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### Club Meeting, at the Flying Field, July 10, 7PM.

Come early with a plane and get some flying in, we're going to have hotdogs and French fries.

### GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Jim Snyder, President, opened the meeting of June 12 at 7PM at the flying field:

1. Jim thanked everyone that helped so much in getting the field in such fine shape for our Skyfest Open House. Jim said that we were visited by members of the Havre de Grace Rec Council and they were very impressed with our operation. This is very important to us now that we are a sanctioned member of the Rec Council.
2. We want to thank Middle River Hobbies for providing us with a box of Guillows gliders for the children and three airplane prizes that we were able to raffle off. Also, Middle River Hobbies wants us to know that we are entitled to a 10% discount just for showing our Club card.
3. Ron Lazzeri says our membership for 2008 stands at 72. Ten of them are new members. Good show.



**Dale Davis Wolfs Down  
One of Bob Walker's Famous Hotdogs**

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### THE SKYFEST OPEN HOUSE OF 2008...

Our Open House of June 7 was one of our best flying days and probably the most successful public event we have ever had. The fact that the field was in such an immaculate condition contributed significantly to the overall success of the day.. A lot of thanks has to go to all those who helped in preparing the field and assisting in the day's operations. We received many fine comments from our visitors regarding our flying facilities.

We, especially, want to recognize the contributions of Dan Bowman, Marvin Tedrow, Dale Davis, Jim Snyder, Steve Snyder, Bob Walker, Earl Harris, Dave Yeakel and many others who made the day so successful.



**John Holbrook and the QQ Yak 54**



**Gary Taylor Came From California to Win This Prize**



**Nick Sawyer (on the right) Won Two Raffle Prizes. His friend Nick Geisler Looks On**



**Nir Schweizer and Andy Kane Prepare for Takeoff**



**Sean and Hugh Ellis Prepare for Takeoff**



**Andy Robicheaux and the Yak 54**

Also, contributing to our great day was the picture in the Aegis of Jim and Steve with their North American B-25 bomber which was the focal point of the show. We started getting inquiries about the open house the day the Aegis went on the streets with the picture of the B-25.

We were especially fortunate in that Andy Robicheaux and Matt Ross from the Middle River Hobbies gave us three airplanes that we were able to raffle off as prizes. Also, they gave us a box of Guillows balsa gliders that the kids could play with.

This was a great flying day, first in the air was Mike Augenstein in a Cub; first in the grass was Dan Bowman. We had some great giant scale airplanes. They came in with their vans, trailers and pup tents. Andy Kane and Nir Schweizer did some great flying with a 3 meter Composite ARF. Sean Ellis as usual put on one of his acrobatic flying and smoking shows. John Holbrook was flying a QQ Yak 54. Andy Robicheaux did some super flying in his Yak 54. And Club favorites like Ron Lazzeri and Gary Hershberger were busy buzzing the field. Many others also took part. At one time we had over 50 planes on the field. They ranged from giants to trainers, sports, war birds, electric jobs and helicopters.

Gary Taylor won the Turbo Raven raffle . Nick Sawyer, a young man from Darlington won two raffle prizes (what are the odds)

How successful were we?... We ran out of hotdog rolls. How far away did they come?...Gary Taylor, the winner of a raffle prize came from California. Just for our open house?

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

Steve and Jim Snyder, with much consternation and great apprehension, agreed to test fly the North American B-25 at the June Club meet. After some minor adjustments and twiddling they got the plane ready and took off. The flight was beautiful, smooth and very scale-like. The retracts and wheel well doors worked perfectly on takeoff and landing. It was a superior exhibition of building skills and flying talents.

### **HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER...**

Dale Davis and Paul Cook had some set backs and spent some time in the hospital. They're home now. We all wish them well.

### **ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...**



**Jim and Steve Snyder Much Relieved  
After the Flight of the B-25**

Swan Harbor RC meets 7PM the second Thursday of the month. In the Spring we meet at our flying field at Swan Farm Harbor. 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

July 10, 2008	Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House. Flying Field, 10 AM (Jun 14 rain date) <a href="#">Flyer for event.</a>
July 10-13, 2008	Warbirds Over Delaware, Lums Pond, DE. Visit <a href="http://www.delawarerc.org">www.delawarerc.org</a> . Sponsor: Delaware RC.
Sep 20, 2008	Swan Harbor RC Fun Fly. Flying Field, 10 AM (rain date Sep 27)

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