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Meeting: Thursday, February 14th, 7:00 PM, at the Churchville Rec Center

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HARFORD COUNTY MINIATURE AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

As the last week of January arrives, quite a few of us have been able to take advantage of this wonderful flying weather. We've seen quite a number of new airplanes out there, and I'm sure there are many more under construction and a lot of them are finished. Why not share your hard work and bring them to the meeting. Spring will be here before you know it, and we hope to see a lot of flying.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

MAOA has gone high tech. Through the generous offer of Dan McCoy, we now have a web page to call our own:



Jim Snyder and his Stinger 120

http://www.harfordvista.com/swanharbor/. Dan has made space available on his web site http://www.harfordvista.com/main for a number of RC ventures. He currently carries Harford County Radio Control Modelers (the Sandy Hook Club) and Central Maryland RC Modeling News on his site. This is probably the most concentrated coverage of RC modeling in this area. Dan is an interesting guy. You can read about him on the internet. Go to http://www.harfordvista.com/renews.asp and click on February 2001.

There are a number of advantages to using the internet. You get your newsletter instantly, no concern about rain or snow. It's chic and trendy, and in addition, we can post color pictures of our activities. Think how cool you'll be showing them off to your friends. (Check out the show-and-tell ... could be you). The newsletter will be posted on the 'net near the first of each

month.

This newsletter is the document of record for the club. If there are errors or omissions, let me know so we can fix it. You can reach me at axsilvestri@erols.com.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

The 1st Club Meeting of 2002, Jan 10, was called to order by newly elected President Jim Snyder. The minutes are as follows:

1. Our newsletter will be available on the internet. Log onto http://www.harfordvista.com/swanharbor. Those who have internet access and do not wish a mailing of a hard copy should notify the Editor. Significant savings would be realized by the Club.

2. Club dues are due by March 31. Newsletters will be continued through March.

3. Steve Snyder reported that he submitted a proposal to the Havre de Grace Parks and Recreation for the development of the "Tydings Property". He reminded them that there may be noise issues in the proximity of several houses and

recommended that we stay at our present location.

4. A discussion ensued as to how to best protect our access road to the field from uninvited guests creating ruts and gouges. Steve Snyder will contact the County for a saw horse to be used as a barrier to the road. Tom Smith, who graciously accepted the position of "Supervisor of the Barrier", will check and see when conditions are so bad that the barrier must be in place. However, even our members are advised to use judgment when they drive on to the road so as to minimize damage.



Dan Bowman with his Stinger 120

5. It was agreed to hold another Skyfest (our version of an open house). We'll have free hotdogs and sodas again.



Dan Bowman and his Cap 232

It was not yet decided whether to hold a raffle to allay some of the expense. The date is June 1, 2002. Jim Snyder is CD.

6. It was agreed to hold another Giant Scale fly-in. The day is September 14. Steve Snyder is CD.

As a reminder, you know that you must have your 2002 AMA card to fly at the field. Also, club dues for 2002 are due. You were given an application in the last newsletter. If you have not already done so, send it in with payment to Dan Bowman to the address shown. If you have paid, make sure that you have filled out an application so we can maintain our club's database. Add your e-mail address ... very important.

SHOW AND TELL ...

Jim Snyder showed his Lanier Stinger 120 made up in a "Crayola" crayon color scheme. It's powered with a Fuji 3.2 gas engine, and has an 80-inch wingspan. Very nice workmanship.

Dan Bowman showed his Cap 232 finished off in yellow, red and orange Monokote. It's powered with a Fox 3.2 gas engine, and has an 84-inch wingspan. The plane was built under contract to the Jim Snyder Aeroworks

Corporation.

SELL-BUY-TRADE ...

We had no submissions this month. This column on the internet should get good coverage for that something you want or can't stand.

TIME TO GAS UP ...

Tom Obringer will take orders and collect money for fuel at the March and April meetings, and make deliveries at the May meeting. He will try to keep the prices as before, and any difference will be collected at the time of delivery: 5% = \$8.50; 10% = \$9.50; and 15% = \$10.50. Case lots only ... if you want less, buddy up with someone. Unless otherwise requested, fuel will contain 18% synthetic and 2% castor.

MAOA meets the second Thursday of each month at the Churchville Recreation Center. Visitors are welcome. MAOA flies at Swan Harbor Farm. Take Oakington Road off of US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs. Come visit with us. Membership information can be obtained from Dan Bowman, 410-272-4251, or email: <u>FLYERDCB@aol.com</u>

FROM THE PITS ...

"Although the weather has been ugly, Achille and I did get some flying in on several days when the temperature reached

50 deg ... and the road was passable. I also did some snow flying a few days after the "big" snow. On Jan. 22nd the sky was blue and the temperature was up. I had a ball doing touch and goes with my SKYVOLT on the snow with my homemade skis. I had three long flights with about 30 landings and takeoffs." (T. Smith).

It's hard to believe that after Tom's report the temperature got up into the 60s and 70s. There was a good turnout of fliers. Jim Snyder made a number of test flights with his Lanier Stinger 120 (see Show and Tell). Excellent flier.

Dan Bowman made test flights with his Lanier Stinger 120. It's powered with a Fox 3.2 gas engine. Lots of vertical. Dan was in outer space. This plane is another product of the Snyder Aeroworks Corporation. Excellent work.



The HCRCM Pavilion at Sandy Hook

Harford County Radio Control Modelers has nearly completed a new pavilion at their Sandy Hook site. A handsome structure about 24 ft. By 39 ft. ... a few more cosmetic touchups and it will be finished.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 9, 2002	Westminster AeroModelers, Westminster, MD. VFW Hall. Ed Bradley, e-mail: <u>encb3@bellatlantic.net</u>
Feb 14, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 PM
Feb 23-24, 2002	WRAM Show Trip, White Plains, NY (<u>www.wram.org</u>)
Mar 9, 2002	Central Penn Aeromodelers Assn Flea Market, Lebanon, PA. Ph 717-960-8170
Mar 16, 2002	Hanover Radio Control Flying Club Swap Meet and Auction, Mechanicsville, VA. Ph 804-737-2175, email: <u>wnalexander@hotmail.com</u> or <u>dmplmp@aol.com</u>
Apr 6, 2002	Tri-County Wingsnappers Flea Market, Hamburg, PA., Ph 610-683-6128, email: <u>dave@early.com</u>
May 4, 2002	Frederick Model Aircraft Club Flea Market, Frederick, MD. Ph 301-371-5922
May 31 - Jun 1-2, 2002	Tournament of Champions of Maryland, SWAP Modelers, Baltimore, MD. Art Vail, email: <u>artvail@erols.com</u>
June 1, 2002	MAOA Skyfest (Open House), Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Jim Snyder, Ph 410-256-3299
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, <u>Ssnyder@ups.com</u>

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