

AMA Charter No.  
2940

# THE DEAD STICK FLYER

Havre de Grace,  
MD

Volume 15, No.3

The Newsletter of SWAN HARBOR RC

March 2004

[www.SwanHarborRC.com](http://www.SwanHarborRC.com)



<b>President:</b>	Steve Snyder	410-638-2895
<b>Vice President:</b>	Jim Snyder	410-256-3299
<b>Sect'y / Newsletter:</b>	Achille Silvestri	410-838-6261
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dan Bowman	410-272-4251
<b>Safety Officer:</b>	Bob Steininger	410-569-7235
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Bob Walker	410-893-1887
<b>Member at Large:</b>	Tom Smith	410-272-0116
<b>Webmaster:</b>	Steve Snyder	<a href="mailto:steve@SwanHarborRC.com">steve@SwanHarborRC.com</a>

**Club Meeting Mar 11th, 7:00PM , Churchville Rec Center**  
**Bring something in for Show & Tell.**

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS..

President, Steve Snyder, opened the meeting of Feb 12th at 7:00PM at the Churchville RecCenter. The minutes are as follows:

1. Jim Snyder did some research into a possible day trip to the new Smithsonian Air Museum located near Dulles airport. If we rent a van which seats 16 passengers, the rental costs, gas and tolls would come to about \$12 per passenger. The date agreed upon is March 27th. Interested participants must be signed up by the March 11 meeting. In the event we are not able to fill the van, Jim volunteered to use his own van on a first come basis. Looks like fun. Check out the museum in the writeup below.
2. Please exercise caution if you have occasion to go into the field. It's very muddy and we don't want to tear it up.
3. Tom Obringer will take monies for fuel at the March and April meetings and deliver at the May meeting.
4. Dan Bowman reports that the membership, after a slow start, has picked up. We're now at 36 members for calendar 2004.

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



**Jim Snyder with Stephanie's New Plane**

## SHOW AND TELL...

Jim Snyder brought in a very nice looking Great Planes PT60. It's powered with an HB60 engine and has a 70 inch wingspan. Nice building job as usual. Little girly looking for my taste...girlish colors and logos. But then Jim explained, it's for his granddaughter, Stephanie, Steve's little girl. She's only eight years old and the Snyder Storm Door and Aeroworks Factory hopes to teach her to become the third generation of Snyders on the wing.

## THE STEVEN F. UDVAR-HAZY CENTER

### The new Smithsonian Air Museum.....



**The Enola Gay at the  
Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**

The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum opened a new facility to house its huge collection of aviation and space crafts. The new facility will be named the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center after its biggest contributor. It is located near the Dulles International Airport and will be comprised of a number of hangars to show off their tremendous collection. They have an observation tower where you can see jets and other aircraft take off and land from Dulles. Also, they have a theater and you can visit gift shops and

restaurants.

Many spacecraft and aircraft are on display. Some of the more notable are the shuttle "Enterprise", a retired Concorde supersonic jetliner, an F-4 Phantom fighter and the B-29 Superfortress "Enola Gay". In addition there are a variety of experimental flying machines.

There is a restoration and preservation facility where the public can watch specialists at work.

The museum opened in time to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers flight. Visit the museum website for more information: [www.nasm.si.edu/udvarhazy](http://www.nasm.si.edu/udvarhazy)

## KITTY HAWK REVISITED 100 YEARS LATER

### by Jack Stites, Cub Reporter...

Sara and I decided we wanted to go to Kitty Hawk in December to participate in the 100th anniversary of controlled heavier than air flight. Experimental Aircraft Association was contracted to build and fly a precise replica of the Wright Flyer on December 17, 2003, in Kitty Hawk, NC.

On Wednesday, we were at the site at Kitty hawk by 6:00a.m. We stood in the rain from 6 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Finally by 12:30 p.m. the rain subsided but they weren't able to get the plane off the ground because the winds had diminished. They tried again unsuccessfully around three o'clock. The lack of wind was the demise of a beautiful event to celebrate.



**Jack Stites Visits Kitty Hawk**

Dr. Kevin Kochersberger, the pilot and Terry Queijo, the backup pilot realized this very quickly on the test flights. Scott Crossfield, the director of plane testing and pilot training, knew that the plane would be difficult to fly. Kevin had two liftoffs and short flights and Terry had a crash on her test flight when she stalled at the end of the launch rail.

The day was eventful in that we got to see President Bush arrive by helicopter. There were also fly-bys of Stealth bombers and the Air Force Thunderbirds. Neil Armstrong and Chuck Yeager spoke to the crowd. There were a lot of exhibits and old airplanes on display.

All in all, Sara and I spent four quality days together doing something that I was really interested in and she actually did enjoy. This year, she gets to pick our trips and I am certain they won't be centered around aviation. Visit Kitty Hawk, log onto [www.nps.gov/wrbr/](http://www.nps.gov/wrbr/)



**Ted Stanley Called**

### **I GOT A CALL FROM TED STANLEY....**

Ted Stanley called me the other day to tell me that the aircraft club he belongs to at Aldino Airport was also taking a day trip to the new Smithsonian aircraft museum. He said they still had a few places on the bus if we were interested. I told him it was kind of short notice and we would probably all want to go together as part of our own Club.

Some of you may remember Ted- he was one of the staunchest members of the Harford County Radio Control Modelers. He was without doubt one of the very best builders to come out of Harford County. He always built from scratch and with great precision. A couple of years back Ted moved to the Eastern Shore near Chestertown. He still keeps in touch with the folks here, but now flies mostly at Lums Pond.

Ted lives out in the farmlands now. He has five acres of ground around his house that he keeps mowed.

He has fashioned an airstrip 100 by 400 feet that he keeps cut especially for flying. He keeps two riding mowers just for this purpose.

In the summer, usually Thursdays, Neil Snodgrass, another Harford County top gun, will visit to fly. Ted says they have a few beers, do a little flying and then have supper. It absolutely can't get any better. Sometimes Ted will bring his grandson Zachery Groth for the weekend to fly with them. Zachery, who's now 14 years old, is a very active participant in the Civil Air Patrol.

Ted says he's an avid reader of our newsletter as it gives him a means to keep in touch with Harford County RC modeling. Ted Stanley's a good guy to have on your side.

### **FUEL FOR 2004...**

Tom Obringer will be taking orders for fuel at the March and April meetings and deliver them at the May meeting.

### **TIME TO RENEW....**

It's time to renew your 2004 membership application. A form is enclosed. 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.

Members online can print out their own application by clicking on [APPLICATION](#) and select File->Print.

Also, be sure to get your 2004 AMA membership. You absolutely need it to fly starting Jan 1.

### 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](mailto:FLYERDCB@aol.com). To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to [www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp](http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp) and click onto January 2001

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 11, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM. Churchville Rec Center
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
Mar 27, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club day trip to new Smithsonian Air Museum
April 24, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Family Fun Day. Starts when you get there
June 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. <a href="http://www.tocofmaryland.com">www.tocofmaryland.com</a>
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.

Archives:

Past Newsletters

---

*The Dead Stick Flyer* newsletter is a communication of Swan Harbor RC. Every attempt is made to assure the accuracy of the information presented, but the Editor cannot be responsible for errors or omissions. Content copyright ©2011 by Swan Harbor RC. Users may download and/or print some or all of the material on this site solely for their own non-commercial use. Any other copying or redistribution or publication of any downloaded material is strictly prohibited without the express written consent of the copyright owner. Editorial content provided by writers does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Swan Harbor RC which accepts no responsibility for results of advice given by columnists or writers.

---

