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*Club Meeting Jan 8, 7:00PM
Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, Churchville.
Bring Something for Show & Tell*

GENERAL CLUB NEWS..

As a result of our continuing losses in confrontations with the weather man, our annual Christmas Party was cancelled due to inclement weather. And, accordingly, the rescheduling of our Club meeting to the second Thursday of the month was also thwarted, in that, the meeting room at the Rec Center not being reserved, we had to adjourn to McDonalds on Route 22 for our meeting.

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of Dec 11th at McDonalds on Route 22 at 7:30PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. The Christmas party was cancelled as stated above. It was agreed to have a family style picnic in the spring in its place.
2. The Club purchased a tractor at Sears for \$1575. Jim will keep it in his shed at home until the Club shed can be modified to house it.
3. Tom Obringner will start taking fuel orders at the March meeting.
4. The Giant Scale Fly-In is scheduled for Sept 11, 2004. Registration will be at 9:00AM and flying will start at 9:30AM.
5. Steve Snyder submitted paperwork to establish our own IMAA charter for Giant Scale. The fee is \$25.
6. Tony Grigaliunas will help us get fill dirt for the driveway in the Spring.
7. Attempt will be made to lay in an underground pipe at the lower end of the field to aid in drainage.
8. Finally, we completed the much awaited action of the night, the election of new officers to lead us into 2004. It was a landslide. 100% for the nominees, not a single write in. Who would have thought it. Club officers for 2004 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
9. Jim expressed his sincere appreciation for the support given to him by the Club during the two years



*May this Joyous Season surround you
with family and friends.*

he held office.

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



Achille Silvestri Presents RC Modeling to Re-Hi Class of 1951

At the last get together, which was December 4th, Achille was asked to speak on radio controlled airplanes. In his remarks, he reminded everyone that December 17th is the 100th anniversary of controlled, heavier than air flight... the day that the Wright Brothers made history at Kill Devil Hills, NC.

Achille brought his favorite plane, the Snoopy WWI Flying Ace (really a Midwest Starduster) for discussions on RC modeling. This plane has a 65 inch wingspan and is powered by an OS 46 engine. He reviewed the technical aspects of RC modeling and described the many benefits of the hobby as a means of socializing, keeping active and getting out in the fresh air.

While he didn't sign up any new members, everyone seemed to enjoy the discussions on RC modeling.

SHOW AND TELL, The B-25 Story; a Progress Report...

You may recall that in our Newsletter of [March 2003, Vol. 14, No. 3](#), we reported that The Jim and Steve Snyder Storm Door and Aeroworks Factory, Inc. was building a huge North American B-25 bomber. It's the plane made famous by the Jimmy Doolittle raid over Tokyo.

Steve reports that the plane is coming along. They are concentrating on the wings. The tip sections are complete and they are currently working on the center section fitting the gear doors and installing the gear door hinges. They've started on the cowls. They made the mold and as soon as the weather breaks will lay in the glass for the cowls.



Jim Snyder with the Awesome B-25 Bomber

FROM THE PITS: Winter Flying by Tom Smith...



Tom Smith's Ski Plane

It's that time of the year when access to the field is limited and cabin fever affects all of us. Can't get to the field? Go to the Churchville Recreation Center where we have our winter meeting and take advantage of the large area to the rear of the main building. We have been given permission by the manager to use the area subject to the restriction that the major activities there, baseball and soccer, have priority. This is

not a problem this time of the year. There are some baseball backstops to negotiate when flying but it is manageable. Dan

Bowman and I have been utilizing this area in the winter for a number of years. There is a large asphalt parking area, which is cleared of snow before your residential street. You can even practice taking off of the parking area but it's not large enough to land on.

I like to go there in the winter after a snow and do some flying with my homemade skis. The skis are plastic strips cut from a plastic down spout, attached to wooden blocks drilled transversely to accept the wheel axles. They work great. Hope to see you there the next agreeable day (50 degrees, sunny and no wind).

CARE FOR THE FIELD...

Tom Smith reports that some people are driving carelessly on our driveway and spectator/parking area and creating large ruts. Use some sense. If the area is soft and mushy don't go back there. If you do go back there, drive gently. Let's not tear up the place.

FOR SALE...

SF OS 61, 2-cycle and FX OS 61, 2 cycle engines, low mileage. Stanley Dill is presently accepting offers. Ph 410-515-9370 or e-mail ace460@peoplepc.com.

TIME TO RENEW...

It's time to renew your membership. Dan Bowman is always on hand. You have a grace period to March 31, then you have to sign up again as a new member. Don't be late. Otherwise you'll have to pay the \$25 initiation fee again and you don't want that.

Also, be sure to get your 2004 AMA membership. You absolutely need it to fly starting Jan 1. Otherwise you put the Club at risk.

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

Jan 8, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM. Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, Churchville
Feb 7, 2004	15th Annual RC Flea Market. Sponsored by Westminster Aero Modelers, Westminster, Md. For information call Ed Bradley Ph 410-635-6436 or e-mail encb3@bellatlantic.net
Mar 13, 2004	24th Annual Radio Control Flea Market. Sponsored by Central Penn Aeromodelers Assoc., Lebanon, PA. For info call Darryl Ph 717-960-8170

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.

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