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Swan Harbor Combat Fly-In and Fun Fly, 10AM, May 7, 2005.

*****ATTENTION*****

**We are starting our summer Club Meetings at Swan Harbor Flying Field.
Meeting 7PM, May 12, 2005, come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.**

SWAN HARBOR RC IN THE NEWS...

We got excellent coverage of our September 11, 2004 Big Bird Fly-In in Highflight, the IMAA Publication, Vol.26, No.1. Jim Snyder had submitted a fine collection of photos and narrative.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

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

1. The trip to Dover Air Force Museum was cancelled because of illness.
2. The fun fly and combat fly-in are on for May 7, starting at 10AM. Remember any 25 size plane can compete. Jim Snyder will get hamburgers, hotdogs and sodas.
3. A work party is scheduled for April 16, 10AM. The main job is to relocate the standing shelter and add a new one to replace the one that was blown down last year.
4. It was agreed not to use any more stone dust to protect the drive into the field. Unless a large amount is used, which we are prohibited, there is no lasting benefit. The greatest advantage would be to get some large amounts of fill dirt for the lower end the field which collects water.
5. Bob Steininger will change the oil and filter on our large tractor.
6. It was agreed to contract for a Port-a-Pot for the months of May, June, July, August and September.
7. Dan Bowman says we have signed up 65 members for 2005. This is the most we have ever had at this time of the year. We finished last year with 74.



Bob Steininger Preparing for Combat

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.



**Achille Silvestri with Old Timer
(AKA Peanuts)**

SHOW AND TELL...

Achille Silvestri brought in his Old Timer (AKA Peanuts). It's a built up stick plane by Great Planes. It has a wingspan of 73 inches and is powered with an OS 61 2-stroke. Ailerons were added to make it more maneuverable and struts were added for dress up. It's wearing Joe Nixon's pants.

Bob Steininger showed off his progress on the Focke Wulf D109 that he's preparing for the warbirds fun fly... nice finish.

COMBAT FLY-IN AND FUN FLY...

Tom Moyer and his helpers have a day of fun and minor competition lined up for us starting 10AM at the field. Guys are readying their Warbirds for a big shoot out. And there will be other competitive games for the rest of us. Big prizes (made our Treasurer wince). Tom went out

on a limb for us to stage this day. Let's get out and support his efforts...maybe it'll catch on.

ABOUT THE SHUT DOWN ...

We had an unfortunate incident one Sunday wherein the gates to Swan Harbor were not open. A crowd of about 20 flyers milled about hoping to get in but it never happened. The next day several of our flyers called the Park Headquarters to see what had happened. Dave Yeakel said the attendant acknowledged the problem and agreed that they were at fault in not having opened the Park. They promised it would not happen again. Let's be optimistic and take them at their word.

FROM THE PITS ...

We had a nice turnout for the work party. We staked out the new shelter to replace the one that was blown down by the wind last year. Also we moved the shelter that was still standing



Which is the Real Dan Bowman

back about three feet so that the mowers would have an easier time getting around the fencing and tables. With some general cleanup and a new grass cutting the place looked spectacular. Clearly, this is one of the finest flying sites around. We had time for hotdogs and hamburgers and some flying time as well. A day well

spent.

Dan Bowman had his Stinger re-covered by the Jim Snyder/EarlScheibe Resurfacing Shop. It looks like a brand new plane, looks good.

Tom Moyer was doing some great aerobatic flying with his all foam electric powered biplane. Now all the parts of this plane are punched out of flat 1/4 inch foam, no curves no contours...so where does all the lift come from, what about the wind speed over the top versus the bottom of the wing, what about Bernoulli's principle, why does this plane fly?



Steve Snyder
Pounding in the Stakes

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

TIME to RENEW...

If you have not renewed your membership you are delinquent and must sign up as a new member. 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. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 7, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Fun Fly. Swan Harbor Flying Field. First Club Combat Fly-In
May 12, 2005	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting, Swan Harbor Flying Field, 7PM. Come early, bring a plane, eat a hotdog.
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
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

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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