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Meet: Thurs., May 9, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor Flying Field. Come early, bring a plane! Remember Skyfest June 1.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Our Skyfest is June 1st. Get the word out, tell your friends and family. This is one of our major events and we want a good turnout. I have plenty of raffle tickets, pick some up from me and start selling them. This will offset the price of our free hotdogs and sodas. Try to get out early on the morning of the event to help set up.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

Our campaign to reduce mailing costs has been very successful. Thirty-one of our members are on Internet, which reduces the mailing of our newsletters by 50%. There are probably more out there with Internet service ... the Internet police are on the case.

This newsletter is the document of record for the club. If there are errors or omissions, let me know. You can reach me at Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

The Club Meeting of April 11th was called to order by President Jim Snyder. The minutes are as follows:



Dan Bowman Takes a Little off the side

1. Dan Bowman reported that we have 61 paid members.
2. The Club purchased a new weed eater and fencing materials.
3. Raffle tickets have been made up for Skyfest and will be distributed. Jim Snyder will purchase the sodas, hotdogs and rolls. Tom Obringer will make up a placard advertising the event. Achille Silvestri will prepare photos and announcements for The Aegis and Prime Times news.
4. Don Wood generously offered materials to prepare the holddowns for the planes.

5. Steve Snyder reported on his meeting with the Parks and Recreation personnel. "Parks" needs to resolve some issues with Ashley regarding the disposition of some outbuildings adjacent to the proposed Tydings flying field. If there are no issues, "Parks" would then send a letter to the residents of adjacent properties advising them of the proposal to build an RC model flying park on the Tydings property. A proposal was made that perhaps we could also arrange for a flying demonstration. Again, if there are no problems, the next step would be to develop a moving plan. In the plan we would try to identify, specifically, who is responsible for each required action of the move between "Parks" and us. It is Steve's estimate that the move could happen as early as next spring or as late as two years.

6. It was approved to spend up to \$200 for weed and feed.

7. It was agreed that future club meetings will take place at the flying field. Mark your calendar. As a special treat, Jim will be serving up hotdogs, and Bob Walker will present his legendary brownies.



**Herman Reichart and Jim Snyder
mending fences**

**SKYFEST IS JUNE 1.
TELL EVERYONE, FRIENDS AND FAMILY; FREE SODAS AND HOTDOGS.
RAFFLES. FANCY FLYING. FUN FILLED FAMILY ORIENTED OUTING.**

WHO IS TOM SMITH AND WHY DOES HE FLY THAT WAY?

When you come to MAOA, Tom Smith is probably one of the first people you will get to know. He's sort of like a sergeant-at-arms and a frequent flyer. To that end, Tom spends a lot of time maintaining the quality of the flying field.

Tom retired from the Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity (AMSAA) in 1988. AMSAA is one of those high tech organizations the Army uses to ensure that major systems like tanks and other offensive weapons meet requirements and stay on schedule.



Tom Smith, Sergeant-at-Arms

Tom didn't start serious RC modeling until 1993. He was sort of naturally drawn to it because he's been a modeler all his life. He remembers his early naive days of RC modeling when he went into a local hobby shop (you know the one) to get started. They saw him as a mark and sold him an electric flyer and an over-priced radio ... skewered on his first outing.

Having passed that hurdle he bought a PT-40. Then he and his buddy Dick Wolf pretty much taught themselves to fly. Tom is probably one of the most prolific builders in the club. It's not unusual for him to build 4-5 planes over a winter season. He thinks he may have built as many as 6 one year, and these are mostly "scratch-builts".

Today, Tom is very much into gas engines. He likes their performance and sense of power. And they must have vertical, lots of vertical. His favorite plane is an Uproar powered with a .91 ASP. Among his other favorites are two

Sukois: a scratch-built SU-29 with a SIG First Place Engine 2.4, and a Goldberg SU-26 powered with a 120 ASP. Tom is a very proficient flyer, and offers instructions to many newcomers.

Tom says RC modeling is an excellent hobby and enjoys all aspects of it - building, flying and socializing. Tom Smith is a good guy to know.

FROM THE PITS ...

If you have been out to the field lately, you will have noticed many pleasant improvements. The most striking is the new vinyl-coated green fencing that has been put all around the pit area and the flight line, an attractive look that should please all the environmentalists. Also through the contributions of Don Wood, we now have holddowns made of copper tubing with first-class insulation material as padding. And now that the guys are cutting the grass regularly, the place is just an outstanding flying field, something to be very proud of.

Caught Dave Yeakel flying his new 4-Star 60 powered with a 4-cycle Enya .90. The 4-Star 60 is a very good flyer and becoming very popular in the club.

TIME TO GAS UP ...

Tom Obringer will be delivering the fuel purchases at the May meeting. Don't forget, it's going to be at the flying field.

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (TOC) OF MARYLAND 2002 ...

The SWAP Modelers are gearing up for their seventh annual "T.O.C. of Maryland". They'll start to socialize around the grille on Friday afternoon, May 31st, and open up with some relaxed open flying. The actual competitive flying will begin 10:00 am on Saturday with pilot registration at 8:30 am. The contestants will fly a combination of known and unknown patterns. Flying will generally follow an IMAAC format. A banquet will be held Saturday evening for everyone to kick back and relax: lots of door prizes will be given away. Flying is resumed Sunday morning at 10:00 am with more free-styles and unknowns. The event draws to a close in late afternoon after the raffles are drawn and the prizes are awarded. Editor: The T.O.C. of Maryland is a truly outstanding event that draws top pilots from well beyond Maryland. To see an example of their past events, log onto <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto December 2000. For more information contact Art Vail at artvail@erols.com



Dave Yeakel with the 4-Star 60

ABOUT MAOA ...

MAOA meets the second Thursday of the month. During the long days, like now, we meet at Swan Harbor Farm. The public is welcome to the meetings and to fly with us. Take Oakington Road off 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 4, 2002	Frederick Model Aircraft Club Flea Market, Frederick, MD. Ph 301-371-5922
May 9, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, 7:00 pm. Come early, bring a plane.
May 11, 2002	Prince George's RC Club Giant Scale Fly-In. Club field. CD Charlie Gettier, Ph 410-974-4785.
May 31 - Jun 1-2, 2002	Tournament of Champions of Maryland, SWAP Modelers, Baltimore, MD. Art Vail, email: artvail@erols.com
June 1, 2002	MAOA Skyfest (Open House), Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Jim Snyder, Ph 410-256-3299
June 7-9, 2002	World War II Weekend. Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, 11 Museum Drive, Reading, PA 19605. http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html .
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, Snyder@ups.com

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