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Club meeting February 13, 7:00 pm, Churchville Rec Center. Bring something for Show and Tell.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Hey, we'd like to get some hats for our Club. We want to come up with a logo for them which will carry our new image as Swan Harbor. How about some of you "artistes" out there come up with something to put on the hats. Maybe there will be a prize. See the minutes.



Bernie Gerber and the Slotter

SWAN HARBOR RC IN PRINT ...

Model Airplane News, March 2003, p. 24, carried a highlight of one of Achille Silvestri's airplanes in their "Pilot Projects" column. It's a Sig 4 Star .60 that Achille bashed into looking like a WWI fighter. He made the fuselage a little deeper, changed to an open cockpit, and of course added a machine gun. He added large antique wheels, modified the ailerons and tail feather, and it looks like von Richthofen could have flown it ... flies good on a Supertigre .75.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of January 9th at 7:00 pm at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Dan Bowman reported that 37 members have already signed up for 2003.
2. Jim Snyder reported that we had a great Christmas party with a nice turnout. Those who missed it should reconsider next year.
3. Jim and Steve Snyder participated in some meetings of the Havre de Grace Rec Council. Jim and Steve brought up issues of roads, upgrades and the future of the site. Rec personnel promised to raise our concerns at the County level meetings of the Recreation Council.
4. Bob Steininger will review the status of our big mower to determine what maintenance may be required.
5. A Club Fun Fly is scheduled for April 27th. What's a fun fly ... whatever you want it to be ... have



Rich Hodges, Jim Snyder and the Stinson

some stupid competitions and give out some goofy prizes. My kind of day. Starts when you get there.

6. It was agreed to rent a Spot-a-Pot for May through Sep. This will cover our main events when the public (which is more delicate than we) is likely to come.

7. Tom Smith is the action guy in charge of preparing our field for next season. He is authorized to spend up to \$200.

8. Last, but no way the least, the Club wants to buy hats. We'd like to come up with a logo for the hats that carries the Swan Harbor image.

How about some of you really talented guys come up with some proposals...drawings, sketches, computer generated, whatever ... maybe the administration will give you a reward.

9. It was announced that the RCMB Club is sponsoring a bus trip to the WRAM Show. If you are interested call George Beck, ph 1-410-788-2702.

These are the minutes of record. Any questions or changes should be directed to Achille Silvestri, ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

SHOW AND TELL ...

We had a good show and tell at the Club meet ... lots of fun to see what guys are working on. Bring something in, get your picture in the funny papers.

We had something unusual from Bernie Gerber, he always surprises. He rigged up one of the Great Planes slot cutters with a small Sears drill stand to make a semi-automatic slotting machine for ailerons, elevators and rudders. Dastardly clever.

The Jim Snyder Aeroworks and Storm Door Co. produced another incredible airplane. Jim built a Stinson Reliant SR-9 under contract to Rich Hodges. It's a beautiful reproduction just like the Top-Flite model in the catalogs. This is a big plane. The Stinson has a 100.5 inch wingspan and will fly with Quadra 42.



Ron Fortner and the Red Cub

Ron Fortner, our Piper Cub specialist showed a new Goldberg Piper J3. The plane is very nicely built and covered in brilliant red Monokote, little surprising, but refreshing for a Cub. Ron will fly on an OS 48 4-cycle Surpass.

Achille Silvestri brought in a scratch-built Bleriot. It follows the general overall dimensions of a Sig 4Star 60. The Bleriot is a very loose copy of the famous plane that made the first heavier than air craft to fly over the English Channel in 1910. The plane will fly on an OS 2-cycle 61. The changes from the 4 Star 60 are significant. The initial flights should be interesting.

FROM THE PITS ... Tom Smith

The field looks good (Jan 22). Too bad it's sooo cold. It appears that a few people have driven down the road, but no damage has been done to the road or field. The ground is so frozen nothing can penetrate it.

If this weather does not break, not only will I not get to fly in every month of the year since 1993, but I will run out of planes to build. I now have a twin Witchcraft, a Goldberg Bucker Jungman and my latest version of my Canard to try out. In a couple of more days I will have a Goldberg Extra as well.

Bring on global warming.



Achille and the Bleriot

IN THE NEWS ...

Model Aviation, Feb. 2003, p.79, carries a nice write-up on Andy Kane and his giant PA-18 Super Cub. It's the same one he flew at our open house. Check out our October newsletter.

SWAN HARBOR RC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ...

Submit your application for 2003 any time. Remember, you have a grace period until March 31st. After that you must join again as a new member and pay the \$25 initiation fee. You don't want to do that.

AMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ...

Don't forget your AMA membership for 2003 is due. You can't fly without one.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC ...

Swan Harbor RC 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 Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA), go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 8, 2003	Westminster Aero Modelers Flea Market, Westminster VFW Hall, Poole Road, Westminster, MD. Ed Bradley 410-635-6436, ENCB3@Bellatlantic.net .
Feb 13, 2003	Swan Harbor RC club meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm.
Feb 21-23, 2003	WRAM Show, White Plains, NY www.wram.org . Contact George Beck, RCMB, ph 1-410-788-2702, if you're interested in a bus trip.
Mar 8, 2003	Central Penn Aeromodelers Assoc. 23rd Annual Radio Control Flea Market. Lebanon, PA. Rain or shine.
Apr 4-6, 2003	The 49th Toledo Airshow. www.toledoshow.com .

Apr 27, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Club Fun fly. Swan Harbor Flying Field. Starts when you get there.
Jun 7, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.
Sep 13, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Giant Scale IMAA Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.

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