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**Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, Thursday, April 8, 7PM.  
This will be the last meeting of the season at the Rec Center. Bring something for show and tell**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting at 7PM at the Churchville Rec Center. We had an excellent turnout, 30 or more. Looked like everyone had cabin fever. The minutes are as follows:

1. This will be the last meeting at the Rec Center. The May meeting will be at the Flying Field. (Got to start those cookouts).
2. The field is ready for rolling and the road needs a tune up. Dale Davis, our liaison with the County, recommended that 40 tons of crushed rock would do the whole road and maybe even extend a little behind the storage shed. The County would pick up the rock, layout the road and roll the field. The Club would arrange for payment of the rock. If the field dries out sufficiently, the work could be done by April.
3. Additional mulching is needed for the shelter. It is planned to order mulch and at the same time prepare a mulched area around the other shelter. Notice will be coming out for a work party.
4. There was a request to bring a port-a-pot earlier this season. Steve Snyder will coordinate with Parks and Rec.
5. It was determined to have a Club Spring Fly-In June 5. The rain date is June 12. The Club will provide all the goodies and eats.
6. A date for a Club Picnic will be decided close to September.



**Gene Clark finishes his Citabria**

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](mailto:axsilvestri@verizon.net)

**SHOW AND TELL...**

- Bob Walker had a very compact Park Zone J3 electric Cub...has everything except the transmitter and receiver.
- Earl McMullen had a giant 1940 Piper J4. It is 1/3 scale (144 inch wingspan). It's powered with a Quadra 42. It had all the great detail that Earl is known for.
- Gene Clark brought in his finished Citabria. It is powered with an OS 70 4-cycle. He built it from a kit. Under Earl's tutelage he produced an excellent, highly detailed model.
- Steve Snyder showed an electric Pitts Model S-10 from Horizon Hobby. Very attractive, can't wait to see this bird fly.
- Looks like Scott Jordan has gotten into the helicopter craze. He had an Align TREX 700 Limited with an OS 91, an electric Align TREX 450 Pro and a Raptor 50 SE. Looks like Scott is going to have a very busy season ahead of him.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...**

If you haven't renewed your membership there is still time until March 31.



Do you need a Micro Cub like Bob Walker



Or a whale like Earl McMullen's J4



Scott Jordan and his new fleet of helicopters



Steve Snyder and the Pitts Model S-10

#### SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

Spring is definitely here. Let's just hope there is not a relapse back to winter. I am writing this Sunday the 21st and it was pretty drab at the field today; trees are still bare....but absolutely beautiful for flying. There were a number of new planes and helicopters at the field today. And more people have switched to 2.4 GHz radios. We definitely need to get a few more pins for the 2.4 GHz radios since that is the trend. It may have been a few months since you have flown, so let's go over a few basics. Everyone will not be happy with these, but if you think about it, these simple things can make it a little safer out there. I noticed that very few people stand behind the "Pilot Station" signs along the fence. A lot of people fly from the openings in the fence. Over the years we have seen many planes fly through the openings....unintended of course. The fence may not be much, but is an extra barrier to protect you. Please fly from behind the fence.

Everyone needs to get back in the habit of using a frequency pin, even if you are on 2.4 GHz. The reason many clubs have the pin rule is twofold: 1) it may cause you to think a little more as to what radio you brought to the field. 2.4 GHz flyers sometimes still bring an older 72 MHz radio to the field. If you are used to just flipping on the 2.4 transmitter, having the proper pin with 72 may prevent you from shooting down someone. 2) Our agreement with the county is that all flyers are members of AMA for the insurance. Without putting a card in the slot, you, us, no one, has any idea who is an AMA member. Remember, you can be in the club and not have an AMA card. If a stranger is flying are you going to ask if they are in AMA? Probably not, but it is everyone's job to remind people of the card in the slot....that is easier to do. A few other things....we still have a barrel of airplane hold downs. Most people do use them or one of the wooden carts which were great ideas. Don't taxi out of the pits if someone

is along the line flying. They can hear an airplane coming, but not see it without taking their eyes off a flying plane. Finally and sort of on the same subject, please respect the pilots flying the planes. They should be concentrating 100% on flying. I was not there, but I heard another plane went down due to a spectator talking to the pilot who lost concentration. Until next month....fly safe and have fun....

#### 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 2010 Membership Applications](#) is available on line or additional information can be obtained from Steve Snyder, 410-638-2895, [Steve@SwanharborRC.com](mailto:Steve@SwanharborRC.com). 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

April 3, 2010	April 3, 2010 PGRC's Third Annual Swap Shop. 9-3PM at the Prince George's Radio Control Clubhouse. CD: Carl Siefring 410-257-0769, <a href="mailto:carl.siefring@verizon.net">carl.siefring@verizon.net</a>
April 8, 2010	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. 7PM Churchville Rec Center.
May 8-15, 2010	Come to the Joe Nall 2010. Triple Tree Aerodrome, Woodruff, SC <a href="http://www.joenall.com">www.joenall.com</a>
June 5, 2010	Club Spring Fly-In. Rain date June 12.
Nov 4, 21010	Our normal 2nd Thursday Club meet is moved to a week ahead because Nov 11 is a holiday.
Dec 11, 2010	Club Christmas Party, 12-4, Rec Center. Put it on your calendar.

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