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**Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, November 12, 7PM.
And bring in something for show and tell. Last month I got nuttin'.
And we'll be taking nominations for Club Officers. This is your chance to reward your special friend.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President, Jim Snyder, convened the meeting 7PM, Oct 8, 2009 at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Jim Snyder reported that the turnout for the Fall Fly-in was a little



This year's Christmas raffle line-up

light...probably for other clubs competing for the same weekend.

2. Sent an e-mail out reminding everyone that the field was closed Oct. 12 for the County's Swan Fest.
3. Need some brave hands to take the tarps down.
4. Steve Snyder will order some new bungee balls for next season.
5. Steve got the airplanes for the raffle.
6. Bob Steininger reports that he got the big tractor running. Probably needs to have the carburetor cleaned. Now the rear tire is flat.
7. We have the following nominations so far for 2010:

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

Safety Officer; Bob Walker

Member at large: Marvin Tedrow

Member at large: Tom Smith

We are accepting additional nominations at the Nov meeting.

8. The Christmas Party is set for Sat., Dec. 12, 12 noon to 4PM. Remember the Christmas Party serves as our December meeting. We'll have elections, raffles and eats.
9. For the Christmas Party, 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.
10. Ron Lazzeri says our membership stands at 82. Fantastic.

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



John Ruppel with his Pulse 60

FROM THE PITS...

The nasty unpredictable weather sure curtailed our flying activities this past month. Still there were a few good souls we caught up with. John Russell was flying his Hangar 9, Pulse 60. A good flyer with an OS61. And Gary Gunter still keeps giving us a good show on what's new out in the market. This day Gary was flying a Gee Bee Y by Pacific Aeromodels powered with a 150 SAITO 4-cycle. Also, Gary had an Extra 300 by Seagull Models. It has a 63 inch wing and flies very nicely with an OS91.

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

Two points this month....First....the details of this may not be exact, since I received this second hand, but the

lesson is important. Did you ever wonder where broken propellers go? They hide somewhere out in the field where someone mowing usually runs over them? Not all the time. There was a recent incident at the Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore field that was almost tragic. I understand an airplane was taking off and threw part of the propeller. I did not find out if the plane hit the runway and broke or just came apart. But one of the members watching was hit near the eye. Fortunately, he was wearing sunglasses that may have saved his eye. The propeller did hit under the eye, caused profuse bleeding resulting in a trip to the emergency room. Do you always wear safety glasses? My father taught me many years ago to stay out of the plane of a spinning propeller, especially the eyes. Most people do wear sunglasses at the field, but make sure they are made of safety glass or plastic. This is another reason to keep kids as far as possible from the airplanes and helicopters. Many may remember the RCMB show at the Timonium fairgrounds many years ago. Model helicopters flew on site until one year, a chopper crashed, with the blade hitting a

spectator. Heli blades go flying also.....and not always into the cornfield. Be aware of what is going on in the sky.

Second.....last month we talked a little about the failsafe features on all the new 2.4 GHz radios and many older PCM radios. One of the great things about a computer radio is that you only need one transmitter to control several airplanes. The Spektrum radios have another great feature....Model Match. If you forget to set the transmitter to the correct plane, it will not operate. We have seen many flyers take off without checking and have controls reversed....being set to the wrong plane. Note that the Futaba, Airtronics and most or all the others do NOT have the model match feature, at least that I am aware of. You still need to check that you are set to the correct plane or heli with these. You may discover the controls are reversed before take off, but if the throttle is reversed.....your engine could start up at full throttle. As always, think before doing anything.....

ABOUT THOSE LITHIUM BATTERIES...

Scott Jordan brought to our attention an article on p.172 of this month's Model Aviation. Someone apparently was charging his lithium battery from his car when it exploded and caused a disastrous fire consuming his car and the club's shade structure. Please be careful and be attentive to your operations.



Gary Gunter setting up with his Gee Bee Y and Extra 300

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

Nov 7, 2009	Auction and Swap meet, Shue Middle School, Newark, DE. For info: Dick Stewart PH 302-368-5717 or e-mail balticply@aol.com Open 9AM, auction 11AM. Sponsor: DELAWARE R/C HELI CLUB
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Nov 12, 2009	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. 7PM the Churchville Rec Center.
Dec 12, 2009	Our Annual Combined Christmas Party and Monthly Meeting, 12 noon to 4PM. It's a good one. Don't miss out on this.

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