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**Club meeting, May 8th, 7:00 pm, Churchville Rec Center. Bring something for Show and Tell.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...**

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of April 10 at 7:00 pm at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Dan Bowman reported that we now have 55 members signed on for the 2003 season.

2. Jim brought in the hats with the famous flying goose logo designed by Steve Snyder. They really look good. They cost \$13. Fifteen of the two dozen ordered have gone already. We can have as many made on an as-needed basis. Jim and Steve also modeled green T-shirts with the goose logo placed over the pocket. Very smart looking. These will go for \$22. Jim will place orders as needed.

3. Jim presented a report by Stanley Dill, CD for the Club Fun Fly scheduled for Sunday, April 27. Stan says everything's in motion, prizes have been ordered, and games are being planned. Jim says we'll have the usual hotdogs and sodas. And Earl Harris says we will also have chicken wings and fresh made french fries. (You haven't eaten good food until you eat what these guys cook at the field.)



**Tom Smith with the Bucker Jungmeister**



**Bob Walker and the Ultrasport Plus**

4. The driveway into the field continues to be a problem. The field is usually in pretty good shape, but getting to it is another matter, the driveway just retains water. Steve will approach Parks and Rec one more time to see what, if any, options are available to us. He'll try to get some guidance as to what they might do to help us or, absent that, what are we permitted to do for ourselves to fix the drive.

5. The subject of field maintenance was raised again. In the light of day, it becomes increasingly clear that using a commercial firm to cut the grass may be beyond the resources of the Club. The mood still prevails that with a little cooperation and dedication we could still maintain our own field. How badly do you want to fly? A tentative agreement was reached that Thursday would be grass cutting day. If you have some time on Thursday, why don't you come and help out. Tom Smith is point for this action.

6. It was agreed to hold the May meeting at the Churchville Rec Center. After that, we will meet out at the field.

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](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net).

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

We had an excellent turnout for the Show and Tell. There were only built-up planes, no ARF's for these guys. Tom Smith brought in two gems. The first was a 60-inch wingspan Goldberg Bucker Jungmeister Bipe powered by an OS 160 2-cycle engine. Enough power, Tom? His second beauty was a Goldberg Extra powered with a Webra 120 2-cycle engine.

Bob Walker brought in a very pretty Great Planes Ultrasport 40 Plus. It's powered with an OS FX 46.

Under contract to Tom Obringer, Jim Snyder built a Balsa USA giant 1913 Taube. (That means the dove, of course. That's almost like a goose). It will have an OS 91 4-stroke. The plane is only completed in the "bones". The hand-off was made to Tom, who will complete the covering, installation of hardware, and final tuning.



**Stan Dill, CD Club Fun Fly**

None of these planes has been flown, of course. This should be a very exciting season at the field.

#### **THURSDAY IS GRASS CUTTING DAY ...**



**Earl Harris, "King of the Chicken Wings"**

Check out the minutes. We want to try to maintain the field ourselves. Thursday has been designated grass cutting day. We want to do this in an informal manner, no schedule, no signing up. If you have some time to spare, why not come out on Thursday and help with the cutting. With two mowers and a weedeater going, it doesn't take that long. We tried it once already. We did both strips, the pit area and the spectator area complete with trimming in about an hour and a half. There was still time for flying. Looks workable. Come out about noontime.

#### **TIME TO FUEL UP ...**

Tom Obringer will take orders for fuel at the May meeting and make deliveries at the June meeting. Last year the prices were \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$11 for 5%, 10% and 15% nitro, respectively. The fuel contains 18% synthetic and 2% castor lubrication unless otherwise indicated. Only case lots will be sold. If you want less, why don't you buddy up with a friend. Hopefully, the prices will be the same as last years.

#### **CLUB FUN FLY (Sunday, April 27, 2003) ...**

Stanley Dill did a great job of organizing the fun fly.

Unfortunately, mother nature was unkind. Although it was a bright and sunny day, the winds were gusting over 20 miles per hour. This put a cramp on some of the games that Stan had planned. For example, if you tried to clip the balloon and missed it on the first pass it was out over the bay before you had



**Sean Ellis and the Flying Pizza Box**

another shot at it. Still, there was a nice turnout and we got a lot of flying in ... just more challenging.

But Club fun day is not just about flying. It's about gourmet dining. Our magic chefs did everything: hot chicken wings and fresh made french fries cooked in peanut oil, hot dogs, lots of sodas and even some of that fancy mineral water. And for dessert there were mini-eclairs and giant cashew nuts. Our thanks to all the chefs, Earl Harris "King of the Chicken Wings", Steve Snyder, Jim Snyder, John Kocon, Tim Getz and anyone else who burned his hand in the peanut oil.

Enough, you say. But no! After all that, Sean Ellis was feeling so good he flew the pizza box from Pizza Hut.



**A Day at Swan Harbor**

Club fun fly is a great event. Don't miss it again.

#### **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](mailto: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**

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| May 3-4, 2003      | Wilford/Malchione Memorial Fly-In. Giant to park flyer. Lums Pond, DE. Delaware RC Club. CD David Malchione, Ph 610-444-3855. |
| 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.

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