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**ATTENTION: The June Meeting was Cancelled by to weather.**

**ATTENTION: The June Fly re-scheduled for June 15th has been re-scheduled for June 29th. Saturday June 29, 2013 is the biggest day of our Club, our famous Swan Harbor RC Open House. Bring your friends and family. All you need is an AMA card to fly.**

**GENERAL CLUB NEWS...**

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

- There were 19 members and two visitors present.
- Unfortunately, the mixed weather conditions caused us to bring fewer dogs and hamburgers than we had anticipated and we ran out. It never happened before and we promise it will never happen again.
- Steve Snyder reports that we have 69 members.
- Per Rec Center's request there will be no flying Jun 20 5:30-6:30.
- County laid out more stones for the driveway and more dirt for the entranceway . This field is in such great shape you should invite friends to see it even if they're not flyers.
- Prepping for the Open House it was decided to charge \$1 dogs, \$2 hamburger and \$1 soda. Dale Davis will pick up the ice.



**Richard Thomas and the Black Hawk**

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

**SWAN HARBOR RC OPEN HOUSE...**

This is our big chance to show off our Club to the outside world. Invite all your friends and family. Tell your wife/friend it's you dinner out for the month. Tell your neighbor you'll return his lawnmower if he comes. Tell your Brown/Fedex man it's OK to be an hour late. Let's all be there and have a great time.

## FROM THE PITS...

Hadn't seen Stanley Dill for a while. But this day he came out loaded. He was flying his Obsession 3-D pattern plane He had a HaBu jet that was flying at incredible speeds. I can't believe that Bob Walker was able to get a picture of it.

Richard Thomas (bet he gets a lot of hits on that), a guest of Lloyd Young was flying a Black Hawk helicopter that he built on the frame of a TRex 600. Very impressive awesome project, incredible detail, gattling guns etc.

Chris Doolittle, potential new member, was flying a Corsair as his first plane. (See write up on Chris in next section).

Bob Walker was flying two new acquisitions, a mini-P51 and a Hawker Hurricane.

Another one we hadn't seen for a while, Bob Burke. Today he was flying a beautiful Corsair, folding wings and all.

## CHRIS DOOLITTLE...Why does that name sound familiar ?

Some of you older guys (hey me too) may remember the famous Jimmy Doolittle's flight to bomb Tokyo shortly after the start of WWII. You can go to our Archives of March 2003 to learn about it. I, modestly, say it's a good read.

So who is this Chris Doolittle? Now stay with me...Chris' great-grandfather's brother was the father of Jimmy Doolittle. Isn't it great to be so attached to such a hero.

Chris has a 3 month old son...his name Jimmy Doolittle.

Chris will be with us only a few more weeks, then he will be deployed to Afghanistan for 9 months. Our prayers go with him.

He is adamant in joining the Club before he leaves.



Stanley Dill and his Obsession 3-D



Chris Doolittle and the Corsair



**Bob Walker with the mini-P51  
and the Hawker Hurricane**



**Bob Burke and the Corsair**



**Stanley Dill's HuBu**

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### **THE SAFETY REPORT... Bob Walker**

At the last meeting, the club decided to ban turbine jets at the field. There have been a bunch of videos running around the internet that show crashes and then a field catching fire. With Swan Harbor RC trying to be good neighbors to the county, the decision was made not to take a chance of a field fire or worse.

This sort of goes with another article I recently read on a model jet crash. The club, wherever it was, always had several fire extinguishers strapped to the club golf cart for just such an accident. The article went on to say that all flyers should carry a small fire extinguisher in case of electrical fire, regardless of what one is flying.

Years ago, our club President, Greg Stolz had a the fuel pump on his field box short out and burst into flames. Fortunately, we were able to stomp out the fire on what little grass we had at the time.

We all read about LiPo battery fires and we have seen videos of vehicles flaming up when the batteries or charger caught fire. One good reason not to charge batteries under the hood.

The point of all this is that everyone should be carrying certain items to protect ourselves, fellow pilots, our airplanes and other belongings.

Let's start with a portable fire extinguisher....one for electrical fires. Maybe we need to keep one in the shed.

Sun glasses....protect your eyes. Sun glasses that provide impact damage from a flying propeller would be best. We saw a few years ago how Jack Stites at RCMB went home with broken glasses from a flying prop....and his vision. It does happen

A hat....it gets hot out at the field in the summer and don't want to see sun burnt heads

First aid kit. We have discussed this before. Pretty basic item to have in every car or truck.....do you have one? There are loads of them for under 5 bucks.

Cell phone. With phones so cheap, no reason not to carry one. You could be the only one at the field sometime. Several severe accidents have happened out there with a lone flyer and the cell phone was the lifeline to help

Years ago, Joe Nixon put a card on the bulletin board describing how to get to Swan Harbor. In a panic situation, people cannot remember 911. I used that card in calling an ambo years ago for someone bleeding bad at the field. We should have that card again.

It can be lonely at the field at night.....if you are heading out, it is a good idea to tell someone where you are headed.

Some people may laugh at these points, but all sorts of crazy things have happened at Swan Harbor over the years.

One last point on Safety. Shortly after you read this, will be the Open House. Please think first and do not do anything to endanger the visitors or fellow flyers.

Until next month.....fly safe.

#### 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).

June 15-16, 2013	Lums Pond IMAC Challenge
June 22, 2013	Laurel, MD AIRPLANE OF The WORLD II. David Wilson CD PH 410- 381-6005, <a href="http://www.freestateaeromodelers.org">www.freestateaeromodelers.org</a> Sponsor: FREE STATE AEROMODELERS
June 29, 2013	Swan Harbor RC Open House Fun Fly, 10 AM. Swan Harbor RC Flying Field. All welcome.
July 10, 2013	Kirkwoow, DE. WARBIRDS OVER DELAWARE. Site: Lums Pond David Malchione CDPH: 610-357-6649 Email: <a href="mailto:bvmjpo@aol.com">bvmjpo@aol.com</a> Sponsor: DELAWARE RC CLUB.
July 9-14, 2013	Warbirds Over Delaware

Aug 16-18, 2013 Helis Over Delaware

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