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**Club Meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 7PM, at the Flying Field.
Hotdogs, hamburgers and French fries cookout.
Come early and get some flights in.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

We've missed a couple of Club meets. I'll try to bring you up on the changes we've seen at the field. The new shed has been delivered, it's a beauty. President Scott Jordan is in the process of making some upgrades that will make the shed better than the original. He's making two rooms, one to store the tractors and field equipment and the other to keep our cooking utilities. The cooking storage has its own entrance and the tractor area has a real nice roll up garage door. The shed was put on a new bed of gravel.

Was this enough? No1. In addition they made a nice garden with this huge rock in the place where the old shed used to be. A nice place to meditate before flying the big one.

And as a bonus you may have noticed that they put in a nice apron on the road coming into the field, so you won't have to drive it the mud. We have to give great credit to Dale Davis (with help from the County), Scott Jordan and Steve Snyder for making it all happen. All first class.

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



The Shed delivered

SWAN HARBOR RC OPEN HOUSE...

We had a nice turnout for our open house. It was not large due to the threat of inclement weather. Those that flew had fun as did the spectators.

Not building anymore? Hugh Ellis had a scratch built Turner Special, a racer from the 30s. Excellent work. Also Cliff Tacie had his own design and scratch built Thatcher CX4, also, good work. Guess there are still some builders around.

There were many other flyers, Ron Moyer with his 3-D display, Sean Ellis gave us a treat with his smoking airplane and Stanley Dill flying his Tiger. Zack Bury gave a great helicopter demonstration, and others flying were Gary, Gunter, Dan Bowman, John Murphy, Steve Snyder, Terry Klara and others, shame on me, that I forgot. All the food was good, it was a nice day all around.



Hugh Ellis and the Turner Special



Dan Bowman and the Extra 260



Tom Moyer and a YAK 55



Stanley Dill and the Tiger



Cliff Tacie with the Thatcher CX4 and a PT19



John Murphy and Mustang



Zack Bury and the Synergy E7 helicopter



Terry Klara and an SE5A



Willis Hall and the Cub



Steve Snyder and the Giant Piper

ART-DECO AT THE FLYING FIELD...

Have you seen the new art work at our field. Dale Davis is sporting a car that hat has been totally redone with airplane and Club motifs. It's beautiful and a real show stopper, It even has machine guns mounted in the grill.

And Gary Gunter, not to be outdone, has some classy art on his van. It's a picture of him flying his giant YAK 54. Nice work with photo by Bob Walker.

This Club comes up with more surprises.



Gary Gunter and the awesome van



Dale Davis and the RC Classic



Bob Walker, action photographer



Scot Jordan doing the upgrades"

SAFETY FIRST by Bob Walker

Many things in the world of safety are pretty obvious. So why do we tend to do things that could lead to disaster? There are a few topics to discuss this month that have happened this year.

First, I have been told there have been several cases of pilots taking off while others are on the runway, either retrieving a plane or tending to it. These were airplanes taking off toward the people on the runway, not away from them. We all want to get our planes into the air, but taking off toward people is not very safe nor smart. Sure, some of the planes can take off at a steep angle and be a hundred feet high by the time they get to the people, but suppose the engine quits? Plenty of planes have

been lost on take off at our field over the years. We won't mention any names but there have been some pretty spectacular crashes. With people on the runway, your options would be limited even more as you can not fly straight ahead to land.... pretty much a guaranteed disaster either way. On the other side of the proverbial coin, flyers retrieving planes need to get off the field as soon as possible. Be considerate and clear the runway as soon as possible if someone is in the air or taking off. Also, if someone is in the air, it is your job to make sure anyone flying knows you are "on the field!!"

The second topic, I have personally seen happen several times this year. Many people plug in the batteries of an electric plane on the picnic tables. When they go to pick up the plane and transmitter, the throttle stick is accidentally advanced and the prop starts spinning. Fortunately, none of the ones I witnessed resulted in cuts or injury. Just always be aware of this situation. It is probably better to arm the plane by the flight line, but some planes have to be taken apart or inverted to install the battery. The best solution is to have an arming plug but most of the ready to fly;s do not include this. My E-Flite Carbon Fiber Yak has a switch to arm the motor just before taking off. Remember, the larger the electric plane and battery pack, the more damage the spinning propeller can do. Unlike a gas motor, an electric motor will draw more power as it is being slowed down by your fingers, making them potentially more dangerous.

Until next months, fly safe and have fun.

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.

July 10, 2012	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, 7PM, Flying field.
July 11-15, 2012	Warbirds Over Delaware, Lums Pond State park. DE. David Malchione e-mail: bvmjpo6@aol.com . Visit www.delawarerc.org . Landing fee \$25, includes parking fee and dinner.
July 27-29, 2012	Helis Over Delaware, Lums Pond State Paerk, DE. Robert Chapman, visit: www.delawarerc.org Delaware RE Club.
Aug 3-5, 2012	Wings Over Piper, Piper Memorial Park, Lock Haven, PA. www.wingsoverpiper.com
Sept 7-9, 2012	Bealeton Fly In, Flying Circus Aerodrome, Bealeton, VA. Andy Kane, andykane01@gmail.com
Sept 22, 2012	Swan Harbor RC Picnic, Flying Field. (Rain date Sept 29)

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