



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Bob Walker (410) 893-1887

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Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party



Party Starts at 12:00 PM December 7, 2024

Food served at 12:30 PM

Raffle drawing at 2:30 PM

Indoor flying all day 12:00 till 4:00



Tons of Fun

- Indoor Flying
- Lots of Raffle Prizes
- A Flea Market Area
- RC Flight simulator
- and lots of Food

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 7, 2024 AT
HAVRE DE GRACE ACTIVITY CENTER
351 LEWIS LANE
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND 21093**

Remember this is a good time to pay 2025 dues.

We will have membership cards ready.

November Meeting minutes:

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM and we had 11 people in attendance
2. **Approve Prior Minutes** – Dispensed with reading and approval of last meeting minutes since none were available.
3. **Treasurer's / Membership report** – The financial report was delayed till latter in the meeting since it was covered in detail during new business. Steve reported we currently have 110 members with 31 new members this year alone, an all-time record.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Finalize plans for Christmas party, Saturday, December 7, 2024, 12:00 PM at Havre de Grace Activity Center**
 1. **The club will provide lunch meet platters, beverages: soda, iced tea and water, steamed shrimp, chips and a 1/2 sheet cake. Members are encouraged to bring something to share.**
 2. **We discussed the timeline for the event and decided, we will start Saturday at 12:00pm, lunch will be served at 12:30 PM, we will draw raffle tickets at 2:30 then clean up at 3:30 so we can leave by 4:00 PM.**
 - b. **Activities: Stanley Dill volunteered to bring a flight simulator. We will have an area set aside for flea market, indoor flying in the gym is open from 12:00 to 4:00 PM, Raffle prizes, we will be accepting 2025 dues \$85.00 this year and electing 2025 officers.**
 - c. **Raffle prizes for this year's Christmas party are:**
 1. **FMS 1100mm Typhoon PNP**
 2. **Eflite Decathlon 1.2m BNF**
 3. **UMX Turbo Timeber Evolution**
 4. **Eflite Extra 330 1.3m BNF**
 5. **2 Tool Kits**
 6. **Several Glue kits**
 - d. **Finalize 2025 officer nominations**
 1. **President/Treasurer – Steve Snyder**
 2. **Vice President – Ron Lazzeri**
 3. **Safety Officer – Stan Dill**

4. Member at Larger – Bob Bossoli, Bob Walker

e. Review field maintenance status

- 1. Maybe cut the field one last time. This was done on Monday 11/18/2024**
- 2. The maintenance team did a fantastic job and I'd like to thank each and every member because on this group, I feel no single individual was overburdened with cutting the grass. We could always use a few more volunteers! So, think about joining us!**

5. New business

a. We reviewed the October account statement, all the 2024 expenses, and approved the proposed 2025 budget. We do not publish detailed financial information in the newsletter, if you would like more details, please contact Steve Snyder

b. We review Survey results. Here are some takeaways:

- 1. Meetings will be held approximately every other month but most importantly they will be held at key times to plan club events. Steve will prepare a schedule for 2025 with this in mind.**
- 2. The Wednesday summer cookout will continue but we will move some to Saturday to allow other members to attend.**

c. Other new business

- 1. We discussed placing a runway center line marker at the east end of the runway like to one on the west end. We decided this marker will be installed in the spring.**
- 2. Ron Lazzeri made a motion to collect emergency contact information and keep it someplace at the field. A discussion was held and if someone needs emergency medical attention while at the field, we would obviously call 911 and get them help but then who do we contact next, to let someone know that person had an emergency. We decided this information would be voluntary and not required. It will not be generally published but we will place a list in the shed in the first aid kit should the information be needed.**
- 3. We discussed getting an AED for the field and the using the money that was donated to the club in memory of Dale. Steve is investigating options.**

6. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM

Friday Indoor Flying: Keep 'Em Flying:



- ***We will start Indoor Flying on December 13, 2024 and continues through April 2025.***
- ***Indoor flying for SHRC members will be at the Emmorton Gym facility in Bel Air, MD. Indoor flying is scheduled as follows and an email reminder will be sent out weekly, including closed sessions:***
 - **Dates:**
 - ***Indoor Flying will be held every Friday.***
 - ***There will be no Indoor Flying if Harford County schools are closed due to inclement weather or other special circumstances.***
 - **Time: 11:00am to 2:00pm**
 - **Location: The Emmorton Recreation Center.**
 - **2213 Old Emmorton Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015**
 - **www.emmortonrec.com**

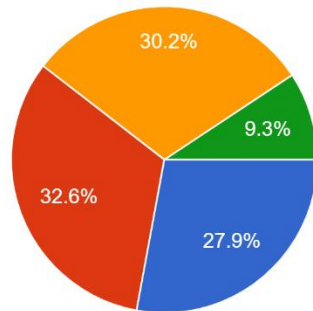


2024 Swan Harbor RC Survey Results

Towards the end of August 2024, we sent out a survey to club members and we received 43 responses. In general, there were no surprises learned from the responses, if anything, we learned everyone pretty much likes the way the club is running, and we should just continue. The following are some of the more interesting charts and I've included responses to some of the comments.

How often do you feel we should hold club meetings?

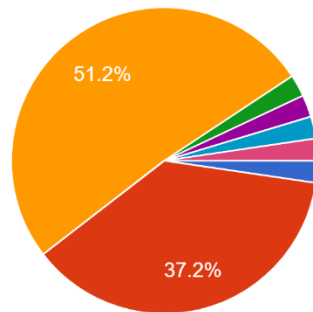
43 responses



- Once a month
- Every other month
- Once a quarter (4 times a year)
- Only when necessary

During the flying months (May to September) we should hold our meetings at:

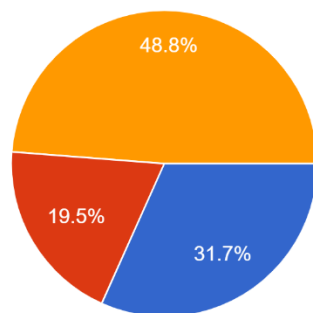
43 responses



- Same place as off-season meetings
- On a Saturday at the field
- On a weekday evening at the field like during the Wednesday cookout weather permitting.
- Maybe like 6 PM.
- Can't answer as I have never attended one
- I don't care
- No hard opinion either way

During the summer months we have tried to have a cookout at the field every Wednesday, weather permitting. What do you think this should look like next year?

41 responses



- Same as this year, every Wednesday weather permitting.
- Since TFRs should not be a problem after January 2025, should we move it to every Saturday afternoon, weather permitting?
- A combination of the both, some on Saturday afternoon and some on Wednesday evening.
- Should not have them at all

Based on the responses to these questions we decided to reduce the number of club meetings and publish a schedule for 2025. The meetings will be centered around planned events like the Fly-in, picnic, Christmas party etc. Additionally, during the summer months we will try to have some meetings or cookouts on Saturday as well.

Below are some of the responses to the question. I made some comments in italics

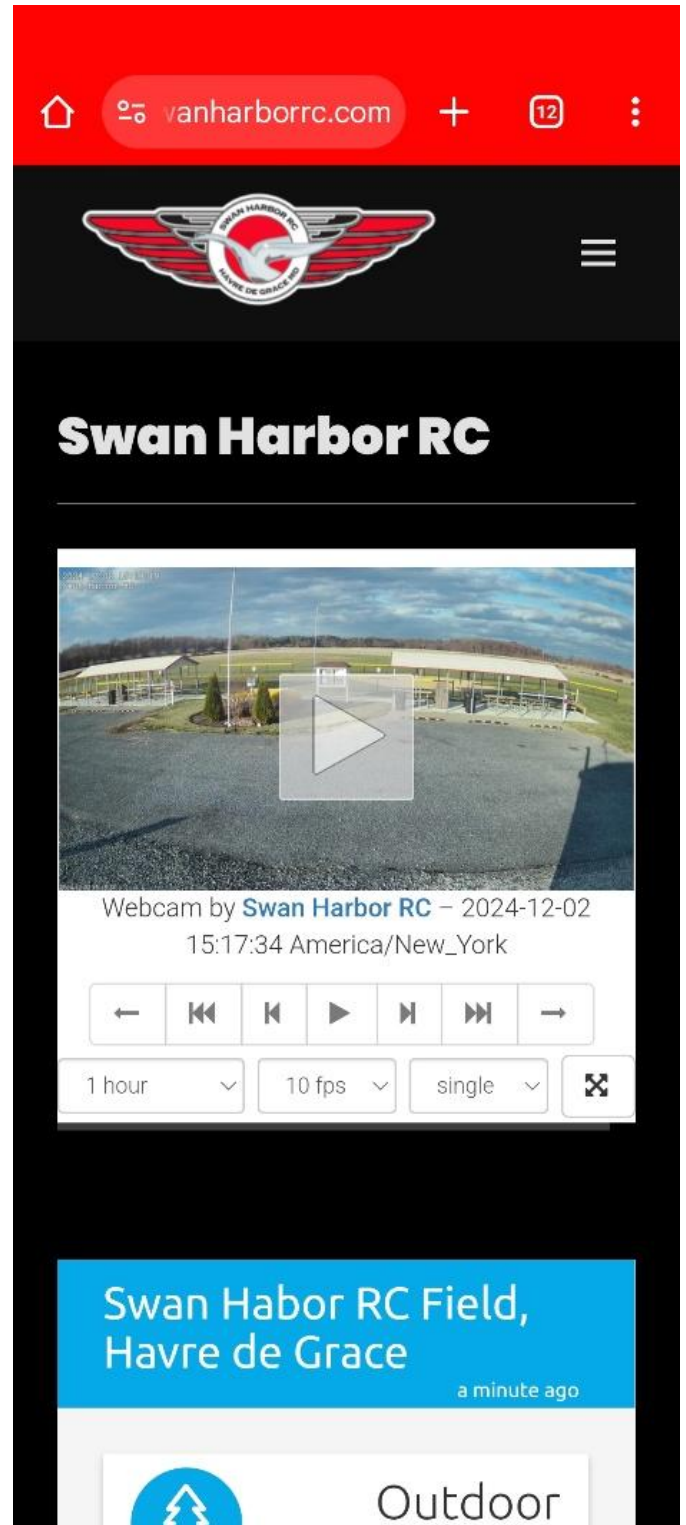
Any improvements you would like to see, either to the field or club operations?

- ***Shorter grass*** – *The grass is current cut as low as possible without killing it. We cut it using the next to lowest setting on the mowers.*
- ***Paved runway for medium to large size planes-*** *The county will not allow us to enlarge our paved area.*
- ***More model tables at field*** – *We add two new tables this year we will see in we need more.*
- ***Athletic Field marker (football field gridline) white dashed line runway marker on main grass runway field*** – *We tried painting a white line down the center of the runway using an athletic field marker, but you could not see the line once you got about 20 feet away. You definitely could not see it from the pilot stations. This is why we put the White PVC pipe at the left end of the runway. This marks the center of the runway and is very visible. We are planning to add the same thing on the right end of the runway this spring.*

*In summary, I think we are doing very well as a club. If you would like to see all the response they are available here: [**Complete 2024 Survey Results**](#)*

Field Camera and Weather Station:

By now I'm sure many have seen the weather station and camera next to the shed. These devices are connected to the internet and available for club members. The weather station provides current field conditions including temperature, humidity, wind speed and direction, etc. The camera takes a picture once a minute and by default provides a time-lapsed video of the last hour. The camera control has several features to control the speed and duration of the video, please experiment! To access this information simply, we created a special page formatted for mobile devices. Simply add a /cam to the end of our club web address www.SwanHarborRC.com so it looks like www.SwanHarborRC.com/cam. You can also install the weather station application to your phone, the instructions are on the TechSection of our website or simply [click here](#).



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 an electronic payment option. Please note that an extra fee is included with the electronic 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**
- *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**
- *Joining period: (1)* 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YR
- *Amount includes \$85.00 annual membership & \$50.00 first year initiation fee*

(1) 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.*

Harford County's No Smoking Policy on County Property: We follow all county rules and regulations and ask for your cooperation.

Thank You!

