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Swan Harbor RC hosts "Skyfest Open House", June 7th, Swan Harbor Flying Field. Bring anyone who isn't tied down.

Club Meeting, June 12th, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor Flying Field. Come early, bring a plane. There will be snacks.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of May 8 at 7:00 pm at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Tom Smith will be filling in as treasurer for Dan Bowman until Dan is feeling better.
2. The next Club meeting will be at the field at 7:00 pm on June 12. Come early and bring a plane.
3. Don't forget that the date for the Skyfest Open house is June 7. We won't have a raffle, but food and facilities will be available. Bob Walker will be cooking. Jim, Tom Obringer and Steve Snyder will give training flights for visitors.
4. Jim will put in another order for Club hats. These will be of a lighter material.
5. Tom O. will deliver fuel purchases at the June meeting.
6. Steve will have applications for potential new members at the open house.



"Dave" Wykle and the P-51 Mustang



Achille Silvestri and the Wild Goose

7. Dan McCoy, who posts our newsletter on the internet, works for the Edgewood Youth Center. They are having a "Science Week" July 28-Aug 1 and asked if our Club would like to participate by discussing science/theory of flight and doing a static demonstration with our model aircraft. The Club overwhelmingly agreed. Achille Silvestri will coordinate with Dan. Achille will give an overview of flight and RC modeling. Jim will describe RC radios, and John Kocon will discuss model aircraft engines. Tom O. will be available as backup.

8. Tom Smith advanced \$40 to the Secretary for newsletter expenses.

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 ...

William (Dave) Wykle brought in a Hangar 9 P-51 Mustang. It's amazing the beautiful workmanship you get in some ARFs. It has about a 65-inch wingspan. Dave has a 150 SAITO 4-stroke on it. Enough power? ... hope Dave doesn't get sucked into the prop wash.

Achille Silvestri brought in his latest in the constant reconstruct of the Sig 4Star60 concept. His "Wild Goose" is a scratch built 4Star60 made into a parasol wing plane. He also has a shoulder wing 4Star60 scratch built to look like a 1910 Bleriot. And then there is his low-wing WWI fighter, which is a bashing of a real Sig kit. The Bleriot and the Wild Goose have not flown yet. It will be interesting to see if the difference in mounting of the wings has a significant effect on flight.



Richard Schweiger & Sig Kadet LT-40

DON'T FORGET: JUNE 7 IS THE SWAN HARBOR RC SKYFEST OPEN HOUSE ...

This is one of our two public events. We want to do good. We put notices in all the local papers. Round up everyone you can. Let it be your wife's dinner out. Forgive that nasty brother-in-law and bring him out. Round up all the neighborhood kids (that'll make them bring their mommas and poppas). Anyone not committed for that day must come out. See ya!

FROM THE PITS ...

Meet Richard Schweiger. He's one of our newest members. He's working very hard to get airborne with Tom Smith's tutoring. This day he was flying a Sig Kadet LT-40 with an OS LA46 engine ... good training set up. We expect Richard to do well.



Al Bridges Enters the Twilight Zone

Have you ever seen Al Bridges fly. It's always a treat. He likes to fly them fast, high and hard. Today he was flying a Kaos 60 with a GMS 75 engine. Al pulled off the most incredible stunt I have seen in 13 years of flying. He had that Kaos way up there. Finally, we saw Al looking up but we didn't see the plane. He said, "I don't know where it is. It disappeared. I can't find it." So we waited and all (maybe 6 of us) searched the sky. But no plane was to be seen. We told everyone to shut off their engines so we could listen. Still no plane ... it's hard to say, but by now 1-2 minutes had passed since the plane disappeared. In our hearts most of us had written it off. But, finally, squinting into the bright sky, we saw the glimmer of yellow as the sun played off the plane. It was in the direction of US 40 which was 90 degrees from where Al last saw the plane. Slowly he figured out its orientation and gradually leveled off

and brought it in. Al didn't let on but I suspect he was doing some significant trembling by now. It was like a "Twilight Zone" experience. The plane was there and then it wasn't. The lesson learned ... don't give up on your plane too soon. What an exciting experience.

THURSDAY IS GRASS CUTTING DAY ...

We're still moving to do our own grass cutting. There may be mixed reviews but I think the program is working pretty well. The rain has been very disruptive and making it hard for us to get our act together, but we haven't missed a cut that interfered with our flying. Geez, Al Bridges did the whole job himself one week ... cut both strips, did all the trimming and even raked up ... a Herculean task. We don't want anybody to kill themselves. But if you have some time on Thursdays, how about coming out to help ... no schedules, no commitments. It's not that big a deal. I told you before, it takes three guys about 1-1/2 hours to do the whole job, and it just looks great when it's done ... and there's still plenty of time to fly.

IN APPRECIATION ...

Our sincere thanks to Barbara Snyder, Jim's wife, in completing our Swan Harbor RC flag in time for our open house. It's very attractive and really lends class to our Club.

PICK UP YOUR GAS ...

Tom Obringer will make fuel deliveries at the June meeting.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC ...

Swan Harbor RC meets the second Thursday of the month. During the summer, we meet at our flying field at Swan Harbor at 7:00 pm. 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

May 30-Jun 1, 2003	T.O.C. of Maryland 2003. S.W.A. Park, Baltimore, MD. SWAP Modelers. CD Terence Oliver, Ph 410-744-3057.
Jun 7, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Jim Snyder, Ph 410-256-3299.
July 11-13, 2003	Warbirds Over Delaware. Lums Pond, DE. Delaware RC Club. CD David Malchione, Ph 410-444-3855.
July 19-20, 2003	Mid-Atlantic Warbirds. Essex Sky Park, Baltimore County, MD. Chesapeake Bay Miniature Aircraft Assn. CD George Hammel, Ph 410-285-4105.
Sep 13, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Giant Scale IMAA Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder Ph 410-638-2895.

Sep 20, 2003

Flea market, Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore (RCMB), Parkton, MD.

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