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Club Meeting, Nov 13, 7:00PM, Churchville Rec Center

Two Important Agenda Items: (1) Nominations for Club Officers and (2) Proposal to Buy New Lawn Mower

Bring something for show and tell.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS..

We began our off season meetings at the Churchville Rec Center. Vice-President Steve Snyder opened the meeting of Oct 9th at 7:00PM (as the President, Jim Snyder was on the road again). The minutes are as follows:



**Earl McMullen and the
Twin Engine Rascal**

1. It was suggested, in view of the rain out of our two major events this year, that we consider rain dates next year. This may be alright for the Open House but would not be acceptable for the Giant Scale which is an AMA sanctioned event and is limited to one day.
2. Since we learned that Dan McCoy, our present Webmaster, is no longer able to maintain our website we scurried around for ways to maintain our own website. Steve, our very capable, multi-talented VP offered to be our Webmaster. He has procured a domain site for the Club and loaded the Oct newsletter. Our new website location is www.SwanHarborRC.com. You can use it now. The cost will be \$28 annually; it would cost us twice that to make a single hard copy mailing. We also appreciate the help of Sam Harbold, Harford County Radio Control Modelers, who facilitated the transfer of our archived newsletters to the new site. It was recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dan for maintaining our website for the past two years. (This has been done).
3. Our membership is up to 64. We picked up 7 from our Giant Scale non-event.
4. Steve will have new membership cards for next year.
5. There was more discussion about a lawn mower. No promising leads were found for used mowers. A Sears mower with a 50 inch cut (\$1995) still looks like a promising candidate. Some discussion was held as to how to pay for the mower if it was decided to buy one. A motion was made to levy a one time, \$20 assessment on each member. The vote will be held

at the November meeting to allow everyone a chance to respond and participate in this action.



Gary Herrshberger Directs the Laser 200

plan to use channel 60 at their site, they would leave a note in our impound box indicating that channel is in use for that day. Guardian Angel is project worthy of the Club's support. It was voted to set aside channel 60. Anyone buying a new radio might want to avoid this channel in the future.

7. A motion was made to allow up to \$200 to fertilize the field. Tom Smith graciously agreed to be point man for this action.
8. A room at the Rec Center has been reserved for December 7 from 12:00 till 4:00 pm for our annual Christmas party; more info to come.
9. Nominations were opened for Club officers for 2004. And the lucky candidates so far are:
 - Steve Snyder President
 - Jim Snyder Vice-President
 - Achille Silvestri Sect'y/Newsletter
 - Dan Bowman Treasurer
 - Bob Steininger Safety Officer
 - Tom Smith Member-at-Large
 - Bob Walker Member-at-Large

Additional nominations will be accepted at the November meeting. Write-ins are also acceptable. Elections will be held at the Christmas party.

10. It was agreed to have an Open House next year, date to be determined. It is also planned to have a Giant Scale Fly-in.

These are the minutes of record. Any questions or changes should be directed to Achille Silvestri, ph410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

SHOW AND TELL...

Tom Insley brought in a very good looking Laser 200. It's from a Lanier kit and powered with 1.08 Magnum...nice building job. Gene Clark brought in a

6. Drew Wilkerson of APG gave a brief overview of the tests he would like to run at our field in support of Guardian Angel. Guardian Angel is a project directed towards the development of reconnaissance systems utilizing coordinated aerial and ground unmanned vehicles. His group would like to use channel 60 for the aerial testing. Because they also have a flight site at APG, it is important that flights on channel 60 be coordinated so that there be no interfering events. Thus, whenever, APG personnel



Tom Insley and the Laser 200

beautiful scale RC model Harley-Davidson motorcycle, a notable diversion.

THE MULTI-TALENTED STEVE SNYDER...



The Multi-Talented Steve Snyder

From the first time I met Steve I was always impressed with his range of skills, he flies good, builds great planes... but a lot of our guys do that. The thing with Steve is that he has additionally demonstrated excellent leadership in assuming many of the Club's duties. He has served as President, is current Vice-President, coordinates many Club activities with AMA and has served as Contest Director for our Giant Scale events. Most recently, when we found ourselves searching for a new Webmaster to keep our Club on the internet, it was Steve who stepped forward to be our Webmaster and got us set up on a website of our own.

Where do you find such people? Well, Steve's homegrown, right out of Perry Hall and locally schooled. Did you know he has a Master's in Computer Science from Johns

Hopkins?...no mean feat. He's one of our members who actually works and is currently a Project Manager with UPS. His dad, Jim Snyder got him started in aero modeling at a very young age flying gliders at Oregon Ridge. They still work on cooperative projects. Their present one is a 101 inch, twin-engined B25. This is an awesome project which will include many of Steve's and his dad's novel modifications and designs.

Steve's favorite planes are Extra 300s and Caps. He presently flies a Carden Extra 300 (Patty Wagstaff) and Cap 232 (Matt Chapman).

Steve has this about RC modeling. He says that ARFs are great for the beginner or someone with limited time, but to fully appreciate the hobby you have to get in there and build some models... cut some wood, smell some glue. Regarding the future he says, "Although I like the roar of a good gas engine, I think some day we are going to be forced more and more into silent electric airplanes". This certainly seems to be the case at least back east for us.

And finally, he says, "I think this hobby is at its best when people take time to share knowledge". Steve's an excellent asset to RC modeling.

FROM THE PITS...

We recently acquired a new member who has been amazing everyone at the field with his flying skills. Tom Moyer joined our Club several weeks ago. He's 16 and a Junior at Harford Tech. He's studying as a machinist but is also capable of soldering, welding and brazing. I told Tom, they're going to love you here, they're breaking stuff all the time. The first time at the field Dan Bowman took him up a couple of times in his Stinger. Dan said he really flew very well. The next time Tom came out he took off and landed his plane by himself. His plane is a 55 inch "Breitling" Cap 232, not a pussy cat and definitely not a trainer. On his fourth flight he started doing loops and rolls. By his 5th and 6th flights he was doing 4-point rolls and inverted flights around the field. He said he learned it all on a flight simulator. Just amazing.

Caught Gary Herrshberger flying a Laser 200. It has a 96 inch wing and is powered by a Zenoah G-62... beautiful building job by Gary.

Earl McMullen, one of our new members, has modified a Sig Rascal to fly with twin MDS78 engines. It's a 110 inch ARF that just flies beautifully with the twins...it just hums along.

SALE ITEMS...

Hangar 9 Cessna, without engine or radio, asking \$100.
Tom Insley, Ph (410) 671-9185.



Tom Moyer Our Flying Phenom

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets the second Thursday of the month. Off season we meet at Churchville Rec. Center, Glenville Road, Churchville. The public is welcome to the meetings. To fly with us at Swan Harbor take Oakington Road off US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs for Swan Harbor Farm. 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 www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 1, 2003	Auction and Swap Meet. Shue Middle School, Newark, DE. Sponsor Delaware RC Club Inc. Dick Stewart Ph 302-368-2911. E-mail balticply@aol.com
Nov. 13, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM, Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, Churchville
Dec.7, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Club Christmas Party and Elections, 12:00PM, Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, Churchville

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