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**Club Meeting, Rec Center in Havre de Grace, November 9, 7PM.**

**Mark your calendar. And start thinking about some things to bring in for show and tell.  
Let's see your winter projects.**

## GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Steve Snyder opened the meeting at the Rec Center in Havre de Grace on October 12, 2006, 7PM.

- Dave Yeakel posted the Park Headquarters phone number on the bulletin board if we need to contact them.
- It was agreed to allow \$400 for the raffle prizes at the Christmas Party. Specific items will be determined. Tickets will be sold at the November and December meetings and at the field. Sales are limited to Club members. Cost of tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- The Christmas Party, which doubles as the December monthly meeting, will be on Sunday, Dec 10th from 12PM till 4PM at the Churchville Rec Center.
- The following nominations were received for Club Officers:
  - President- Steve Snyder
  - Vice President- Jim Snyder
  - Treasurer- Open
  - Sect'y/Newsletter-Achille Silvestri
  - Safety Officer- Joe Nixon
  - Member at Large-Willie McCaslin
  - Member at Large-Bryan Meehan

Note that we have no nominees for Treasurer. This position is critical for our operation. Anyone who would accept this nomination would provide a great service to the Club.

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@verizon.net](mailto:axsilvestri@verizon.net)



**27% Extra 260  
Christmas Raffle Prize**



**Bob Walker and  
Earlier Transmitters**

### **SHOW AND TELL by Bob Walker...**

I brought in two 30 year old plus, RC transmitters to show. One is a Kraft Series 74 five channel radio. Phil Kraft, the company owner, was an RC aerobatic champion, designed RC planes and even flew aerobatics in full size aircraft. Each year, the manufacturers came out with something a little different, just like automobiles. Kraft was one of the top of the line radios in the sixties and seventies. Most started out at \$400 which was a lot in those days. No servo reversing or any other modern niceties. One had to be clever in an RC plane set up.

The second, in the black box is a single stick Orbit transmitter. Orbit was one of the first into proportional radio control. Single stick transmitters are rare now a days, but at one time, 10-15% of the market was single stick. The rudder control is on the large knob. Yaw was achieved by twisting it right or left. There is even a rudder trim control in the very center. Many single stick transmitters had a throttle lever on the side, so one could cradle the transmitter and manipulate the throttle with the left fingers.

By the mid seventies, the Japanese slowly started making inroads into the US market. And by the eighties, almost all the radios manufactured were foreign made. Adjusted for inflation, those radios from 30 years ago should be selling for over \$1000 today. One was really dedicated to the hobby back then to spend \$300-\$600 for a radio. The transmitters were matched tuned to a specific receiver, so no going to the hobby shop to get an extra flight pack.

### **THE GREAT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE...**

Since the Club meeting a decision was made to offer up two main prizes for the raffle. They are the Funtana X 100 and the 27% Extra 260. Both are ARFs. Some additional smaller prizes will also be included. See the "General Club News" above for rules governing the raffle.



**Funtana X 100  
Christmas Raffle Prize**

### **SWAN HARBOR RC IN THE NEWS...**

We were very fortunate in that one of our worst flying days for a Giant Scale was very well covered by three local papers. The Aegis and the Prime Times each gave us, essentially, a full page each. And the Record, another Harford County paper, presented a nice picture of our fly-in on their front page. I trust that your newly found fame will be carried with dignity and pride.

### **WHERE ARE THEY TODAY?.....**



**The Return of John Jerbi**

I got a pleasant call from John Jerbi the other day. I hadn't seen nor heard from him since the Harford County RC Modelers were forced from their site on MD 543. He called to tell me that he was getting out of the hobby for now, and asked if we would post some of his RC airplanes and equipment for sale (see the sale column). I said I would be glad to and was sorry he was getting out of the hobby, even for an interim period.

John was part of a flying family. He flew with his dad, Louis, and his brother, Mike. Showing no disrespect, but John was clearly the top gun of the act. Also, studying under the legendary Bill Compton, John became an extraordinary builder as can be attested to by the Midwest AT-6 he has for sale.

When I last saw John 7-8 years ago he had just entered Penn State University. Today he works for Tyco Electronics in Sparks, MD. Dad Louis just retired from Social Security and brother Mike works for CNA Associates in Aberdeen.

### **FROM THE PITS.....**

Achille Silvestri brought out his Mid-Star 40. It has a 65 inch mid-wing and is powered with an OS 46 engine. Sean Ellis checked it out for him. Sean said that, except for a couple of clicks on the ailerons, the plane was right on the mark. Sean said, "That was a lot of fun. I haven't flown a plane that slow for a long time. They're fun".

### **FOR SALE...**

#### **KITS:**

DYNAFLIGHT FUN SCALE P-40 NIB \$40.00  
GREAT PLANE PIPER CHEROKEE NIB \$60.00

#### **RADIOS:**

NIB FUTABA 4NBF 4 CHN FM RADIO, W/ 3 S-148 SERVOS AND ALL PARTS \$80

#### **PLANES:**

MIDWEST MALIBU 40 UNFINISHED KIT W/ OS 40SF 2 STROKE ENGINE (NIB) \$150

DYNAFLIGHT FUNSCALE SPITFIRE 40, 4 CHANNEL RADIO & NEW BATTERIES  
W/ 4-148 SERVOS (CHANNEL 32) OS 40FP ENGINE (30 FLIGHTS) \$100

GREAT PLANES SUPER SPORTSTER 60, 70 SURPASS 4-STROKE  
FUTABA 6VA 6 CHANNEL FM RADIO 4-S148 SERVOS (CHANNEL 29)  
(APPROXIMATELY 60 FLIGHTS EXCELLENT CONDITION) \$325

MIDWEST AT-6 / SNJ 80" WINGSPAN (NEVER FLOWN)  
PROFESSIONALLY PAINTED ROBERT AT-6 RETRACTS KIT  
OS 120 SURPASS II (NEW) FUTABA 6XA COMPUTER RADIO 7S148 SERVOS (CHANNEL



**Achille Silvestri  
and the Mid-Star 40**

24) \$975

**MISC:**

PICO T-28 SPRING AIR RETACTS FOR 1/6 SCALE KITS \$35.00

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ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets 7PM the second Thursday of the month. Starting October we meet at the Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, 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 2006 AMA membership because you need it to fly. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2006 Membership Application](#) is available on line or additional 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

Nov 4, 2006	Auction and Swap Meet, Newark, DE. Shue Middle School. For info: Dick Stewart Ph 302-368-2911 email: <a href="mailto:balticply@aol.com">balticply@aol.com</a> Sponsor: Delaware RC Club, Inc.
Nov. 9, 2006	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, Churchville Rec Center, 7PM.
Dec 10, 2006	Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party. Churchville Rec Center, 12PM till 4PM.

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