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**Attention! The Club Meeting is moved to November 18, 7:00PM , at the Churchville Rec Center. Bring something for Show and Tell**

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Steve Snyder, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. Steve and Jim Snyder thanked everyone for their contributions to our very successful Giant Scale Fly-in.
2. Dan Bowman reported we made about \$114 from the concession stand.
3. Everyone is reminded to surrender his AMA card to the frequency box when flying.
4. Tom Smith seeded the area that was killed by grubs. Some of the grass seems to be coming back.
5. The drain pipe was installed at the lower end of the pit area. It seems to be working satisfactorily. Because of the poor turnout we didn't get all the work done we had planned at the last work party. We're going to try it again Sunday Oct 24. Rain date is the following Saturday. We're serving up hotdogs for all those hard working men. An e-mail reminder will be coming.
6. Tom Moyer brought up the subject of combat flying again. He didn't seem to find much interest in the subject in his research. In the discussion that followed it was indicated that a combat plane could be put into action for about \$200 (\$35 foam plane, \$50 engine and \$115 for a radio). Steve suggested that perhaps as starters we could have a combat fly-in as part of an internal Club Fun Fly event. A date of May 7, 2005 was selected. Tom will gather more information on combat models and set an itinerary for the combat fly.
7. The Club Open House is set for June 4, 2005, a Saturday.
8. Our Club Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In is set for Sept 10, 2005.
9. The next Club meeting will be Nov 18, because the Rec Center will be closed our normal 2nd Thurs of the month. Mark your calendar.



**Dan Bowman His Cap 232**

10. The Club Christmas party will be Dec 5 at the Rec Center, 12:00PM until closing. The snow date is Dec 9th. The Christmas party serves as our monthly meeting and election day.
11. The tent shelter that was destroyed in one of the recent storms will be repaired next spring.
12. Jim said the matter of Club shirts will be revisited next season.



**Achille with the Protege**

rewards are countless.

If you have any questions or changes regarding the minutes please direct them to Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail [axsilvestri@earthlink.net](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net).

### **CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'...**

When my nephew Steven Silvestri invited Mary Ann and I to visit him, his family, new baby and new house in Encino, California, I saw this as a great opportunity to see what some of those California RC clubs were like. It was a beautiful day (it never rains in California) when Steven took us to the Apollo 11 Model Airport. What I found was a huge complex which would be the envy of any RC flying modeler. The complex is owned and administered by the City of Los Angeles and Parks Department. All maintenance, grass cutting, rolling, and trash pick up for the site is provided. One needs only to show up with membership in the Academy of Model Aeronautics (for insurance purposes) to participate. Everything else is pretty informal. There are some general regulations posted governing the operation and safety of the site. After that you are pretty much on your own.

The complex provides for all types of flying: there are discreet areas for electric flyers, helicopters, control line and gas/glow airplanes. The gas/glow airplane site is the most impressive. It is comprised of a 900 ft hardtop runway with three taxiing lanes to proceed from the pit area to the runway. The pit area is quite large and in a nicely shaded area. There are no hold downs to start the planes and there is no restraining fence adjacent to the runway. A great safety factor is that the pit area is several hundred feet from the runway. Taxiing is done to the runway after the plane is started in the pit area. There are many flying spots on the runway but only the pilot and his spotter are allowed at each.



**Jack Pfeifer of the San Fernando Valley Giant Scale Squadron**

13. Dan Bowman reports that we are up to 72 full fledged members.
14. It's time to nominate officers for the next year. Nominations to date are:
  - President: Steve Snyder
  - Vice President: Jim Snyder
  - Sect'y / Newsletter: Achille Silvestri
  - Treasurer: Dan Bowman
  - Safety Officer: Joe Nixon
  - Member at Large: Tom Smith
  - Member at Large: Tom Moyer
 Additional nominations may be made up to the day of the election, which is Dec 5, the Christmas party. Don't be shy, nominate yourself or even a friend. The

While the flying site is open to all, several RC clubs use it as their designated flying site. I met Jack Pfeifer, a member of the San Fernando Valley Giant Scale Squadron, who explained a lot of this to me. Jack is an avid giant scale modeler. This day he had his beautifully done P-51 Mustang. It has an 83 inch wingspan, retracts and is powered with a Moki 1.8 engine. It was finished with "flite metal" a covering which consists of aluminum with an adhesive backing. It was outstanding work. Jack was flying with his friend Corey Dale.

The visit to the Apollo 11 Field was very enjoyable. It provided an interesting insight as to how publicly owned and operated RC flying sites can function. This could be a significant factor as land for RC sites becomes more scarce.

### FROM THE PITS...



**Herman Reichart with King Kombat**

features of the plane to soften its lines and give it its own character. While the plane is classified as a trainer, the trims can be adjusted to provide some elementary type of stunt flying. Flying the Protege is very easy and comfortable.

Herman Reichart was flying his King Kombat, a flying wing that he scratch-built from left over scraps using plans from RC Modeler. It is controlled by "elevons" which is a combination of ailerons and elevator. The plane is powered with an OS 25. It's incredibly fast and it's a credit to Herman's flying skills that he can stay in front of it.

Dan Bowman was flying his Cap 232. It spans 80 inches and is powered with a Fox 3.2...lots of vertical, just the way Dan likes them.

Achille Silvestri brought out his new Goldberg "Protege". It is a high wing trainer spanning 71 inches and powered with an OS 61 2c engine. Achille modified some general

### THE WORK PARTY...

We had a good turnout at the work party. Rain threatened, but we persisted and moved a lot of dirt to fill in lots of holes and protect the new drainage pipe. Hopefully, the modifications will hold up for a while and give us a better road for the next season.

### 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. In the latter part of the season, starting October, we meet at the Churchville Rec Center on Glenville Road in 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/](http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/) and click onto January 2001

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 6, 2004	Auction and Swap Meet. Shue Middle School, 1500 Capitol Trail, Newark, DE. Dick Stewart, Ph 302-368-2911, e-mail <a href="mailto:balticply@aol.com">balticply@aol.com</a>
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Nov. 18, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting. Churchville Rec Center. 7:00PM
Dec. 5, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party. Churchville Rec Center. 12:00PM until closing. Serves as our election day and monthly meeting.
May 7, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Fun Fly. Swan Harbor Flying Field. First Club Combat Fly-In
June 4, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Open House
Sep 10, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In

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