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Club Meeting at the Churchville Rec Center, Thursday, November 4th 7PM.

***** Remember this is one week earlier than normal *****

Bring in something you've been working on for show and tell.**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

The October meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Club President, Jim Snyder at the Churchville Recreation Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. We accepted nomination for next year's officers. They are:
 President - Jim Snyder
 Vice President - Scott Jordan
 Treasurer - Steve Snyder
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 Safety Officer - Danny Bowman
 Member at Large - Tom Smith
 Member at Large - Tom Moyer

We will accept move nominations at the November Meeting.

2. Steve announced the Christmas Raffle prizes were a ParkZone PNP Corsair, SeaGull Extra 300S .75 size and two Great Planes Flatout RC Universe Biplanes. We will be selling raffle tickets at the November meeting.
3. We discussed food for the December Christmas party.
4. Although not discussed at the meeting, we'll be accepting 2011 dues at the November meeting. Steve would like to cut down on the rush at the Christmas party.

**Holy smokes....a flying boat at our field?**

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.

The Old Days... Bob Walker

Twenty years ago seems just like yesterday. What was going on in the RC field back then? Glad you asked.

In 1990, Great Planes introduced the Ultra Sport 40 kit. I had one back then and am flying a Ultra Sport 60 now. The kit 20 years ago was \$109.95. It was recently rekitted for the same price, but is gone again.

Futaba had a number of ARF;s back then. ARF;s were starting to get better and better. Futaba was advertising the .40 size Professor, which was a trainer and the Acrostar 60, a 60 size Aerobatic plane. Both were made of balsa.

Most people know Airtronics from their radios. But 20 years ago, Airtronics was into airplanes too. In 1990 they had a new 113" sailplane called the Legend. This had parts made of Kevlar for strength. It was a contest level planes with all sort of innovations.

Have an old Futaba radio? In 1990, they introduced the FP-5UAF. This was a FM radio with a plug in frequency module to change the channel. Hiding behind a front panel were all sorts of dip switches for servo reversing and adjustable dials for servo travel, dual rate, etc. By the way, Tower was selling these for \$219. Futaba was also advertising their Conquest line. There are still a few of these out at the field.

A few other things that year: Goldberg introduced the Freedom 20...a sport trainer. I had one and flew it at the Tollgate Landfill...this club's first flying field. The kit was \$32.99. The Great Planes PT-40 trainer was the 1990 Model of the Year. Midwest brought out the Electric Hots for \$89.95, but for \$114.95 you could get the kit, Midwest electric motor and 7 cell sub C battery pack. For \$272 you could get an electric Telemaster 70 ARF that included the electric motor from Hobby Lobby. Electrics have been around that long....

Let me know if you enjoy hearing about what we used to fly. I have plenty of material. Until next month...



Danny Bowman and electric Extra 260



Joe Nixon and electric Addiction



**Scott Jordan and
Parkzone PNP T28 Trojan electric**



**Yes it is a boat and it really flies.....really.
Tom Insley with his flying hydro boat**

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

The guys who take care of the field have it in top notch condition as the season is ending. The grass is really green and manicured like a golf course. You never know when the last nice flying day of the year will be. As things wind down, there are fewer and fewer people out there. It is always a good idea to have a flying buddy in case something happens. But most people do have a cell phone. Should something bad happen, it might not do you any good in the car or on the bench. If you are alone at the field, keeping your phone at your side could be a lifesaver.

As we have mentioned before, it is a real good idea to have a stocked first aid kit with you too. If not, ask for one from Santa. They are unexciting, but pretty handy if you start leaking that red stuff.

The root cause of most airplane crashes is batteries. Again, as we head toward winter, do not ignore your batteries. It is a good idea to charge them up at least once a month. That not only goes for your transmitter and airplane batteries, but how about all those other batteries such as glow lighter, starter, etc. You probably have more rechargeable batteries than you know. Keeping them charged will extend the life and keep them ready for next year or a gift flying day in the winter. I always thought that 50 degrees, with sun and no wind in the winter is a day to fly. Not many, but we always seem to get a few.

With regard to LiPo batteries, I am not sure what is best. I have read that an almost full charge is best for storing away. If anyone has an authoritative answer, please let us know.

Finally, according to SR Batteries, NiCad™ batteries handle the cold weather much better than other kinds such as NiMH. If you are out flying in the freezing weather, keep an eye on your batteries, especially if you are using NiMH.

Until next month.....

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

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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