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**Happy Holidays to all. May this Joyous Season find you surrounded with family and friends.
The Club Meeting is Jan 13, 2005, 7:00 PM, Churchville Rec Center.
Bring in some of your Christmas stash for Show & Tell.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

We had our year end Club meet, Christmas party and elections all rolled into one on Dec 5th at the Churchville Rec Center. Excellent treats. The food was just overwhelming. And those chicken wings that Joe Nixon makes...we've got to find out the recipe, they're just great. Thanks to everyone who brought goodies, and helped in the setup and cleanup.

The votes were tallied. After a hard and contentious campaign the Club Officers for 2005 are:

President: Steve Snyder
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Sect'y / Newsletter: Achille Silvestri
Treasurer: Dan Bowman
Safety Officer: Joe Nixon
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Swan Harbor RC Club Officers - 2005
Back- Joe Nixon-Safety Officer,
Achille Silvestri-Sect'y/Newsletter,
Tom Smith-Member at Large,
Dan Bowman-Treasurer, Tom Moyer-Member at Large
Front- Steve Snyder-President, Jim Snyder-Vice President

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



Cecil Davis at the Open house

WHAT KIND OF A YEAR WAS IT ?

I thought I would look through the past year's Newsletters to recall anything of interest that happened. This is what I found:

- A bunch of us visited the recently opened Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. It's an extension of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum located near Dulles International Airport. An excellent day trip.
- Achille Silvestri reported on a number of aviation/RC modeling trips he took. He found the Carolinas Aviation Museum in North Carolina where a bunch of guys, who looked amazingly like us, were restoring old planes. He revisited the Wright Brothers National Memorial at Kill Devil Hills, NC...a beautiful tribute to the early days of flying. Also, Achille managed to find his way to California where he was able to visit the Apollo 11 Model Airport...an RC flying field managed by the City of Los Angeles and the Parks Department.
- We had a Family Fun Day...got lots of family and planes out...very intimate, a nice day.
- Scott Russell showed us that the easiest way to retrieve a plane from the deep water was to roll up your pants, take off your shoes and walk out to it.
- Tom Obringer continued to make his discount fuel runs.
- On a sad note we lost two RC modeling icons...Pete Mirabella who was a member of our Club and John Kirk, a member of Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore, a genuine WWII Flying Ace.

- Tom Smith and Jim Snyder used our tractor to rescue Steve Snyder's Patty Wagstaff from the killer beans.
- Hugh Ellis gave us a detailed look into the makeup of a high performance aircraft, the 35% Aerotech Edge 540.
- We had an excellent turnout for our Big Bird Fly-In. We had participants and spectators from out of County and out of State. It was a great "promo" for the Club.
- We did a lot of work to upgrade and maintain the quality of the field. The field was cut and trimmed regularly. Everyone was anxious to try our new mower. We put in a drainage pipe and a lot of effort to improve the drive way.



Bob Walker and John Kocon cooking at the Family Fun Day



Mike Augenstein at the Big Bird Fly-In

- Tom Moyer and Steve and Jim Snyder started to promote an in-house combat flying event. It's scheduled for next spring.

On a related topic, Herman Reichart has been flying his King Combat, a flying wing with an OS25 engine...could be a candidate for combat flying. Have you seen the incredible moves that Herman does with the King?...he could be a terror.

- We ended the season with 72 members.

All-in-all it wasn't a bad year for one that seemed so slow that at times it seemed as if nothing was happening. In retrospect it was actually a very good year and we did more than usual. With the grace of the RC modeling gods and maybe some good weather we'll do as well or better this year.

FROM THE PITS ...

One day last month Sam Harbold, from Harford County Radio Control Modelers, came to our field to take pictures of our planes in flight. Just about that time one of those giant air cargo transports flew overhead and Sam got a good shot of it, too. We posted the pictures of our planes and the transport on the bulletin board for everyone to see. When our Bob Shrenker, who is in the National Guard, saw the picture of the transport the next day, he said, "That's my plane, I'm her Crew Chief". I said, " you mean a plane just like her". "No", he said, " that's her, the one very one, C-130J cargo aircraft, the Pride of Baltimore (Maryland Air National Guard)". What a great coincidence. Thanks to Sam for the great photos of our planes.



The C-130J, The Pride of Baltimore



Bob Shrenker by his favorite airplane

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 starting January 1. 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

Jan. 13, 2004	Swan Harbor RC Club Meeting. Churchville Rec Center. 7:00PM.
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Jan. 29, 2005	Southeastern Keystone State R/C Sale and Auction. Sponsored by Cloud Kings R/C Club. Kennett Square Senior Center, Kennett Square, PA. http://www.chesco.com/~lthomson/Index.html
Feb. 5, 2005	16th Annual Flea Market, sponsored by Westminster Aero Modelers. Westminster, MD. POC Ed Bradley 410-635-6436, encb3@bellatlantic.net
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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