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**ATTENTION: The next meeting is March 12, 2013, 7 PM at the Churchville Rec Center.
Bring in some of that good stuff for show and tell.**

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President Scott Jordan opened the meeting of January 2103 at 7PM at the Churchville Rec Center.

- There were 18 members present.
- We welcomed Ted Wieworka, an old flying buddy from 543.
- Please remember to remove the chain to one side when entering our access road, so it doesn't get mangled.
- There's a reminder that Lebanon is coming up March 9.
- A tentative date of Saturday, June 1, is set for the Fun Fly. The Club picnic is planned for September.
- Per Dale Davis, it is planned get more stones, mulch and have the field rolled by the end of March.
- The mini-flight airstrip will be laid out parallel to the main air field,

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



Gary Gunter and the Monster YAK 54

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](#).

SHOW AND TELL...

Gary Gunter did it again. He brought in a monster Pilot YAK 54 at 37.5 % scale. It has a 120 in. wingspan and is powered by a DL170 (that's 17.5 HP) with a 32x10 prop. A beautiful plane.



Gary's Flying Buddies



Reunion of 543 Flyers-
Ron Lazzeri, Ted Wieworka and Achille Silvestri

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THE OLD DAYS... Bob Walker

Thirteen years ago was really not that long ago, but that was when the Ravens had a super defensive season that catapulted them to the Super Bowl going 16-4 in 2000. Remember Y2K? Many were worried that all computers would crash or it would even be the end of the world. We still debate when we arrived at our Swan Harbor field, but we were definitely there in 2000.

As I write this, we are just days away from the 13th anniversary of the death of Don Dewey. Don was the Editor-in-Chief of Radio Control Modeler Magazine. This magazine had an immense impact on our hobby. He had the first large circulation magazine dedicated to just radio control. RCM used slick pages from the start resulting in clearer photos and sharper print. This also allowed them to introduce color to a model magazine. All the other eventually followed. That was one of my favorite magazines. My Dad brought one home in the mid 60's from the Bel Air Hobby and Photo Center (anyone remember that on Cortland Street ?). I was hooked on the hobby from that point on.

In the year 2000, we had pretty reliable radios. We were well into narrow band radios. Airtronics introduced the VG400 and VG600. There were adjustments for servo reversing and end point adjustment but these were by switches and potentiometers. Horizon Hobby was advertising some new- for- beginner JR radios but these too were non computer. There were computer radios back then such as the Futaba 8U in both FM and PCM. Remember those choices? JR also had the PCM10X which was computerized for about \$1300.

ARF's were in full force. There was a 100" ¼ scale Piper Cub by Hangar 9. Other popular ARF's were by Hobbico, Cermark, Lanier and Sig.....remember the Sig Extra 300XS that Danny Bowman flew? Kits were still popular. Top Flite reintroduced the Contender. I bought one and still have it, although still crash condition. Great Planes had the Giant Extra 330L and I think Hugh Ellis built and flew one. Another favorite of that era was Sig's Something Extra....a .40 sized plane. There were several of them flying the skies at Swan Harbor. Balsa USA had a large list of kits as did Proctor, Goldberg and Midwest.

There were loads of helicopters back then. Kalt, Century, Hirobo, Kyosho, Miniature Aircraft, and JR. All powered by glow engines. Horizon Hobby advertised the Ikarus Piccolo and Voyager E that were electrics. But.....they used nickel cadmium batteries. No Lipos in sight back in 2000.

Engines were OS, Super Tigre, MRC, Fox, Irvine, Rossi, GMS, Jett, Magnum, RJL, MDS, Norvel, Saito, YS and Thunder Tiger. Gas engines were certainly around including 3W, Fox and Zenoah.

So.....to summarize, in the last 13 years the big changes in our hobby were 2.4 MHz radios, LiPo batteries, electric ARF's in planes and helicopters. Wonder what the next 13 years will bring?

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.

Mar 12, 2103	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet. Churchville Rec Center, 7 PM.
June 1, 2013	Swan Harbor Fun-Fly

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