



The Dead Stick Flyer

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We'll miss you Maniac!



No June Club Meeting:

The club did not have a June club meeting. The June Open House Fun Fly was held in place of a club meeting. Regular club meetings commenced with the July meeting.

Next club meeting: August 8, 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: August 8, 2023

Time: Starting at 7:00pm

Bonus: We will have the last of Larry Kirssin's RC stuff to give-away which will include miscellaneous electric motors, esc's, receivers, mounts, jumpers, and LIPO's.

July Club Meeting

Treasury & Membership:

Steve started the meeting by providing an update on the club's financial status as of July 2023. Please be assured the club's finances are in good shape. A handout will be given to the attending members. Please note we do not publish financial information online.

Steve also provided an update on the club's membership status as of the July meeting. The club now has 79 members for 2023. New members have been spotted actively flying and enjoying the club's great facility. Welcome aboard!

Old Business:

- **Swan Harbor Farm main gate update:** *The new gate has been installed and the electrical connections have been completed. Reflector signs have been ordered for the gate since it is black and may be missed at dusk. As soon as the signs have been received and installed the gate will become fully operational.*
 - *The gate's operating hours will be 6:00am till 8:00pm daily.*
 - *There is a trip 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 unattended.*
 - *The caretaker's house renovation has been completed and a new caretaker is expected to be hired and in service by the end of July 2023.*
 - *The old gate will be used only as a backup to the new gate when needed.*



- **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 between 5-6 pm.
- **RC Stuff Donated by Larry Kirssin's Family:** At the August club meeting we will have the last of Larry Kirssin's RC stuff to give away which will include various miscellaneous electric motors, esc's, receivers, mounts, jumpers, and LIPOs. Come to the meeting and see if there is something you can use.
- **Flying Safety Etiquette:** Safety is always the main concern while flying Radio Control aircraft. Now that the weather is prime time for flying and there are more fliers coming out, we feel it is a good time to advise you and request that we all follow some good flight line etiquette and flying safety rules when there are other active fliers in the air.
 - **Announce Your Flying Intentions:** Always announce to the other active fliers on the flight line of your flying intentions like TAKING-OFF or LANDING. This verbal announcement will give the other fliers a heads-up as to what you are going to do so they can be ready for your flight action.
 - **TAKE-OFF and LAND into the Wind:** Always plan to TAKE-OFF and LAND your plane into the current wind direction. Refrain from cross runway TAKE-OFFs. This method of flying will not only make your flying more successful but it will provide an unspoken action that will help the active flier immediately know what you are doing as well.
 - **Fly the Pattern with Active Fliers:** Always try to fly the oval flying pattern when you are flying with other active fliers. You can think of this in terms of the NASCAR oval track pattern. TAKE-OFF into the wind and turn 180 degrees to fly in the down wind direction away from the runway. Then LAND into the wind on the runway when you are ready.

New Business:

- **Dale "Maniac" Davis passing and "Celebration of Life Service"**

With Dale's passing, the executor of his estate asked if the Swan Harbor RC club would host a memorial service for Dale at the field. After conversations with the staff at the Swan Harbor Farm, they offered their reception tent and main house facility to us so we could hold the service there. It worked out beautifully.

On Sunday July 16th from 1:00 PM till 3:00 PM we successfully held the memorial for Dale at the Swan Harbor Farm facility. Cupcakes, a cake with Dale's picture on it and bottled water was served as refreshments. Approximately 60 people showed up including club members, Raven's super fans, friends, and Harford County staff including Paul Magness, Director of Harford County Parks and Recreation.

Steve set up some of Dale's memorabilia like pictures of him in his Raven's super fan attire, his large X-Cub and Skydiver "Steven", and his Swan Harbor RC painted car, etc. There was an open microphone for people to share stories and memories about Dale.

Dale's executor asked that instead of sending flowers, contributing to a memorial fund for Dale would be more desirable. Steve set up a page www.swanharborrc.com/dale on our Swan Harbor RC website that allows people to donate to Dale's fund if they are so inclined. The executor published the link to all of Dale's friends throughout the county.

Steve Snyder gave a heartfelt opening testimonial at Dale's memorial gathering and asked if any participants wanted to share some of their memories of Dale. Dale would have been happy and proud of the turnout and kind words said by all.

Photos by Bob Walker



A special tribute cake and cupcakes were served in Dale's honor in his favorite colors.

Some of Dale's Ravens Super Fan displays.

Dale's X-Cub and Steven, the Skydiver.



Thank You: Many thanks to club members and friends who helped set up the venue, coordinated parking, and helped clean up afterwards. You helped make this memorial possible and your involvement would have meant the world to Dale!

Slideshow: A slideshow of Dale Davis pics taken by Bob Walker and Ron Lazzeri can be found on Swan Harbor RC: www.swanharborrc.com. The slideshow was set up by Stephen Slotnick, webmaster.

- **A memorial for Dale at the field:**

At the July meeting, Steve discussed and proposed setting up something at the field for us to remember Dale and all of his accomplishments for the club. He proposed a sturdy park bench with engraved pavers on the ground for fallen members. This would be placed in front of Dale's garden facing the field next to the bulletin board.

Lewis Fillinger has offered to help make the bench from concrete molds he uses when making benches for other uses. The bench will have concrete sides and some type of wooden or synthetic slats for the seat and back rest. Steve would like to make the slats Lime Green which is Dale's favorite color. The current picture signs of fallen members in the garden will be replaced with the above mentioned engraved pavers.

- **Plans for fall 2023 club picnic:**

*Steve discussed options for the fall 2023 club picnic. It was concluded by the members attending the meeting to hold the picnic on **Saturday, September 9, 2023** starting at about 10am. **The picnic will not be an Open House event.** All club members, their family and close friends are invited. The usual fare for lunch will be served: cheeseburgers, chips, cookies, and soft drinks/water. We'll even work to get the ice cream truck back again, if possible.*

Club PICS:

**Wednesday evening
flying gang, July 12th**





Ross Carson's FMS Tiger Cat



Gerry Hinshaw's ME110 *Photo by Bob Walker*



Bob Bossoli and his Grandson



Flying Lineup on Friday, July 21st



Steve Snyder's 144" Balsa USA Cub



Ron Lazzeri's 113" Balsa USA Fly Baby



The 2nd Giveaway of Larry Kirssin's Donated RC Equipment







Warbirds Over Delaware

Sponsored by the Delaware R/C Club

Held at LUMS Park State Park

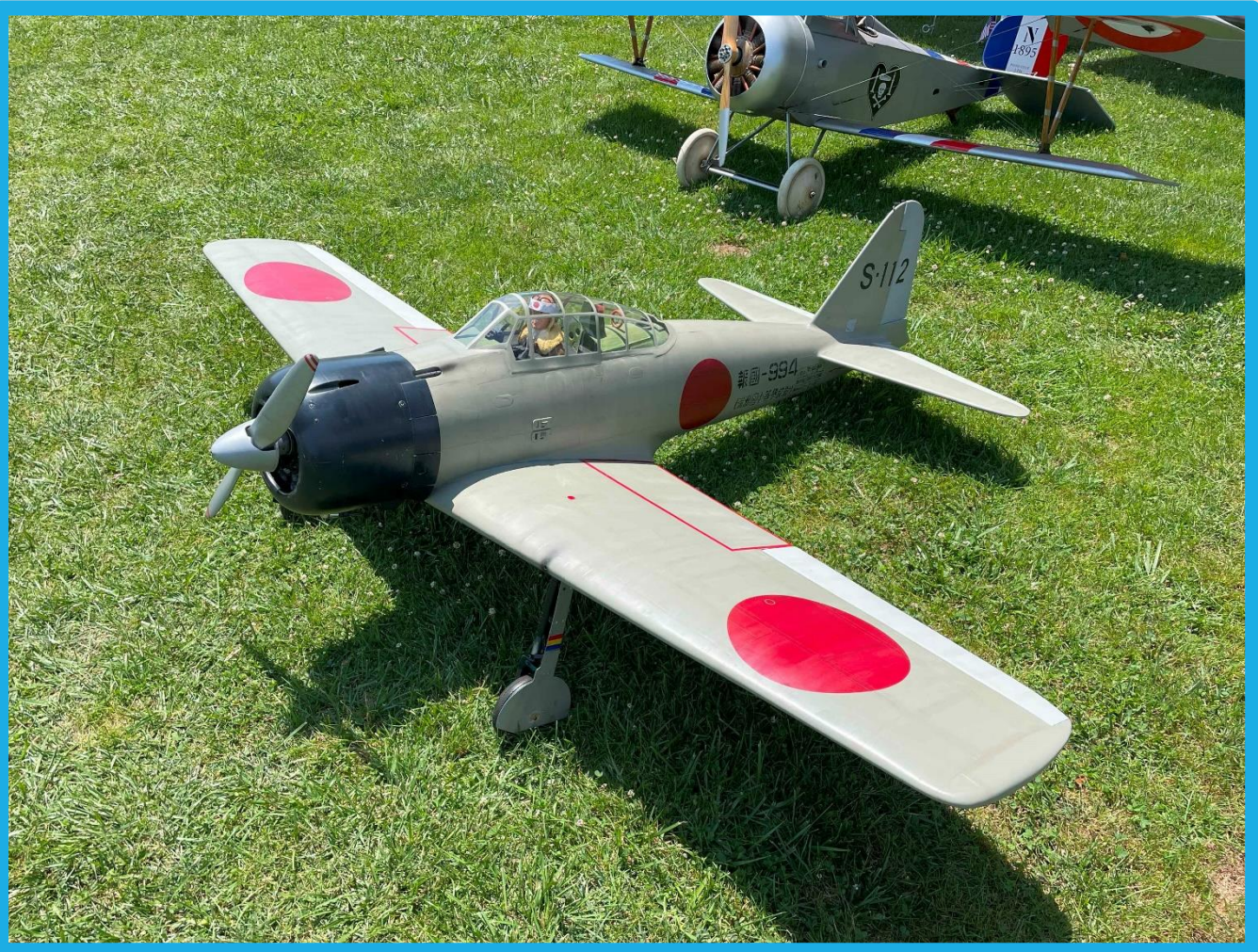
On Thursday, July 13th Steve Snyder, Ross Carson, and Ron Lazzeri attended the Warbirds Over Delaware 2nd day of the event. Ross is a member of the Delaware R/C Club and got us admission to the PIT area. Thursday was a good day to attend since it was not crowded with spectators and we were able to get up close with all the planes and pilots.

Below are some pics of the day.















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

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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

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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!

