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**Club Meet, August 9, 2007, 7PM, come early, bring a plane, get some flights (maybe there'll be eats).**

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Steve Snyder, Club President, opened the meeting at 7PM at the flying field. There was a great turnout for flying. The hot dogs, french fries and Walker brownies were great hits. It was a slow news night. There was a lot of gossip about an impending horse farm that would like to come to Swan Harbor Farm. But so far it's just smoke. Steve will make some calls to get more information. Earl McMullen described the upcoming Lums Pond Warbirds fly in. Our membership stands at 72.

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)



Rhinebeck Revisited

### RHINEBECK REVISITED...

To go to Rhinebeck, NY, is a euphemism for going to the "Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome". Rhinebeck, if you have never been there, is a collection of many planes of the early days of aviation. Many date back to before WW I. Many are in their onsite museum, but many are airworthy and are flown regularly as part of their air show.

We first visited Rhinebeck about 30 years ago, again, 6-7 years ago and once more in June. In all that time nothing has changed much, except the planes, as we, are that much older. They do their flying on weekends; this year they opened on June 16 and will continue to fly until mid-October. Usually, they do barnstorming on Saturdays displaying some of their very unique planes and on Sundays, they stage some mock WWI dog fights with period military costumes.

Be warned that the flying is very weather dependant and could be cancelled at the last moment.



**Fokker D.VII, 1918**

The day we visited, a Saturday, was bright and sunny but there was some wind, so they did not fly some of their older planes such as the 1909 Bleriot, the 1909 Demoiselle, the 1914 Caudron and others because they are so fragile. But they taxied them around and it was easy to appreciate their beauty. Still they flew many planes: among them were a Fokker d. VII, a Great Planes T2-1MS, a Dehavilland Tiger Moth, a New Standard D-25 and many others. They put on a great air show.

They also have a “flying farmer”. You know, this is the one where this apparently goofy farmer stumbles into a Piper Cub, accidentally takes off and does all these hair raising stunts close to the ground. I was surprised to learn is that there is not just one flying farmer. Many flying sites have a flying farmer of their own. For example, Bealeton has its own flying farmer and I remember years ago there was a flying farmer at the Confederate Air Force show in Frederick, MD.

We usually plan to go to Rhinebeck on a Saturday. In the event there's a rain out we still have a chance to see the Sunday show. Your ticket, which is discounted for seniors (\$15), gets you into the museum as well as the air show. The shows start at 2PM, but get there early to take in all the sights. The museum is a collection of hangars which houses planes that have been restored or are in a state of repair. They are presently building a copy of the Spirit of St. Louis. It looks like the way we build, but on a much grander scale. How great would it be to be a part of the museum staff. The museum is open mid-May through October. Of course, they have a gift shop with some interesting items. They got me, I couldn't resist a beautifully made desk model of a DR 7.



**Caudron G.III, 1914 or  
Achille's next WWI Recon plane**

Also, before and after the shows, they have barnstorming rides in their 1929 New Standard open-cockpit biplane (a little crisp at \$50 for 15 minutes).

They have a luncheon stand with hotdogs and snacks. And they also have a very nice picnic area on the grounds. We brought some sandwiches, chips and water that we picked up at a deli in the town of Rhinebeck. We got a nice picnic table and had one of their ice cream treats for dessert.

There is nothing elaborate at Rhinebeck. Don't expect any fancy stadium seating. Just picture yourself in a '20s-'30s time period at a barnstorming show. Your seats are plain weathered wooden planks laying freely on top of some old cement blocks. But it's a great field with excellent visibility. It's a wonderful experience of the early days of aviation.

Plan your visit well ahead. The motels around Rhinebeck fill up very quickly. We planned our trip a month and a half in advance and the closest we could get was Newburgh, NY, which is about a half

hour below Rhinebeck.



**Curtis Pusher, 1911**

Aerodrome. It's about 5-6 hours to Rhinebeck (depending on your habits).

For latest information go to their website [www.olderhinebeck.org](http://www.olderhinebeck.org)

## **THE CRAB AND SHRIMP PARTY...**

### **IF YOU GO...**

From Baltimore and the Harford County area it's best to go up I-83 towards Harrisburg, PA, and pick up I-81 towards Scranton, PA. Then pick up I-84, continue on it until you cross the Hudson River and pick up Route 9, north towards Rhinebeck. The Aerodrome is a few miles above Rhinebeck. Make a right on Old Stone Church Road which will take you to the

Our Social Secretary, Joe Nixon, has called for our Crab and Shrimp Party. Featured will be steamed hard crabs with an aside of shrimp. Bring your own beverages, hammers and napkins. It is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7. Dining to start on or about 1:00PM.. The fee is \$25 per participant. Get your money in to Joe as soon as possible so he can complete all arrangements. Joe can be e-mailed [joedine@verizon.net](mailto:joedine@verizon.net) or telephoned 410-420-7750



**Great Lakes T2-IMS and Dehavilland "Tiger Moth"**



**Harriot, 1910**



**The Flying Farmer salutes the crowd**



**Look at him, all full of himself,  
the Baron von Silvestri  
and his Fokker Dreidecker**

## ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets 7PM the second Thursday of the month. We meet at the Swan Harbor Farm flying field. 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 2007 AMA membership because you need it to fly. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2007 Membership Applications](#) are 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

Aug 9, 2007	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, at the Flying Field 7PM. Come early bring a plane, maybe we'll have some good eats.
Aug 25-26, 2007	Prince Georges R/C will hold an IMAC contest. Registration at 9AM, flying starts at 11AM on Sat, flying starts at 9AM on Sun. POC David Michael at <a href="mailto:davidmichael1@comcast.net">davidmichael1@comcast.net</a>
Sept 7-9, 2007	Bealeton Fly In, Flying Circus Aerodrome. Bealeton, VA. Full barnstormers air show. POC Andy Kane: <a href="mailto:andykane01@hotmail.com">andykane01@hotmail.com</a>
Sept 22, 2007	Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In. Swan Harbor Flying Field, 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder, <a href="mailto:ssnyder@comcast.net">ssnyder@comcast.net</a> Ph 410-638-2895, sponsored by Swan Harbor RC.

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