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Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, October 8, 7PM.

Now don't be the only Boo Boo to show up at the field.

And how about bringing in something you've been working on for show and tell.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President, Jim Snyder, convened the meeting 7PM, August 13, 2009. The minutes are as follows:

1. The Christmas raffle was discussed. It was agreed to raffle a 90-size Yak, a 40-size Decathlon, and a 46-size Ultimate Biplane. All planes are ARFs and require glow engines. This is a good selection. Get your tickets.
2. Jim Snyder will get the food for our Fall Fly-In and Bob Walker, graciously, will be the head Chef again.
3. Our Fall Fly-In on Sept 19, be there.
4. Ron Lazzeri says our membership stands at 79. Fantastic, we just keep getting better.



**Bob Walker Puts Out the Dogs,
Stephanie Snyder Brings In the Bucks**

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

THE SWAN HARBOR RC FALL FLY-IN...

It was a beautiful day for a fly-in and the field was looking great. The wind was a little gusty and changeable, but the "pros" knew how to handle it. The turnout was a little lighter than previous

years; a lot of this seems attributable to competitive fly-ins at this time of the year. But it was a fun day... Bob Walker and Stephanie Snyder kept the crowds well fed and it was a chance to catch up with old friends. Former members Randy Marlin and Bill Kalb, who have moved away, came to visit and fly. And our ole pal Dick Dannenfesler stopped in to say hello.

There were a lot of interesting planes and helicopters, so we'll try to recap as many as we can. Sean Ellis put on a spectacular performance with his giant Extra 300. He did maneuvers to make your head spin and had plumes of smoke covering the length of the field. And as if this wasn't enough, Will Fannin, of the [BaltimoreBoyz](http://BaltimoreBoyz.com) helicopter flying club put on an amazing collection of stunts with his Raptor 90-3D helicopter to make your head spin. (Will started the [Baltimore Boyz](http://BaltimoreBoyz.com) Club. You can access the site at Baltimoreboyz.us).

Sean and Will's flying acts alone made it worthwhile to be there. Bill Kalb, who now flies with the Pegasus RC Club out of Hagerstown, did some neat flying with one of his classic DreiDeckers. Cliff Tacie, from Sunday Flyers, flew a very nice electric P-19. Randy Marlin, who now flies with the Seaford Aeromodelers Club, brought out his Ugly Stick. Milt Peacock, from RCMB, flew an electric P51.

To make the reading a little easier, I'll just list our other club fliers:

- Gene Clark- Cessna 182 Skylane
- Jim Snyder- Cardin Extra 300
- Dave Ferrall- Raptor 90SE Helicopter
- Ron Lazzeri- Extra 260
- Augie Augenstein- P47 Thunderbolt
- Tom Insley- P-39 Aircobra
- Steve Snyder- Giant J3 Cub
- Achille Silvestri- pretend Junkers J1

While there were some minor mishaps due to the nasty winds all pilots returned safely. It was a nice day out with friends and family and visitors who don't fly but like to watch. Who could ask for more



Will Fannin and the Raptor 90-3D



Bill Kalb and the DreiDecker



Randy Marlin and the Ugly Stick



Cliff Taci and the Electrified PT-19



Ron Lazzeri and the Extra 260



Sean Hughes Making Smoke



Dave Ferrall and the Raptor 90SE



Augie Augenstein and the P-47 Thunderbolt

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

I was cooking hamburgers and hot dogs during most of our Fall Fly-In, but I did not hear of any safety violations or anyone doing something dumb. No major plane crashes nor any injuries. I did notice that all the flags for 2.4 GHz were in use most of the time. The trend is definitely toward 2.4. Next year, we probably need to fill out the board with 7 more pins. What do 2.4 GHz radios have to do with safety? Most all have some great safety features, but are you using them? The el cheapo AM and FM radios of the past were pretty basic. But most PCM's added an extra level with a failsafe feature. That is, you could set the throttle to idle if the receiver lost signal.....no full rpm crash into the ground. Many who spent the money on a nice radio did set this feature up. But many new people are buying the 2.4's and most all have this feature too. Are you setting this up? Each manual explains how, but you have to take 5 minutes.

The second feature most 2.4 GHz radios have is a way to range check. Back in the old days of radio control, one did not know if the radio was going to work on any given day. I think I am one of the few people who do a range check on every radio before I fly. But it is real easy with most of the 2.4. My Airtronics has a button I hold down for 10 seconds. It goes into a reduced power mode. I check for 30-40 paces and that is it. I know most of the others have something similar. Modern radios are very reliable, but everything can break.

Why not taxi into the pits?....While sitting there Sunday, I was wondering what to write about this month. A flyer landed a plane and it stopped at the far corner of the field. We all thought the engine had stopped. The flyer put the radio down and started walking toward the plane. All of a

sudden, the engine came alive to full power and started taxiing across the runway. If the plane had not hit high grass, it could have taken off without anyone piloting it..... the transmitter was definitely on the ground and no one was touching it. But the unexpected can and has happened and why pilots should not bring or aim a running airplane into the pit area.

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

Oct 8, 2009	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. 7PM the Churchville Rec Center.
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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