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**Club Meeting, at the Flying Field (don't make me remind you) 7PM.  
Come early and bring a plane. Maybe we'll have some good eats.**

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Steve Snyder, Club President, opened the meeting at 7PM, April 12, at the Churchville Rec Center. The report is as follows:

1. Jim Snyder got tarps for the shelters. (They have since been put up by some hardy souls).
2. Tom Smith did all the fertilizing for the field and pit area.
3. Marvin Tedrow fixed the fence while the field got its first cutting.
4. Jim says there's some work to be done to bring the field up to grade. The roof needs fixing, the fencing is getting ratty looking and some of the piping has gotten bent. Jim says when he gets all the materials we can get together to eat hotdogs and fix everything. Also, Tom reminded us that the mowers should have their blades sharpened and the oil changed.
5. Steve Snyder suggested that it would be good to get some flyers to announce our Open House in June. (Marvin already made up a quantity and they have been distributed to hobby shops and individuals for posting and handout)
6. We're also working on a leaflet that describes our Club that can be used as handouts.
7. Dan Bowman says we have 69 members signed up for 2007. Good show.



**Achille Silvestri and the EAA Bipe**

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)

### SHOW AND TELL...



**Tom Insley and the micro-Copter**

Tom Insley brought in the smallest helicopter I have ever seen. It fit in the palm of his hand. It was complete with a transmitter, a receiver, a main rotor motor and a smaller motor for the tail rotor. It was very agile, has some versatility and is apparently indestructible. It looked like a big bug. Oddly, it would fly up towards the light, bump it and fall to the floor undamaged. All this for \$29 at your nearest Wal-Mart.

Achille Silvestri brought in his EAA Biplane. It's an authentic copy of a home-built airplane that was easily assembled in your garage with ordinary tools. Achille's plane was built from a Balsa USA kit. It's quarter scale and would qualify for giant scale fly-ins. It's not set up yet but it will have a Supertigre 90 when it's ready to go.

Leo Behr ( we're going to have to call him "the professor") gave another very scholarly presentation. This time he described a process he developed for carving propellers. He said it goes back to his initiation with giant scale planes. He broke his first prop which cost him \$40. He tried it again...crack, another \$40. Leo said this was not going to work. Thereby, he set about finding a way of making his own propellers. He selected the proper woods and made his own templates and pitch gages. He described techniques for making rough carvings and the fine sanding all the way down to the final finished surface. Leo's propellers are truly works of art. They would easily make a very attractive wall hanging.

This was a good year for show and tell, hope it continues when we start up again next year.



**Rob Shrenker and the F-22**



**Smokin' Sean Ellis**

## FROM THE PITS.....

Rob Shrenker had a very nice looking Hangar 9 ARF, F-22. It was powered with a 46 Evolution. The plane and engine (model GRSX-60) cost \$390. Little windy that day and we aren't ready to experiment until we get nicer weather.

But nicer weather seems to be here now, let's get rid of those spider webs.

You know it's Spring when you see the sky filled with smoke. There was Sean Ellis just laying on a great air show...smoke was a nice touch.

Some good guys put up the new tarps. Thanks.

## SO WHO WAS CHARLIE HUGHES ANYWAY?...

Charles Hughes, who passed away April 15, was a member of Swan Harbor RC and Harford County Radio Control Modelers. Most of you new guys probably didn't know Charlie. He hadn't been well for several years and didn't fly a lot. But in the early days, when he was well, Charlie was a tremendous influence on RC modeling in Maryland. But RC was only a subset of Charlie's love of aviation. He always carried a much larger picture than just modeling. His interests ranged from his love of aviation history to the history of our RC modeling flying clubs. Although Charlie was a resident of Harford County, his many flying interests connected him to individuals and flying clubs all over Maryland. He was representative to the Maryland Modelers Association for many years and served as its president 1997-1998. They sought to provide coordination for all of Maryland aeromodelling RC activities. Charlie's association with the Westminster Aero Modelers led him and his associates to teach aviation history to every 3rd grade in Carroll County for 10 years.



**Charles Hughes**

Charlie amassed one of the largest and finest collection of aeromodelling engines. He would take them on the road and give a fine presentation on the evolution of model engines. Charlie was a unique kind of RC modeler. You won't often see his kind.

To learn more about Charlie, go to [www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/](http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/) and click onto June 2000.

## 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

May 10, 2007	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, At the Flying Field 7PM. Come early bring a plane, maybe we'll have some good eats.
May 12, 2007	Prince Georges Radio Control Open House. POC Charlie Gettier, Ph 410-757-3195
May 20, 2007	Warbirds Over Hurlock, 10AM. Best in show contest, food and raffles. Visit <a href="http://www.esacclub.org">www.esacclub.org</a> POC Matt Sebring Ph 410-742-6475 or 410-804-0204
June 2, 2007	(June 9 rain date) Skyfest Open House. Swan Harbor Flying Field, 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder.
June 23, 2007	Airplanes of the World II, Konterra Model Airpark. Sponsored by Freestate Aeromodelers. POC: Lee David Harris, PH 240-299-2784, <a href="mailto:ldharris84@hotmail.com">ldharris84@hotmail.com</a>
Sept 22, 2007	Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In. Swan Harbor Flying Field, 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder.

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