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Meeting, Thursday, Oct. 10, 7:00 pm, Churchville Rec Center. Bring Something for Show and Tell!



Andy Kane with the Super Cub PA-18

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who helped make the Giant Scale Fly-In such a great success. It was a fun day for our visitors and spectators. Thanks to all.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

The Giant Scale of 2002 was one of the very best we have ever hosted. It's a real tribute to the leadership of the Club to be able to pull it all together. It's a good feeling to have flyers from out of state and out of county come to share such a great day with us. And there was no end to the "oohs" and "aahs" from the spectators who seemed to really enjoy themselves. We owe a special

thanks to our friends from the DC area and the flying clubs from Pennsylvania. We look forward to next year's show with great anticipation.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

Meeting day opened with the goodies and flying that we have become accustomed to. Steve Snyder, the Vice-President, opened the August 8 meeting at 7:00 pm. (The President's on the road again). The minutes are as follows:

1. Dan Bowman stated that we have 69 members.
2. Achille Silvestri reported that the Aegis ran a picture and announcement of our upcoming Giant Scale.
3. Jim Snyder will pick up the hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages for the kitchen.
4. We'll have radios for traffic control.
5. Dave Farrell made up some outstanding signs for directions.
6. Steve got barrels for trash.
7. Tom Obringer took orders for fuel which he will deliver at the next meeting.
8. ATTENTION: The next Club meeting will be at the Churchville Rec Center.



9. Steve will draft a letter to James Harkins, the County Executive, congratulating him on his primary victory and offering our help for the support he has given us in the past.

Tony Masiello with Incredible Sailplane



Jack Barbor with his Cap 232

10. Dan and Earl Harris will chair a table for our Club at the Aberdeen Heritage Fair.

11. Steve requested a volunteer to judge the Halloween Contest sponsored by the Aberdeen Rec Council.

12. Joe Nixon recommended that the Club purchase a set of walkie talkies to assist in the finding of planes lost in the corn. It was agreed to spend up to \$50. Dan will make the purchase.

13. A general discussion ensued on the cutting of grass on the field and surrounding areas. Joe suggested that we develop a schedule wherein a number of members volunteer to mow the grass on a rotational basis. It was suggested that a committee be established to review this matter and consider other options as well. Accordingly, Bernie Gerber volunteered to head an elite "Grass Cutting Committee" to study this issue. Another option, for example, is to hire a contractor to do the cutting and trimming. Dan has a lead into some candidates and will be approaching them for estimates. This information,

along with other ideas, will be fed into the newly established "Grass Cutting Committee", which will develop proposals for consideration by the Club membership.

14. It was agreed that dues for new members after September 1 will be reduced to \$12. Initiation and tractor fees will remain the same.

15. Membership application forms will be made available in the bulletin board cabinet.

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

Now that we'll be meeting in the Rec Center we'll be stepping up the show and tell. Bring in what you're working on. It doesn't have to be finished. It can even be an ARF (ugh). Prove that you're doing the right thing and not wasting your time when you're out of sight.

INVASION OF THE GIANTS ...

Our Giant Scale Fly-In opened on an absolutely glorious day. The sun was shining bright, our new Swan Harbor banner, displayed publicly for the first time, flapped proudly in the breeze. The great new signs that Dave Farrell made up left no doubt how to get to the field. And pretty soon Bob Walker and Earl Harris had that burnt fat coming off the grill, and you knew that the hotdogs and hamburgers would soon be ready.



Rich Schaffer with a Lanier Cap 232

And what a turnout. I counted 31 planes, a sailplane, four half-planes, and one helicopter. We had flyers from all over Maryland and some from Pennsylvania. I want to apologize up front that we don't have room to post pictures of all the fine aircraft that took part in our great day. If you have questions about a particular plane, send me an e-mail and we'll try to resurrect it from our files.

We had a nice turnout from the District of Columbia Radio Control Club (DCRC). Andy Kane and Tony Masiello teamed up to put on an excellent display of sailplane towing and release into the upper atmosphere. The towing plane was Andy's Super Cub PA18 with a 155-inch wingspan, which weighed in at 43 lbs. A 3W120 engine was more than adequate for the towing job. And Tony's sailplane was no slouch ... it had a 188-inch wingspan. It was beautiful to watch the sailplane release and then search for a thermal to fly on.

These guys from DCRC have huge airplanes. Andy Hoffman was flying a 26% Carden 300. Rob Sarlan was flying a Radiocraft 40% Extra 330L powered by a 2DZ160 Twin with a cannister muffler. Andy Finizio was flying a 40% Carden CAP 232 powered by a 2DZ160 Twin.



Hugh Ellis with the Cub Tri-Pacer

From up north we had Jack Barbor from the Prop Busters near York, PA, flying a CAP 232 powered with a G-62. Also from PA, we had Rich Schaffer flying a 27% Lanier Cap 232. Jack flies with Bucks County Radio Control near Philadelphia.

And of course, we had a lot of our own pilots taking to the wing. Hugh and Sean Ellis brought out a whole fleet. They had a Piper Tri-Pacer PA 22 (you don't see too many of them). Also, they had a great one from out of the past ... a Zero from WWII complete with retracts. They even had an Extra 330L.

Steve Snyder, our VP, was flying a Carden 30% Extra 300. Gary Herschberger was flying his Pitts S-1. Bill Kalb was flying one of his Drei-Deckers (I think he's up to a fleet of three now). Rich Hodges was flying a Pitts S2A and a Cessna. Tom Obringer had a Stinger powered with a OSBGX1.

Later in the afternoon it started to cloud up a little bit, with even a threat of rain. Some of the pilots packed up a little earlier than they would have. But they got a lot of flying in, and everyone was satisfied with the day's events. It was a very enjoyable day.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! ...

We had an incident last week in which it was discovered that several members had their transmitters improperly tagged. That is, the channel number on their transmitter did not correspond to the frequency of their transmitter. That means that they could have been flying on someone else's frequency and caused a crash. It is of utmost importance that your transmitter channel number corresponds to your frequency. EVERYONE! Next time at the field, ensure that your channel number and frequency are in agreement. The numbers and frequencies are all posted on the big board. Also, it is the policy of this Club that you must have a flag with your channel number attached to your transmitter. This is very serious. We all need to comply.



Rich Hodges and the Pitts S2A

ABOUT MAOA ...

MAOA meets the second Thursday of the month. During the off season, we meet at the Churchville Rec Center on Glenville Road. The public is welcome to the meetings and to fly with us. To fly with us at Swan Harbor, 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 5, 2002	11th Annual Open House Fly-In, club field, Prince George's RC Club. CD Charlie Gettier, Ph 410-974-4785
Oct 10, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm
Nov 2, 2002	Auction and Swap Meet, Delaware RC Club, Inc., Newark, DE. For info, Dick Stewart Ph 302-368-2911

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