



THE DEAD STICK FLYER

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to 2026 — We All Made It!

Welcome to 2026! Somehow, despite questionable landings, optimistic battery life estimates, and “one last flight” turning into three, we all survived another year.

We wrapped up 2025 in proper Swan Harbor fashion with our annual Christmas party, which was a fantastic time. There was plenty of hangar flying, legendary stories, and at least a few tales where the truth never quite got in the way of a good story. Exactly as it should be.

I hope everyone is doing well and that Santa brought you the dream airplane you wanted for Christmas (notice I did not say deserved). Whether it was a new kit, a jet that may or may not require a second mortgage, or just more batteries than you swore you'd ever need—congrats. We're looking forward to another exciting year of punching holes in the sky with all of you.

March Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

- 2026 Operations and Logistics
- Funfly Organization
- Review Membership and Financial Status

Old Business

- Indoor Flying

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Loonking Ahead

New Year, New Updates

As we move into 2026, we're planning some upgrades to the club's online presence. This includes a refreshed website format and improved behind-the-scenes communication tools to make staying connected easier than ever.

Some of the updates in the works include:

- A subscribeable mailing list
- A dedicated For Sale / Swap section
- Easier access to club information and updates
- Keep an eye out for announcements as these roll out—we think you'll like what's coming!

Newsletter

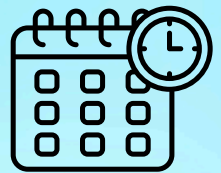
To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: swanrc@tutanota.com.

Lock It In: 2026 Event Calendar

Since we're all currently locked in the house anyway, now is the perfect time to add these events to your calendar. That way, you can officially declare to your spouse that you had the date reserved first. (Not that you'd ever want to miss your wife's second cousins twice-removed daughter's fourth kid's first birthday party... which will of course be on a sunny, 70-degree Saturday, two hours away.)

2026 Swan Harbor RC Calendar

- Tuesday, March 10, 2026 7:00 PM Club Meeting
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 7:00 PM Club Meeting
- Saturday, June 6, 2026 9:00 AM Swan Harbor RC Fly-in
- Saturday, August 15, 2026 11:00 AM Club Meeting & Cookout
- Saturday, September 26, 2026 9:00 AM Club Picnic
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 7:00 PM Club Meeting
- Saturday, December 5, 2026 12:00 PM Christmas Party



Dates for Upcoming 2026 External Events

- March 14, 2026 Lebanon swap meet : CPAA 45th ANNUAL RC EXPO (Saturday)
- May 8-15, 2026 Joe Nall Week Woodruff, SC
- June 6 & 7, 2026 Warbirds and Classics over Gettysburg
- June 13, 2026 10:00 am - 4:30 pm Andy Kane Fly-In
- July 8 - 11, 2026 Warbirds Over Delaware & Classics
- July 30-Aug, 1 2026 Wings over Piper
- August 13 _ 16, 2026 Jet Fest PGRC
- Sept 11 – 13, 2026 Bealeton VA Fly-In





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Get Your Aircraft Ready for Flying

Basic Electric Maintenance

- Check all linkages and control horns
- Look for any ESC-Motor wires that may have worn thru the insulation
- Check wheel collars
- Do a good deep clean (get the grass out of the wheel pants)



For those that are technically inclined

- Backup your radio configuration files (store them in 2 places)
- Update your firmware on you TX, RX and Gyros- us FrSky folk can do this in our sleep :-)

Gas – Nitro

- Order extra glow plugs/spark plugs (Stop reading and order them now- you will thank me later!)
- Change your tank clunk line- I like Viton, seems to last several seasons unlike Tygon
- Add after run (again), and cap off the carb and exhaust



What members are Up To

Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable, or want to sell something? We would love to hear about your project! Send us some information and a couple of pics, and we will post it in the next monthly newsletter.

Send your emails to:
swanrc@tutanota.com.



Check out our new entrance sign!

Photos

Anyone who would like to have new photos appear in the slideshow or the photo gallery is encouraged to send their photos to Jason at swanrc@tutanota.com and he will add them as soon as he can.



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General Information

How to Join the Swan Harbor RC Club:

- 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.
- 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 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/YR

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

Notes

- The annual dues were increased \$5.00 at the October 2023 meeting.
- 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.
- Harford County's No Smoking Policy on County Property: We follow all county rules and regulations and ask for your cooperation.