



The Dead Stick Flyer

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August Club Meeting at the Field

Steve's Meeting Agenda: Saturday, August 14, 2021 at 10:00am

Review minutes from last meeting – July Newsletter

Membership & Treasury Report

Old Business:

- Grass Maintenance
- Tractor Status
- Fall Picnic, Saturday September 11, 2021
- Tail Gate Flea Market, Saturday September 25, 2021
- Christmas Party, Saturday December 11, 2021
- Indoor Flying this winter

New Business:

- None at this time

Open discussion

Adjourn

Other Club Stuff:

- Field Safety Tips
- Club PICs
- General Information



Sunset Photo by Bob Walker

Steve's Meeting Introduction

On Saturday, August 14th at 10:00am, Steve called the August 2021 club meeting to order at the Swan Harbor RC flying field. We had another very good turn-out for the summer meeting with 16 members in attendance. Food was not provided at this meeting.

Steve thanked the members for coming out to the club meeting. Several members brought electric planes to fly. To start the meeting off, Steve asked the members if there were any questions or changes to the newsletter minutes from the last meeting. Everyone was satisfied with the minutes and the meeting got underway.

Membership & Treasury Report

Steve provided an up-to-date count on the membership count for the year through August. We are now up to 77 members. He also provided an update on the club financial status and concluded that we are in good shape for the year.

New Member – Bill Morgan



Old Business:

- **Grass Maintenance**
 - *Members commented that the grass and the field is in great shape for this time of the year. Some mentioned that the grass is usually wilted and dried up by now due to the summer heat but this year it is looking in very good shape.*
 - *Steve mentioned that the field will be aerated and over-seeded for a second time in September by the lawn service company 4 Evergreen. He noted that he will work to get this done shortly after the fall picnic so it doesn't get messed up. He hopes that this second pass will provide several years of service before needing another over-seeding. Time will tell.....*

- **Tractor Status**
 - *Steve mentioned that after using the new 60" Toro Zero-Turn mower for over a month now that it was a really good investment and works great.*
 - *The 42" Toro Zero-Turn mower needed both front caster wheel bearings replaced this past month. It now runs like new again. Steve and crew have been successful at doing all the mower repair work themselves without the added cost of service repairs. Way to go team!!*

Based on the prevailing surge of the Covid-19 Delta variant currently spreading across the country, all club events are subject to change.

- **Fall Picnic: Saturday, September 11, 2021**
 - *The fall club picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 10:00am-4:00pm. All members are urged to attend and bring a plane to fly and enjoy the day. A slimmed down cookout will be served following good safety precautions. We will have jumbo hot dogs, individually packaged snacks, and drinks. The cooked grill food will be handled by 1-2 designated members and served to members as needed.*
 - *Bring a plane and enjoy the day!*

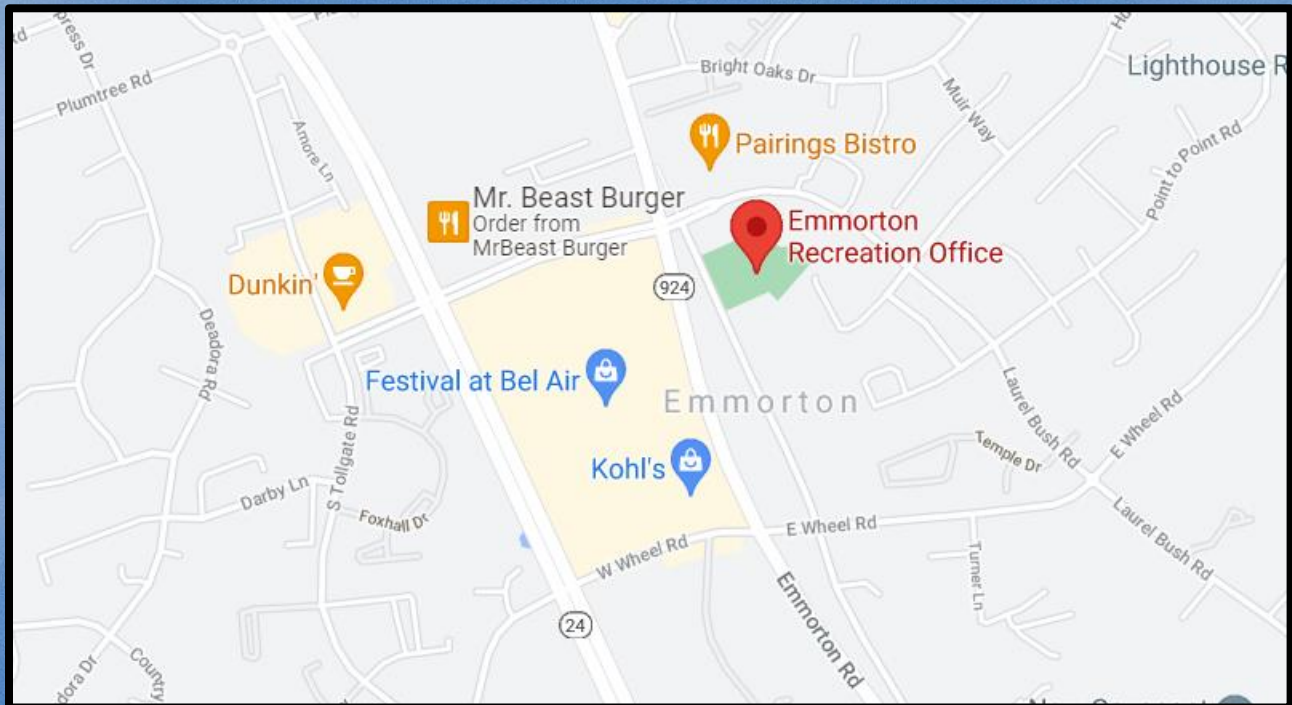
- **Tail Gate Flea Market: Saturday, September 25, 2021**
 - *The club will hold a Tail Gate Flea Market at the SHRC field on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10:00am-1:00pm.*
 - *We will not be serving food for this event.*
 - *Members can sell their RC stuff right out of their cars, vans, trucks, etc.*
 - *There will not be any fee for attending the event although donations to the club will be accepted and greatly appreciated.*
 - *We will invite other clubs in the area to attend to provide a better flea market exchange of RC stuff.*



- ***Christmas Party: Saturday, December 11, 2021***
 - ***The club will hold its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 11, 2021 from Noon-4:00pm at the Havre De Grace Parks & Rec Center on Lewis Lane.***
 - ***We welcome all members and their guests to enjoy this annual celebration. There will be plenty of food, desserts, and drinks for all and raffle prizes for several lucky members to win to help get their Christmas joy off to an early start.***

- ***Indoor Club Meetings and Flying this fall & winter***
 - ***Indoor Club Meetings:***
 - ***The club will hold indoor club meetings this fall at the Havre De Grace Parks & Rec Center on Lewis Lane beginning this October on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00pm.***
 - ***Meetings will be in the same room where the Christmas Party is held.***
 - ***Indoor Flying:***
 - ***Dale has worked his magic again this year and negotiated with the recreation council for the club to have indoor flying at the Emmorton Recreation Center every Friday beginning October 1, 2021 through April 1, 2022 from 12 Noon till 2:00pm.***
 - ***The Emmorton Rec Center is located at:***
 - ***[2213 Old Emmorton Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015](http://2213.OldEmmortonRd.BelAir.MD.21015)***
 - ***You can look at the facility at the following web address:***
 - ***www.emmortonrec.com***

Map for the Emmorton Recreation Center



New Business:

- *No new business for this meeting*

Open Discussion:

- *Steve asked if anyone had any questions or trouble taking the FAA Safety test. Members responded by saying it was easy to take. No one had any issues. Seems like we have handled this just fine and have satisfied the FAA's request. If anyone has not taken the test and would like to do it, see July's newsletter for details.*
- *Lewis announced that he has submitted two "Safety" work requests to the Havre de Grace Rec council to have the flight line and pit area fence replaced. He requested that the new fence be 4' high to help improve flight line safety. The other request is to have concrete poured under the metal canopies to eliminate the water buildup, reduce the bugs hanging around the canopy areas, and help eliminate people from stumbling on the loose stone crush & run. This will also help with some of our elderly members in wheel chairs. The stone crush & run will be spread alongside the canopies to provide a solid base to walk on when the soil is wet and muddy.*

Other Club Stuff:

- ***Field Safety Tips:*** Periodically we provide some *Field Safety Tips* when we see the need for such guidance exists and are solely intended for the overall health and safety of our members.
 - ***This has been an extremely hot and humid summer with 90+ degree days. Dehydration and heat exhaustion can set in very quickly so it is very important to drink plenty of fluids while at the field and don't overexert yourself during the heat of the day.***
 - ***If you have to go out into the corn field to locate and retrieve a downed plane please follow these safety tips:***
 - ***Follow your plane down to the ground (corn field) to get a bearing on where your plane went down. Pick points of reference in the near and far distance to help you navigate its possible location.***
 - ***Get assistance from another member at the field and let them know you will be going into the corn field to retrieve it. Explain to them where you think it is so they can help direct you where it may be while you are in the corn field.***
 - ***Be sure to take your mobile phone with you. Your mobile phone will provide you the ability to call for help if you need further assistance. Be sure to get the phone number of the assisting member before going into the field.***
 - ***If you feel you cannot retrieve your plane on your own due to the heat or health issues, please do not hesitate to ask for assistance. We are very certain our members will be glad to help you. We value your personal health and safety as well as the retrieval of your plane.***

Club PICs:

Bob Bartell



Jae Jang



Dan Seldomridge



Dale's Hummingbirds



Mark Pry



Summer Project - Steve Snyder & Dale Davis – RC Trailer



Bob Walker



Phil Carey - Skydiver



Larry Kirrsin is back!



Jae Jang showing how high the corn is in August



Steve Snyder



Bill Loerop's 1st ARF Project

I recently completed construction of my first ARF. It is a 46" Taylorcraft 450! Special thanks to Marvin for giving me the kit. I opted to go with the "High Power Setup" and equipped it with a Park 450 Brushless Outrunner Motor (1020Kv), 40 Amp Brushless ESC, and a 12X6 prop powered by a 3 cell 2200 mAh Li-Po battery.

I also installed the new AR637T receiver which is capable of accommodating SAFE and AS3X flight modes and is configured using the Forward Programming menu option on my DX6E transmitter. The latest firmware update needed to be installed before this option appeared. Also, the receiver needed to be bound and powered up before the menu option appeared. Programming was surprisingly easy (compared to the PC/cable approach I was using) following an online Horizon Hobby video. I did, however encounter a few problems. First, the video recommended assigning Flight Modes to channel 7 (AUX2), switch "B". The instructor in the video was using the latest 6 channel transmitter. Channel 7 did show up on my transmitter so I assumed it was some sort of "virtual" channel. After doing so, however, I was only able to access Flight Mode 2 regardless of the switch position. I then decided to reassign Flight Modes to channel 6 (AUX 1), switch "B" and was able to successfully toggle between three Flight Modes. The following Flight Modes were configured: FM1-SAFE/AS3X, FM2-AS3X, and FM3-Bare. I plan on using FM2 most of the time but wanted the SAFE option available in case I get into trouble! The second problem I encountered was configuring the gain. The default is variable gain and is usually controlled with the "R" Knob on higher level transmitters. I don't have this so I need to change everything to fixed gain using the default values. Also, I switched SAFE operation from "envelope" to "level".

This is a tail dragger so I needed to prop up the tail when setting the "level" position. After powering up the plane everything appeared to be working great. I conducted failsafe (no prop) and range tests and everything looked good. Per Marvin's recommendation, I removed the landing gear covers and replaced the stock wheels with oversized 2.75" grass runway wheels which should greatly facilitate landings. Now all I have to do is work up the courage to actually fly it!



Renee' Javois Helicopters



General Information:

Membership Dues Policy

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 projects and general maintenance for our club.

Existing Annual Membership Renewals:

- **Annual renewal membership fee:** \$75.00
- **Renewal period:** 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YEAR
- **Payment is due by:** 3/31/YEAR)

New Membership Dues:

- **Full year new membership fee:** \$125.00
- **Joining period:** 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YEAR

- **Fee Includes:**

- \$75.00 annual membership fee
- \$50.00 1st year initiation fee

- *Note new members joining the club on 9/1/YR or after of that same year are considered paid in full for the current year and the immediately following year. The reason for this exception is that the current flying season is about 75% over and we want to give new members an incentive to join our club.*

What are Members Working on: *Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable, or want to sell something? We would love to hear what you are working on. Send us some information and a couple pics of your project and we will post it in the monthly newsletter. Send your emails to: ronlazzi@verizon.net.*

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.

Harford County's No Smoking Policy on County Property: We follow all county rules and regulations and ask for your cooperation. Thank You!

