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**Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, Thursday, March 11, 7PM.**

**Bring something for show and tell.**

**Since we missed last month, bring something extra.**

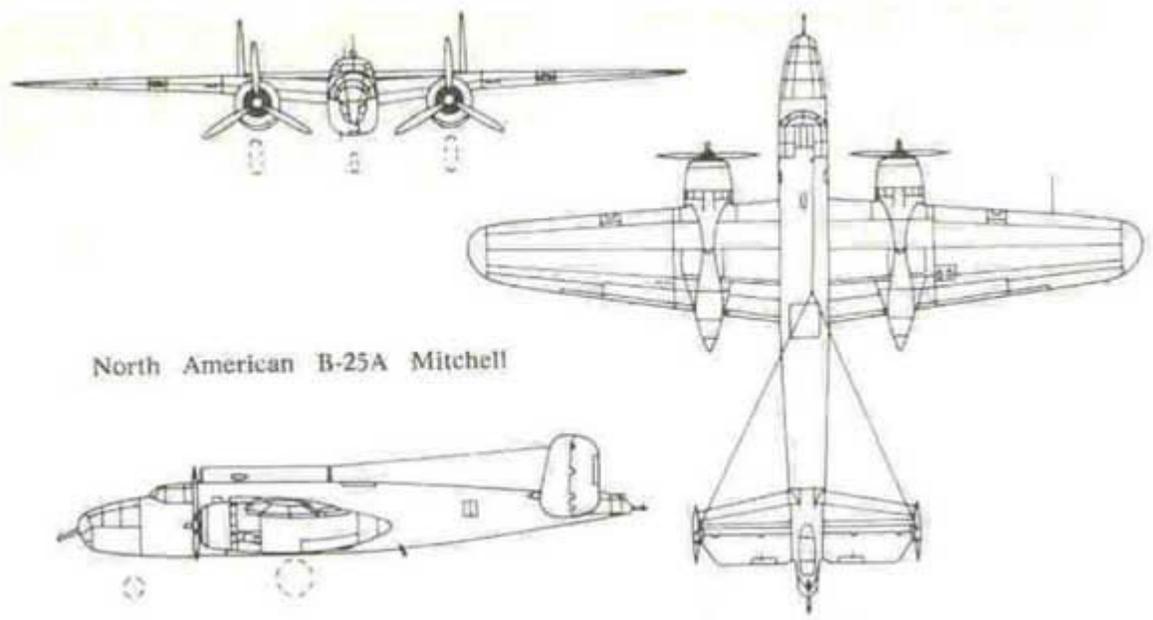
### GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Since there was no meeting last month, and as far as I know no one has been flying, I had to go to the archives for some photos. I went through the last eight years and found one appropriate photo for each month of March (the month we're missing right)? Hope you enjoy them.

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)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...

We're taking applications for 2010. Don't forget, the suspense is March 31. If you don't sign up by then you'll have to rejoin as a new member and pay the initiation fee again.



North American B-25A Mitchell

**March 2003. Steve and Jim Snyder Plan the Building of the B-25**



**March 2002. Jerry Thompson, the Gentleman Flier**



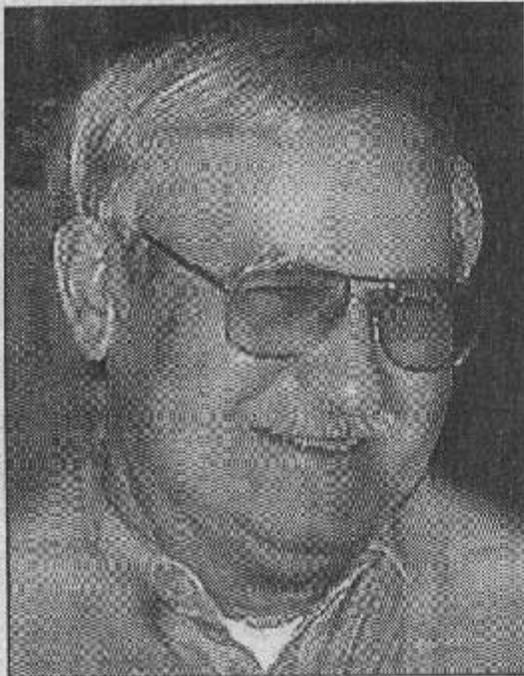
**March 2005. The Jim Snyder Airplanes With an Attitude Mfg. Co.**



**March 2004. Jack Stites Visits Kitty Hawk**



**March 2007. Earl McMullen Ponders the YAK 45**



## John Kocon Jr.

John Kocon Jr. of Bel Air died Feb. 12 at Upper Chesapeake Medical Center in Bel Air. He was 76.

Born Dec. 6, 1929 in Baltimore, he was the son of the late John Kocon Sr. and the late Anna Drost Kocon. He was the husband of Rita L. Becker Kocon.

He was a machine operator for Lucent Technologies for 35 years. He served in the Army in the Korean and Vietnam wars where he received one Bronze Star, a Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, United Nations Service Medal and a Third Merit Unit Commendation.

Mr. Kocon was a member of the Swan Harbor RC Modelers and St. Margaret Church. His hobbies included flying remote control planes at Swan Harbor, gardening, working on computers and going to flea markets in search of planes.

Mr. Kocon is survived by one daughter, Kathleen E. Kocon of Bel Air; two sisters, Angela Andersen of Overlea and Dorothy Izzo of Perry Point; one brother, Edward Kocon of Rosedale; one sister-in-law, Frances E. Ratajczak; three nephews, Jerry Andersen of Overlea, Michael J. Ratajczak Jr. and his wife, Debbie, of Dundalk, and Joseph Ratajczak also of Dundalk; two nieces, Rita Kulikowski and her husband, Anthony, of Dundalk, and Donna Kline and her husband, Larry, also of Dundalk; and many great nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by seven siblings.

Funeral services will be today (Feb. 15) at 10 a.m. at Evans Funeral Chapel, 3 Newport Drive in Forest Hill. Rev. Isaac Karoor will officiate. Interment will be in Highview Memorial Gardens.



**March 2009. Gary Gunter and the Pawnee Crop Duster**



March 2008. Dale Davis and Dan Bowman Present Our New Street Sign

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

There is probably not a lot of flying going on right now. But hopefully, everyone is building away or working on their ARFs, waiting for the first sign of Spring. So, let's review some things you may be involved in doing right now and keep your plane from crashing. There is a tidal wave of buying the 2.4 GHz radios. The manufacturers have less and less to sell on 72 MHz. The majority of people are buying the Spektrum radio systems. And they are included with many of the foam electrics. Here are some things Spektrum recommends. Most apply to the Airtronics, Futabas and HiTec;s too.

#### **Do:**

- \*Perform a range check before each flight Stay relatively close your first flight
- \*Spread receivers apart in the plane (Airtronics, antennas at 90 degrees)
- \*Use a second battery for valuable aircraft
- \*Point your TX antenna vertical.
- \*Use Quality servos

#### **Don't:**

- \*Use any amplified Y-harness.....this is different from 72 Mhz
- \*Use old batteries
- \*Cut off or change antennas
- \*Use electronic reversing Y's.....again, different from 72 mHz
- \*Point transmitter antenna at the aircraft Be prepared to fly safe!!!

## 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

Mar 11, 2010	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. 7PM Churchville Rec Center.
Mar 13, 2010	Central Penn Aeromodelers Assoc. Flea Market. Lebanon Fairgrounds, Lebanon PA 17042. See <a href="http://www.cpaa.us">www.cpaa.us</a>

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