



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Swan Harbor RC

Open House Fun Fly

June 10, 2023 starting at 10am

Come out and have fun flying for the day!



Take Oakington Road off US 40 between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace
and follow the signs for Swan Harbor Farm to Swan Harbor RC field.

Ample parking at the field.

Swan Harbor RC

Spring 2023 Open House Fun Fly

www.swanharborrc.com



Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023

Time: Starting 10am

No Rain Date

No landing or parking fee for event. Lunch will be served.
Donations are greatly appreciated.

For more information contact:

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May Club Meeting:

The May club meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00pm at the Havre de Grace Activity Center. There were 15 members in attendance. Steve started the meeting by asking if everyone agreed with the Newsletter minutes from the April meeting. No one had any issues and the minutes were accepted. The following points were discussed at the meeting:

Next club meeting: July 11, 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: July 11, 2023

Time: Starting at 7:00pm

Note: The June Open House Fun Fly will take the place of having a June Club Meeting.

Bonus: We'll also have more of Larry Kirssin's RC stuff to give away to attendees.

Treasury Report:

Steve provided an update on the club's financial status through May 2023. The club's finances are in good shape. A handout was given to attending members. Please note we do not publish financial information online.

Membership Report:

Steve also provided an update on the club's membership status as of the meeting. The club currently has 74 members so far for the year.

Old Business:

- **Field Status:**
 - **Tractor Maintenance & Supplies:** Maintenance was completed on the mowers in April by Steve and Ron.
 - **2 Lawn Treatments:** The field has received 2 lawn treatments to date and the runway and pit grass is looking fantastic. Actually, the entire Swan Harbor RC model airfield is looking great! The new grass that was seeded around the canopy concrete areas is coming up really nice. We hope that newly planted grass survives the summer heat. The runway grass is getting thicker and smoother which makes for a smoother take-off and landing.

- **June Open House Fun Fly:**

As mentioned last month, the club will be holding its annual Open House Fun Fly on Saturday, June 10th starting at 10am. An email invitation was also sent out to local area clubs, like prior years, to come and join us for the day. We will have the same lunch items as last year which will include grilled hamburgers, chips, cookies, and a soft drink for a nominal price yet to be determined.

We have lined up some volunteers to help with the event as follows:

Cooking: Bob Walker, Bob & Candy Bossoli

Donations/Money Box: Ross Carson

Parking: Dan Seldomridge

Safety: Stan Dill

General Coordination: Steve Snyder & Ron Lazzeri

Note: We will also try to get the ice cream vendor back again.

We are challenging all members to get out to the field in advance and get in some flying practice to be ready for the Fun Fly.

We are hoping for a great turn out this year.

- **Swan Harbor Park – Main Entrance Update & Plan:** Steve's Update via email dated April 4th: Last fall the county lost the caretaker for Swan Harbor Park. He was responsible for opening and closing the park from dawn to dusk. This is why they started closing the park at 5:00pm last November. A few weeks ago, I talked to the county about allowing us to use the park after 5:00pm and the county agreed to just dummy lock the gate so we could have access. Today, the county has notified me that they will no longer be "dummy" locking the gate and will be locking the park at 5:00pm. Their reasoning for the change is the county has set up expensive catering equipment and a large party tent to support this year's weddings and other events and they are worried about protecting this equipment from vandalism.

I know this is a problem for our club members who work during the week and with frequent weekend TFRs, this leaves no time for working members to enjoy our field and fly. We've discussed this with the director of parks and recreation and he is very sympathetic to our issue. His office is taking several steps to resolve this issue:

- *First, they are looking for a new caretaker and expects to have a new person in place by June.*
- *Secondly, they will be replacing the current front gate with a new gate that will automatically open at dawn and close at dusk. The gate will also have an automatic sensor to open the gate should you be in the park after the gate closes. They are installing a sensor so when you pull up to the gate it will automatically open and allow you to exit the park. Per the last update from the county, they expect to have the gate installed by Memorial Day or shortly thereafter.*

Current update: The new gate is currently being installed and will be a side opening style gate not a swing out gate. The electrical supply is the last item to be completed most likely.



Photo courtesy of Bob Walker

In the meantime, the director has offered to allow us to have a dedicated evening for flying, say every Wednesday night. We would then be responsible for closing and locking the main gate when we leave. So, we have put together the following plan of action to help with member evening and weekend flying:

- **Wednesday Evening Flying:** *We have adopted every Wednesday afternoon & evening as a planned flying session until the new gate system is installed and working. Steve or another volunteer will be responsible for locking up the main gate at the end of the night's flying. Who knows maybe this will be the start of some regular summer evening flying for members.*
- **Swan Harbor Park Events:** *GOOD NEWS! Steve has also obtained the Swan Harbor Park events schedule for April through October 2023. The main gate will be open late in the evening while events are going on at the park. So, you will be able to fly during these times without the worry of locking up the park. However, we can't help with any TFR's in effect during these times.*

Here are the current 2023 event dates:

- *May 6, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28*
- *June 1-3, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24*
- *August 5, 12-13, 19, 25-26*
- *September 2-3, 7-10, 15-17, 22-24, 29-30*
- *October 1, 6-8, 12-15, 20-22, 26-29*

New Business:

- **Swan Harbor RC Field Entrance Gate Repair:**

This past month someone accidentally hit one of the 4x4 posts on the gate lock side and broke the post off. A couple of weeks ago Steve Snyder and Lewis Fillingner replaced the post with a metal cemented sleeve so if it ever happens again it will be easier to repair. The gate is now 100% back in business. A special thank you to Lewis for bringing his Backhoe to the field to remove the broken post and cement base. This made the repair job many times easier and quicker.

- **RC Stuff Donated by SHRC Member "Larry Kirssin":**

Long time member, Larry Kirssin, unfortunately cannot fly RC any longer so he and his son have donated all of Larry's RC stuff to be distributed amongst our club members. Many thanks to Larry and his son. We will be bringing Larry's stuff to the monthly cub meetings until it all has been distributed to new happy owners.

- **Dale "Maniac" Davis Surgery & Recovery:**

Several weeks ago, Dale had surgery on the back of his neck and is now recovering at the Lorien Bulle Rock Rehabilitation Center located at:

Lorien Bulle Rock Rehabilitation Service & Nursing Home

1501 Blenheim Farm Ln, Havre de Grace, MD · (410) 939-9300

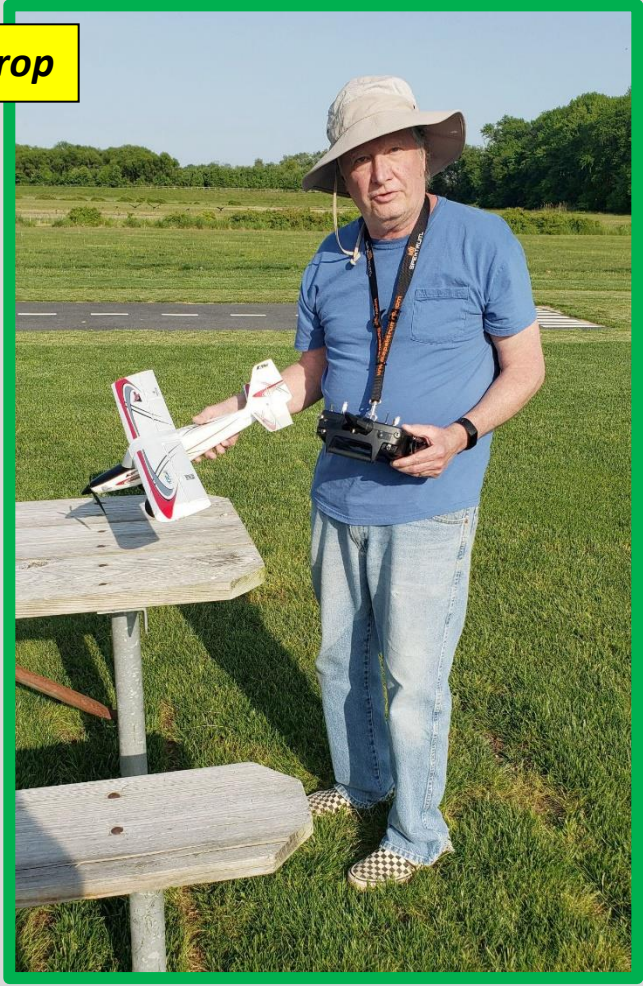
Dale's rehab seems to be coming along remarkably well and the doctors and staff are very pleased with his progress. If you have the time, give Dale a call or stop by to cheer him along in his recovery. He certainly would appreciate your support. Hope you get well soon Dale and get back to your normal routine.

Club PICS:

Pics Submitted by Dan Seldomridge:



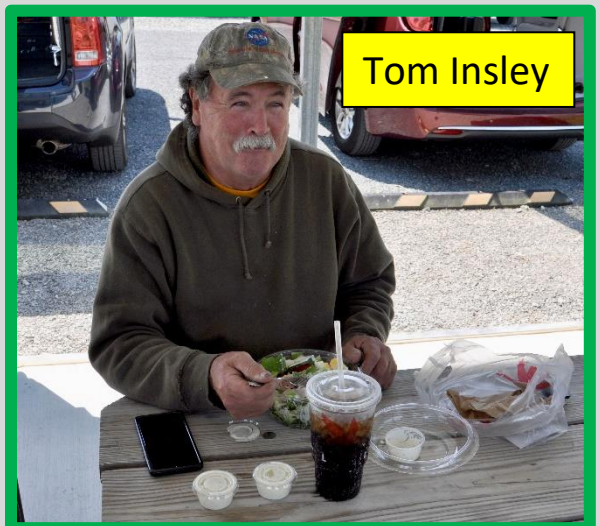
Bill Loerop



Pics Submitted by Bob Walker:



Steve Snyder



Tom Insley



Dan Seldomridge "Oops"



Darryl Ivins





Bob Bartell



Herman Reichart



May Club Meeting and Larry Kirssin's RC Stuff Giveaway



Gary Gunter, Tom Insley, Ron Lazzeri, Herman Reichart



Bill Brueckman's T-28





Ross Carson's D-18





Tom Nassar & Stan Dill



Stan Dill's P47



Pics by Ron Lazzeri:



Bill Brueckman



Nicky Wyeth



Joe Banning



Tom Kottke, Dan Seldomridge, Joe Banning



Joe Banning's Video & Telemetry Communications Equipment





Connor and Mantas Zitinskas



Connor Zitinskas



Tom Kottke, Ron Lazzeri, Stan Dill, Dan Seldomridge at Wednesday Evening Flying & Cookout



Steve Snyder,
Bill Brueckman,
Bob Walker



Stan Dill



Stan Dill's Habu



Dan Seldomridge, Steve Snyder, Tom Kottke



Steve Snyder



Dan Seldomridge



Bob Walker

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!

