



The Dead Stick Flyer

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Club Meeting:

The December meeting was held on Saturday, December 8, 2018 during the club's annual Christmas party held at the Havre De Grace Activity Center from 12:00pm-4:00pm.

This year's Christmas party was a big success! Everyone had a great time! Gary and Dale would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who helped plan, set up, and contribute to the party and to all of the members and their guests that attended the party. Additionally, the Prize Raffle was a great success. It was so successful that it covered the costs of both the plane raffle prizes and the party food platters. We had plenty of food and refreshments so no one should have gone home hungry. Members who brought planes to fly indoor in the gym also had a great time.

Highlights from the meeting:

- **2019 Management Board:**

The Management Board for 2019 was voted in by all members present at the meeting. The same team as listed above will be in place again for another term in 2019. We would like to thank the Management Team for all the work they do to make this the best RC Flying Club around.

Special thanks go out to Gary Gunter and Dale Davis for all they do to make this club a special place for us to enjoy. Their contribution of time, money and tireless efforts go way over and above what is normally expected and is greatly appreciated by all members. Thank you guys!!

- **Field Electricity:**

Dale announced that the field electricity project is very close to being completed. Weather permitting it should be finished in January 2019. It is being held up due to all of the rain we've had this year and there's still a forecast for more. According to WBAL TV Weather this is the wettest year on record in Maryland and 2018 could end up with about 70+'' of total rainfall. This certainly has delayed BGE from completing the underground trenching for the installation of the electric wiring to the field and the power distribution transformer and meter at the shed. The ground is just too saturated and they do not want to tear up the field unnecessarily more than they need to. The starting conduit piping has been installed under the main access road which will bring the electric from the telephone service pole to underground cable run which will be made along our driveway to shed.

Scott Jordan has completed the installation of 2 shelves under each of the Canopy's next to the electric outlets columns so members can charge their equipment. All of the electrical connections required in the shed have been completed. In the shed, we have overhead lights with wall switches and utility outlets in both halves. On the food storage side we have additional utility outlets for the refrigerator, microwave, and coffee maker. Dale is already making plans on how to stock and set up the pantry for the 2019 season. You will just have to come out to the field to see just what he has planned for this year.

2019 Flying Field Condition:

As usual, we are in great shape for the 2019 flying season. The field will only require the normal seasonal maintenance to get it in tip top shape. In early spring, Gary and others, will perform maintenance on the lawn equipment like oil changes, filter replacements, and any tune ups needed. Also, we may have to lay down some grass seed where the trenching for the electric cable was installed underground. In December, Gary and Chris steam cleaned the outside of the shed to prevent mold and other dirt from accumulating and staining the vinyl siding. They also steam cleaned the 2 mowers to keep them clean and to prevent any moisture from accumulating and rusting the metal frames from stuck on grass. All end of year winter storage of equipment and the bulletin board has also been completed.

Outlook for 2019:

The outlook for our flying field in 2019 looks really good. Once all of the existing projects are completed and the spring preparations are completed we should have another good year of RC flying. All members should take pride in our field and come out and enjoy the nicest flying field in the area. Spread the word to your family and friends to come out and watch us fly....we love spectators! Who knows, it may inspire someone to join the club and become hooked on this great hobby.

Club Photo Gallery:

2018 Christmas Party Pictures:



Dale's getting the party ready



Membership drive



Selling raffle tickets





Christmas Party Buffet





Tim Getz and his daughter





Raffle Prize Winners





Dale's Special Prizes and the Winners



Indoor Flying Session at Christmas Party





Show & Tell – Chris’s Carbon Cub



Indoor Flying Session – November 17, 2018





Upcoming Events for 2019

January Club Meeting:

The next club meeting will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2018 from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Golden Corral restaurant located on Route 40 in Aberdeen, MD. Members are urged to attend and participate in the meeting discussions and planning for the club.

Indoor Flying:

Dale has 3 indoor flying sessions scheduled for 2019. Members are welcome to bring an indoor worthy plane and enjoy the weather controlled fun. Small, slow flying ultralight planes work best like the Night Vapor. The indoor flying sessions will be held on the 3rd Saturday of each of the following months:

- 1. Saturday - January 19th 9:00am-11:30pm*
- 2. Saturday - February 16th 9:00am-12:30pm*
- 3. Saturday - March 16th 9:00am-11:30pm*

*Location: 351 Lewis Lane, Havre De Grace, MD 21078
Activity Center Gym*

Club Meeting Schedule

- January thru April and October thru November:
 - *Monthly club meetings will now be held at the Golden Corral in Aberdeen, MD on Route 40 on the 2nd Saturday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm. We will be meeting in one of the small dining rooms and enjoy their full breakfast buffet.*
- May thru September:
 - *Monthly club meetings and a cookout will be held at the Swan Harbor RC flying field on the 2nd Saturday of each month starting at 10am. The Fall Club Picnic will be held on the same day as the September Club meeting.*
- December:
 - *The December Club Meeting will be held at the annual Christmas Party. Details of this event will be made available in advance of the party.*

Club Dues:

To pay your club dues for the season, either as a renewing member or a new member, please forward them to Steve Snyder, Treasurer. As you all know we depend on our dues to fund our projects and maintenance of our club.

Existing Members:

- **Renewal fee:**
 - \$75.00 fee
 - Fee renewal period (1/1/19 thru 3/31/19)
 - All members are urged to pay the renewal fee as early as possible since club expenses are budgeted and paid based on membership fee receipts.

New Members:

- **Full Year Fee:**
 - \$125.00 fee:
 - Fee joining period (1/1/19 thru 6/30/19)
 - Fee Includes:
 - \$75.00 membership fee
 - \$50.00 initiation fee
- **Half Year Fee:**
 - \$87.50 fee
 - Fee joining period (7/1/19 thru 12/31/19)
 - Fee Includes:
 - 50% of \$75.00 full membership fee = \$37.50
 - plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Upcoming Events 2019:

Cabin Fever Expo & Auction

This is a 3 day event being held from 18th January to 20th January 2019 at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. This event showcases products like all types of model engineering, gas & steam engines, hot air engines, steam boats running in our large indoor boat pond, airplanes, trains, cars, operating live steam railroads etc.

Date: January 18-20, 2019

Time: 9:00am – 6:00pm

Location: Lebanon Valley Expo Center & Fairgrounds
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

AMA Expo East 2019 – The Academy of Model Aeronautics

Date: February 22, 23, and 24, 2019
Time: 9:00am – 6:00pm
Location: Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey
355 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, New Jersey 07094

Central Penn Aeromodelers Association Flea Market

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2019
Time: 8:30am – 3:30pm
Location: Lebanon Area Fairground and Expo Center
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042

Protection from the Sun

The nature of our great RC Hobby dictates that we are out in the sun while we fly our aircraft. We need to be mindful and diligent about taking care of ourselves against the harmful rays of the sun. It is very important to apply sunscreen and wear hats to protect our heads, necks and faces from sunburn and the problems that can cause down the road. Just friendly words of advice for our members.

What are Members Working On?

Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable? We'd love to hear what you are working on. Send us some information and a couple pics of your project and we'll post it in the monthly newsletter. Send your emails to: ronlazzeri@verizon.net.

General Information

Newsletter: To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: sslotnick@mac.com.

Photos: Anyone who would like to have new photos appear in the slideshow or the photo gallery is encouraged to send their photos to Stephen Slotnick at sslotnick@mac.com and he will add them as soon as he can.

Interest in Joining the Club: Please see the instructions on the Swan Harbor RC website www.SwanHarborRC.com under the heading "How to Join." Additional membership information or questions can be obtained from Steve Snyder at (443) 243-4324 or email: snyder800@gmail.com.