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**\*\*\*\*\* Meeting on new night \*\*\*\*\***

**The next meeting will be 7 PM Tuesday October 11, 2011 at the Churchville Rec Center**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

The September meeting was cancelled due to weather. We did however hold our annual fall club picnic on September 17, 2011.

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

Just my observation, but 2011 has been the worst in recent memory for flying, due to the weather. There have been endless weekends of rain, wind, drab skies, etc. The field has seen fewer fliers this year and maybe that has contributed to fewer accidents and incidents which is good.

One recent item in the news is the potential use of RC Jets for a terrorist attack. Without going into how difficult that task would really be, we can see from the news and AMA press releases that our hobby is literally under attack every time an incident with an RC plane happens. News commentators who know nothing about our hobby all of sudden become "experts" and spin misinformation that the average citizen may believe.

Our field is often in line with aircraft landing at APG. Some have been really low over the years. I have never seen anyone flying up toward one of these planes, but if you see a plane approaching, I would fly as low as possible or even land until the plane passes. We don't want to give anyone a reason to close our field. Don't want to sound paranoid, but this is a changing world.

On a similar note, some of us receive NOTAM's from the FAA. These are "notices to airmen" that announce a restriction to RC flying within so many miles of the NE train tracks when VP Biden visits Delaware. We are definitely in the range, but usually we receive these too late or after the fact. Thus, virtually no one is aware of this when it is in effect. Seem ridiculous too, but technically one could be in trouble.

The point of all this is that we are all the good will ambassadors of our hobby. We need to keep it safe, use common sense all while hopefully being able to have fun for many years to come.



**Flightline at the September Club Picnic**



Gary Gunter and new MSX



Jack Stites Great Planes Stearman PT-17 in flight



Jack Stites and his electric bird



Danny Bowman and new 3D profile gasser

#### 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 2011 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).

Oct 11, 2011

October club meeting the Churchville Rec Center, 7:00PM

Dec 10, 2011    Club Christmas party

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