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**Club Meeting Apr 14, 2005, 7:00 PM, Churchville Rec Center.  
Bring in something for Show & Tell.**

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Steve Snyder opened the meeting of Mar 10 at 7:00PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. Tom Obringer took some orders for fuel. He will make the drop 8:30AM, March 26 at Beards Hill in Aberdeen in front of the Mars Store.
2. Tom Moyer reported he will try to get some members from DCRC to give a helicopter demonstration at lunch time during the Combat Fun Fly.
3. Jim Snyder said he will call Stanley Dill regarding any prizes that were left from last year's Open House.
4. Jim still has some planes for the Combat Fun Fly. If you are interested in purchasing any, contact him on Ph 410-256-3299.
5. Dan Bowman says we have signed up 55 members for 2005, we finished last year with 74.
6. Jim, Steve Snyder, Tom Smith and Achille Silvestri will be making a trip to visit the Dover Air Force Museum on April 2. We'll meet 8:00AM at Beards Hill in Aberdeen in front of the Mars Store. If you are interested in going, contact Achille, Ph 410-838-6261 or [axsilvestri@earthlink.net](mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net)
7. Tom Smith says the field is in great shape but the road in is in very poor condition. It was proposed to put a sign across the road until the road has a chance to dry out a little more.



**Tom Moyer and the  
Computerized Shockflyer**

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



**Earl McMullen and the Taylorcraft**

motor in it and take it out and fly.

Tom Moyer presented a good idea for recycling all those old computers that are piling up in your basement. He showed an all foam "Shockflyer" that he had just scratch built. He powered it with a CD Rom brushless motor that he scavenged from an old computer. He powered it up with a lithium-polycarbonate battery and equipped it with mini-servos. That plane is impressive, it looks like it could really do something.

### **THE LOCKHEED CONSTELLATION WILL FLY AGAIN...**

Earl McMullen is in the middle of building a Lockheed Constellation Super G (L-049). This is a huge project. Earl designed and is scratch building the whole project. The L-049 will be powered by four Super Tigre 91 engines. It will have electric retracts and fully operating Fowler flaps. The final plane will be painted in a red and white color scheme like the TWA passenger line. Earl has nearly completed the wing, he plans to have the plane finished next year.



**The Lockheed Constellation Will Fly Again**

### **THE VANCOUVER WATER BOMBERS by Phil Carey ...**

Recently, I had the opportunity to visit Vancouver BC in Canada. My employer had sent me there for some training. On the weekend some of the people I was traveling with, and I, visited a place on Vancouver Island called Sprout Lake. At Sprout Lake are kept two water bombers that were originally manufactured at Martin Marietta in Baltimore in the late 40s. The military used them as water based long range bombers. The military later sold these aircraft to a company in Canada that converted them into water bombers to fight forest fires. Originally, there were four bombers...two of them met their demise fighting fires. The other two are kept at Sprout Lake and are still used to combat forest fires.

This is the off season for the water bombers. They are taken out of the water to be checked and reconditioned every year. This is where I got to see them. It was lucky for the group of us (some more excited than others) that a crew was reconditioning a very large heavy lift helicopter that was also used for fighting fires. One of the crew hung around, and after we explained where we were from, some 2400 miles away, allowed us to come inside for a closer look. This was a very enjoyable visit.



The Vancouver Water Bombers

field in Baltimore, MD.

### FROM THE PITS ...

Unfortunately, the poor weather still does not permit us to fly from our field. The frustration is that the field is in pretty good shape, it's the road getting in that's the problem. Maybe another several weeks to a month.

### T.O.C. of MARYLAND" - 2005, IMAC Flying Competition.....

The SWAP Modelers will hold their annual T.O.C. on June 3, 4 and 5, 2005 at their flying

The competition is open to all classes of IMAC and all classes will fly Unknowns. Free-style is encouraged, and in fact, those that fly in the free-style competition are eligible for cash prizes. Free-style rounds are held on both Saturday and Sunday to help break up the days. For more information or questions contact Art Vail at [artvail@erols.com](mailto:artvail@erols.com)

### TIME to RENEW...

If you are not signed up by March 31 you are delinquent and must sign up as a new member. You will have to pay the \$25 initiation fee again. Be sure to have your 2005 AMA membership. **You need it to fly.** [SWAN HARBOR RC 2005 Membership Application](#)

### 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

Apr. 7, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Trip to Dover Air Force Base Museum. Contact Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261, <a href="mailto:axsilvestri@earthlink.net">axsilvestri@earthlink.net</a>
Apr.14, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting. Churchville Rec Center. 7:00PM.
May 7, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Fun Fly. Swan Harbor Flying Field. First Club Combat Fly-In
June 3,4,5, 2005	SWAP Modelers will hold their annual (IMAC) contest (T.O.C. of Maryland-2005) at their flying field. POC Art Vail, <a href="mailto:artvail@erols.com">artvail@erols.com</a>
June 4, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Open House
June 25-26, 2005	Chesapeake Bay Miniature Aircraft Association IMAA Fly-In, Essex Sky Park, Essex, MD

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 <a href="http://www.wingsoverpiper.com">http://www.wingsoverpiper.com</a>
Sep 10, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In

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