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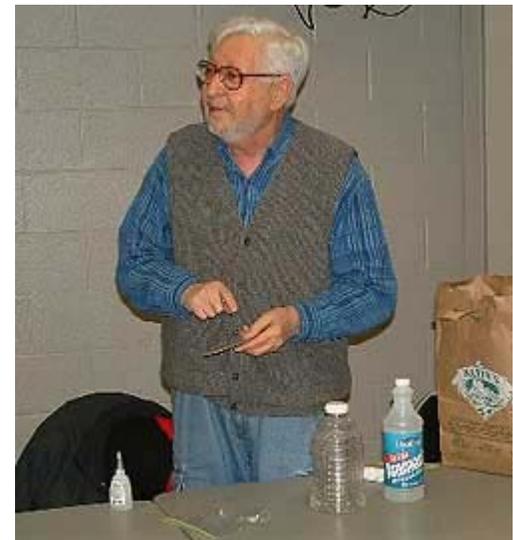
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Club Meeting Feb 12th, 7:00PM , Churchville Rec Center
Where's That Good Stuff You Got for Christmas?...Bring it in for Show & Tell.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS..

Our newly elected President, Steve Snyder, opened the meeting of Jan 8th at 7:00PM at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. It was agreed to buy a push bar for \$78 for our new tractor.
2. Tom Obringer will take orders for fuel at the March meeting.
3. It was agreed to add a link to the online newsletter to download the 2004 membership application. Hard copies of newsletters will have a 2004 application attached.
4. It was agreed to have a family fun day to replace our aborted Christmas party. The date is set for April 24. Stanley Dill will set up some events.
5. Our Skyfest Open House is set for Jun 5. A rain date is set for Jun 12.
6. It was agreed to spend up to \$100 to replace our tarpaulin shelters.
7. Jim Snyder will look into the prospects of a bus trip to the new Smithsonian air museum. He'll report back next meeting.



Bernie's Prop

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

SHOW AND TELL...

Ever enterprising and innovative, Bernie Gerber showed us a novel way to balance a propeller. You all balance propellers don't you? After determining which end of the prop needs weight added, Bernie takes a Q-tip with thin CA and coats a portion of the prop. He then holds the prop with the coated end into a jar with a small volume of ammonia. The ammonia acts as a catalyst and makes the CA set quickly. He checks the balance again and recoats the prop as often as needed. Simple and quick.

JIM SNYDER, High Energy.....

You have heard that old saying, "If you want a job done, go to a busy man". Well Jim's that man. He



Jim Snyder, High Energy

is the most energetic and hardest working person I have ever met. Whenever there's a job to do he's always there taking the lead...like rebuilding the road, cutting the grass, raising a shelter, building an addition to the mower shed, serving as Club officer, building a plane for someone, he's always there.

Jim's one of our local guys. He lived in Edgemere and went to Sparrows Point High School. He later moved to Perry Hall. He's retired from Bethlehem Steel and in addition to his RC modeling enjoys boating and fishing. He started in control line aircraft as a young boy and later switched to power flying.

Jim's favorite planes are Cubs and Extra 300s. At the present time he's flying an Extra 300, King Cobra, Stinger 120, and a Cub. He's presently building a huge B-25 bomber with his son Steve. Because the B-25 is a twin engine plane, Jim is also building a twin engine P-38 profile to serve as its trainer.

Jim's impressed with the advances made with ARFs, but for him building is still his favorite approach to the hobby. Also, we should make greater efforts to recruit young flyers.

In his busy life Jim found time to serve in Korea and, in order to make maximum utility of his time, started a hobby club.

Jim has served as Vice President, President and was recently reelected to another term as Vice President. Jim's high energy is a major asset to our Club.

EXTREME RC HOBBIES, Where's That?...

That's what we call Mussers hobby shop at Mussers Super Market in Buck, PA near the intersect of PA 272 and 372.

But Extreme RC Hobbies, while still associated with Mussers has spun off into an entity of its own. On this day I caught up with Bart Wittorff, the Store Manager and Tom Ketcham, one of the clerks...two very cordial gentlemen.

The hobby store was started as part of Mussers Super Market. It has since become so successful as to acquire its own identity. Extreme RC Hobbies carries a full range of gas and electric cars, boats and planes. Additionally, they have all sorts of model rocketry supplies and plastic models. They have a full complement of associated materials such as engines, glues, paints, tools and whatever else is needed to support all sorts of modeling.



Bart and Tom of Extreme RC Hobbies

Conveniently, Mussers has donated a piece of ground next to the store to establish an RC modeling center. The Buck Remote Control Club flies airplanes and helicopters and, near by, as

part of the same complex, Buck Radio Controlled Car and Truck Club has a dirt race track for cars and trucks. Not enough? No! They also have a pond from which they can fly seaplanes and run boats. And can you believe it? They can carry on all these activities at the same time.

Buck, PA seems like a modelers dream come true.



Dave and Tim, 1st in the Air

FROM THE PITS, First in the Air in 2004...

Harford County Radio Control Modelers held their annual Frostbite Fly-In on January 1, 2004. They hold a competition to see who is first in the air for the upcoming year. This year, first in the air was David Plaine at 12:05PM flying a Kadet LT 40 which belongs to his friend Tim Preston. Upon landing Tim went immediately into the air to become the 2nd in the air for 2004. Good show for those young men.

BOB WALKER'S WINTER TIDBITS, Batteries...

Use this winter to cycle your batteries once a month. I use a Hobbico Accu Cycle that is about the cost of an AMA membership. I have found many problem batteries with this unit, before an airplane was wiped out. Only last month I was flying my .60 Size Extra 300. The transmitter battery voltage reads fine after charging. Using the Accu Cycle, I just found the batteries have only a 285 mah capacity good for less than 50 minutes of flying. Into the trash these go...and another plane is saved on the ground.

Battery cyclers typically drain cells down to 1.1V then recharge. Cycle again and they tell you how many minutes of normal drain remain and the capacity in mah. As long as the pack is above 80% of rated capacity you are OK. So a 600 mah battery pack should bounce back to at least 480 mah or higher each time.

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. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Feb 12, 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
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. www.tocofmaryland.com
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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