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**Our Annual Club Fly-In Sat. June 5, 9AM.
Be sure to attend. Bring your friends and neighbors.**

**Club Meeting at the Flying field, Thursday, June 10, 7PM.
Come early and get some flights in.
Good dogs and fries too.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

In the absence of Jim Snyder, President, Vice-President Scott Jordan opened the meeting May 13, 2010, 7PM at the Flying Field.

1. The focus of this meeting was to get the field up and ready for the new season. A work party was set for May 15 to put out the new mulch and do a general cleanup.
2. Steve Snyder reported that we already have 78 members. Outstanding.



Spreading the Mulch

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

FIELD UPGRADE...

We saw a lot of changes at the field this past month. The County very agreeably (thanks to the facilitation of Dale Davis) rolled the flying field and resurfaced the road into our facility. We even got a small hardtop parking area behind Tarp 2.

And then on May 15 we had a work party to do a general cleanup and build a mulch area around Tarp 2. A load of mulch was delivered later in the day and both tarp areas were resurfaced with mulch. The whole area looks very attractive and will make the spectator area much easier to mow around.

Did we say mow? You know the biggest maintenance need at the field is to cut the grass in a timely manner so that it's always ready to fly. Cutting with our present mowers took an inordinately long time. It was a real demand on the few personnel who cut the grass. On an excursion, Steve Snyder and others found a "zero turn" mower at a tremendous discount. Since all the Board Members were at the work party they elected to buy the new mower. And as an added benefit we were able to sell one of the old mowers on the spot to offset the cost. They promptly picked up the mower and made some trial runs. It performed beautifully, cut well, really fast. Everyone was pleased, especially Dan Bowman and Marvin Tedrow who bear the bulk of the grass cutting.

As you can see it was a very good month for our field. One of the best.

FROM THE PITS...

- Saw Paul Coleman flying his new Decathlon which is from a kit by Dynaflyte. It has an 86 inch wing with a 33cc converted Homelite chainsaw engine.
- Terry Klara was flying an F-14 ARF by World Models. It is powered by an OS 46.



The County Rolls Out the Field



Steve Snyder on Our New Zero-Turn



Dumping the Mulch



**Sam Harbold and His Student,
Brent Stratmeyer, at the HCRCM Fly-In**



Paul Coleman and the Decathlon



Terry Klara and the F-14

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

No one topic this month, so let's just hit a few points. Some were brought up by club members.

1. There was a recent article in Model Aviation concerning propellers. If we all flew jets at the field, the incident of accidents would be greatly reduced. We all know we should not be reaching over or around a spinning propeller. You are just asking for trouble. With all the electrics at the field, the same cautions should apply. Some of the electric planes have very powerful motors. Sure, they are stopped on the bench when hooking up the battery, but once armed, the throttle stick could be accidentally bumped up. Just remember to practice propeller safety with electrics also.
2. Here is another good practice brought up by a member: The proper labeling of fuel cans or containers. Most people flying gassers use the red gas containers, and most using glow fuel are in a container labeled as glow fuel. But evidently some people are using containers that were once used for other solvents, etc. No one is going to come around and inspect your container, but clear labeling is always a good practice. At the field, we assume you have glow fuel, but at home, someone may think it contains paint thinner, Kool aid or whatever and may have a disastrous result.
3. So far this year, we have had very few issues of flyers using the frequency pins and putting AMA card in the slot. Keep up the good work. Again, one reason for doing this is that anyone and everyone flying at the field must have AMA insurance. This was the agreement with the county when we got the site. If you have a friend that is new to the hobby and you are supervising the flying, there should be no problem, but remember....you could be responsible in the event of an accident.
4. Here is a point brought up by another member: We have been really lucky that no cars have been hit (that I am aware of) over the years. We are fortunate to be able to park as close to our planes as we do. But a member suggests that if you are not flying, why not park away from the tables. This keeps close in parking for the flyers and your car may be safer too. Courtesy and safety.
5. I put a poster in the display box to remind people of eye safety. Remember, wearing safety glasses saved the eye of a Radio Control Modeler of Baltimore last year when he was hit in the face with a flying propeller that broke off.
6. Another thing we have talked about before is the range checking of a radio. The radios on 72 mHz were pretty easy. Just put the antenna down and walk X number of paces. If you have no idea how to range check your 2.4 GHz radio, now is a good time to check out the manual.

Until next month....I appreciate the suggestions for the column....keep them coming

HARFORD COUNTY RADIO CONTROL MODELERS HOLD ANNUAL FLY-IN

In spite of the nasty unpredictable weather HCRCM had their Fly-In on May 22. They had a nice turnout and everyone had a good time. They place a big emphasis on electric flight.

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 a current AMA membership card 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 5, 2010	Club Spring Fly-In. Rain date June 12.
June 10, 2010	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet at the Flying Field, 7pm.
June 12, 2010	Kirk Memorial RC Fly-In. \$10 landing fee (includes lunch). CD Harry Debber Ph 717-858-8991, email: hyper79@hughes.net Sponsor: RC Modelers of Baltimore
June 26, 2010	Laurel MD Airplanes of the World VI. CD Rob Clark Ph 301-758- 6637, email: rotorheadbob@mac.com Sponsor: Freestate Aero Modelers
July 3, 2010	Newark, DE SKSS Electric Warbird Fly-In. CD Marl Hafer Ph 484-484-357-9031 email: thermal surfer@comcast.net Sponsor: Silent Knights Soaring Society. Visit www.skss.org
July 7-11, 2010	Kirkwood, DE Warbirds Over Delaware. Lums Pond State Park. CD David Malchione Ph 610-357-6649, email: bvmjpo6@aol.com Visit www.delawareRC.org Landing fee\$25, includes parking fee and dinner.
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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