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**Club Meeting, September 9, 7:00PM , Swan Harbor Flying Field
The Great Swan Harbor RC Giant Scale Fly-In, 9:30AM, Sept 11, 2004**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Good turnout at the meeting. The Club that flies on its stomach seems to have found the recipe for good attendance. Steve Snyder, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. A number of issues were raised which are proposed for discussion at the next meeting. Hearing the inputs from the general membership the executive board (you know, the guys in the header of this Newsletter) will decide on them and, if necessary, move to include them in the Field Rules when they are revised. Items for consideration are:
 - a. Safety
 - b. When to impound your transmitter.
 - c. When do you surrender your AMC card.
 - d. How often can a guest fly free.
 - e. Should an under age member (younger than 17 years of age) be required to have a senior as a member in order to qualify for the \$1 membership.



Randy Marlin with the Spacewalker

Regarding safety and security, we are reminded that we are all Safety and Security Officers. It's incumbent on all of us to apply our common sense in enforcing the rules of the Club. There is no harm in asking someone you don't recognize if he is a member or where is his AMA card. If someone is doing something obviously unsafe we ought to bring it to his attention immediately. It's our Club ...it's up to us to keep it the way we want it.

2. Dan Bowman reports that we are up to 67 full fledged members (we gained another, Charles Moltrup (Skip) this meeting. Additionally, we have two part time members (expected to be here only for the summer).
3. Achille Silvestri re-typed the Field Rules and made them available to members along with an

up to date membership roster.

4. The much awaited fish and chips fry-in was cancelled due to inclement weather. Hopefully, we'll be able to reschedule it.
5. Tom Obringer said he will drop off the fuel purchases at the Mars Shopping Center in Aberdeen, August 20, 6:30PM.

If you had any questions or changes regarding the minutes please direct them to Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.



Tom Insley with the 4Star 120

THE GREAT SWAN HARBOR RC GIANT SCALE FLY-IN...

This is it gang, our main event, September 11, 9:30AM. It's a chance for the Club to distinguish itself. We'll be posting notices in all the newspapers including the Sun, Aegis, Primetimes and Cecil Whig. Wait and see whose pictures we're using to promote our event.

Talk it up with your family and friends and members of other Clubs. There seems to be less local activity this year in the RC circuit regarding fly-ins and flea markets...this may make our event all the more attractive. You guys with the big planes, we'll be looking for you.

Let's hope Mother Nature gives us a break and holds off on any rain plans.

FROM THE PITS, Search and Recovery...

We had a near disaster at the field. Steve Snyder was flying his giant Patty Wagstaff (Extra 300) when it chose a most inopportune moment to dead stick. He was coming in for a landing headed east towards the farm house when it quit. Rather than try to do something clever he allowed it to glide in on its own accord. It landed in the beans and did a complete flip and then it was out of sight. Steve started trudging across the beans wasteland. Tom Smith, quick to offer his services, took his 4-wheel drive along the main road and then cut back across the field to get to Steve and Patty. Alas, Tom got stuck in the mud and his 4-wheel drive was down to zero. Enter Jim Snyder. Jim brought out our farm tractor and went to offer assistance. He dragged Tom out of the muck and mire. Then he placed Steve with Patty on his lap, on the back of the tractor and brought them back. Fortunately, Patty was not hurt...it turned out well.



Jim and Steve Snyder on Search and Recovery

Thanks to Tom and Jim in assuring the recovery of our planes.

A NOTE TO THE WISE: The Park staff was unhappy to have us drive through the bean fields. We promised that in the future all rescue efforts would be done on foot.



Hugh Ellis' Edge 540



Interior of Edge 540

WHAT'S IN A PLANE....

What do you see when you look at a plane? If you're like me, and most club flyers, you usually notice its size, finish, possible costs...we usually pay little attention to what's inside except that bigger planes usually have more stuff. But in talking with Hugh Ellis the other day he suggested you might be interested in some of the high tech and redundancy that goes in some of the high performance planes. He provided us with this list of equipment and costs that make up his Edge 540.

35% Aerotech Edge 540; 105" span, 28 lbs:

1.	Aerotech 355 Edge 540	\$600
2.	BME 105cc twin	\$1150
3.	BME mufflers	\$150
4.	Hitec digital servos (9)- (2 per aileron, 2 on rudder, 2 for elevators, 1 for throttle)	\$500
5.	Two Hitec 8-ch receivers (dual receivers used primarily for power management- 9 servos draw a lot of current); redundancy is a second benefit.	\$140
6.	Each receiver is powered by a JHM Aeroengineering Flight Pack Failure Protector	\$120
7.	Main pack on each side of the receiver is an SR 5-cell 2200Mah ni-cad	\$140
8.	Failover pack on each side of the receiver is an SR 1500 4-cell ignition ni-cad	\$60
9.	Electrodynamics fiber optics kill switch	\$60
10.	SWB aluminum servo arms and rudder tray	\$90
11.	Three i4c digital voltage displays	\$120
12.	Mejzlik 27x10 carbon fiber prop	\$70
13.	Dave Brown 4.5" spinner	\$40
14.	Monokote	\$70
15.	Sullivan Skywriter smoke system	\$90
16.	Kokam 11V 700Mah Li-poly for smoke system	\$30
17.	Misc small stuff (a guess).	\$100
18.	Mild sedative so that I don't freak out when Sean does torque rolls on the deck	Priceless
Total..		\$3530

Lessons learned:

1. Dual battery systems unnecessary, dual receivers powered by single battery desired
2. Digital servos are worth the extra costs

THURSDAY IS GRASS CUTTING DAY...

Great work on the field. It looks good all the time. There seems to be little shortage of people anxious to keep it looking good and ready for flying.

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. 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/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 9, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, 7:00PM. Swan Harbor Field
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
Oct 9, 2004	York Radio Control Club Flea Market, Dover Fire Hall, Dover, PA., 9:00AM. Tim Barefoot 717-292-6404. E-mail aa3bj@suscom.net

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