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**ATTENTION**

**Club Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 7PM, at the Flying Field.  
 Hotdogs, hamburgers and French fries cookout.  
 Come early and get some flights in.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

President, Scott Jordan opened the meeting at 7PM . There were 16 members present.

- Dale Davis gave everyone the combination for our chain link gate. He also had pictures of the gate setup. Should do the job.
- Maryland Paving has offered to donate black top to improve the entrance to the field. It's planned to roll the field when the weather permits.
- The frequency board is in the process of being upgraded.
- Steve Snyder reports that we have 62 members signed up for next year.
- Our Open House Fun Fly, open to all, is scheduled for June 2 (Raindate June 9).
- Marvin Tedrow is charged with maintenance of the bulletin board.

Any questions about the Newsletter can be directed to Achille Silvestri, Ph 1-410-838-6261 or [axsilvestri@verizon.com](mailto:axsilvestri@verizon.com)



**Jae Jang and Spacewalker**

**SHOW AND TELL...**

Steve Snyder showed an electric Great Planes PBY. He said that Jim Snyder also has one. They plan to fly them off the water near their cabin.

Tony martin had an electric Troybuilt model called the "Bendix Special"?

And Bob Walker had a classic 4Star 60. Nice building job from a kit. Do they still do that?



**Ron Lazzari with Parkzone Corsair  
he won at Christmas party**



**Gene Clark Pitts fly by close up**



**Steve Snyder with the Great Planes PBX**



**Tony Martin with the "Bendix Special"**



Ken Ames with the Power Sailplane



Herman Reichert demonstrates his Auto Launcher

### SWAN HARBOR RC OPEN HOUSE...

The Open House is our opportunity to entertain aero modeling aficionados. It's also a chance to show them what we have to offer as an RC modeling club. Talk the event up with your friends and encourage them to come even if just as spectators.

### FROM THE PITS...

Herman Reichert demonstrated his auto launch for electrics. It's a long rubber band stretched until it reaches a hook on the bottom of the plane. Her steps on a release pedal and the plane is launched. He demonstrated his set up with an F-9-F Panther ducted fan. He built the auto launch himself.

Ken Ames was flying a Power Sailplane. Ken's our ever sailplane guy.

### SAFETY FIRST by Bob Walker

I have been to the field a number of times this season. I usually get ideas for this column from observing what people may be doing at the field. In the last two months I have NOT seen:

1. Dogs running around the field
2. Unsupervised children running around the field
3. Flyers starting planes without tie downs
4. Flyers on the old channels not taking a pin
5. Flyers reaching through the propeller to adjust the needle valve
6. Airplanes crashing from uncharged batteries
7. Airplanes flying over the pit area
8. Flying airplanes brushing back other flyers along the flight line
9. Taxiing in the pits
10. Overcharging or improperly charging LiPo batteries, causing them to catch fire

Keep up the great work.....

### THE OLD DAYS by Bob Walker

Let's go back to 1967. Hard to believe it was 45 years ago. I was in high school building RC airplanes and a member of Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore. The field was in the Sweet Air park on the edge of Harford County. It was a long walk up a hill to get from the parking lot to the flying field. There were only 5 or 6 frequencies, plus a few on the ham band. I was usually there

every weekend during the summer....usually watching.

In the world, 1967 was the year of the first Super Bowl. Green Bay beat the KC Chiefs. January of that year was the Apollo One fire, setting back the chance of a lunar landing by the end of the decade. The first Boeing 737 flew in 1967, Elvis got married, John McCain was shot down over Vietnam and became a POW. The first Saturn V rocket was launched and gas was about 33 cents per gallon. The cost of an average house was about \$15,000.

In the late 60's digital radios were becoming more common, but still relatively expensive. A Kraft radio, which was top line sold for \$400... 4 channels. An offshoot company, Proportional Control Systems (PSC) sold the previous year Krafts' for \$300. The poor person's way into the RC arena (me) was Galloping Ghost. An actuator flapped the rudder and elevator back and forth and by moving the transmitter stick, one could get proportional control. Long gone companies such as Citizenship, Airtrol and Ace sold variations of this technology. Rand sold the actuators. But there were many companies selling RC equipment. Anyone remember these: Bonner, Deans (famous now for connectors), F&M, Sterling, Orbit, Hallco, EK and even OS of engine fame?

There were many engine manufacturers too: Enya, Super Tigre, OS, K&B, Cox and Fox. Few people used mufflers in those days, but a plane with a .40 engine was considered large.

Sig was selling the 1/4 scale Cub for \$19.95.....and still is in production for about \$200 now. Goldberg usually had two page ads for their line of Falcons and Skylarks. Top Flite had many small planes. A Top Dawg (I bought one at Lloyds in Towson) flew with a .09 engine. They also had the Schoolmaster, Schoolboy and Schoolgirl of Ken Willard design. Sterling sold scale kits, deBolt planes were popular and Lanier had the first ARF's.

Ambroids was a popular glue for building airplanes (I still use it).....love that smell. And Sullivan was selling their Pylon Brand Fuel tanks. There was no Tower Hobbies in those days, but the big place was American Hobby Center in NY. It was probably one of the largest mail order houses. They sold everything. You put your check, cash or money order in the mail and a few weeks later, your order usually showed up. Things have come a long way since then. But just getting a plane to fly was pretty exciting.

## FOR SALE...

All or Part, Best Offer- Rodney Abrahams 410-378-3068

1. Case fuel , 1 case (4 gal)
2. MDS 68 Engine, new-in-the box, w/C2 carb and muffler
3. Great Planes Ultra Sport 60, w/K&B 61 ABC, w/tuned muffler, Futaba T6XA, Tx & Rx on Chn 25
4. Scale Heinkle HE-51 biplane, 72in., w/OS FS 120 Expert Tx & Rx on Chn 46
5. Ace Super Pacer stunter, w/OS 25FSR, Rx also on Chn 46
6. Goldberg Sukoi 26, 72in., w/YS120, Futaba FG Tx & Rx on Chn 30
7. Tower Uproar 40, w/K&B 40 ABC, w/tuned muffler, Rx also on Chn 30
8. Midwest Starduster 60 w/OS FS 61, Futaba 6DA, Tx & Rx on Chn 23

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



Bob Walker with the classic 4Star60

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](mailto:Steve@SwanharborRC.com).

May 8, 2012	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, 7PM, Flying field.
June 2, 2012	Swan Harbor OpenHouseFun Fly. All flyers welcome. Start 10AM at the Flying Field. (Rain date June 9). (You must have an AMA card)
June 16, 2012	The Pegasus Flight for Cancer. Landing fee \$10. Substantial prizes. Visit <a href="http://www.pegasusrc.com/cancer">www.pegasusrc.com/cancer</a> Pegasus RC Airplane Club. Hagerstown, MD.
June 16, 2102	Buy and Fly. Pilots and vendors welcome. CD Mike Denest e-mail; <a href="mailto:Mjd12@yahoo.com">Mjd12@yahoo.com</a> . Cloud Kings RC Club, Oxford, PA.
June 23, 2012	Airplanes of the World VIII. Scale model fly in. Scale or standoff aircraft is welcome. CD Kirk Adams e-mail: <a href="mailto:kirk@wheel@.org">kirk@wheel@.org</a> . Free State Aeromodelers. Laurel, MD
June 30 - Jul 1, 2012	Charm City IMAC Challenge. Formerly known as TOC of Maryland. Contest and free style competition. <a href="mailto:www.artvail@verizon.net">www.artvail@verizon.net</a> Southwest Area Park Modelers. Baltimore, MD.
July 11-15, 2012	Warbirds Over Delaware, Lums Pond State park. DE. David Malchione e-mail: <a href="mailto:bvmipo6@aol.com">bvmipo6@aol.com</a> . Visit <a href="http://www.delawarerc.org">www.delawarerc.org</a> . Landing fee \$25, includes parking fee and dinner.
Sept 22, 2012	Swan Harbor RC Picnic, Flying Field. (Rain date Sept 29)

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