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ATTENTION: The next meeting is May 14, 2013, 7 PM at the Swan Harbor Flying Field. Our first hamburgers and hotdogs cookout. Come early and get some flights in. Don't look stupid and go to the Rec Center.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Scott Jordan opened the meeting of April 9, 2103 at 7PM at the Churchville Rec Center.

- There were 16 members present.
- Steve Snyder reports that we have 69 members.
- The County did a nice job of touching up our driveway and rolling the field. They also rolled our mini-airfield.
- Scott Jordan did a nice staining of the drive into the shed.
- 12 new chairs were purchased for your comfort.
- Please pick up your trash....getting a little sloppy.
- Scott set up a Face book site for our club. He welcomes all members to participate.

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...

Gene Clark showed a mini-Carbon Club from E-flite. He also had a mini-Hangar ASK 21. Can you believe it? He uses the Cub to tow the ASK 21.

Achille Silvestri took the good parts from a crashed Apprentice and rebuilt it all sheeted with balsa. Handsome thing... finished with an all clear lacquer which shows all the nice grain of the wood. It's appropriate to call it the "Woody".

A VISIT WITH MEYER GUTMAN...

Many of you have known of and may even have met Meyer Gutman. I had heard of him and was pleasantly surprised to meet him one day at our flying field. Meyer is probably one of the most accomplished builder and flier of big and little planes to come out of our area. He used to fly full-size Pitts. He was born in Havre de Grace and lived around Rising Sun and Bel Air until 1988. He has since moved to Sierra Vista, Arizona. While in AZ he flew UAVs for Northrup Grumman. He is retired now. During this visit he was flying a 70 inch all electric Taurus that he had built. Presently, he is building a full size Ultimate Model 10-200....a single seat biplane. Meyer is an affable gentleman and a pleasure to talk with. He left us with this good word, "Enjoy the hobby".



Achille Silvestri and the "Woody"

FROM THE PITS...

Bob Walker gave us a demonstration of the mini-airstrip. It works very well. Should be a big help for all us with those small foamies.

Gary Hershberger was flying a combat wing. That's one of those things without a fuselage.

Scott Jordan was flying a YAK.

Ron Lazzeri was flying a mini-Gee-Bee. Scary little thing.



Gene Clark with his Carbon Cub and Hangar ASK 21



Meyer Gutman and the Taurus



Bob Walker on the mini-Airstrip



Gary Hershberger with the Combat Wing



Scott Jordan and the YAK



Ron Lazzeri and the Gee-Bee

THE SAFETY REPORT... Bob Walker

We finally got some beautiful weather at the flying field. I was out this evening as we end the month of April. The field is in spectacular condition and the trees surrounding the field are finally green.

There are more electric planes than ever before. But I still see people holding the planes with armed batteries in the arc of the prop. An accidental bump of the throttle could cause a serious cut. Try to get into the habit of never reaching through the arc of the prop, just as you should not be reaching through a prop that is spinning.

Same goes for taxiing in the pits. People do all the time, but an accidental throttle bump will eventually cause injury or damage to a plane.

On another note, the caretaker for Swan Harbor stopped by with his kids a few weeks ago to watch. Everything is OK, but last year, he pointed out two incidents that some people need to be warned about. Otherwise we could be looking for another field. Supposedly someone flew a plane very close to the farmhouse and another time, someone was flying over the duck pond way on the other side of the power lines. Now most of us cannot even see our planes that far away, but you should not be flying past the halfway point to the farmhouse, nor on the other side of the power lines.

A few other things to think about when loading up the car or van when heading the field: make sure large batteries, cans of fuel or anything heavy is secured in case you were in an accident or had to make a sudden stop. Also, you don't want to place anything heavy behind an airplane to guard against it being crushed in the event of a panic stop. You can't protect against everything, but just doing some common sense things might save yourself or equipment some grief.

One more word about LiPo batteries. Even though they are relatively safe, never charge them while you are not around. Always keep an eye on them and disconnect from the charger when done.

Let's have a safe season. Wear those safety glasses too.br>
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](http://swanharborrc.com) is available on line or additional information can be obtained from Steve Snyder, 410-638-2895, Steve@SwanharborRC.com.

May 11, 2013	PGRC's 22nd Annual Open House Fly-In, Bowie ,MD. www.pgrclub.com
May 14, 2103	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, 7 PM, Swan Harbor Flying Field.
May 18, 2013	Spring Fling. Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore. Flying and eats. Rain date May 19.
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 22, 2013	Laurel, MD AIRPLANE OF The WORLD II. David Wilson CD PH 410- 381-6005, www.freestateaeromodelers.org Sponsor: FREE STATE AEROMODELERS
June 8, 2013	Swan Harbor RC Open House Fun Fly, 10 AM. Swan Harbor RC Flying Field. Rain date June 15. All welcome.
June 15-16, 2013	Lums Pond IMAC Challenge
July 10, 2013	Kirkwoow, DE. WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE. Site: Lums PondDavid Malchione CDPh: 610-357-6649 Email: bvmjpo@aol.com Sponsor: DELAWARE RC CLUB.
July 9-14, 2013	Warbirds Over Delaware
Aug 16-18, 2013	Helis Over Delaware

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