



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Swan Harbor RC

This is the Newsletter for Swan Harbor RC for the month of September 2020.

Fall is here and summer is now just a fond memory. The "Boys of Summer" that were enjoying the calm of evening flying with the new paved runway has just about come to an end as it is getting dark at about 7-7:30pm. Everyone should plan to get out to the field to get in some flying time before the cold weather and winter sets in.

Even though we've all had to be aware of "Social Distancing & Hand Sanitizing" with the Coronavirus this year, members at the field this summer have done a really good job of staying safe. Kudo's to all of you and let's keep it up!

Dealing with the Corona Virus (COVID-19)

- ***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 Coronavirus 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. Here are updates from the SHRC Board for the month of September. Every month we achieve new accomplishments that everyone should enjoy and feel proud of our club!

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Club Accomplishments & Activities:

- Lawn Service Update:

- *At the beginning of September the field was aerated and over seeded by the lawn service 4-Evergreen. All we need now is some consistent rain to make the grass seed grow. We already see the new grass coming up and taking shape on the runway. This should really help make the runway smoother for our planes.*
- *Steve is also working on a plan and budget to continue this service in 2021. The goal of the Board is to make the flying field the best it can be.*
- *If you are interested, the 4-Evergreen Lawn Service may be contacted for your own personal quote as follows:*
 - *4-Evergreen Lawn Service, (410) 274-2575, ask for Paul (Owner)*

- 2021 Board Officer Elections & Dues:

Fellow Club Members,

(Email sent to all club members)

The 2020 summer is quickly coming to an end and it is time we start looking on to 2021. Because of the Corona Virus we are cancelling our 2020 Christmas party and the remainder of the 2020 club meetings. This means we will need to elect club officers and pay dues differently this year.

1. Nominations

Nominations for club officers are now open. If you or someone you know would be a good officer, please send an email to me (snyder800@gmail.com) or any other current club officer with the name of the person and the position for which you are nominating them. Once we receive the name, we will contact them and make sure they are willing to accept the nomination. Nominations will close November 10, 2020.

2. Elections

Once all the nominations have been collected and verified, another email will be sent with a WEB link for voting. The voting process should be amazingly simple and can be done from a smart phone or computer. You will click the link in the email, enter your email address, make your selections, and click the "Submit" button.

3. Dues

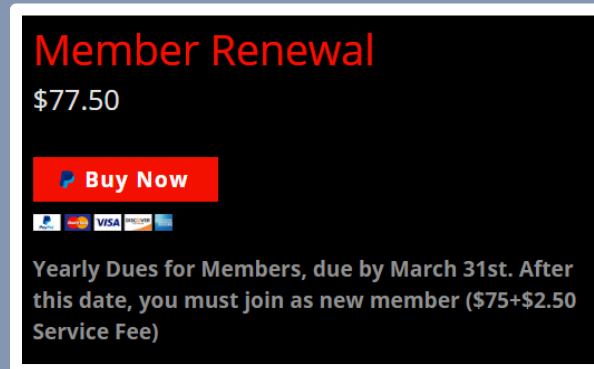
Since most of the club dues have historically been collected at the Christmas party, I thought it was imperative we provide a new simple way for members to pay their dues through PayPal. You can still mail a check to me (800 Van Dyke Lane, Bel Air, MD 21014) or give cash to an officer but now you can also use PayPal. The renewal this year will remain the same at \$75.00 (cash or check) but if you use PayPal, we will add a \$2.50 service fee to cover the fee PayPal charges. Once payment is received, I'll mail you your membership card. You can start paying our 2021 dues now and you will have until March 31, 2021.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and supporting our club. There are still plenty of flying days left in 2020 and the field is starting to look better than ever. I hope to see some of you at the field enjoying the nice fall weather so remember to send in those nominations.

Thanks, Steve

- How to 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 option as pictured below. Remember, the PayPal option has the PayPal service fee added in the payment.



- Flying Safety:

Swan Harbor RC's highest priority is "Safety". When you are flying at the field it is vitally important for everyone to follow all of our safety rules. These rules are established by the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) for all AMA sanctioned fields and are there for your safety and the safety of our spectators.

Below is an aerial map of the Swan Harbor RC flying space. Please review it and keep all of your flying inside our approved flying space.

Please do not fly behind the Pilot Flight Lines.

You are prohibited from flying over the pit areas, spectator canopies, the sheds, and the parking lots.



- **Trash Can Etiquette**

The club has provided a trash can under each canopy, as a convenience, for light trash items like water/soda bottles, fast food bags, napkins, wrappers, etc.

Please do not place the following items in these trash cans: old or damaged batteries, fuel cans/bottles, crashed airplanes/parts, or anything that is flammable or combustible. One of the trash cans caught fire and melted to the ground in August. Please take trash of this nature with you to be disposed of properly.

Your cooperation is appreciated with this request to keep our field safe and clean.

- **Local News:**

- **Oakington Road Resurfacing:**

Harford County will be resurfacing Oakington Road by the end of September. This will be a very nice improvement since the road is breaking up as a result of the moisture along the road due to the heavy tree cover that is keeping the ground wet since it does not get much sun.

- **Harford County Purchases 347 Acre "Belle Vue Farm":**

Harford County announced it has purchased the property and plans to preserve the land as a county park. This is the historic Oakington Peninsula and visitors will be able to explore the property for years to come. The property is located between Tydings Park and Swan Harbor Farm along the bay. Dale said this is good news for our club since land developers won't be able to develop the land in the future.



- **Club Meetings Update:**

- In accordance with and following the Harford County and Havre De Grace Recreation Council Coronavirus Pandemic guidelines we will not be holding any club meeting gatherings until further notice. This means we will not be having meetings at the field or at the Havre De Grace Recreation Center. The Board will continue to hold monthly calls.
- The annual Christmas Party has also been cancelled.

- **Membership & Treasury:**

- Steve advised of the following:
 - Membership for September is at 74 members.
 - He is working on a financial plan and budget for 2021.

Upcoming Events:

- *There are no scheduled club events at this time.*

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. I will be sure to include it in the next month's newsletter.

Club Pics

Gary Gunter submitted these fantastic pics of a photo shoot he did for a family of their son and daughter at the end of August right after the mini runway was completed. They wanted their son, Henry, to be photographed in his flying helmet and flight jacket. The family lives nearby in Havre De Grace. Who knows, we may have another future pilot one day. Thanks Gary for submitting these pics. This was a wonderful thing to do and undoubtedly made this family's day!



Tom and a new Grand Tundra



Herman and his Wing



Marvin's Scout & T-28



Steve's Sailplane



Bob's Conscendo



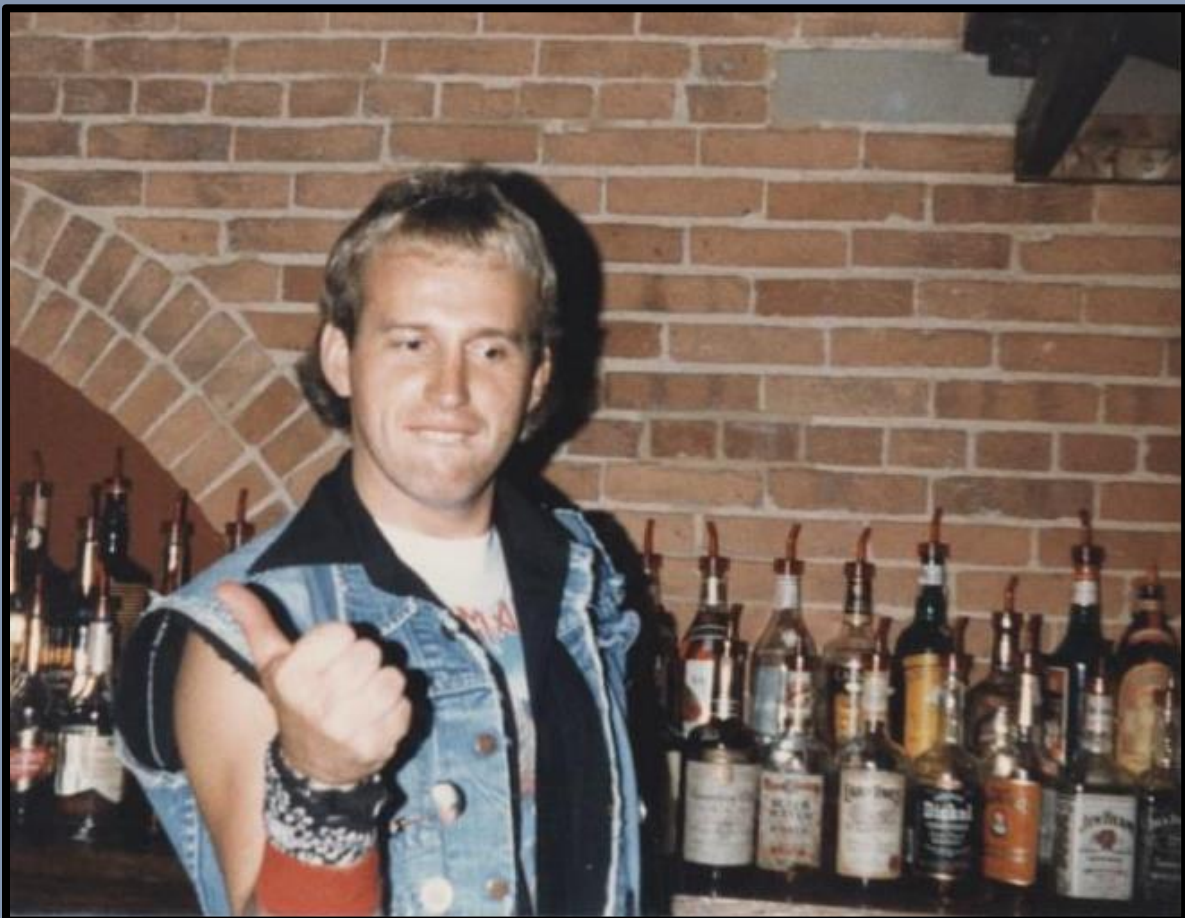
Marvin's Conscendo



Bob's Stearman



Dale and his Glider and.....Dale bartending at Hamerjacks way back in the day! (Photo submitted by Mark Pry)



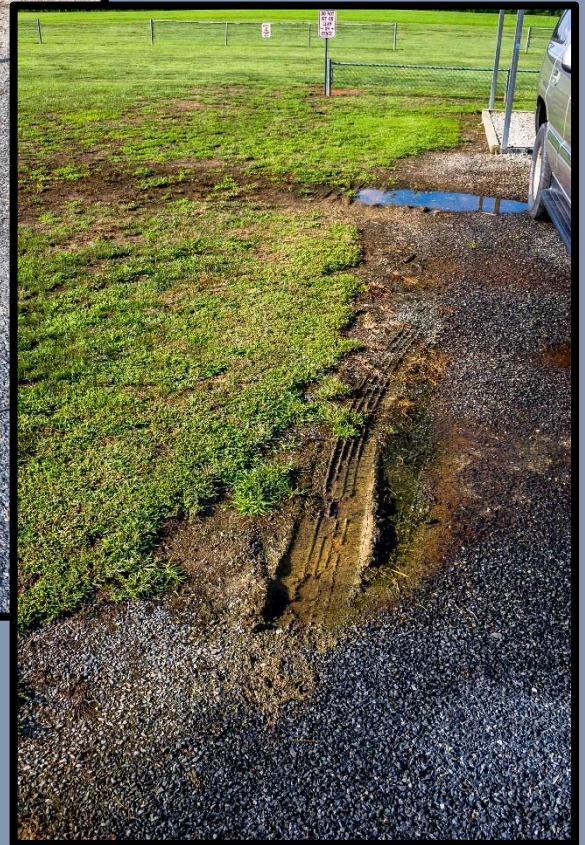
Marvin's Cessna



Bob's T-28



The new grass seed taking shape



Please try not to pull onto the grass alongside the driveway when it is wet. We are trying hard to improve the turf.... Thanks to all!

Club Meeting Schedule for 2020

"ON HOLD until Further Notice"

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 2nd 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:

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)

New Membership Dues:

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

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!*

