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**Club Meeting at the Flying field, Thursday, September 9, 7PM.
Remember, this is our last outdoor meeting so,
Come early and get some flights in. Good dogs and fries too.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

No minutes this month since the August meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes or contents of this Newsletter, please direct them to Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895 or e-mail Steve@swanHarborRC.com.

FROM THE PITS...

- Bob Walker was sporting two new airplanes a Pack Zone Extra 300 and a rekkited classic by Great Planes, the Ultra Sport 60.



Bob Walker's Park Zone Extra 300

Pegasus R/C Giant Scale Fly In... Bob Walker

Several Saturdays ago, August 14 to be exact, the Hagerstown club known as Pegasus R/C held their annual giant scale fly in. Gene Clark and Earl McMullin represented Swan Harbor R/C with several planes. There were a total of 24 pilots from around the area.

Several of the Pegasus members flew at our fly in several months ago and we were happy to reciprocate. Ex Swan Harbor member Bill Kalb seemed to be running the show out there. Their food kitchen was pretty extensive and even included steamed shrimp.

For those of you who do not know, Hagerstown was a cradle of aviation in the US. The reason was that the early planes were made from wood. Hagerstown had many furniture manufacturers in the early 20th century so this was a logical place for aircraft factories.

Hagerstown Aviation Museum had a large display at the fly in and they were advertising their EAA fly in September 25 and 26. The two clubs seem to compliment each other.

The Pegasus field is huge and has plenty of room to land those Giant Scale planes.

Wing over Piper Fly In... Steve Snyder

Held on August 6th through the 8th, 2010 at the birthplace of that all America airplane the Piper Cub, Wing over Piper has got to be one the best fly ins I've ever attended. This was the 8th annual time for this event. Jim Snyder and I have attended the last 7 events and have enjoyed every single one. The people their are friendly and we look forward to going every year to meet up with old friends.

This year Ron Lazzeri and Gary Hersberger attended and wowed the crowd with their Gee Bee "Y" airplanes from Pacific Aeromodel.

Wing over Piper is held at the Loch Haven Pennsylvania airport. This is the same airport that supported the Piper Aircraft Corporation in Lock Haven during the operation of the assembly plant. While all radio controlled aircraft are welcome to fly, the goal of Wings Over Piper is to assemble and fly as many model Piper Cubs as possible. A large number of cubs assembled at the 2010 event ranging from tiny electric Ultra Mini J-3 cub by Park Zone to 1/2 scale model cubs.



Bob Walker's Ultra Sport 60



Gene Clark, Earl McMullin and friend
at the Pegasus R/C Giant Scale fly



Gary and Ron's Gee Bee "Y" with Jim's Cubs
at Wing over Piper



All the Cubs at Wing over Piper

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

Once again, a few things to talk about this month:

1. I don't want to be telling people what to do at the field, so please use a little common sense to protect your self at the field. For some reason, most people like to stand in the openings at the fence while flying. Years ago, we put signs out for 5 Pilot Stations and they are marked. Admittedly, the fence does not provide that much protection, but it might slow a plane down a little. I have seen a few people standing in the opening almost get whacked a few times this year. A few times, it was from a plane landing and curving toward the fence. You don't have to stand exactly where the station signs are but please stand away from the openings, even while you are the only one flying.
2. A few people have confessed...we won't name names...that they have brought out radios on 72 MHz and just flipped them on without thinking or getting a pin. This is one reason we require that people on 2.4 GHz get a pin. The other, of course is to show you have AMA coverage which the county requires as a condition of us having the field. Anyway, if you are still flying on 72, you may want to check around with other flyers and see if anyone else is on your frequency. You should not have to, but better safe than sorry.
3. Speaking of AMA, someone said a few people have come out with their AMA ParkFlyer card. This is a lesser cost plan from AMA which you get a magazine different from Model Aviation, but the insurance coverage is much less. If a person has this, they can fly at the field, but only with a park flyer type plane that is electric or a sail plane. There is probably a weight limitation too, but I am not sure what it is. Someone did post a comparison to the board out there. The key point is that a person with this level of AMA can not fly any plane with an internal combustion engine at our field or any other AMA field.
4. One other point I may have mentioned previously, but need to be pointed out again. It seems there are a few people that take off and then remember they are on 72 MHz.....and have not extended the antenna. I have seen this almost happen a few times so once again, please think, especially if you have planes on both 2.4 GHz and 72 MHz.

That's it for this month. If you have any comments, please let me know

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

Sept 9, 2010	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet at the Flying Field, 7pm.
Sept 10, 2010 - Sept 12, 2010	Bealeton, VA (C-Restricted) DISTRICT 4 MINI FEST/BEALETON FLY IN. Site: Flying Circus. Andrew Kane CD PH: 301-785-3022 Email: andykane01@gmail.com . Visit: www.flyingcircusirshow.com . This beautiful country side aerodrome has been the home of the DCRC/Bealeton scale contest and now IMAA for the past 35 years. Just 60 miles south of Washington DC. It offers many nearby attractions Luray Caverns, Smithsonian Aviation Museum, and Flying Circus Barnstormers Air Show on site Sunday. Full scale open cockpit rides available. See also www.dc-rc.org Sponsor: DCRC CLUB
Sept 11, 2010	Brandywine, MD WARBIRD FLY IN. Site Club Field. David Heil, CD PH: 301-843-7668. E-mail: dmheil@comcast.net . Visit: www.charlescountync.org . Sponsor: Charles County RC
Sept 18, 2010	Bowie, MD. PGRC 18th Annual Giant Scale Fly In Site: PGRC Club Field. Charles Gettier CD PH:410-757-3195 E-mail: cgettier@comcast.net . Visit: WWW.pgrclub.com sponsor: Prince Georges RC Club
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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