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**Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, August 11, 2005, 7PM.
Come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Steve Snyder opened the meeting of July 14 at 7:00 PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. Steve noted that our Giant Scale fly-in will be the same day as Bealeton fly-in. This is unfortunate as many of our visitors from DCRC in Rockville will probably go to the Bealeton event.
2. Jim Snyder asked that Achille Silvestri take pictures of the Giant Scale fly-in for the IMAA publication.
3. Jim suggested that Achille prepare a letter welcoming the new County Executive David Craig. (The letter has been prepared and forwarded over Steve Snyder's signature).
4. Dan Bowman reports we have 69 members. Good show.



Malcolm Gordon and the Extra 300

If you have any questions regarding the minutes or contents of this Newsletter please direct them to Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

WHAT!

YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT TO LUMS POND WARBIRDS FLY-IN?.....

Well, you're in luck. Sam Harbold from Harford County Radio Control Modelers was on hand to take some terrific shots. Sam's skill with the camera just gets better and better. And about Lums Pond, even though it becomes more difficult and pricy to get there, they still continue to draw the most outstanding warbirds. Sam's pictures are posted at <http://odysseywood.us/WOD2005>.

FROM THE PITS...

Caught Malcolm Gordon flying his Goldberg Extra 300. It has a 68 inch wingspan and is powered



Tim Getz and the Ultimate Bipe

with an OS 91 4-stroke. That plane has been a real work horse for Malcolm. Even though it's got a lot of mileage, Malcolm seems able to coax one more memorable flight from it. Malcolm continues to do a wide variety of stunts including the infamous "lum-she-vak". (I



Randy Marlin and the Clipped Cub

know that's mis-spelled). Hope Malcolm and his pal continue to present us with many more exciting flights.

Tim Getz was flying his Dave Patrick-designed Ultimate Bipe. It has a 68 inch wingspan and is powered by a 1.8 SAITO...great flyer.

Randy Marlin was flying Sig clipped wing Cub. It has a 50 inch wingspan and is powered with a 52 4-stroke Magnum engine...nice flyer.



Tom Smith Tames the Monster.

PUT ENOUGH ENGINE ON IT AND YOU CAN FLY ANYTHING...

Oh really! When I put together my "Old Timer", I expected nothing more than a slow easy flyer, even though it was classified as a sport flyer. Luckily for me Tom Smith was with me when I made my test flight. The plane took off and went crazy, it was all over the place, it was like it never heard of the laws of flight, Bernoulli's principle or birds skirting the flying field. Fortunately, Tom took the transmitter, made a few frightening passes and was able to safely land it. After that it was a bunch of studies trying to figure out what went wrong. John Kocon became part of the consulting team. We agreed to adjust the CG and increase the double dihedral to conform more closely

to the plans. But in flight more erratic and unpredictable moves were the menu of the day. Tom tried it and John tried it to no avail. Fortunately, we were able to get it back, once again, in one piece. We were ready to give up...it was an unflyable monster. Then John offered up an extra Cub wing from his stash The Cub wing fitted real well into the frame of the Old Timer. I put it all together and

Tom and I took it out for a test. Tom took it off and after some minor trim adjustments, it flew very well. It flies just like a Cub except it has better ground characteristics. Obviously, the trouble was with the wing, perhaps it was twisted or the dihedral was not just right. But the plane flies well with the Cub wing and that's how we'll leave it. The lesson is that, while many airplane designs are very forgiving, you still need to pay close attention to basic features such as the CG and the building of the wing.

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. Be sure to have your 2005 AMA membership because you need it to fly. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2005 Membership Application](#) is available on line or additional 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

Aug. 11, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, 7PM. Come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.
Aug 5-7, 2005	Wings Over Piper. William T. Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, PA. Featuring Cubs and all model Piper Aircraft. For more info and early registration, log onto http://www.wingsoverpiper.com
Sept 9-11, 2005	Bealeton Fly In, Flying Circus Aerodome, Bealeton, VA. POC Andy Kane akane92802@aol.com
Sept 10, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In

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