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*Meeting: Thursday, April 11th, 7:00 pm, at the Churchville Rec Center*

### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Editor: The Chief is chasing around the Southwest. Hopefully, he'll report back soon with all the good things he discovered.

### AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

Per agreement at the Club meeting, it was decided in the future to mail hard copies of the newsletter only to individuals who do not have access to the Internet. A significant savings can be realized by the Club. Anyone who has Internet and would still like a hard copy need only to give me a call. This month, however, we will make a general mailing to everyone, because we are enclosing a copy of the Club roster.

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. Please note that my e-mail address has changed to [axsilvestri@earthlink.net](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net).

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

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

1. The Editor recommended, and the membership agreed, that in the future hard copies of the newsletters would be mailed only to members without Internet service. A significant savings would be realized by the Club. Anyone who wants a hard copy in the mail in spite of having Internet need only request it from the Editor.
2. Jim Snyder has the raffle prize for our Skyfest (open house) which Stanley Dill acquired. Jim will put the airplane together for Skyfest.
3. Steve Snyder will make up the raffle tickets.
4. Steve will complete our documentation for AMA for 2002.
5. Jim described our Skyfest to an inquiry received from the Boy Scouts.
6. Tom Smith started making up some new airplane hold-downs out of copper. Jim plans to complete them.
7. Steve reported on a meeting that he and Jim had with Parks and Receptions personnel regarding our future at Swan Harbor. "Parks" said there are two options open to us. We could go to the Tydings property on another temporary move or we could go to the Mullins landfill which could become a permanent site. While "Parks" says that both options are open, they clearly prefer that we go to the Mullins landfill. They acknowledge that because of its previous history, much more work would be required to prepare the Mullins site. They hint that they would take care of that. It's not clear how much assistance they would provide in a move to Tydings or the landfill. They did not seem to think that noise was a factor at the Tydings property. In either case they promised we would not have to move until a new area is ready. There was a general



**Joe Nixon and the Rascal 40**

uneasiness about the Mullins property and the Club voted that we pursue the use of the Tydings property.

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

Joe Nixon brought in Sig's "Rascal 40". This is an ARF with a 72-inch wingspan ... kind of looks like a trainer. It's probably the nicest looking and best constructed ARF out there ... outstanding workmanship. Joe has it powered with an OS .52 4-stroke. It's an excellent flyer



**Jim Snyder with Something Extra**

that moves like a well-oiled machine.

Jim Snyder showed his latest gem ... Sig's "Something Extra". It's another example of Jim's outstanding work. It's finished in Monokote and powered with an OS .46 ... waiting to see this baby fly.

#### **THAT LEBANON PROJECT ...**

Wow, did you go to the Lebanon flea market! That place was so crowded no one goes there anymore (sorry Yogi). It was the most crowded I have ever seen it. You didn't have to walk, the crowd just took you along, hopefully, somewhere near where you wanted to go. Still, it was fun to catch up with old friends and old airplanes. Harford County was very well represented.

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

You must have your 2002 AMA card to fly at the field. Club fees for 2002 were due March 31st. If you have not paid up, you are no longer a member in good standing.



**Leo Behr and the Scratchbuilt**

#### **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.

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

I caught Leo Behr at the field. He was flying an original design, scratch-built sport flyer. It has an 82-inch wingspan, and is powered with a Sachs 3.2 gas engine. Great flyer. And have you seen Leo's hand-carved rock maple propellers!

Rodney Abrahams was flying a Tower "Up roar 40". The plane is equipped with a K&B ABC tuned muffler. Great acrobatics.

The recent rain has started to collect into some puddles in the driveway. Use your judgment in driving around them so as not to gouge the drive too badly.

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

Don't forget, Tom Obringer will be taking fuel orders at the April meeting. He'll deliver them at the May meeting.

**LET'S CLEAN UP ...**

Leo Behr gave me an excellent formulation to clean up airplanes. Simply mix together 40-oz water, 8-oz isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol), 4-oz ammonia and 2 tbs of dishwashing detergent. I've tried it. Works great. Cheap too!

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH ...**

Per Ron Stahl, "I only fly jets, propellers cut your fingers."

**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). To learn more about MAOA, go to [www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp](http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp) and click onto January 2001.



**Rodney Abrahams and the Prooar 40**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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>
Apr 11, 2002	MAOA Club Meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm
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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