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**Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, Saturday, December 12, 12 noon to 4PM.
Remember this is our combined Christmas Party and Monthly Club Meet.
We'll party, have elections and then the spectacular raffle.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President, Jim Snyder, convened the meeting 7PM, Nov 12, 2009 at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Jim Snyder and Steve Snyder took down the tarps.
2. Bob Steininger said he was unable to start the tractor. Stanley Dill will try to get the tire repaired this winter.
3. The field is closed Thanksgiving day and the day after. It will reopen on Saturday, November 28.
4. It was agreed to raise the membership dues to \$50 per year. The initiation fee will remain at \$45. The changes are reflected in the application form for 2010 available [here](#). We would like everyone to submit a completed application form when they sign up. We've been losing data on some of the members.
5. Earl McMullen stated that Mussers is having a black Friday (day after Thanksgiving) sale. Everything's supposed to be 20% off.
6. Remember our meeting in December combines our super Christmas party and the election of new officers. This meet will be Dec 12, noon to 4PM at the Churchville Rec Center. We have the following nominations for officers for 2010:

President: Jim Snyder
Vice President: Scott Jordan
Newsletter/Sct'y Achille Silvestri



Three Great Raffle Prizes

Treasurer: Steve Snyder
 Safety Officer; Bob Walker
 Member at large: Marvin Tedrow
 Member at large: Tom Smith

A ballot is available [here](#) for your convenience. Be sure to bring the completed form to the meeting.

7. The Christmas Party is really big deal. It's worth the price of membership even if you didn't fly. Steve will get the shrimp, Bob Walker will pick up the cold cut platter and Jim will take care of the ice, sodas, plates, etc. Everyone is welcome to bring a desert, salad or an aside.
8. Ron Lazzeri says our membership is up to 82. Fantastic, highest we have ever had.

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



Earl McMullen and Gene Clark with Gene's Cessna 182

SHOW AND TELL...

Gene Clark brought in a Cessna 182. It's from a Top Flite kit that was built by Earl Mc Mullen. Excellent workmanship (want to send Earl in a dither? Ask him if it's an ARF, then duck). The plane has an 81 inch wing span and is powered with a 75 Supertigre. The Cessna is complete with flying lights and a full scale interior. Nice addition to Gene's collection.

THE ULTIMATE RAFFLE...

Steve Snyder put the raffle prizes on display. He had a Decathlon, an Ultimate Bipe and A Yak 54. They sure looked pretty. Makes you want to jump up and say give me another dozen

tickets. Tickets are on sale now. . \$1 each, or if you want reassurance 6 for \$5.

FROM THE PITS...

Ran into Bob Sinsky, one of our new members. He was flying a giant T-REX 700. Handsome machine and Bob did some really nice maneuvers. We're building our helicopter part of the Club.

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

Safety never takes a rest. And the Christmas season is a great time to review your safety needs for flying.....and get more equipment. One of the weak links in our hobby is the battery. They have gotten so much better than years ago, but there are also many more choices and everyone does not take the time to understand them. One given is that our rechargeable batteries do not last

forever. How old are your batteries in your receiver packs? What about your transmitter? Does your transmitter have a "clock" battery? There are some people who simply replace their battery packs after two seasons. Does it make sense to crash a several hundred dollar airplane over a \$20 battery pack? Everyone will say "no" but how many of you are using batteries over 5 years old? If you are, it is just a matter of time before trouble finds you. Most transmitters show the voltage and it is easy to see what is left at the end of a flying session. The best way to monitor batteries is with a cycler. Every serious modeler should have one of these. You may be surprised how bad your batteries are. There are several dozen cyclers on the market that would make a great Christmas present for you. I mentioned a "clock" battery above. Several brands of transmitters have these. I know my JR transmitters do. These are small batteries like in your PC that allow the electronics to remember your programs, settings, etc. As with a PC, these can go after 5-7 years. Most can only be changed by the manufacture. I don't want to sound like an advertisement, but SR Batteries make some of the best. You can check them out at their website. These are a higher grade battery than most manufacturers sell with their transmitters and flight systems. And they are made in the USA. So, put new batteries and a battery cycler on the list and we will see you at the Christmas Party.

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. Otherwise we meet at our flying field at Swan Harbor Farm. The public is welcome to the meetings. To fly with us at Swan Harbor flying field 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 2009 AMA membership because you need it to fly. A [SWAN HARBOR RC 2009](#)

[Membership Applications](#) is available on line or additional information can be obtained

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Bob Sinsky and the T-REX 700

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 12, 2009	Swan Harbor RC's Combined Christmas Party and Monthly Meeting, 12 noon to 4PM. It's a good one. Don't miss out on this.
Feb 13, 2010	Westminster Aero Modelers annual Flea market. Westminster VFW Hall, Poole Road, Westminster. Details to follow.

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