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**ATTENTION: The next meeting is January 8, 2013, 7 PM at the Churchville Rec Center. Show us all those goodies you got for Christmas.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

This was our big December 8, meeting where we elect new officers, start signing up for 2013 memberships and, best of all, have our grand Christmas party and raffle.

You can look at the header and see the new officers. All won by a land slide.

Steve Snyder was doing a brisk business signing up 2013 members, I think he got about 17 already.

And the best part was our sumptuous feast. This year we held it at the Have de Grace Activity Center. Spouses and guests were invited. There were so many good eats, shrimp, delis, fruits, salads, cakes, deserts and beverages. Makes you want to join just for our annual Christmas party.

We closed with the main event of the day, the much anxiously awaited raffle. Winners were Scott Jordan for the Albatross, Tom Smith with a Corsair, Marvin Tedrow for a Spitfire and Steve Snyder with a "flat something or other". But that's not the end of the story. Scott drew two winning tickets and graciously put one back in the mix. Gary Gunter, likewise for some reason of past guilt, elected to return his winning ticket to the mix. Instead of having 4 chances to win, everyone got 6 shots. Aren't these guys something? That's camaraderie. What a great Club.

There was one downer. Dale Davis has been recovering from surgery and was not able to attend. We know how he loves these events. We all wish him a speedy recovery so he can attend our next meetings. We miss the guy.

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

**CLUB DUES TIME Again...**

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. If any of your information has changed please complete a [2013 Membership Application](#).

**FROM THE PITS...**

Saw Gary Gunter out at the field, recovering from a hip implant. Hobbling around with a cane but flying all the time. What does it take to stop this guy?



**Gary Gunter, the Gentleman Flyer**

Scott Jordan was flying his Piper Cub.



**Scott Jordan and the Piper**



**Steve's girls Stephanie and Samantha selling raffle tickets**



**The Luncheon spread**



**Bill Crawford joins as Steve takes his money**



Scott Jordan cuts a piece of cake for Mark Silvestri



Jim Snyder gets the good stuff



Celebrities, Augie Augenstein and Gary Hershberger



Bob Walker doling out the winners



The Raffle Winners: Tom Smith, Scott Jordan, Marvin Tedrow and Steve Snyder

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**SAFETY...Bob Walker...**

I would be willing to bet that more electric RC planes were sold this year than ever before. Raise your hand if you got one. Better yet, bring it to Show and Tell at the next meeting then bring it to the field.

Toward the end of the flying season, more and more electric planes were showing up with new owners. Since the season is on hold with the weather, now is a good time to review some good practices.

The LiPo batteries for the electric planes hold a lot of energy. Never, ever walk away while the batteries are charging. While relatively safe, we still read way too often about a battery over heating or catching fire. It is a good idea to charge the batteries on a concrete surface or something not flammable.....just in case. After charging, store in a safe place. A LiPo bag would be a great after Christmas present for yourself if you do not have one. Some people use old ammo cans, but I have read how many have accidentally slammed the battery lead in the lid, the battery shorts out and starts burning.....so always be careful.

The other situation to always be aware of is the arc of the prop. I still see many people reaching through the arc of the prop for whatever reason. This can be very dangerous when the airplane battery is armed. Even small electric motors and batteries pack a powerful punch. That is why the planes fly so well and so long. When a propeller gets resistance, such as with a finger in the prop, the battery supplies even more power to keep the rpms up. Cuts from electric planes can be worse than those of a glow or gas engine of the same size. So always be away of the hazard. As we say over and over.....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](mailto:Steve@SwanharborRC.com).

Jan 8, 2013	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. Churchville Rec Center, 7 PM.
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Mar 9, 2013	Lebanon Flea Market.
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