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**CLUB MEETING: Now pay attention.**  
**Our meeting of November 12, 2013 will be at Wendy's in Churchville again, at 7PM.**  
**You can do a show and tell if you can get it in the door.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

President Scott Jordan opened the meeting at 7PM at Wendy's, our off season meeting house. There were 16 members present.

- Remember we will be getting cash credits towards our Club for the take Wendy's gets during the period of 4-8PM. It was a little odd meeting in Wendy's, there were other customers present and our guys were sort of scattered. We'll probably adjust in future meetings.
- It may be an issue as to whether we will be able to do show and tells, maybe with small stuff.
- We have seeds, spreaders and aerators ready. We're looking for a good soaking rain to prepare our field.
- We're planning to get new tarps for next season.
- Our helicopter members have asked to consider a sub-division or "Heli-Guys", maybe give them a t-shirt of their own. Kool.
- Our Christmas party is planned for December 14, 12-5 PM at the Havre de Grace Recreation Center.
- Steve Snyder reports that Richard Roberts joined our Club to put us at 76 members.



**Gary Gunter in his Halloween costume**

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

**FROM THE PIT...**

On a cool pleasant day last week, starting with donuts, three undocumented workers, Gary Hershberger, Dale Davis and Gary Gunter, aerated and seeded our field. Gary and Gary did the aerating in tandem while Dale challenged any grass that gave him a dirty look. The job was done by super loading the field with grass seed. A job well done.

Gene Clarke was flying an old friend of ours that once belonged to Rodney Abrams . It's a Goldberg SU-26 powered by a 120 YS.

Tom Insley was flying a Christen Huskey powered with a SAITO 100. Beautiful plane, looks a little like a Cub but has softer lines. I really like it.



**Tom Insley and the Christen Husky**



**Gene Clarke and the SU-26**



**Dale Davis knocking over all the grass**



**Gary Gunter and Gary Hershberger aerating in tandem**



**Gary Hershberger, Dale Davis and Gary Gunter,  
undocumented field maintenance crew.**

### **SAFETY REPORT...BY Bob Walker**

There was a good crowd today, the last Sunday of October. Although it was in the upper 50's, the 15 mph wind put a chill on things. Hopefully, we will get a few more nice weekends before winter begins.

I am sure some people have decided the flying season is over already. Whether it is or not, let's go through some things for safe flying next year:

For your glow engines, make sure all the fuel is out of the tanks. Otherwise, you may have a gooey mess of oil next season as the alcohol evaporates. Put some after run engine oil in your engines. Even 3 in 1 oil will work. You want to make sure there is no trace of fuel left in the engine that will gum things up in the spring or start corrosion. On the subject of glow fuel, do not hang your engine by the tail unless you remove the fuel tank. Even a few drops of fuel will cause the rubber stopper to harden and leak. It is really best to replace the stopper every other year, but few people do.

I do not have any gas engines, but I would imagine you do not want gas in the tank or engine over the winter. Most gasoline now has alcohol that attracts water and rust does the internal parts no good.

For LiPo batteries, most good chargers have a storage mode. That is, they charge to about 70%. After your last flight, charge in the storage mode and then recharge and balance in the spring and you will be ready to go.

For NiCad™ and NiMH batteries, I keep on trickle mode all winter long. I do not think it is a good idea to let a battery go dead and hope for a comeback. These batteries will lose a percent of their charge just sitting there so will eventually go below the normal voltage. Of course, you could charge your batteries once a month, but few people do that. Bernie Gerber had a great idea a few years back. He bought some cheap lamp timers and set for just one hour on a day. This kept his batteries charged too. The other reason for trickle charging is so you will be ready for that day in February when the temperature gets to 70 degrees and no wind....

Overall, we had a pretty safe year at the field. A few cuts and stiches from not paying attention to the arc of the prop. I always try to disconnect the battery as soon as I land. A few planes sprang to life this season when the transmitter was knocked over and the throttle went to high.

Again, taxiing in the pits or flying over spectators is not a good idea as accidents do happen. We have been very very lucky at our field. Always wear safety glasses and use a glove if hand starting a engine.

Next month is the Christmas party, so have a safe trip and see you there.

### **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](mailto:Steve@SwanharborRC.com).

Nov 12, 2013	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, 7 PM at Wendy's in Churchville
Dev 14, 2014	Swan Harbor RC Christmas Party 12-5 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 <a href="#">WRAM Show Flyer</a>

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