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**Club Meeting at the Flying Field August 13, 7PM.
We're having another of our famous cookouts.
Come early, bring a plane and get some flights in.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President, Jim Snyder, convened the meeting 7PM, July 9, 2009. The minutes are as follows:

1. Nice turnout. Great flying and super cookout.
2. Jim Snyder acknowledged Bob Walker's excellent write up on field safety. (There's another in this week's Newsletter).
3. Everyone is still excited that we may get to sponsor an AMA pattern flying event.
4. We need a sign for our can for hold downs stating this is not to be used for trash. Visitors may not understand this. Be sure to remind them if you see one dumping in our hold down can. Dale Davis will try to get a sign made up for us.
5. There are some with 2.4 GHz transmitters that are still reluctant to put their AMA cards in the impound. This is necessary to identify who's flying and affirm that they are Club members. Come on guys, stop fighting it.
6. The issue of drawing for prizes at the Christmas party was raised. Just trying to get some ideas. What would you like to win?
7. Ron Lazzeri says our membership stands at 77. First class.



Achille Silvestri and the Rebuilt Bleriot

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bob Walker has provided us some nice columns on safety. If you have something of interest, send it to us. We would be glad to include it in the Newsletter. It doesn't have to be professional or even complete. A few notes would do it...you could even give me the information by phone. It could be about a plane you're working on, a trip you've taken or some ideas you have about RC modeling.

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

FROM THE PITS...

- Dave Ferrall was flying a 100 inch electric launch Ventus. It was very graceful and relaxing to watch.
- Bob Walker was flying his 36 inch wing P-51 Mustang. It was powered with a LA-15 and flew very well. It was a hang-over from our combat fly which never took place.
- Dan Bowman was flying his Extra 300XS. It's just another of Dan's power fliers.
- Tom Insley was flying a Nitomodel 91 inch wing Piper Cub ARF (the silent co-owner is Marvin Tedrow). It's powered with a 26cc gas engine. Nice, graceful flyer.
- Stanley Wilson was flying a Stryker from Park zone (he likes to call it the Dragon). It's an electric powered flying wing. Stan has reworked it to fly well beyond it's design speed. You have to stay alert to keep up with it.
- Achille Silvestri brought out his twice rebuilt Bleriot (a 4-Star60 in disguise). Tim Getz tuned up the 90 Supertigre engine and gave it a test flight . Flies great.



Bob Walker and the P-51 Mustang



Tom Insley and the Piper Cub



Stan Wilson and the Stryker



Dave Ferrall and the Ventus



Dan Bowman and the Extra 300XS

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

The corn is getting high....real high. We are boxed in on several sides this year. Some people blast down the road to the field. This is tearing up our road, but is also a safety issue. Several weeks ago, a very nice and very expensive biplane was taking off on its maiden flight. The take off was toward the road. Unfortunately, it rolled to the right after taking off and cart wheeled on the road. Had someone been coming down the road fast, they could have been struck by the plane or could have run over and destroyed a fixable plane. When you enter the field area, stop, check to see if anyone is flying and make sure a plane is not landing or taking off.....it would not hurt to honk the horn before crossing if someone is in the air.

I have taken a liking to the new wooden start up stands. It is nice to keep the battery, fuel, etc out of the grass. But someone pointed out last week that their engine started backwards and the plane almost jumped off the stand. Just something to think about.

People have been pretty good about putting AMA cards in the frequency box. When we obtained the field from the county, the agreement was that everyone would have AMA to limit the county's liability for any accident. There are frequently strangers at the field and everyone does not know everyone. We can't expect strangers to put a card in the slot if we are not setting an example.

Electric versus gas/glow engines. You don't want to get your finger in any running propeller, but did you ever think which type motor is worse? For same equivalent size, the electric is worse. Put something in a gas or glow engine and it will slow down....still can do lots of damage. But an electric plane has a speed controller that will send more power to the motor to keep up the speed. Use care with any spinning propeller, but be aware that the electrics can do a lot of damage to a body part too.....

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 from Ron Lazzeri, 410-256-4210, ronlazzeri@verizon.net. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 13, 2009	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. 7PM at the flying field. Cookout. Come early get some flights in.
Sep 19, 2009	Swan Harbor RC Fall Fly-In, 10AM. Club Flying Field at Swan Harbor Farm. (Rain date Sep 26). POC: Steve Snyder 410-638-2895, E-Mail: ssnyder@comcast.net

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