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**Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor Flying Field. Come early, bring a plane! Maybe we'll have some treats!**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Let's all try to get out to the meeting so we can line up what needs to be done in preparation for our Giant Scale Fly-In on Sept. 14th.

### AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

I ran into Lee Webb, one of our old flying buddies, a few weeks ago. In speaking with him, he told me he was aware of our cramped field situation. He indicated that Griffith Davis, who owns the farm between our field and the Tydings property, might be amenable to rent some land to us for a flying site. I visited Mr. Davis, a gracious gentleman. He said he was aware of our problem with Parks and Recs. With respect to renting some land to us, he said he must unfortunately decline. He's concerned that the farmer that he rents his land to, which is the same one who works our land on lease from the county, would be unhappy with us traipsing through the corn fields. I sensed from our discussion that the farmer at our field might just not be happy with us being in and out of his corn and soybean fields. If this is a case of Parks and Recs cooperating with the farmer for commercial purposes, then the stuff about maintaining an 18th century farm, walking paths and storage depots may not be the most serious issue. We may still not have identified the problem of why Parks and Recs wants us out. I think this needs clarification, and perhaps we should start writing some people even in advance of the primaries.

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

Meeting day opened with the customary goodies and flying that we have become accustomed to. Alas, on the down side there was an expose. The famous Bob Walker brownies that we have all come to love are not really made by Bob. They're made by Karen Walker. Bob merely makes the drop. Shame Bob, taking the credit!



Jim Snyder, the President, opened the August 8th meeting at 7:00 pm. The minutes are as follows:

1. The Club membership is at 69.
2. Dan Bowman made one more payment on the Spot-a-Pot.
3. We flew our new flag with our mascot for the first time ... a handsome white goose on a field of green. Many thanks to Mrs. Jim Snyder for such a nice contribution to our Club.
4. Tom Obringer offered to make another fuel delivery. See the notice in this newsletter.
5. Jim ordered the tarp for the shelter, but it has not yet arrived.

**Herman Reichert with the Wanderer**

6. Steve Snyder gave a report on the status of our field site. Parks and Recs said that the Tydings property proposed earlier as an alternate field is no longer available. They gave no reason. They said that the Mullins landfill is still available. However the membership is generally unhappy with the site due to it's questionable health implications and location. Parks indicated that a move may be forced as early as 2003. Steve stated again the need for the Club to become involved with the electoral process, after the primaries, supporting candidates that may have sympathy for our cause.

If there are any corrections to the minutes, notify the Newsletter Editor at Ph 410-838-6261, or email [axsilvestri@earthlink.net](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net).

**THE FUTURE OF RC MODELING ...**

This pilot told me he started serious RC modeling when he joined MAOA two years ago. But I remember him in earlier times up at the 543 field when his father was trying to teach him how to fly. There didn't seem to be a less promising candidate. His father would try to show him how to bank into a turn, but our novice was more interested in watching some butterfly making the same maneuver. But no more ... something happened to him ... he just exploded. There is no doubt, no exceptions, that he is clearly the most improved flyer in our Club. He does everything ... 3D maneuvers, rolls, snaps, etc. Two of his favorite stunts are torque rolls and a streak across the field at a height of five feet with an axial roll in the middle. He is so entertaining to watch that it's not at all unusual to see a group of our pilots just stand aside and watch in awe. And who is this super flyer, our hope for the future of RC modeling? He is 12-year-old Sean Ellis, an 8th grade student at the Pine Grove Middle School in Parkville. Sean has the best backing of all, another ardent RC enthusiast, his father Hugh. Whatever Hugh builds, Sean flies. Something as simple as the Edge 540 or as sophisticated as the Extra 330L. But that's not to say that all Sean thinks about is RC modeling. He is a devoted guitarist. Sean's "no punk-rocker", he studies classical blues. His favorite guitar is a Fender Stratocaster, which he plays through a Fender Hot Rod Deluxe tube amplifier. I think as long as we have young men like Sean in the hobby, the future of RC modeling has to look good.



**Sean Ellis, A Look to the Future**

**WINGS OF FREEDOM ... by Tom Smith**

Jim Snyder invited Steve Snyder, Dan Bowman and myself to attend the Wings of Freedom airshow conducted on August 18 at Frederick, MD. This annual event featured World War II aircraft in reenactments of Pacific and European campaigns of WWII. Radio control enthusiasts are invited to fly warbirds in exchange for free admission to the show. Sign up to bring a warbird and you get a pass which entitles you to premium parking and all the free hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas, coffee, donuts and bottled water you want, courtesy of the management. We were VIPs. There was a good representation of WWII aircraft. They had a lot of flybys with simulated explosions and parachute drops. In the middle of it all they managed to squeeze in some RC flying. Things were kind of chaotic, but Tom Obringer got to fly his airplane. We stayed for a very good cheap dinner in the evening, with all the beer you could drink. There were a lot of people who got all dressed in their very hot, heavy, authentic uniforms. They deserved all the beer they could get. This was a very good outing. This is how to watch the air show.



**Dan Bowman with the Stinger 120**

**FUEL SALE ...**

Tom Obringer will be coordinating a fuel sale. Anyone interested in purchasing fuel at a reasonable price can place an order at the September meeting or contact Tom at 410-282-3862. The ordered fuel will be delivered at the October meeting. The estimated price per gallon is \$9, \$10 and \$11 for 5%, 10% and 15% respectively. All orders are to be in case lots. If you want less than a case, it is suggested that you buddy up with someone to make a case. Unless otherwise ordered, the fuel will contain 20% lube (18% synthetic and 2% castor).

**SELL, BUY, TRADE ...**

I'm looking for a set of wire wheels for a new plane project I've started. Something about 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 inch diameter. Contact A. Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or [axsilvestri@earthlink.net](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net).

**FROM THE PITS ...**

Herman Reichart was flying a SIG Wanderer, a small 38-inch flying wing. It's a built-up kit powered by an OS Max .25 LA. It's an incredibly fast flyer. It had to easily be doing well over 100 mph. It would be very easy to let it get out of control, but Herman was in charge and demonstrated some excellent stunts.

Dan Bowman was flying a 120 Stinger. This is another classic out of the Jim Snyder Aeroworks Factory. It has an 80-inch wingspan, and is powered with a Fox 2.4. This seems to be a very good matchup for this plane. Very maneuverable and fun to fly airplane.

**HARFORD COUNTY RADIO CONTROL MODELERS (HRCRCM) COMPLETE PAVILION ...**

HRCRCM completed their pavilion. The final stage was to pour a concrete slab for the floor. It's a handsome structure and looks like it's meant to stay in place for some time. Congratulations to them.



**The HRCRCM Pavilion**

**ABOUT MAOA ...**

MAOA meets the second Thursday of the month. During the summer, we meet at Swan Harbor. The public is welcome to the meetings and to fly with us. Take Oakington Road off of US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs. Membership information can be obtained from Dan Bowman, 410-272-4251, [FLYERDCB@aol.com](mailto:FLYERDCB@aol.com). To learn more about MAOA, go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sep 12, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, 7:00 pm
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, <a href="mailto:Snyder@ups.com">Snyder@ups.com</a>
Sep 14, 2002	RCMB Swap Meet. Parkton American Legion Post 256, Parkton, MD. Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore. Jerry Stevens, Ph 410-879-4806
Oct 5, 2002	11th Annual Open House Fly-In, club field, Prince George's RC Club. CD Charlie Gettier, Ph 410-974-4785

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