



# ***The Dead Stick Flyer***

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## **Swan Harbor RC**

***This is the Newsletter for July 2020. There was an open club meeting held at the Swan Harbor RC flying field on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Steve Snyder has been coordinating the summer monthly meetings. Members in attendance: Dale Davis, Steve Snyder, Herman Reichart, Dan Seldomridge, Kevin Watford, Lewis Fillinger, Mike Berchini, and Ron Lazzeri (by phone). Food was not served.***

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### **Dealing with the Corona Virus (COVID-19)**

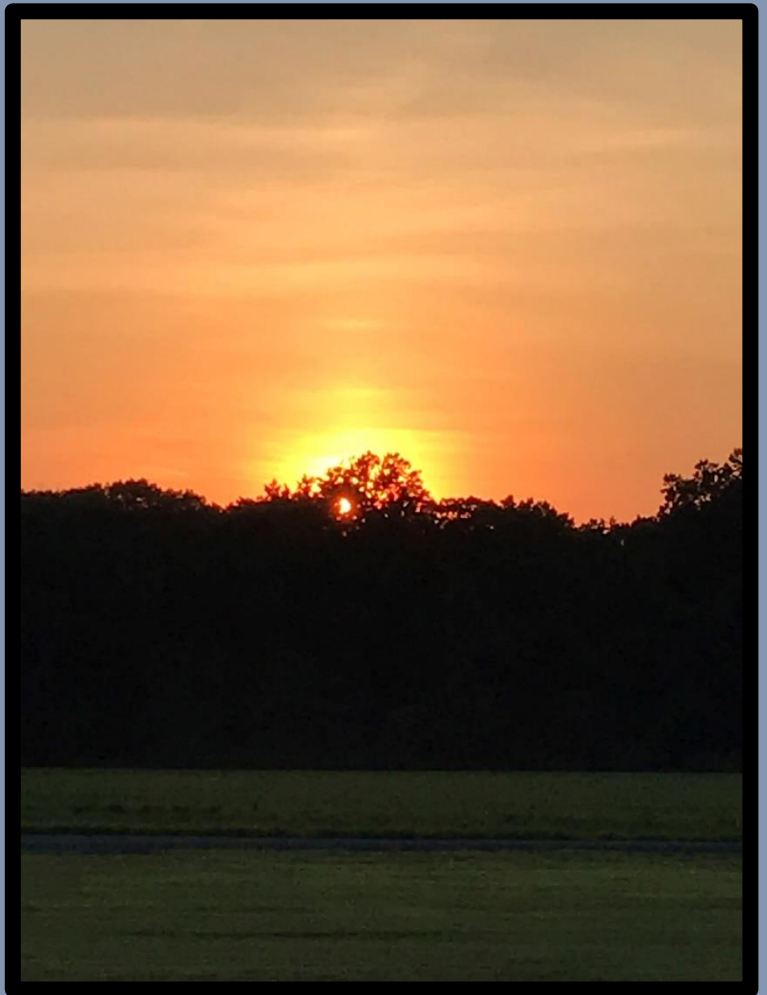
***Please be safe during this time of uncertainty with the Corona Virus!***

- ***Wash your hands with soap and water frequently***
- ***Keep your distance between each other – Social Distancing 6' apart***
- ***Disinfect commonly touched surfaces***
- ***Stay informed with Corona Virus news updates and restrictions***
- ***Follow all local, state, and national guidelines***
- ***No shaking hands and use a hand sanitizer***
- ***We'll get through this but it may take some time. It is vitally important to take care of ourselves but it is also just as important to take care of the people around you as well.***

## **Inside this Issue:**

*This month's issue of the Swan Harbor RC newsletter contains the following topics. As usual we want to thank our members who go above and beyond to keep the flying field in tip top shape every week. The flying field is open for you to enjoy during the pandemic but we want everyone to follow all social distancing and hand sanitizing rules established by the local authorities. Please refer to previous club emails regarding the Covid-19 safeguards.*

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Bob Walker caught this warm glow sunset during one evening's flying session in July

## **Club Accomplishments & Activities:**

### **Corona Virus Update:**

- *As Maryland's Coronavirus Positivity Infection Rate is holding steady below 5% we must continue to do our part to keep ourselves and others safe and guard against spreading the virus as follows:*
  - *Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer frequently*
  - *Maintain social distancing rules (6 feet apart) at the field. If social distancing is not possible please consider wearing a mask.*
  - *Please don't come to the field if you are showing any symptoms and don't feel well, especially if you have a fever of 99.6 or higher*
  - *Please don't come to the field if you have been exposed to someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19. Get tested as soon as you can.*
  - *Follow all local, state and national guidelines*
- *We greatly appreciate your adherence with these guidelines and patience as we navigate through this together. Thank you to all members and we hope you enjoy your flying field and all that it has to offer!*

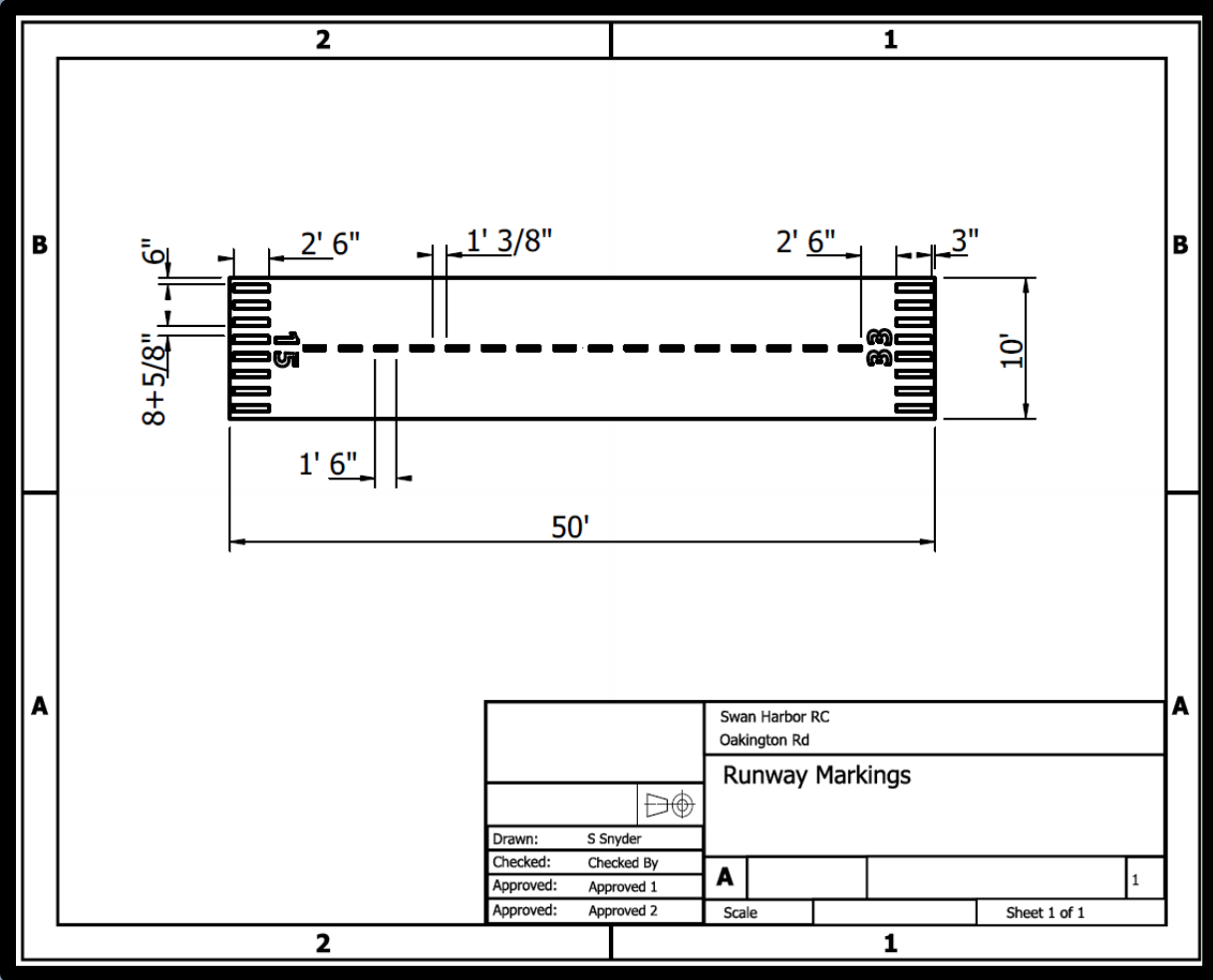
### **Lawn Service Update:**

- *The grounds have had two lawn service treatments.*
- *The next lawn service treatment is tentatively set for late August or early September to aerate and over seed the field.*
- *Additionally, we could use some frequent rain showers to keep the field hydrated and help the existing grass grow.*

### **New Small Plane Runway Update:**

- *The new paved runway was installed in June 2020.*
- *Fill dirt and seed was installed around the edges.*
- *Dale's new sign "Swan Harbor International"*
- *Runway markings as seen in the schematic below will be installed in the very near future.*

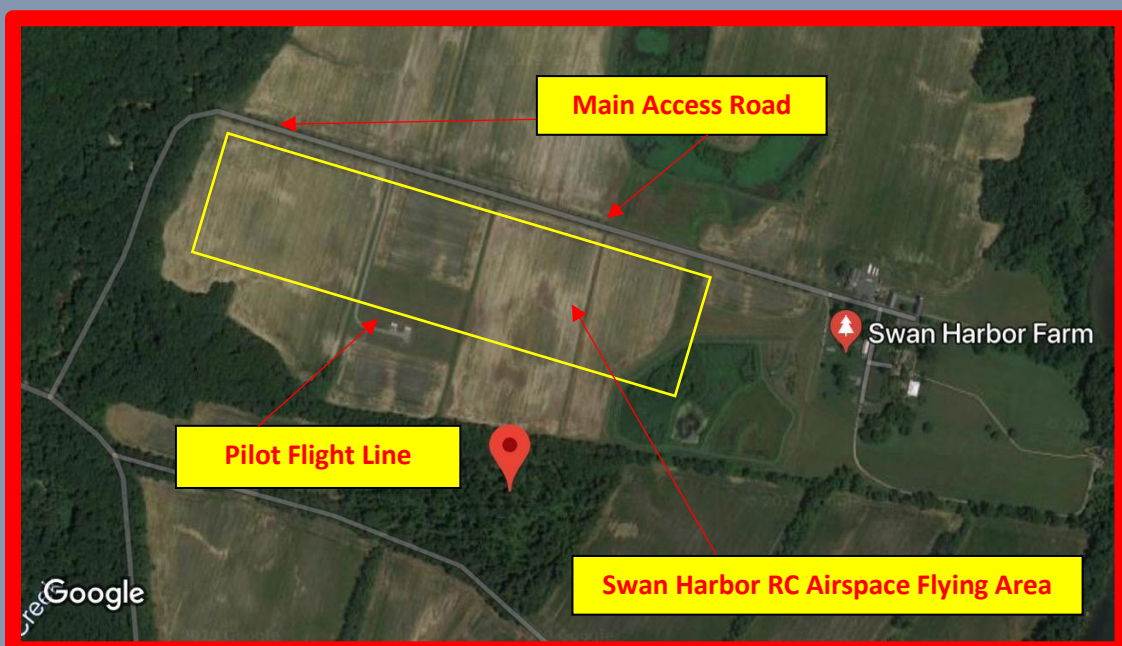




- **Field Safety:** (Safety Officer, Tom Insley)

- **General safety tips for 2020:**

- ***There are two basic rules at the club, “Fly Safe” and “Be Courteous”.***
- ***Wear eye protection as needed: Things do fly off airplanes.***
- ***Flying too close to the Pilot Safety Fence and Pit Area: Everyone should be flying a reasonable distance from the pilot safety fence, especially if someone else is flying their plane at one of the other pilot stations.***
- ***Plane Hold Downs: For your safety and others, please use the available plane starting “Hold Downs” when starting your gas or glow powered planes. They are stored in the black trash can under the 1<sup>st</sup> canopy. It is also advisable to get a buddy to hold your airplane while revving up your engine to full throttle while tuning or testing it.***
- ***Driving into the Field: While driving down the entrance road and crossing the runway, please stop and check to see if there is a plane landing or taking off. Someone watching their plane cannot always see a vehicle crossing the runway. It is up to you to check for a low flying plane.***
- ***Below is an aerial map of the Swan Harbor RC flying space. Please review it and contain all of your flying inside the yellow box which is our approved flying space. If you are unsure please consult with Tom or any board member.***



- ***Safety mishap and tip submitted by Bob Bartell:***

**DO YOU TRUST YOUR THROTTLE CUT?**

- ***The throttle cut option is a great safety device. It lets you shut down the throttle using a switch on your transmitter. And, it can prevent the prop from accidentally starting and doing you harm.***
- ***But, it's of no use if you don't test it every time you turn on your transmitter.***
- ***Three things I forgot to do the morning of Wednesday, July 15th:***
  - ***Restrain my plane (this applies to electrics, gas, and nitro).***
  - ***Test the "Throttle Cut" feature when I turned on my transmitter. It may have accidentally gotten turned off.***
  - ***Don't stand in front of the propeller.***

***Here's what happened to my hand as a result. I wanted to share this with all members to help prevent any future mishaps. It is very easy to get carried away with the moment and forget the needed safety procedures. Propellers are very sharp and they can turn at very high rpms and cause some serious injuries. Please think ahead and practice safe RC habits!***



- **August Club Meeting:**

- *The club will hold its next meeting for all members that want to attend and participate at the Swan Harbor RC field on Saturday, August 8, 2020 starting at 10am. The meeting will be held under the 1<sup>st</sup> canopy and all social distancing rules will apply.*
- *In accordance with the Corona Virus pandemic safe practices, we will not be having a cookout or serving any food at the meeting.*

- **Membership:**

- *Steve Snyder advised that our membership thru July 2020 is now at 74 members. This is a strong membership count for us at this time of the year.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

- *There are no scheduled club events at this time.*
- *Due to the Corona Virus pandemic we are holding off making plans for the annual September fall club picnic until we see where the virus stands in August. At that time we will make a "Go-No Go" decision regarding the picnic. Thanks to all club members for your continued patience as we navigate how to keep our club members safe during this ever changing environment.*

### **Yard Sale Bulletin Board:**

*If you have something you want to sell, please send me an email with all the details of the item(s) you want to sell, asking price, a picture image, and your contact information to [ronlazzeri@verizon.net](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net). I will be sure to include it in the next month's newsletter.*

**Nothing for sale this month**

Club Pics:



Marvin's E-Flite Super Cub





Bob Sinsky's Laser



Bob Walker's Pitts



George Winterling and Mark Pry



Mark Pry

3D Hobby Shop - Demonstrator



George Winterling





### **Club Meeting Schedule for 2020:**

*Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic all club meetings will be scheduled on a month to month basis, however, the club has reserved indoor space for fall and winter meetings just in case the pandemic calms down and we are able to hold indoor meetings.*

- *July thru September: Club meetings will be held at the SHRC field on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting at 10am. No food will be served until further notice.*
- *October thru November: The club has reserved a meeting room at the Havre de Grace Rec Center on Lewis Lane. This is the same room where we hold the annual Christmas Party.*
- *December: The December club meeting will be held at the annual Christmas Party at the Havre de Grace Rec Center on Lewis Lane.*

## **Membership Dues Policy “Revised March 2019”:**

*At the March 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting, the Board and attending members discussed our current club’s Membership Dues Policy and came to an agreement on a new set of guidelines to make it clear and fair for all members, new and existing. The following Membership Dues Policy was agreed upon and adopted.*

*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/YR (Payment is due by 3/31/YR)
  - **Grace period is for 2019 only:** 4/1/19 thru 4/15/19
    - *If a member’s renewal dues are not paid in full by 4/15/19, then that member is considered to be in default. If that member wants to join the club after 4/15/19, then that member is required to pay at the full new member rate. The member in default will not be permitted to fly at the field after 4/15/19 until their membership dues are paid in full. There will not be a Grace Period in 2020 and thereafter.*
    - *Note: All members are urged to pay their renewal fee as early as possible during the renewal period since club expenses are budgeted and paid based on membership fee receipts.*

### **New Membership Dues:**

- **Full year membership fee:** \$125.00
  - **Joining period:** 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YR
  - **Fee Includes:**
    - \$75.00 annual membership fee
    - \$50.00 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### **AMA & FAA Membership Requirements:**

*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 renewal, the following documents are required to be submitted to Steve Snyder when dues are paid:*

- **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

**Note: If any member sees an unknown person flying at the field, you should ask the flyer if they have a current membership card. If they say they do not, then ask them if they would like information on how to join. Explain that membership is a requirement for flying at the field.**

## **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](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net).

**Newsletter:** To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: [sslotnick@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 [sslotnick@mac.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:snyder800@gmail.com).

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