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**Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 14, 7:00 at Churchville Rec Center. Very important issues to be voted on! Bring something for Show and Tell!**

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Nov. 14 will be a very important meeting. Everyone who can, should be there. We have a motion to revise our fee schedule for membership, and another motion to change the name of the Club. In addition, we want to propose a list of candidates for officers for the 2003 season. I know you all want the best people for the job. So come on out. All these things will affect your interaction with the Club.



**Achille Silvestri's Focke Wulf**

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

We had our first meeting of the off season at the Churchville Rec Center. I had forgotten what a nice facility that is. Jim Snyder, the President, opened the meeting of October 10 at 7:00 pm. The minutes are as follows:

1. A large discussion was undertaken regarding the cutting of grass. It was estimated that the main runway and the alternate runway could be done by a contractor for \$60 a cut. At approximately 26 cuts per season, this comes to about \$1,560. It was proposed that the following fee schedule be implemented to cover the grass cutting and bring up to date



**Bob Walker with the Ultrasport 1000**

some other financial issues. A motion was made that we adopt a one-time initiation fee of \$25 for new members and a \$50 annual fee for all members. (The fee for the mower is eliminated.) All members under 18 would only pay a \$1 membership fee. Applicants after September 1 would pay a reduced fee of \$25, but would still pay the one-time initiation fee of \$25. Anyone who has not renewed his membership by March 31 would have to reapply as a new member. This is a motion on the floor to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

2. There was a discussion regarding the renaming of the Club to be more user friendly. A motion was made to rename the Club, "Swan Harbor RC". This is a motion on the floor to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting. Other proposals will be considered.

3. Next meeting we need to come up with a slate of candidates for officers for the 2003 season. Come and make your nomination before someone nominates you.

4. It was approved to make it a mandatory Club policy that all transmitters have a frequency flag with the channel number prominently displayed.

5. The date of the Christmas party is December 15. (This will also be our meeting day for December, at which time the new Club officers will be elected.) Steve Snyder will get a party tray. It is requested that all Club members bring in a

covered dish ... of what? ... surprise us!

6. Steve will send a letter to Parks and Rec advising them of our planned activities at Swan Harbor for 2003. Two major dates are: Skyfest Open House - June 7, and Giant Scale IMAA - Sep 13.

7. It was approved to spend up to \$200 for fertilizing and seeding.

8. Steve sent a letter to James Harkins, County Executive, offering our support as our thanks for his help in the past. Steve reminded everyone that this being election season, we may wish to bear in mind County officials, such as James Harkins, Robert Wagner and Veronica Chenowith, who have been friendly towards our Club in the past.

9. It was approved, as a trial run, that \$60 be allocated to have the contractor do one cutting of the field this season.

10. It was approved to present Dan McCoy, our web master, with a \$50 gift certificate to Giovanni's Restaurant for maintaining our Newsletter on the internet. Achille Silvestri will take care of this item.

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



**Scott Russell and the Cap 232**



**Paul Cook with Ted's Mustang**

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

Achille Silvestri showed his newly built Focke Wulf Fw190 D9. It is one of the newly released Top Flite Gold Edition Warbird kits. The Fw190 D9 has a 63-inch wingspan, and will fly with a 2-cycle OS 61. The Fw190 D9 was a replacement for the Messerschmidt 109 in WWII. The original Fw190 D9 had certain stability problems, which were corrected by elongating the fuselage. Top Flite incorporated this feature into the model. The odd-looking fuselage is scale and not an artifact of Achille's errant building skills.

Jim Snyder is nearing completion of another great looking SIG clipped-wing Cub. It's still in the bones, but knowing Jim's skills and speed, it won't be long before we see it out at the field. He's going to power it with a Fuji 32.

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

Caught Bob Walker flying his Ultrasport 1000. It's from a Great Planes kit, has an 80-inch wingspan, and is powered by an MDS 1.48 with a JTEC Snuffer. Very nice building job.

Scott Russell was flying a 73-inch wingspan Cap 232 powered with a MOKI 1.8 engine. Smooth flyer and very acrobatic.

Paul Cook brought an old friend of ours from out of the past. He was flying Ted Stanley's Mustang from the Harford County Radio Control Modelers. For having changed hands several times, it still looks good. It has an 88-inch wing, and is powered by a Quadra 42. Paul is still in the process of tuning it up. It's not flying at peak yet, but I suspect it soon will be.

JUST SUPPOSE WE CHANGED THE NAME OF THE CLUB, WOULDN'T THIS BE A GREAT LOGO?



**Wouldn't this be a great logo?**

#### **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](mailto:FLYERDCB@aol.com). To learn more about MAOA, go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 2, 2002	Auction and Swap Meet, Delaware RC Club, Inc., Newark, DE. For info, Dick Stewart Ph 302-368-2911
Nov 14, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm
Feb 8, 2003	Westminster Aero Modelers Flea Market, Westminster VFW Hall, Poole Road, Westminster, MD. Ed Bradley 410-635-6436, <a href="mailto:ENCB3@Bellatlantic.net">ENCB3@Bellatlantic.net</a> .
Jun 7, 2003	MAOA Skyfest Open House, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.
Sep 13, 2003	MAOA Giant Scale IMAA Fly In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.

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