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**Club Meeting Feb 10, 2005, 7:00 PM, Churchville Rec Center.
Bring in something for Show & Tell.**

SWAN HARBOR RC IN THE NEWS.....

By now you probably know that our Club was given a nice writeup in Model Aviation, Jan 2005, p. 177. I sent the information and some pictures of our Big Bird Fly-In last September to Bliss Teague, Vice President District IV, and they gave us a nice layout.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

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

1. The road into the field is very muddy. Exercise some judgement driving in. Ironically, the field itself is in very good condition.
2. Tom Moyer proposed an Uproar Kit complete with materials, servo kit and LA 25 engine as first prize for the Combat Fly-In. He also proposed having a raffle and giving awards for other parts of the fun fly.
3. Tom Smith reminded everyone that Bernie Gerber had donated a profile Ultimate Biplane and a Trainer which could be used as additional prizes.
4. Jim Snyder reported that he has plans for a Corsair, Zero, P-51 Mustang and several Focke Wulfs which would qualify for combat flying. Jim said that he will make available short kits for anyone interested in building a combat war plane. Jim says that costs for the plans and the short kits would be about \$20 and would require a 25 size engine. If you are interested, contact Jim.
5. In refining the qualifications for the combat planes it was agreed that the main effort of the event is to get as many members participating as possible. Accordingly, it was agreed that any 25 size engine plane would be acceptable. It doesn't have to exactly be a war bird at this



Randy Marlin and the Snow Board

first go round.

6. Tom Obringer is taking fuel orders...see elsewhere in the Newsletter
If you have any questions regarding the minutes or this Newsletter please direct them to
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Doug Brackins
First in the Air for HRCM

Brackins. It was a little windy, but he handled his Ace 4-120 Bipe very well. The Bipe is 82 inches, powered with an OS 160 Gemini and covered with cloth and dope.

I checked out our field afterwards to see who would be the first in the air for our Club in 2005. No surprise, it was Dan Bowman flying his Morris Hobbies with an OS 160.

FROM THE WORKSHOP...

A project from yesteryear...

A project from yesteryear... Do you remember building your first airplane so many years ago. It was probably a built up stick plane with a rubber band engine. There were so many parts and pieces involved. Today the kits are much simpler, fewer pieces, more sheeting, more precut parts with easy go together lock in box type construction. And the popular ARFs are make building simpler and easier than ever. You can be in the air over the weekend. I guess it depends on why we build. Certainly those members with limited time, and less interest in building are justified in looking for planes that can go together quickly and be ready for flying by the next weekend.



The Old Timer, a Box of Sticks

In earlier times it seems that building was as much a part of the hobby as flying. The painstaking time taken in cutting, sanding and gluing pieces together and watching an airplane grow before your very eyes was marvelous to behold.

Recently, I purchased a Great Planes kit which reflects many of the old building techniques and

design. Unsurprisingly, it's called the "Old Timer". It's classified as a sports flyer. That may be a bit of a stretch, in that, it has only elevator, rudder and throttle controls. Also, it's a high wing with double di-hedral for stability. However, the design is very attractive and the plane looks like a cross between a Taylorcraft and a Stinson. It's fairly large with a 73 inch wingspan but requires only a 40 size engine.

The Old Timer is a total build up stick plane. It's a project not to be rushed. Rather, you take your time and savor every part and each step of the assembly as it progresses and little by little you see the very attractive plane gain form. I added ailerons and took a lot of the di-hedral out of the wing of the Old Timer to make it more maneuverable. I added some wing struts just to dress it up a bit. I will fly it with an OS 61 engine...should be plenty of power and maybe make it behave a little more like a sport flyer. The Old Timer is built and I'm ready to begin the Monokote covering. I hope to have it ready for test flying by late Spring.

FUEL ORDERS.....

Tom Obringer will be taking fuel orders at the March meeting. He can mix and match any blend. Case lots only, can't take a case?...share with a friend. Prices are expected to be similar as before. The delivery will be made at the Mars parking lot in Aberdeen. The date will be determined.



Dan Bowman
First in the Air for Swan Harbor RC

WRAM SHOW...

Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore is sponsoring a bus trip to the WRAM Show in White Plains, NY, Feb 26, from 6:00AM to 6:00PM. The total cost for the bus and WRAM ticket is \$40. For further details call Jerry McCullum at 410-654-1385

TIME to RENEW...

It's time to renew your membership. Dan Bowman is always on hand. You have a grace period to March 31, then you have to sign up as a new member. Don't be late. Otherwise you'll have to pay the \$25 initiation fee again and you don't want to do that. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2005 Membership Application](#)

Also, be sure to renew your 2005 AMA membership. You absolutely need it to fly. Otherwise you put the Club at risk.

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. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 5, 2005	16th Annual Flea Market, sponsored by Westminster Aero Modelers. Westminster, MD. POC Ed Bradley 410-635-6436, encb3@bellatlantic.net
Feb. 10, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting. Churchville Rec Center. 7:00PM.
Feb. 26, 2005	WRAM Show sponsored by RCMB. \$40 for bus and ticket. Call Jerry McCullum Ph 410-654-1385 for details.
Mar. 12, 2005	24th Annual RC Flea Market. Sponsored by Central Penn Aeromodelers. Lebanon, PA. POC: Darryl Betts Ph: 717-960-8170
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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