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Meeting, Thursday, July 11, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor flying field. Come early, bring a plane!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in Skyfest II. Everyone's enthusiasm and willingness to help assured that this was a day that will always bring us fond memories. Again, thanks to all!

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

June 1, 2002 will be remembered as one of the best days in MAOA's history. Our Skyfest II (open house) was one of the most successful events staged by the club. A beautiful day was granted to us, but beyond that, the perfect execution of the day's events was a testament to the enthusiasm of many members and a tribute to the leadership of the club. It was a great day, one that was enjoyed by many fliers and spectators who attended our event.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

Another monsoon for our meeting at the field. But we managed to stay dry under the tarps and just fattened up on "Nathan's" best and Bob Walker's brownies. Worth the trip. President Jim Snyder opened the June 13 meeting. The minutes are as follows:



Steve Snyder, Beth Ann Wingate and Tom Obringer with the Extra Easy

1. Dan Bowman reported that we now have 66 members.
2. The open house, after providing free food and a raffle prize of a complete airplane flying system (airplane, motor and radio), ended up costing the club only \$38. The expenses were largely underwritten by the airplane raffle.
3. No news on the future of RC modeling at Swan Farm.
4. Agreed we need generic signs by the roadway to direct people to our flying events. Dan will contact Dave Farrell about having some made.
5. Tom Smith will procure new wind socks.
6. It seems we have adopted the "goose" as our mascot. Jim says he will solicit his wife to make up a club flag championing "our goose".

7. Our cumbersome club name, Harford County Miniature Aircraft Operators Association, and the confusion with the other Harford County RC Club has led us to consider other possible names for our club. Some candidates are "Swan Harbor Flying Club" and "Swan Harbor Flyers". Even if we were moved, the name would still apply so long as we stayed on the Swan Harbor peninsula. We delayed resolution of this issue until there was a greater membership turnout in order to get the maximum feedback.

8. Jim will check into prices for some tarps we can use to enclose the sides of the shelter in event of another torrential

rain.

9. Steve Snyder has completed all required documentation for our September giant scale. Not too soon to start promoting it.

A GREAT DAY FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ...

Skyfest II turned out to be an even greater success than last year's. A beautiful day was granted to us from those above who deal out good weather to deserving RC aficionados. We had an incredibly large turnout of fliers and spectators from within and outside the county. It was like an old-time family outing. Lots of parents and grand parents with their youngsters spending a leisurely unhurried day chatting, watching the flying and, in general, just giving themselves a chance to bond with new and old friends.



Rich Hodges with the Cessna 206

The day started early with some of our members giving flight lessons to many of our visitors. Tom Obringer, Steve Snyder, Fred Romeo, Stanley Dill and Andy Robicheaux made up several teams that doled out the instructions using transmitters equipped with buddy boxes. They used Tom's Hangar Nine "Extra Easy", Steve's Super Cub and Fred's Hangar Nine Cub. They trained them all, from 10-year-olds to senior citizens. One of our first students was Beth Ann Wingate. All students were awarded an American Airlines pin. We appreciate the use of the Extra Easy which was donated by Horizon Hobbies.

We were very fortunate that many pilots brought out their best planes for our entertainment. We had over 30 planes. One of the premier builders and fliers in this area is Milt Peacock. He was flying his giant scale Stuka, a beautiful plane built from Zirolli plans. It is powered with a G-62 engine, with a 102-inch wingspan and weighs in at 32 lbs.

Rich Hodges was sporting his giant Cessna 206 powered by a G-62. It had a 10-foot wingspan and weighed in at 30 lbs ... beautiful scale model.

A special treat this afternoon was Ron Stahl flying a real turbine jet. His Fiberclassics Kangaroo is powered with a RAM 750 turbine jet. What a great experience it is to see one of these jets. The roar and power followed by that whooshing sound is so great; it's different from what you normally hear at the field. Now is the time to start putting in your Christmas requests ... this baby requires extra lead time.

Gary Hershberger was flying his Pitts S-1. It's 35% scale built from Hostetler plans. It's powered with a Zenoah Twin GT80 engine and weighs in at 30 lbs ... beautiful plane.

And another unusual treat was provided by Jack Stites flying his twin-tailed Bernie's Eagle. Bernie's Eagle is a huge glider. Jack takes it off with an incredibly small glow engine and, once aloft, relies on the prevailing thermals to fly around. Another very enjoyable aspect of RC modeling. Jack's glider rounded out a fun day of flying.

The raffle prize was won by Pete Batlistelli, a student at Sparrow's Point Middle School in Edgemoor. The prize was a complete flying package, which included a trainer ARF, engine and radio. Jim Snyder had put it together and had the batteries charged so that Pete was able to actually fly it (with assistance). Good for you Pete.

And all day long we kept feeding them hotdogs, sodas, and even some of that fancy bottled water. The hotdogs, were we afraid they would clean us out? No way! Bob Walker just kept dishing out Nathan's finest. Bob wore them down. All had their fill.



Milt Peacock with the Stuka



Ron Stahl and the Turbine Jet

HANGAR NINE EXTRA EASY ... a review by Tom Obringer

Horizon Hobbies donated the "Extra Easy" for our open house so that we could give some novices exposure to RC flying. We gave all instructions using a buddy box.



Gary Herrshberger with the Pitts S-1

The plane is advertised as a ready-to-fly airplane. It comes from the manufacturer complete with an MDS .40 engine, prop and spinner attached, tank and fuel lines installed, a radio with five servos and all the push rods in place. The fuselage is assembled with wing nuts and screws: the push rods are connected to the control horns. The wing halves are joined and taped and the aileron push rods connected. It took me about an hour to complete the assembly. Other than charging the batteries, it could have been up in the air that quickly. It is the most complete ARF that I have seen. The Extra Easy worked very well as a first trainer. The students adapted to it easily, and the plane gave them plenty of time to react.

SELL, BUY, TRADE ...

For sale: Great Planes J3 Cub with clipped wings finished with Navy markings. Complete with OS .46 engine and radio. Just add fuel and go. \$225. Joe Nixon Ph 410-879-5230.

LUCK OF THE DRAW ...

Rodney Abrahams subscribes to R/C Report. When he recently renewed his subscription, they threw his name in the hat for drawing of a prize. Rodney won and got for himself a new .68 cu. in. MDS engine. Good show!

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. To learn more about MAOA, go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.



Pete Batlistelli wins the Raffle

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7, 2002	Open House. Sandtown Flying Field. Kent County Aeromodelers, Inc. CD Richard Boyer, Ph 302-284-0832.
July 12-14, 2002	Warbirds Over Delaware. Lums Pond, DE. Delaware RC Club. CD David Malchione, Ph 610-444-3855
July 20, 2002	Mid-Atlantic Warbird Rally. Essex Skypark. Chesapeake Bay Miniature Aircraft Association. CD Edgar Tennyson, Ph 410-665-4217
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, Snyder@ups.com

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