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Club Meet, July 12, 7PM, come early, bring a plane, get some flights (maybe there'll be eats).

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

We had a nice turnout for the meet of June 14. There was lots of flying and then there were our famous hotdogs and french fries (great stuff). But then it got so unbearably cold that people started to bail. Finally, about 6:30PM, with only a half dozen left we aborted the meeting. One good piece of news we have to pass on is that our membership is up to 72, a really good show. Don't give up we'll do it again next month.

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Open House at Swan Harbor RC

OUR GREAT OPEN HOUSE...

Finally, we got good weather: it was a beautiful day for a fly-in. And it showed in everyone's face and manner. It was a pleasant day to be out and for a few hours we put everything out of mind and flew our planes, ate those famous hotdogs and chatted with everyone in sight. It was a fine sense of well being and comradery. While all the flyers were Club members (we had over 35 planes participate) we had many visitors: spectators and pilots from all over. Flying was outstanding and best of all, all pilots returned safely.

They were out in force, Sean Ellis and Gary Hershberger put on a spectacular show of stunt flying with smoke streaming out of all parts of their planes, a very dramatic presentation. Earl McMullen flew his twin engine giant rascal... belching that musical whine that twin engines do. Jim and Steve Snyder took time to give flying lessons to some young visitors. Stanley Dill was flying a variety of electric flyers and glow planes.

Tom Moyer was tuning up a new Harrier 3D powered with a Thunder Tiger 60. Ron Lazzeri was



Earl Harris and Bob Walker, Chefs du jour

flying his Lanier Laser 200...powerful flyer with a G-62 engine. Gary Hershberger was flying an Aerotech 540 Edge which he built from a kit. And there were many, many more fine planes and flying antics.

But in light of all of that has gone before, the most amazing part of the afternoon is what we can only call the "Phil and Sean Show". These two guys, Phil Carey and Sean Popp, demonstrated an amazing range of skills and showed the very fun aspects of RC flying. They started the day simulating a dog fight, Phil flew a Mustang P51 against Sean's evil Focke Wulf E109... good show. Later they flew

a gull winged Corsair, not too many of them and they did it well. But then they flew a lawn mower...yes a lawn mower, all around the field. It made an unseemly landing but it came back in one piece. Now I don't care much for flying pizza boxes, stop signs, Snoopy dog houses or even 4 story buildings. I think a plane should look like a plane. But when you see a lawn mower flying in the sky, it's exciting because it challenges all your senses as to what is real and what is imagined...kinda like a flying cow. This was followed by Phil and Sean flying a Canard Mystere 3000 kit by Scorpio. In the middle of all this Phil took time to give a few flying lessons. It was really good of these guys to haul all this stuff out to entertain our visitors and us. And don't you know , just as I was leaving, they put a Pilatus Porter in the air. What a show.

Bob Walker and Earl Harris, in their tradition, continued the Herculean task of feeding the masses... we went through a few hundred hotdogs. And the task was made easier this year because we had the Joe Nixon gas burner cranking them out.

A nice day for an Open House, thanks to all who participated.



Gary Hershberger and the 540 Edge



The Phil Carey and Sean Popp Show



**Phil Carey Cuts the Grass,
then Flies the Mower**



Jim Snyder Sports the New Welcome Mat



Sean and the Giant Plane



Ron Lazzeri and the Lanier Laser

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. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 12, 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 davidmichael1@comcast.net
Sept 22, 2007	Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In. Swan Harbor Flying Field, 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder, ssnyder@comcast.net Ph 410-638-2895, sponsored by Swan Harbor RC.

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