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**Club Meeting at the Flying field, Thursday, August 12, 7PM.
Come early and get some flights in. Good dogs and fries too.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

Jim Snyder, President, opened the meeting of July 8, 7PM at the flying field.

1. Stan Dill got the tractor tire fixed and Jim Snyder got the gas tank repaired.
2. Slow month. Hard to fly with all that hot weather.
3. Steve Snyder reported that our membership is up to 79.

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

FROM THE PITS...

- Bob Walker was sporting a new Pulse 125 from Hangar 9. It's powered with an OS 120AX...nice looking and flies good too.
- Bill Murphy was flying a 25% Pitts M-12 from Great Planes. It's powered with 55cc DLE. It is a really good looking plane and a good flier.
- Achille Silvestri completed the building of Horizon's Decathlon ARF. It has a 68 inch wingspan and is powered by an OS 61 engine (little bigger than called for, but what the heck). Just waiting to get some test flights.



Bill Murphy and the Pitts M-12



Bob Walker and His Pulse 125



Achille Silvestri and the Decathlon



Was it Just a Little While Ago We Were Bitchin' About the Snow

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

Two topics this month:

1. I was not there, but I heard a plane went in over the weekend due to an antenna not being raised. This was a 72 MHz radio, of course. I don't know if the person has both 72 and 2.4, but it just goes back to thinking before taking off. With so many on 2.4, it is difficult to notice if someone is flying with an antenna down or has a 2.4 transmitter.

2. Li-Po Batteries: We have discussed these before, but I keep reading stories about fires. There are some new Li-Po bags that are in the \$10-20 range. I will research these batteries some more and will revisit in a future column. But for now, please remember that these remain a potential fire hazard. I would not charge inside a car and walk away, nor charge somewhere in the house unattended. Any battery that looks puffed out should be disposed of in a proper manner. There was a photo in Model Aviation last year of a van that caught on fire from Li-Po's being charged.

Li-Po batteries should only be charged with a charger that is specifically designed for that type battery. And unlike NiCads (TM) and NiMH batteries, Li-Po's should be removed from the charger once at full charge.

With all the electrics using Li-Po's, and having incredible power, these batteries are going to be more and more common.

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

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| Aug 6, 2010 | Lock Haven, PA. WINGS OVER PIPER. Site: William T. Piper Airport. Kevin Ziegman CD, Ph: 570-506-4278. E-mail: kcflyer@comcast.net . Visit: www.wingsoverpiper.com Sponsor: WINGS OF WILLIAMSPORT. |
| Aug 12, 2010 | Swan Harbor RC Club Meet at the Flying Field, 7pm. |
| Aug 14, 2010 | Pegasus Giant Scale Fly In, Hagerstown, MD. Pegasus RC flying field. Mike Frey, CD Ph: 301-393-5339, e-mail flyboy@mfrey.com . \$5 landing fee. Visit: www.pegasusrc.com SPONSOR: PEGASUS RC CLUB. |
| 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.charlescountyrcc.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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