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**Meeting: Thursday, March 14th, 7:00 pm, at the Churchville Rec Center**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Keep bringing in your projects for show and tell. They don't have to be finished ... a work in progress is just as good. We would like to have people speak on their favorite aspect of the hobby. What do you like? ... building, covering, making up decals, battery maintenance, giant-size engines ... let us in on your secrets. And once more, don't forget to put your AMA card at the impound when you take out a frequency pin. It's easier to keep track of who has them out.

### AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

We continue to improve our web site. If you look at the bottom of the column on the internet, you will find that the earlier newsletters have been archived. They are as close as your keyboard. When you want to read an earlier edition, just click on it.

We have had several people say that they do not need the hard copies of the newsletters. They are satisfied with reading the letters on the 'Net and, if they need to, they make their own copies. This is an important cost savings. If you have e-mail, you should consider canceling your hard copy.

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 [axsilvestri@erols.com](mailto:axsilvestri@erols.com).

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

The Club Meeting of Feb. 14 was called to order by Jim Snyder, President. The minutes are as follows:

1. Jim reminded everyone that when flying they should stand clear of the entrances to the flying field, so as not to interfere with planes going in or out.
2. There will be no taxiing in the pits, since this is the established Club policy. To deviate would indicate that we are not in compliance with our own flight procedures, which would not be well-perceived by the AMA.
3. Some of the plastic hold-down frames for the planes are showing signs of ageing. Jim said that he would fabricate some new ones out of copper tubing.
4. Spill-over of the fuel tanks is killing the grass. It is suggested that members be more careful, or use bottles to catch the over flow.
5. It was agreed to include a raffle prize for the Open House to cover some of the expenses. Stanley Dill will get a complete airplane, engine and radio set for the drawing.
6. Steve Snyder said he got a response from the Havre de Grace Parks and Rec regarding our proposal for the Tydings property. They did not respond to our concern that we may be close to some housing. Their position is simply that MAOA is not in the future plans for Swan Farm. They indicate that the Mullins property is available. But it's the Club's position that



**"Achille's Flying Circus"**

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Achille Silvestri presented "Achille's Flying Circus". It's a 70-inch 4-Star 60 severely modified to look like a WWI plane, complete with Maltese crosses and machine gun. The original 4-Star 60 is an excellent flyer. Hopefully, the radical changes will not hurt its performance.

this land is too small and might be prone to vandalism. Steve will try to get clarification regarding the Tydings property.

#### **SHOW AND TELL ...**

Tom Obringer brought in his Stinger 120. Another fabrication of the Jim Snyder Aeroworks Corp. It has an 80-inch wingspan and is powered with an OS BGX-1 3500-cc engine. A handsome model finished in red and blue



**Tom Obringer with His Stinger 120**

#### **REMINDER ...**

You must have your 2002 AMA card to fly at the field. Club dues for 2002 must be paid by March 31st. If you are not paid up by then, you are no longer considered a member; and when you sign up again, you must start as a new member and pay all the initiation fees. Do it now, don't procrastinate.

#### **ON TO TOLEDO ...**

Tom Obringer likes to go to the Toledo RC Show. He usually goes with someone and shares expenses. If you are interested in going, give him a call or e-mail: Ph 410-282-3862, [TPOBRIN@aol.com](mailto:TPOBRIN@aol.com). The show runs from April 5-7.



**Tom Smith with His Giant Stinger**

#### **FROM THE PITS ...**

It's February and we're still getting some great flying days. The road into the field has been good because of the continuing drought. Caught Tom Smith flying his Giant Stinger. It has an 84-inch wingspan ... scratch built by Tom. It's powered by a G-62. An excellent flyer.

Are you like me? Do you sometimes tense up at the flight line? Does the transmitter start to vibrate in your hands? On the other hand, have you ever seen Jerry Thompson with his transmitter, casually sitting in his lawn chair? ... on its back legs, just rocking gently back and forth. Now that's a relaxed flyer. He looks like the casual Southern gentleman ... that's class.

#### **SELL-BUY-TRADE ...**

Sale: G-38, New in the Box. Cup mount, spring starter, kill switch, Pitts muffler and an 18/10 Zinger prop. Contact Bob Wood, Ph 410-939-9331.

#### **TIME TO GAS UP ...**

Don't forget, Tom Obringer will be taking fuel orders at the March and April meetings. He'll deliver them at the May meeting. Check your [last newsletter](#) for details.



**Jerry Thompson, the Gentleman Flyer****GREAT WEB SITES ...**

The United States Centennial of Flight Commission has posted [www.centennialofflight.gov](http://www.centennialofflight.gov). It's to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC. First class: pictures, historical documents, and history of aviation and aerospace. Good stuff! Also, Dan Bowman found a great web site for background on RC planes. Go to [www.diy.net](http://www.diy.net). Go to DIY Program Guide. Click on Mar. 3, click on 10:00 pm, click on RCH-101. (Or use this [direct link](#).) There's a whole section on RC planes, especially good for new pilots.

**ABOUT MAOA ...**

MAOA meets the second Thursday of the month at the Churchville Recreation Center. Visitors are welcome. We fly at Swan Harbor Farm. Take Oakington Road off of US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs. Bring an airplane and visit with us. Membership information can be obtained from Dan Bowman, 410-272-4251, [FLYERDCB@aol.com](mailto:FLYERDCB@aol.com).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Mar 9, 2002	Central Penn Aeromodelers Assn Flea Market, Lebanon, PA. Ph 717-960-8170
Mar 14, 2002	Club meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm
Mar 16, 2002	Hanover Radio Control Flying Club Swap Meet and Auction, Mechanicsville, VA. Ph 804-737-2175, email: <a href="mailto:wnalexander@hotmail.com">wnalexander@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:dmplmp@aol.com">dmplmp@aol.com</a>
Apr 5-7, 2002	Toledo RC Show, Toledo, OH. <a href="http://www.toledoshow.com">www.toledoshow.com</a>
Apr 6, 2002	Tri-County Wingsnappers Flea Market, Hamburg, PA., Ph 610-683-6128, email: <a href="mailto:dave@early.com">dave@early.com</a>
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: <a href="mailto:artvail@erols.com">artvail@erols.com</a>
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, <a href="mailto:Snyder@ups.com">Snyder@ups.com</a>

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