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**Club Meeting June 10th, 7:00PM , Swan Harbor Flying Field
Come Early, Get Some Flights and Good Eats**

SKYFEST OPEN HOUSE, June 5th...

Last year was one of our worst years for open events, most were rained out. Hopefully, this year will be better. Our Open House is scheduled for June 5 (rain date June 12). Let's talk it up and get as many of our family, friends and neighbors to come out. We're going to make a major effort to get it covered in the local papers and Cecil County.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS..

This was the first meeting of the year at the flying field. There were hotdogs, fries, sodas, Bob Walker's "famous brownies" and some flying before the meeting. The cost of the food was offset by contributions. President Steve Snyder and Jim Snyder both had commitments; accordingly, Achille Silvestri opened the meeting. The minutes are as follows:

1. Things are in place for the Family Fun Day, May 22.
2. Steve and Jim will get the food for the Skyfest Open House scheduled for June 5. There are some promotional flyers to be distributed. Also, we'll get as much coverage as we can in the local newspapers.
3. The Port-a-Pot is in place. We'll have it through September.
4. Dan Bowman reports we recruited Martin Anderson as our 60th member.



**Bob Walker and John Kocon Enjoying
the Goodies at the Club Meeting**

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

FAMILY FUN DAY, Bob Walker reporting...

On Sunday May 23, the Club finally pulled off an event that was not rained out. Upper 90s and high



humidity accompanied the Club picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries and a few other treats were enjoyed by all. The field was in excellent condition. Tom Smith, Danny Bowman, Jim Snyder, Steve Snyder and others put in a lot of work to get it ready...makes you proud to have such a fine flying field available.

The field was covered with planes, including some that were flown for the first time. Dave Wykle got the OS 91FX running great on his new Hangar 9 Corsair. The covering on this ARF was unbelievable. The true Ultracote fit like a glove...perfectly around all curves. **Family Fun Day with Dave Wykle and His Corsair** and it jumped off the ground in just a few feet. The OS really hauled it. Unfortunately, the engine leaned out and quit. The plane almost made it...going into the tall grass, flipping over and cracking the stab. Just minor damage.

The other plane was Gene Clark's Hangar 9 Cessna 182. This is a beautiful ARF too, powered by a G26 engine. It seemed under powered, but flew very scale like. Before another flight, it was discovered that the engine was about ready to fall off. Sometimes, one is just lucky.

Many thanks to the Snyders for all the shopping.

FROM THE PITS...

Earl McMullen brought his Great Planes Superstearman ARF for our first meeting at the field. Very nice looking plane with a 72 inch wingspan. Earl powers it with a converted 26cc gas engine. Good looking scale flights.

Tim Getz was helping Bob Kleinhen, one of our new members, set up his Kadet LT-40. The Kadet has an OS 46 engine.

Dave Wykle was flying his Pizazz Sport Plane. It's powered with an OS 61, 2-stroke, lots of power with plenty of vertical.



**Tim Getz and Bob Kleinhen
Set Up the Kadet LT-40**

LITHIUM BATTERIES...

There has been some concern recently regarding the safe use of lithium batteries. Dave Brown, President of AMA, highlighted some of the issues in an editorial in the June issue of Model Aviation and Bob Walker got us a copy of some precautions recommended by the AMA Safety Committee. The principal issue with high energy density batteries is the risk of fire. This can happen as result of improper charging, crash damage or shorting the batteries. A lithium battery fire is very hot and burns almost explosively. The following is abstracted from the AMA's Safety Committee Announcement:

1. Store and charge in a fireproof container.
2. Never leave the charging process unattended.

3. Never attempt to charge a cell with physical damage.
4. Never use chargers designed for Nickel Cadmium batteries.
5. If batteries show any sign of swelling, discontinue charging and remove them to a safe place outside.
6. Never plug in a battery and leave it to charge unattended overnight.

This is serious stuff. Let's treat it that way.



**Earl McMullen and the
Superstearman**

"T.O.C. OF MARYLAND"- 2004...

The SWAP Modelers are holding their annual Tournament of Champions June 4, 5, and 6 at their flying site in Southwest Area Park, Baltimore County. This is an IMAC contest and is one of the finest and most colorful shows in this area. Usually, Friday is for practice and Saturday and Sunday are for serious flying. For more information check their website at www.tocofmaryland.com

THURSDAY IS GRASS CUTTING DAY...

Let's try to set up Thursday as grass cutting day. If you have some time and energy, how about coming out a little earlier and help with the cutting. With both mowers going and someone on the weed wacker we can usually get it done in an hour. Maybe we'll let you ride the new mower.

SWAN HARBOR FARM HOSTS SPEZIO-SONNICHSEN WEDDING...

My nephew, Joe Spezio, of Laurel, MD and Elsa Sonnichsen of Bel Air, MD were wed at the Swan Harbor Farm complex on May 23, 2004. It was a beautiful afternoon affair by the water at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. This very handsome couple vowed their eternal love and allegiance to one another and promised faithfully to support the Swan Harbor RC flying club and other RC modeling clubs wherever they may be challenged.



**Joe and Elsa Spezio Wed
At Swan Harbor Farm**

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

Jun 5, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. Flying starts at 9:30AM. Rain date Jun 12.
Jun 4,5,6, 2004	"T.O.C. of Maryland"-04 IMAC Contest. Southwest Area Park, Balto. Co. Sponsored by SWAP Modelers. www.tocofmaryland.com
June 10, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM. Swan Harbor Field
July 9, 10, 11, 2004	Warbirds Over Delaware. Lums Pond State Park. CD Dave Malchione Ph 610-444-3855
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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