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ATTENTION: The next meeting is April 9, 2013, 7 PM at the Churchville Rec Center. Bring in some of that good stuff for show and tell.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Scott Jordan opened the meeting of March 2103 at 7PM at the Churchville Rec Center. There were 17 members present.

- Steve Snyder reports that we have over 60 members including five new ones.
- It was agreed to have the Open House Fun Fly on June 8.
- Dale reports that the driveway is in good shape, maybe needs just a little raking. Parking lot looks good. T
- There was to be a work party April 6 to get the field ready for the new season. However, good guys Gary Gunter, Marvin Tedrow, Dale Davis, Scott Jordan, Mike Berchini, and Jim Rowe took care of it all. They laid out 60 bags of mulch, put up the tarps and replaced some posts, put up our Club signs and laid out additional horse mats. What a great job. Thanks to all of them.
- Dale Davis will be taking orders for T-shirts, hats and stickers. Must pay in advance.



Gary Gunter flew the monster and is no longer trembling

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

CLUB DUES TIME Again - Last Chance...

This year the club dues are \$50.00. You pay your dues at the club meeting or you can send it to Steve Snyder using address on the application. After the April club meeting, members will have to pay the initiation fee so don't be late. If any of your information has changed please complete a [2013 Membership Application](#).

SHOW AND TELL...

They had a big sale on Hawker Hurricanes at Lebanon. Bob Walker and Tom Insley got one each.

FROM THE PITS...

Gary Gunter made his maiden flight with the Monster Pilot YAK 54. After his first nervous flight he said it flew like all Yaks do.

Lloyd Young was doing his upside down and other helicopter tricks.

Kevin Underdue (a prospective member) was flying his Corsair.

Jim Rowe was flying his AJ Slick.



Bob Walker and Tom Insley and their Hurricanes



Lloyd Young's upside down TREX 700



Kevin Underdue and the Corsair



Jim Rowe with his AJ Slick

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THE SAFETY REPORT... Bob Walker

A few weeks ago, we had a big crowd at the field for a fun Sunday afternoon of flying. We all thought Spring was here, but we sure were fooled. Winter came back...with snow. Hopefully, the weather will be much better by the time you are reading this. However, I remember many other years when the flying season was late to start. Some years, the field was too muddy to get into. We have a great road now so that problem is solved. There were other years when the wind seemed to blow hard for weeks on end. And other years it seemed to rain most every weekend before summer finally hit.

Sooner or later we will have nice days and calm evenings for flying. Once again, you need to start thinking about getting your equipment in shape to fly safe.

I keep my nickel cadmium and NiMH batteries on either trickle charge or a once a month charge plan. If your batteries have been sitting there all winter, you need to check them out. The best thing is to recycle them several times. If you still do not have a fancy charger, now is the good time to buy one. Check both your transmitter and receiver batteries on all your planes. Without out a cycling charger, your batteries may read perfect voltage, but die off after a very short period of time. Your 1000 mAh battery may really be at 250. The directions that came with one of my chargers recommended discarding any battery with a capacity less than 70% of the rated value. So pitch a 600 mAh battery if it declines to 420. Again, this is for nickel cadmium or NiMH....not LiPo. We will get to those soon. Some people just replace their batteries every two or three years to be sure.

Other batteries to check out are your glow batteries, your ignition batteries for your gasser and don't forget the starter batteries, your tach batteries, fuel pump batteries etc.

For your electrics, you may want to recharge the LiPos to capacity. They lose very little power just sitting around a few months.

If you take a large (or small) lead acid battery to the field to charge your electric batteries, make sure it is charged up from over the winter. Sears and others have great chargers on sale over the Spring season.

Since your transmitter has been sitting around a few months, now is the time to learn how to do a range check if you do not know. Back in the "old days"we would range check before each flying session. Some of us still do that. But surely it needs to be done at the beginning of each season and each time you fly a new plane.

A few other things to toss in your car are bandages, sunscreen, sunglasses/safety glasses, a hat and some bottles of water.

As always....fly safe and think.....

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 2013 Membership Applications](#) is available on line or additional information can be obtained from Steve Snyder, 410-638-2895, Steve@SwanharborRC.com.

Apr 9, 2103	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. Churchville Rec Center, 7 PM.
May 25, 2013	Street, MD, SPRING STREET BRAWL. Hayes Memorial Park. Donald Holmes CD Ph: 410-790-3848 Email: critterroadking@aol.com Scale combat starting at 10 AM. Sponsor Harford County Radio Control Modelers.
June 8, 2013	Swan Harbor Fun-Fly

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