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Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House June 4, 2005, 10AM.

**Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, June 9, 2005, 7PM.
Come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.**

SWAN HARBOR RC SKYFEST OPEN HOUSE...

The Open House is scheduled for June 4. This is one of our premier events. It gets us good coverage and is a chance for us to showcase our Club. In the past this has always resulted in the induction of new members. So get everyone out, friends and relatives and any one else who could use a refreshing day out. There will be food and drinks and the use of our Port-a-Pot. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate. We put notices in all the important papers: The Aegis, The Cecil Whig and the Harford section of Sunday Sun. See who our models will be.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Vice-President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of May 12 at 6:30 PM. The minutes are as follows:

1. For some reason the members were particularly restless this evening and started the meeting a half hour ahead of the prescribed 7PM. It was a bad move as an additional half dozen or so people who came in at the correct time missed the meeting. It was our goof. We apologize and it won't happen again.
2. The warbirds fly-in was cancelled because of poor wind conditions. It will be rescheduled for a later time.
3. The focus now is on the Skyfest Open House scheduled for June 4. Jim will pick up the food. We'll have hotdogs, hamburgers and sodas and a Port-a-Pot. Notices will be put in the local papers.
4. Jim proposed, and it was approved, to allow \$300 for the construction of an addition to the garden shed. The space is badly needed to accommodate the new tractor and other equipment. A work party was set up for May 14, 9AM.
5. Dan Bowman says we have signed up 67 members for 2005. This is the most we have ever



**Rich Hodges, Bob Walker
and the Mustangs**

had at this time of the year. We finished last year with 74.

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.



**Tom Moyer, Steve and Jim Snyder
Tune the Corsair**

SHOW AND TELL...

Rich Hodges and Bob Walker brought in their Mustangs which will be used in the Combat Fly-In to be rescheduled. Both were beautifully finished. Rich gave a demonstration of his plane's flying ability and it was awesome.

COMBAT FLY-IN AND FUN FLY...

The Combat Fly-In of May 7 was cancelled because of extreme winds. Still, some brave souls did some limited flying. It was unfortunate as we actually had a pretty good turnout (all the hotdogs went). We even had a few outside spectators. It was a pretty good day for a non-event.

However, there is an underlying rumor that some pilots may not have been ready for combat. The score so far is:

- ▶ Jim and Steve Snyder have Corsairs which are awesome flyers.
- ▶ Bob Steininger's Focke Wulf D109 had a mishap and is in rehab...will recover.
- ▶ Dan Bowman's Zero did a once around the field into the tall grass, must review engine performance.
- ▶ Bob Shrenker flew a Great planes Mustang which he was able to control on the edge.
- ▶ Rich Hodges has an excellent flying Mustang.
- ▶ Bob Walker has a beautiful Mustang "hangar queen", yet to be tested.
- ▶ Tom Moyer brought out a Messerschmidt which he put together with rubber bands, tape and spit...across the field into the tall grass. (That was an easy call). Tom says it will be back.
- ▶ We have yet to hear from some "ringers", Herman Reichart and Gary Herrshberger.

We used the bad weather reason. Let's not go there again.

CONSTRUCTION AT THE SWAN HARBOR FLYING FIELD ...

A hearty group, led by the Jim Snyder/James Rouse Construction Co. made a new addition to the Garden Shed. The new pavilion which will be known as the Swan Harbor Arts and Cultural Center increased the square footage of our Shed by fifty percent. It will be especially useful for storing the newly acquired tractor and barbecuing equipment. Thanks to all the members who helped in making possible this new landmark.



Dave Yeakel

Surveys the Painting at the Construction Site

FROM THE PITS ...

Joe Nixon brought in his Ultrastick Lite 120. It has an 88 inch wingspan and is powered with a

Brisson 2.4 gas engine. Joe says he still has some experimenting to do to get a perfect match of the plane and the engine.

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 field in Baltimore, MD.

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

FOR SALE...

Great Planes "Lancair" 80 inch wingspan, fiberglass fuselage. Push rods installed, includes wheels, fuel tank, engine mount, set up for OS 61. Servos(4) ailerons and flaps. \$150 firm. Milt Peacock 410-833-3122, xavier826@erols.com



**Joe Nixon
and the Ultrastick Lite 120**

JOHN WOTOVITCH PASSED AWAY...

As you probably know by now, John, a long time member of Swan Harbor RC, passed away May 2 at the Lorien Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at Belcamp. He was 82. He did not fly much in recent years, but on occasion would come to hang out. John was a kindly person and had some interesting stories about the early days of RC modeling. It was nice to have known him.

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

<p>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, artvail@erols.com</p>

June 4, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Open House
June 9, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, 7PM. Come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.
June 25, 2005	Airplanes of the World. Konterra Model Airpark. Kirk Adams, CD, 9832 Whiskey Run Road, Laurel, MD 20723. kirk@wheek.org Ph 301-498-3598
June 25-26, 2005	Chesapeake Bay Miniature Aircraft Association IMAA Fly-In, Essex Sky Park, Essex, MD
July 8-10, 2005	Warbirds Over Delaware, Lums Pond State Park, DE. CD: Dave Malchione, Ph 610-444-3855 e-mail bvrajpo6@aol.com . Sponsor DELAWARE RC.
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
Sep 10, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In

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