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***** Meeting is Saturday our Annual Christmas Party

The next meeting will be the Christmas party starting 1:00 PM Saturday December 10, 2011 the Churchville Rec Center

Remember we will be collecting club dues of \$100.00 for 2012 at the party!!!!

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

The November meeting was delayed a week due to the closure of county facilities a week earlier. The meeting was called to order by President Jim Snyder at 7:08 pm. 20 members were present.

1. The October minutes incorrectly reported that Gary Hershberger was nominated for Vice-President. The minutes were corrected to reflect Gary Gunter being nominated for Vice-President. Other nominees were Achille Silvestri for Secretary and Jim Snyder for Member at Large.
2. Votes for 2012 officers will be counted at the December Christmas Party. Please bring your [ballot](#) that is attached to this newsletter. Nominees include: [<Click Here for ballot>](#)
 - President—Scott Jordan
 - Vice-President—Gary Gunter
 - Treasurer—Steve Snyder
 - Secretary—Achille Silvestri
 - Safety Officer—Danny Bowman
 - Member at Large—Dale Davis
 - Member at Large—Jim Snyder



Achille and new electric Cessna

3. The Annual Christmas Party is Saturday December 10 at the Churchville Rec Center. 1-4 pm. The club will provide sodas, deli platters and the club favorite---steamed shrimp. Please bring a covered dish to share such as a salad, dessert, vegetable , dips, etc. Bring the family. Children welcome. There will also be the annual raffle of airplanes at the Christmas Party. Please bring plenty of cash. The club will raffle off 3 Parkzone Plug N Play electrics: Corsair, P47 and Spitfire. Proceeds pay for the airplanes which came from Hobby Works at a discount and the remainder goes to the club treasury.
4. Steve Snyder did an email survey on the idea of replacing the storage shed. There were 40 positive responses to 4 negatives. A 10 x 20 ft shed with vinyl siding, garage type door, etc will cost about \$3000 to \$4000. To cover the

total cost, the club voted to have a 2012 assessment of \$50. Dale Davis made a motion which passed to charge new members a flat \$100 to cover dues, initiation fee and shed assessment.

5. Rick Wallace proposed a pattern contest at Swan Harbor as a 1-2 day event perhaps on May 15. All proceeds from entry fees and food would go to the club treasury.

The meeting was adjourned and reconvened at the Campus Hills Wendys for further story telling.

If you have any questions regarding the minutes or contents of this Newsletter, please direct them to Bob Walker.

CLUB DUES TIME Again...

This year the club has voted to assess all members an additional \$50.00 to cover the cost of a new shed we plan to purchase in the spring. This means that the dues for 2012 will be \$100.00. We will start collecting dues at the Club Christmas party. Please bring your payment to the party. If any of your information has changed please complete a [2012 Membership Application](#).

SAFETY REPORT....Bob Walker, Safety Officer

The weather the first part of the year was pretty bad. Wind, rain, cloudy skies.... Swan Harbor did not see the normal summer flying. But the last two months have given us some spectacular Fall flying days. It is the first Saturday of December and there was a huge crowd at the field today. Sunny sky, no wind and 50 degrees...not bad. Two days ago it bumped 70 degrees. Hope it keeps going for a few more weeks.

More and more planes are flying on 2.4 GHz. In fact, the overwhelming majority are on 2.4. Most people do not bother getting a frequency pin for their 2.4 GHz transmitters. That is fine, but one must make sure that non AMA members are not flying at the field without a member supervising. The AMA card in the slot was the way to police this to some extent. The original agreement with the County was that everyone flying would have AMA insurance coverage. I have not seen too many strangers out there, but by not asking, we could risk losing the flying field if a serious accident happened.

While on the topic of frequencies, some of us are still using 72 MHz. Just 3 years ago, most everyone was still on 72, so the radios still work fine. But, please make sure you have the frequency pin before turning on your transmitter. I have seen people flipping on the transmitter without pin nor checking other planes. These people are either used to no frequency worries with 2.4 or are assuming that no one else is on their frequency. Odds are, someone is not, but by doing so, you could cause a crash or worse...an injury.

With Christmas coming and the flying season winding down, but mindful of how you are going to store your batteries for the season. You can leave NiCads™ on trickle charge all winter or just make sure you do some sort of charging of all your batteries each winter month. If you can not remember how old some of your batteries are, perhaps you should have some on your Santa Claus list. There are some nifty new battery chargers out there too.

Fly safe and have a Merry Christmas....ho ho ho



Gary Gunter with new Slick 540



Tom Moyer and new electric Yak 55

Jai Jand and new Pulse 40

Gary Gunter and
new 3D Hobby Edge 540 with 30cc gasser

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC....

Swan Harbor RC meets 7 PM the second Tuesday 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 2012 Membership Applications](#) is available on line or additional information can be obtained from Steve Snyder, 410-638-2895, Steve@SwanharborRC.com.

Dec 10, 2011 Club Christmas party

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