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**Club Meeting, at the Churchville Rec Center, October 9, 7PM.  
Now don't be the only boob and show up at the flying field.**

**ATTENTION: October 12 is the Annual Swanfest Festival at Swan Harbor Farm.  
Parks and Recs has asked us not to fly on that day.  
Please put it on your calendar.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

Jim Snyder, President, opened the meeting of September 11 at 7PM at the flying field. The minutes are as follows:

1. The farmer has indicated he has no need for our tractor. Still, he has been cutting our tall grass.
2. On review, it was determined that there is nothing wrong with the magneto on the tractor. It only needed to be cleaned. Tom Smith and Jim Snyder rebuilt the carburetor and the tractor seems to be working fine. Stanley Dill is having the big tire/wheels repaired. Stanley says that Beavers Autobody is working on restoring the rim. This tractor may still be here long after there is no flying Club.
3. Jim has raffle tickets for the Christmas drawings (3 spectrum radios). Get them while they're hot.
4. The next meeting will be at the Rec Center in Churchville--don't forget.
5. Field is looking great, thanks to the outstanding efforts of Dan Bowman and Marvin Tedrow.
6. Steve Snyder is putting together a new membership package.
7. Ron Lazzeri says our membership for 2008 stands at 74.



**Bob Walker and Jim Snyder  
Cooking Up a Storm**

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)

**OUR GREAT FUN FLY...**

We had a wonderful day for our Fun Fly on September 20...excellent weather and fine participants and well wishers. It felt good to be there. We had flyers from Sunday Flyers, Baltimore Boys and York RC.

We had all kinds of gas, glow and electric planes and helicopters in the air. We had stunt planes, vintage aircraft, military types and various kinds of all purpose planes. There were nearly 40 planes and helicopters on the field at one time. Dick Dannenfels started the flying with a giant Taylorcraft only to be followed by Steve Snyder with his electric Taylorcraft. Earl McMullen had his Ryan STA and Cliff Tacie from the Sunday Flyers had a military Piper Cub finished in



**William Fannin the Helicopter Whiz**

Swiss markings. Jim Snyder flew a Sukhoi and Dan Bowman did some great stunts with his Frenzy Hangar 9. Stanley Dill took time to give Randy Kitner Jr. some instructions. Augie Augenstein had a fleet made up of a P-47, Piper Cub and assorted stunt planes.

The whiz kids: Bob Burke, Paul Cook and Tom Bacigalupi flew their foam electric military aircraft all together. They looked like a bunch of hornets buzzing around.

Dave Ferrall did some great maneuvers with his Raptor 50 helicopter. There were many other pilots who participated in our Fun Fly. They're not mentioned, not because they are unimportant, but I just couldn't remember them all. Thanks to all who took part.

We, the participants and our guests, were entertained with some really great performances. Probably the greatest individual event was William Fannin of the Baltimore Boys doing the most incredible stunts with his helicopter. Everyone was just amazed with the quick turns, jumps, knife edges and other maneuvers he was able to accomplish. Unfortunately, just as he was finishing his flight a pin came off his tail rotor and caused him to crash. He looked at it and said, "Well, I guess I better get the other one out" and put on an even greater show. He's my hero.

While William's was the best individual event, the best overall entertainment was provided by Steve Arnold of York RC. Steve flew an electric Stinger. The movement of this plane was so fast that it was nearly impossible to keep up with it. It had to be clearly doing over 150mph with the most amazing bumps,

twists and turns. Then Steve showed us some really great stunt flying with Hangar 9 Extra powered with a DA 100. Still, he had more. For his final act, Steve flew a Fokker D7 from WW I. He did all the slow rolling moves and soft flyovers that you would expect from a plane of that day.

What a great performance. How do you show your thanks to such a good guy? There is a way. Steve won the raffle for a Kavalier airplane kit. Couldn't have gone to a better guy. The donation of the Kavalier kit was made possible by Bob Burke working with G Force Hobbies, Inc. of Stanton, DE.

Our great cooks Bob Walker and Jim Snyder fed the masses all day long.

This was a great day out for everyone, participants and spectators. It's not all gloom and doom as they say on TV.



**Cliff Tacie and the Swiss Piper Cub**



Steve Arnold and the Fokker D7



Stanley Dill Instructs Randy Kitner



Dave Ferrall and the Raptor 50



Earl McMullen and the Ryan STA

Steve Snyder and the  
Electric Taylorcraft

## ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets 7PM the second Thursday of the month. In the Fall and Winter we meet at the Churchville Rec Center located 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. Be sure to have your 2008 AMA membership because you need it to fly. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2008 Membership Applications](#) are available on line or additional information can be obtained from Ron Lazzeri, 410-256-4210, [ronlazzeri@verizon.net](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net). 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

Oct 9, 2008	Club Meet. At the Churchville Rec Center, 7PM.
Nov 8, 2008	Auction and Swap Meet, Shue Middle School, Newark, DE. For info: Dick Stewart, ph 302-368-2911 email: <a href="mailto:balticply@aol.com">balticply@aol.com</a> Start 9AM. DELAWARE RC CLUB.

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