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CLUB MEETING: All we will attempt to have our combined Club Meeting-Christmas Party to be held at the Havre de Grace Parks and Recreation Center on January 11,2013 1:00 - 4:00 PM. See the text for details.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Scott Jordan opened the meeting at 7PM at Wendy's in Churchville. Meetings at Wendy's are getting more comfortable.

- There were 16 members present.
- This was our big political meet and Christmas party planning.. The political part was easy, we just reinstated all the officers from last year. Can't lose with a winner. One change was made, it was agreed to add another "Member at Large" to represent our "Helicopter Division". Lloyd Young was nominated for the position.
- The Christmas party planning was a lot more fun. The prizes for the raffle were selected. The first prize is the new E-Flite Carbon-Z Cub. This is really big, you can see a picture of it on the back cover of this month's Model Aviation. Additional prizes will be a Spitfire and a Corsair from Horizon Hobbies. Raffle tickets are being sold now and will continue through the party.
- The next task was to, select the food for the party. We plan to have two large deli platters, 10-12 pounds of shrimp, and 200 (that's right) chicken wings. Dale Davis will bring a cake and Jim Snyder will bring the sodas and ice. Members may bring asides of salads or deserts. This is a lot of food.



Gary's Tri- Pacer

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

WRAM Show Bus...

RCMB has charter bus to the WRAM show on Saturday Feb. 22, 2014. The cost is \$40.00 person bus transportation and admission to the show. For more details [see flyer](#).

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY...

Due to the threat of weather we were forced to cancel the Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party for Dec 14th. We have rescheduled the party for January 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 at the same place. This party is our biggest social event. It is a chance for all of us to come together and enjoy each other's company. You can see members you may have missed all year. The food is overwhelming and the raffle for new planes is fun and holds you in suspense. Bring your spouse, your friend and children. Steve Snyder has provided this [link to the Havre de Grace Parks and Recreation Center](#). The address is 351 Lewis Ln, Havre de Grace, MD

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL...

It's that time again. We'll be taking membership applications for 2014. You can sign up at the party. **Important! This year everyone must sign the county release form.** Please download an application and a release form so we can keep everyone's information up to date.

- [County Release Form](#)
- [Swan Harbor RC Membership Form](#)

FROM THE PIT...

Gary Gunter and Gary Hershberger prepared Hershberger's Tri-Pacer for flight. Very nice lines, and a little different for a Cub.

This Year's Christmas Raffle Prizes Lineup

Spitfire



Carbon Z Cub



Corsair

SAFETY REPORT...BY Bob Walker

It's that time of the year to pick out what you really want for Christmas. That shiny new airplane would be really neat, but how about some things to keep you safe or prevent a crash of your plane. I am sure you can think of plenty more, but here is a list to get you started:

- A Lipo bag to store your lipo batteries. Even if you have one, you know you added a bunch more batteries since last year
- A real battery charger so you can check the capacity of your batteries. How much capacity does that 2000 mAh battery really have? You might be surprised if you have not checked
- New batteries. If you have no idea how old your batteries are, you probably need to replace them. The pros replace their batteries every other year as it is not worth a plane crash.
- Safety glasses. There are plenty of cool ones out there at reasonable prices
- Still don't have that first aid kit in the car or truck? You know you are going to cut your finger sooner or later.
- Winter is a great time to buy sunscreen as it is usually on sale
- Have a hard to start engine? How about an electric starter....or at least a heavy glove.
- Instead of charging your lipo batteries in your car, get a deep discharge 12V battery and charge away from your car. Or better yet, get that Honda generator you always wanted.
- Propellers should be balanced before use. A prop balancer is a must and not that expensive
- Speaking of balancing, how about a gizmo to check the center of gravity (CG) of your plane. Many people use the spar as a balance point or just figure the plane must be OK out of the box, but a tail heavy plane is doomed to crash. I don't know of any major safety issues at the field this year, so good job and let 2014 be another trouble free year.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC....

Swan Harbor RC meets 7 PM the second Tuesday of the month. In the Fall and Winter we meet at Wendy's in Churchville on Route 22. 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.

Jan 11, 2014	Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party 1-4 PM at the Havre de Grace Recreation Center
Feb 22, 2014	WRAM show. Contact Jerry McCallum (410) - 654 -1385 for details about the bus or see WRAM Show Flyer

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