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October Club Meeting

August Minutes, Treasury & Membership:

At the start of the meeting Steve asked the members present if the August newsletter minutes were good. All members approved the minutes.

Steve provided an update on the club's membership status as of the October meeting. The club is now up to 81 members for 2023. We thank all members for your 2023 membership and participation.

Old Business:

Christmas Party:

- *The annual Swan Harbor RC Christmas party will be held again this year on Saturday, December 2nd starting at Noon till 4:00pm at the Havre de Grace Activity Center located at 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078*
- *There will be:*
 - *Flying in the gym.*
 - *A delicious buffet and a celebratory cake.*
 - *Raffle prizes.*
- *You can pay your 2024 dues at the meeting.*

New Business:

Review of 2023 income & expenditures:

- *Steve prepared a summary of the club's Income & Expenditures for 2023.*
- *A handout was given to all members attending the meeting.*
- *Steve reviewed all items and explained what each category included.*

Review of the 2024 budget:

- *Steve prepared an estimated budget for 2024 based on the results from 2023.*
- *Steve again reviewed all items in the estimated budget. He explained what it was going to take to maintain the club at the same level of excellence with the rising cost of fuel, mower equipment & grass maintenance, and general expenditures.*

- *The board has worked very hard again in 2023 to keep costs down while providing the same level of service & support at the field for all members to enjoy. Members in attendance approved the budget and wanted the same level of support for 2024.*
- *Members in attendance motioned for an increase in dues for 2024 of \$5.00 for a new annual membership rate of \$85.00. All members in attendance approved the increase. This new rate will be in effect for all 2024 dues.*
- *Looking for a new way to communicate to members:*
 - *Steve presented an idea and started a discussion on a way to communicate to all members when a work party is needed, when grass is being cut, when members will be out flying, special announcements, etc.*
 - *Steve wants to find a better way than the usual emails and text messages. Ideas floated were a message board like Discord, the club's Facebook page, the club's website, and so on. Steve will take all these suggestions and try to produce a better way and present his solution at a future meeting to discuss and gain approval.*
 - *The over all goal is to find a way that is easy and effective for all members to quickly know what is going on at the club and allow members to chat amongst themselves.*
- *Soliciting 2024 Board nominations at November meeting:*
 - *It's time again to nominate and vote on a new board to run the club for 2024.*
 - *The positions for 2024 will be:*
 - *President*
 - *Vice President*
 - *Secretary/Newsletter*
 - *Safety Officer*
 - *Member at Large (usually 2 members)*
 - *Please submit your nominations at the November club meeting or by Text or Email to Steve, Dan, or Ron before the November meeting.*
 - *Voting will take place by members in attendance at the annual Christmas Party.*
- *Discussed setting up 2024 field maintenance committee:*
 - *Steve presented the idea that he wants to form a work committee starting in 2024. Steve mentioned that he and Ron did most of the weekly chores needed in*

2023 like grass cutting/trimming and mower & field maintenance. We did get several members to help at various club events but it is the weekly chores where we need additional help to share the load and so we don't continually depend on the same few members.

- *The field maintenance committee will be made up of 2-3 work teams with possibly 2 members in each team. Weekly chores can be scheduled by team so the work can be spread out and no one team will be needed every week. Steve and Ron will train and alternate working with the teams so that we get the same results consistently each week.*
- *Steve will send out an email requesting volunteers for the work teams for the start of 2024. We thank all members in advance for their support and help in making the club the best it can be. We will be looking for teams to be made up of 2-3 members each so a total of 6-9 members will be needed.*
- **Discussed sending out a 2024 member club survey & suggestions:**
 - *Steve suggested that he is considering sending out another member survey in early 2024 to get feedback on how the club is doing.*
 - *Members in attendance thought that was a good idea so a survey may be forthcoming in the 1st quarter of 2024.*
- **Proposed 2024 project to install side fencing at SHRC gate entrance:**
 - *In an effort to keep the Swan Harbor RC field looking good and blend in better with the Swan Harbor Farm grounds, Steve suggested installing white picket fencing at the club's entrance and removing the stand-alone posts and dead shrubs.*
 - *The better our club looks to the area will increase our odds for a longer term existence at the Swan Harbor Farm.*
- **Proposed SHRC logo hats, shirts, and/or jackets sale:**
 - *Steve inquired if members would be interested in purchasing club attire like hats, shirts, or a jacket with the club logo embroidered on it like in the past.*
 - *Steve mentioned that firm "paid in advance" orders would only be accepted.*
 - *Members in attendance responded that would be a good idea.*
 - *Steve said he will determine the best course of action to accomplish this. He has a catalog of optional attire so he'll figure out the best way to proceed.*
- **November Club Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 7:00pm:**
 - *The next club meeting will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center located at 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078*

Other Topics:

- **Delaware RC Flea Market: Saturday, November 18, 2023**
 - **Location:** Delaware City Fire Hall located at 815 5th St, Delaware City, DE 19706
 - **Time:** from 8:00AM through 1:00PM. Doors open to vendors at 7:30AM.
 - Food will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of Delaware City Fire Company.
 - For Table reservation please send email to info@delawarerc.org
- **Bob Bartell: Wishing him a speedy recovery & return to the field**
 - We all wish Bob Bartell a speedy recovery from his recent health issues. Please keep Bob in your prayers and ask for his good health. We hope to see Bob back at the field soon enjoying the hobby he loves.
 - **An update from Connie Bartell:** Bob was moved from Shock Trauma to Kernan's rehabilitation hospital in Woodlawn late Tuesday night, Oct 17th. A step in the right direction! He is getting one hour each of OT, PT, and Speech therapy every day. Each day there is progress. Still a journey, but much hope that he will come close to a full recovery. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.
- **FRIA Update: SHRC field approval, FAA extends enforcement, Video on Topic:**
 - Good News! On August 25, 2023, Steve sent out an email advising all members that Swan Harbor RC's FRIA request has been approved by the FAA.
 - This means that you WILL NOT be required to have a REMOTE ID broadcast module in your plane, helicopter, or drone while flying at the SHRC field.
 - This means that you do not have to do anything to be in compliance while flying at the SHRC flying field. However, if you fly elsewhere you will have to comply with the FAA remote ID ruling.
 - You still have to register with the FAA to take the FAA TRUST on-line test.
 - The AMA announced the FAA is extending the Remote ID enforcement date by six months. RC operators now have until March 16, 2024 before they will have to comply with the rule. The extension gives the FAA more time to approve FRIA applications and RC equipment manufacturers more time to produce the Remote ID broadcast modules.
 - Watch this video on the evolution of the FAA Remote ID:



- **Club Safety Tips: By Stan Dill, Safety Officer**

Flying in the wind can be fun!

- ***It's nice to have a plane with a little extra power.***
- ***If it's your first time picking a new plane, pick one you would not mind losing.***
- ***You can do tricks in heavy winds, versus no wind, like playing with the throttle against the wind and making the plane fly backwards or landing it like a helicopter.***
- ***You must be ready for wind sheers when flying low to the ground.***
- ***You must be careful flying downwind and do not push the plane too hard or else it may not stay together.***
- ***Now that fall is coming, the wind will be picking up a little more in speed.***
- ***Plus, we are heading into the cold season. Remember if you are going to fly when it's cold, keep your batteries somewhere warm for 24 hours before flying. When temperatures drop below 50 degrees, batteries start to lose their power.***
- ***For safety, remember when coming to the field and getting ready to pass the cornfield, stop and look for planes flying. Proceed to the parking lot when clear.***
- ***When at the field, take time to look around and see what we can improve on. Remember a lot of stuff at the field came from Dale Davis who knew how to get things done.***

Club PICs:

PICS from the September Club Picnic





Steve Snyder and his family



Jim Snyder





Ready to cookout at the Picnic

PICs from Wednesday Flying Days



Bob, Steve, Warren, Jae, Rich, Herman





Bill, Ross, Steve



Bill



Steve, Ross – with Ross’s new RV-8



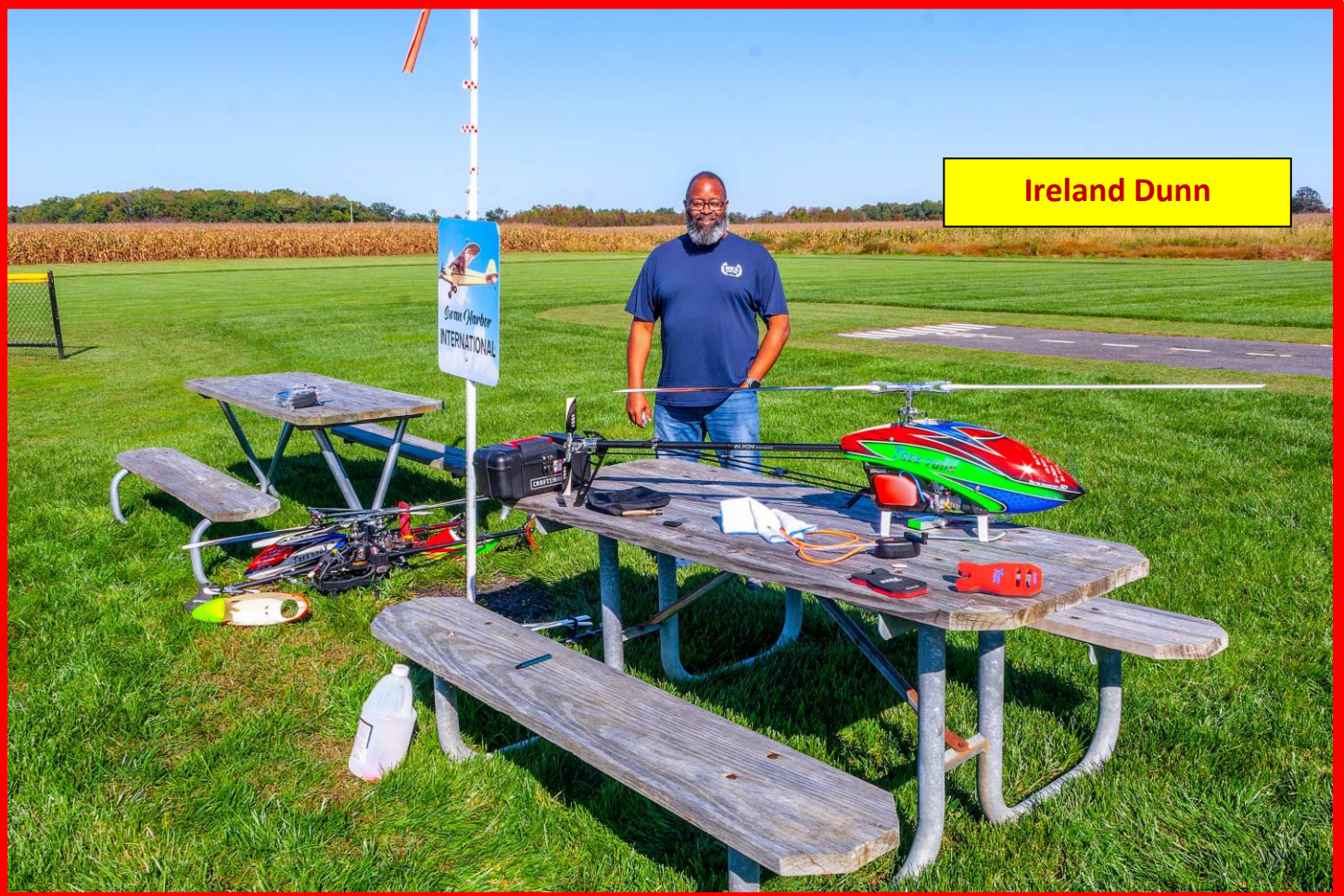
**Ross’s new Flex Innovations RV-8
and pilot named “Gloria”**



Doug McNutt – new member



Ireland Dunn



Ireland's Helicopter



Ireland's Charging Gear



Stan Dill – Safety Officer



Stan's Planes



Jae Jang



Jae Jang - Flying



Rich Schwieger - Flying



Mantas & his son Connor



Connor



Bob



Ross Carson



Ross Carson's Taylorcraft



Ron's Planes



Stan & Mantas chatting between flights



Steve's Extra



Steve's P-51

Photos by Bob Walker



**Steve is starting Ross's RV-8
CLEAR PROP !**



Steve is starting Ron's Taylorcraft



Steve, Ross, and RV-8



Stan flying up high !



Dan is launching Ron's P-47



Joe Irwin – new member this year



Steve as copilot with Ross flying his RV-8

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)** 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!

