob Walker**
- **Member at Large: Bob Bossoli**
- **Webmaster: Stephen Slotnick (not on the Board)**

- **Dues Renewals by: 3/31/24:**

All membership renewals are due by 3/31/24 to be considered as a regular renewal. We hope to see all members returning for 2024!

New Business:

- **New Fixed Site Airspace Authorization (AA) from the FAA:**

The FAA cancelled Swan Harbor RC's current "Letter of Agreement" (LOA) with APG effective 1/16/24 and replaced it with a new 2024 Airspace Authorization (AA). This is significant for SHRC since we are within 5 miles of Phillips Army Air Field / Aberdeen Proving Grounds. We urge all members to read the attached FAA LOA and comply with its rules & regulations. Please be advised that in the coming months, we must collect everyone's FAA Registration Number to be in compliance with the FAA.

The 4 page FAA LOA is as follows:

**FAA Form 7711-1 Airspace Authorization
2023-CBO-ESA-00013-FIX**

<small>DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION</small> CERTIFICATE OF WAIVER OR AUTHORIZATION	
ISSUED TO AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 Recreational Flyer – Section 44809	
<small>Local AMA Contact</small> Responsible Person: Stephen M Snyder Email Address: Snyder800@gmail.com Phone Number: (443) 234-4323	<small>AMA Contact</small> Responsible Person: Chad Budreau Email Address: chadb@modelaircraft.org Phone Number: (765) 287-1256 ext. 201
This Airspace Authorization (AA) is issued for the operations specifically described hereinafter. No person shall conduct any operation pursuant to the authority of this AA except in accordance with the standard and special provisions contained in this AA, and such other requirements of the Federal Aviation Regulations not specifically waived.	
<small>OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED</small> Operations under this AA of are limited to the maximum altitude listed below. This altitude is an absolute value and it shall not be added to the height of any structures. Class of Airspace: D At or Below: 400' above ground level (AGL) Location: In accordance with Attachment 1 Under the Jurisdiction of: Phillips Army Airfield Airport Traffic Control Tower (APG ATCT) Airport Identifier: APG	
<small>LIST OF WAIVED REGULATIONS BY SECTION AND TITLE</small> N/A	
<small>STANDARD PROVISIONS</small>	
1. A copy of the application made for this AA shall be attached and become a part hereof. 2. This AA shall be presented for inspection upon the request of any authorized representative of the Federal Aviation Administration, or of any State or municipal official charged with the duty of enforcing local laws or regulations. 3. The holder of this AA shall be responsible for the strict observance of the terms and provisions contained herein. 4. This AA is nontransferable.	
NOTE - This AA constitutes a waiver of those Federal rules or regulations specifically referred to above. It does not constitute a waiver of any State law or local ordinance.	
<small>SPECIAL PROVISIONS</small>	
Special provisions are inclusive and set forth on the follow pages. This AA, 2023-CBO-ESA-00013-FIX, is effective from January 17, 2024 to December 17, 2025 inclusive, and is subject to cancellation at any time upon notice by the Administrator or his/her authorized representative.	
BY DIRECTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR	
FAA Eastern Service Center <small>(Region)</small>	BRANDON K SMOTHERMAN <small>Digitally signed by BRANDON K SMOTHERMAN Date: 2023.12.18 13:34:52 -0500</small> For Gregory R. Garmon <small>(Signature)</small>
	Tactical Operations Team Manager, AJV-E23 <small>(Title)</small>

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS

PURPOSE: To establish responsibilities and procedures for use of AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 Fixed Site operational area.

1. CONTACT INFORMATION:

- a. Steve Snyder is the person designated as responsible for the overall safety of UAS operations under this AA. During UAS operations for on-site communication/recall, the Responsible Person shall be continuously available for direct contact at (443) 234-4323 by APG ATCT or designated representative.
- b. The Responsible Person listed on this AA must maintain a current list of pilots by name and the aircraft registration number(s) associated with the AA holder's operation. This list must be presented for inspection upon request from the Administrator or an authorized representative.

2. SCHEDULE OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS:

- a. Thirty (30) days from signature on page 1 of this AA, this AA cancels and replaces in its entirety the Letter of Agreement between APG ATCT and AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 that became effective on November 20, 2019.
- b. This AA and the Special Provisions shall be in effect between civil sunrise and civil sunset local time, unless operating in accordance with the AC 91-57C while operating at night.
- c. No person may operate an unmanned aircraft in prohibited or restricted areas unless that person has permission from the using or controlling agency, as appropriate. FAA JO 7400.10 lists agencies scheduling Special Use Airspace (SUA).
- d. This Authorization does not relieve the recreational flyer from the responsibility to check the airspace they are operating in and comply with all restrictions that may be present in accordance with Section 44809, such as restricted and Prohibited Airspace, Temporary Flight Restrictions, etc.
- e. The recreational flyer must operate the aircraft in a manner that does not interfere with and gives way to any manned aircraft.
- f. APG ATCT or designated representative may disapprove, terminate, restrict, or delay UAS flight operations covered by this AA at any time.

3. EMERGENCY/ LOST LINK/LOST COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES:

- a. If the UAS loses communications or loses its Global Positioning Signal (GPS), the Unmanned Aircraft (UA) must return to a pre-determined location within the

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operating area and land. Lost link procedures must not present an undue hazard to other aircraft by performing such maneuvers as crossing a runway.

- b. The Pilot in Command must abort the flight in the event of unpredicted obstacles or emergencies.
- c. AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 must immediately notify APG ATCT at (410) 278-9027, or back up contact Base Operations at (410) 278-4902, in the event of a lost link, fly-away or operational area spill-out that may affect manned aircraft operations and provide the following:
 - (a) Location of aircraft
 - (b) Size of aircraft (weight, length, width)
 - (c) Direction of Flight
 - (d) Altitude

4. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 must ensure all members and guest pilots are familiar and comply with the procedures in this agreement.
- b. AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 must be responsible for all signage located at the AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 approved operational area.
- c. AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940 must ensure that APG ATCT has current officer contact, address, and phone number information.
- d. All operations must be contained within the operational area and conform to all current federal, state, and local governmental laws and regulations.

AUTHORIZATION: This AA does not, in itself, waive any Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs) not specifically stated, nor any state law or local ordinance. Should the proposed operation conflict with any state law or local ordinance, or require permission of local authorities or property owners, it is the responsibility of the Proponent to resolve the matter. This AA does not authorize flight within Temporary Flight Restrictions, Special Flight Rule Areas, regulatory Special Use Airspace, or the Washington DC Federal Restricted Zone (FRZ) without pre-approval. The Proponent is hereby authorized to operate UA in the NAS within the areas defined in the Operations Authorized section of the cover page.

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Attachment 1

**AMA - Swan Harbor RC Club, #2940
OPERATIONS AREA**

Airspace: Class D
At or below: 400' above ground level (AGL)
Location: Within the Red Box Depicted Below



- **Dates for Upcoming 2024 Events:**

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- **March Club Meeting:**

- **The March club meeting will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center:**
 - **Location: 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.**
 - **Date: 3/12/24**
 - **Time: 7:00pm**
 - **Place: The meeting will be held in the same room as the Christmas Party.**
 - **Note: Steve will discuss the formation of club work teams.**

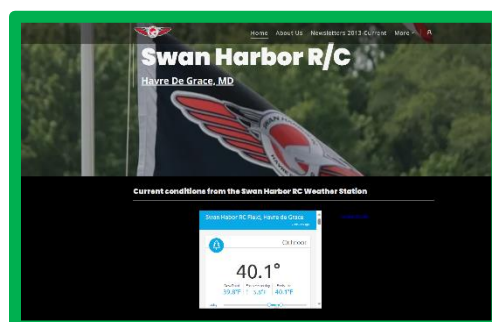
Other Discussion Topics:

- **Wednesday Evening Flying:**

Due to the success and participation of 2023's Wednesday evening flying, all members at the meeting voted to continue this tradition in 2024. It was also agreed to continue with the "5 o'clock cookouts" as long as members continue contributing in the Fridge Donation Box. This is the only way we can afford to keep supplying burgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Members are also welcome to contribute a side dish or dessert if they feel so inclined (although not required).

- **AWN Weather Station on SHRC Website:**

As some of you may already know, the AWN Weather Station data is showing up on the Swan Harbor RC website: www.swanharborrc.com



For Sale by Charles J. Kirk:

Phone: (804) 720-9793

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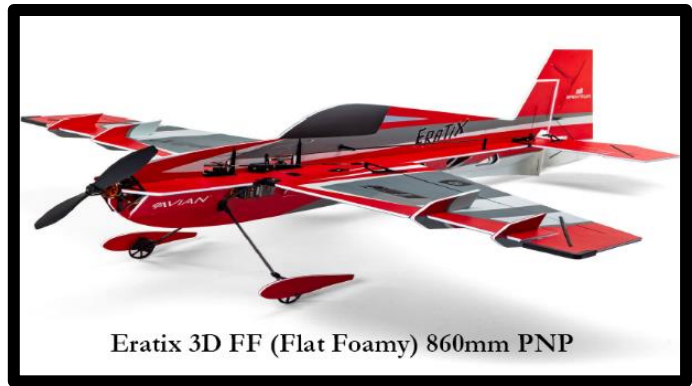
\$75.00

Call - (804)-720-9793

Charles J. Kirk



This Gyro has never been used or for that matter even installed. As long as you do not have a Futaba radio this will work for you. This Gyro lists for \$223.00.



Eratix 3D FF (Flat Foamy) 860mm PNP



\$25.00

Club PICs:



This pic was submitted by our SHRC member and American Airlines Pilot, Rick Hight.

The pic was taken on one of Rick's December 2023 flights with Sully Sullenberger on board as a passenger.

Pics from the 2023 SHRC Christmas Party.

Pics by Bob Walker



Tucker Seldomridge looking over the Raffle Prizes



Dan & Carol Seldomridge



Bella Zitinskas Drawing Raffle Tickets



Steve & Ross Selling Raffle Tickets



Bob Bossoli



Carol Seldomridge



Bob Bossoli's Grandson Kenneth Hayes



Connor Zitinkas



Stan Dill's Son Austin



Tucker Seldomridge



Xander Seldomridge



Bill Brueckman

Bob Bartell

Chris Mounayer

Carol Seldomridge



Tom Nassar



Nikky Wyeth



Ross Carson



Dan Seldomridge



Tucker Seldomridge



Xander Seldomridge



Rick Hight & Ron Lazzeri



Bob Walker had the 1st Flight of the new year!

January 1, 2024



Dan Seldomridge had the 2nd Flight of the new year!

January 1, 2024



Bob & Dan's E-Flight Waco's



Bob Walker's 1st RC Airplane back in the day !



Dan Seldomridge's Conscendo



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: 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.

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

Thank You!

