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**Club Meeting August 12th, 7:00PM , Swan Harbor Flying Field
Come Early, Get Some Flights and Good Eats**

FLASH: Club Fish and Chips Fry, Sunday, August 15, 1:00PM (see notes)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Had a great turnout for the monthly meet. I think the news about the good eats is getting out. Steve Snyder, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. Steve said that the notice for our Giant Scale Fly-in for September has already been posted by Model Aviation.
2. Steve has made self stick Club logos. He made small ones which he will attach to the frequency pins and larger ones which will be distributed to members. The Club will absorb the costs.
3. Dan Bowman reports that we are up to 66 members. Recently we took on two flyers who will be in the neighborhood only through the summer. Danny gave them a part time membership for \$25 each. Good relations.
4. Several issues were brought up which dealt with the appearance and safety of our field. We are prideful of our field and want it to look good and be safe to fly.



Scott Russell and the Decathlon

Please accept the suggestions with the good will that is intended:

- ▶ Ours is a trash free zone. Whatever you bring in, take out with you. This includes cigarette butts.
- ▶ Let's not sit on the fencing. It's sagging badly and is difficult to straighten.
- ▶ Let's not fly standing on the air strip. It's dangerous and not in accordance with the Field Rules.
- ▶ Finally, we've had a couple of close calls with airplanes getting dangerously close to the pit and spectator areas. This is absolutely not acceptable. If you are in need of assistance or are uncomfortable flying alone, don't hesitate to ask for help. There are plenty of flyers who are ready to help.

5. Tom Obringer is ready to make a fuel run. See details in the Newsletter.
6. The pipeline to keep the lower end of the parking area drained has been put off until the fall.
7. Achille Silvestri will re-type the Field Rules and make them available to members.
8. Approval was given to buy a new grill. Jim Snyder will purchase odds and ends, dishes, cups, forks, napkins, etc, which have been depleted by our popular eat and fly Club meetings.

If you had any questions or changes regarding the minutes please direct them to Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.



Warbirds Over Delaware

WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE...

by Sam Harbold

On Saturday, July 10th, we made our annual trip to Warbirds Over Delaware. We arrived at Lums Pond around 9:30 AM and the place was packed. It looked like it was going to be a great day. The weather was about as perfect as one could ask for in July - mid to upper 80s and relatively low humidity. There were 189 pilots with 315 aircraft from 15 states and Canada. Planes were flying when we arrived and showed no signs of stopping when we left around 4:40 PM. The only break in flying was at noon when they had a full scale T28 fly over. After the T28 departed the airspace, they taxied out several large aircraft one of which was a Boeing Stratocruiser. This plane was BIG - 180 inch wingspan, weighed in at 85 lbs and was flying on an AMA waiver. If you want to see some of the planes at this year's fly-in, here is a link to a few photos that I took throughout the day. Hope to see you there next year.

<http://www.odysseywood.us/wod2004>

Editor's note: Sam Harbold is a long time member of Harford County Radio Control Modelers. He has served the club many years as Treasurer and Vice-President. He is limited as to how much time he can spend on RC modeling because he is very busy running Odyssey Wood Products. Odyssey Wood Products produces a variety of specialty trim pieces which Sam markets to builders in this area. As is obvious from the photos he has become quite an expert digital photographer. Additionally, Sam is a very proficient computer "geek", he is expert in all aspects of the field including several websites which he maintains for his hobbies and work. Still, he finds time to be a member of WeatherMatrix, an online organization of amateurs and professionals who track weather data by monitoring weather satellites. Sam is also an amateur astronomer who longs one day to build his own observatory. Knowing his dedication, I'm sure one day he will...he's a real Renaissance man. A special thanks to Sam for sharing his warbirds photos with us.



Sam Harbold

FISH AND CHIPS FRY, August 15, 1:00PM Sunday at the field...

You don't want to miss this one. Randy Marlin caught a batch of fish which he wants to donate to a Club fish fry. John Kocon will be the chief cook in charge and will prepare and batter the fish. His "Ace" assistants, Tim Getz and Earl Harris, will prepare the fries and take over the cooking. THIS CLUB FLIES ON ITS STOMACH! Donation for sodas, etc. will be accepted.



Sean Ellis and the Sukhoi

fuel. Hugh says with a 16 oz. tank he can easily get six minutes flying time, ouch.

FROM THE PITS....

Saw Scott Russell flying a beautiful looking giant Decathlon. Another masterpiece built by the Jim Snyder-Amelia Earhart Airplane and Storm Door Manufacturing Co., Inc. It's an excellent flyer with a Fuji 32.

Ed Coleman was flying a very nice 1/4 scale Giles 202. It's a Great Planes ARF with a 72 inch wingspan and powered with a Fuji 32... good flyer.

Sean Ellis and his dad Hugh were flying a very unusual looking Morris Hobbies giant profile Sukhoi. It's powered with an OS BGX1, 2.1 cubic inch engine running on glow

TIME TO FUEL UP...

Tom Obringer is canvassing for a fuel run. He's picking up only case lots... more than you need?... double up with a buddy. The estimated costs are: 5% - \$36, 10% - \$40, 15% - \$44 per case. He'll take orders at the next Club meeting. If you don't think you will be there you can reach Tom on 410-282-3862 or e-mail TPOBRIN@aol.com. Deliveries will be made August at the Mars parking lot in Aberdeen.

ON A SAD NOTE...

Pete Mirabella, a long time member of this Club, died of heart failure July 14 in Orlando, FA where he had retired. He still made it a point to stop by and visit whenever he was up this way. He liked to keep in touch with Club activities through the Newsletter and e-mail. It's sad, Pete was a good guy.

THURSDAY IS GRASS CUTTING DAY...

It's not always possible to do the grass cutting on Thursday because of the erratic weather changes and rapid growth of the grass. Thursday is still our main focus, but if you're out there on another day you can still help out. Everybody was very proud of the appearance of the field during our Open House.

FOR SALE...

PT19 Inavation (built from kit), 82 inch wingspan, G38 with all servos, fiberglass fuselage with foam wings. No radio or batteries. \$600. Jim Snyder Ph 410-256-3299.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets the second Thursday of the month. During the flying season we meet at our flying field at Swan Harbor. 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/ and click onto January 2001



Ed Coleman and the Giles 202

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 12, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM. Swan Harbor Field
Aug 15, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Fish and Chips Fry. Swan Harbor Flying Field. Noontime
Aug 27,28,29, 2004	Bealeton Fly In at Bealeton VA. See. www.bealetonflyin.com for more details. Sponsored by DC/RC http://www.dc-rc.org
Sept 11, 2004	Swan Harbor Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. Registration at 9:00AM, Flying at 9:30AM.
Sept 19, 2004	Warbirds Scale Rally, PGRC

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