



# *The Dead Stick Flyer*

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## **1st Board Meeting of 2021**

**On Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm, the new Board had their 1<sup>st</sup> call-in meeting of 2021. Due to the continuing Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions the meeting could not be held in person. Steve Snyder, the new President for 2021, led the meeting through a lively discussion of the following topics:**

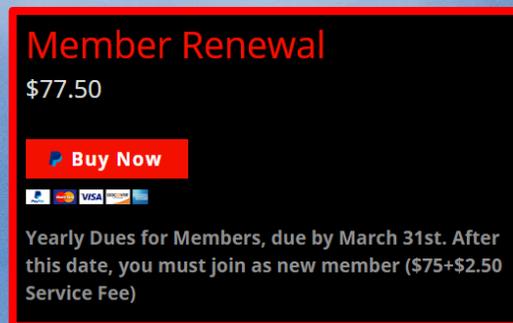
- **2020 Year End Financial Status:**
  - *Steve provided a summary of the club's final 2020 financial status. The club's financial records and remaining account balance are all in good shape for the start of the new 2021 year.*
- **Final Membership Count for 2020:**
  - *The club ended 2020 with 75 members.*
- **New Members for 2021:**
  - *We have already signed up 1 new member for 2021.*
- **Paid Up Members for 2021:**
  - *As of Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, there are 31 members who have renewed their membership by paying their dues.*
- **Estimated Budget for 2021:**
  - **Steve provided an estimated budget for 2021 based the following:**
    - *Income to be derived from an estimate of renewing members from 2020 and potential new members to be signed up for 2021.*
    - *Expenses attributable to annual recurring expenses, tractor and equipment maintenance, club meetings/parties/events, and field grass maintenance.*
      - *Note: Future in-person meetings and events are dependent on the Covid-19 status throughout the year.*
      - *Note: It remains the Board's goal to improve the field grass through aeration, over-seeding, and lawn treatments. This is the largest expense for 2020 and 2021.*
- **Discussion on Future Projects:**
  - **Steve discussed several additional wish list projects that were not included in the 2021 budget. These projects were part of several 2020 discussions but have not been prioritized:**
    - *Install concrete flooring in the 2 Pavilions and widening the adjacent ground next to the Pavilions with the current crush & run that would be removed from the Pavilions. This will provide solid ground to put planes together when the ground is wet and mushy.*
    - *Install an internet accessible Weather Station in the Bulletin Board that will allow members to remotely check current weather conditions at the field like wind speed/direction, temperature, humidity, etc. This station will not have an active camera.*
  - **Steve said he would also like to hear and consider other ideas for future club improvements from the whole membership to get a better idea of what members would like our club to do. Your participation is greatly appreciated.**

## Club Dues for 2021

Since most of the club dues have historically been collected at the annual Christmas Party, it was imperative that we provide a new simple way for members to pay their dues. You can mail a check to Steve Snyder payable to: **Swan Harbor RC** at the following address: **800 Van Dyke Lane, Bel Air, MD, 21014**; give payment to a Board Officer; or now pay your dues through PayPal.

The renewal this year will remain the same at \$75.00 (cash or check) but if you use PayPal, it will add an extra \$2.50 fee to cover the PayPal service charge. Once payment is received, Steve will mail your membership card to you. You can start paying your 2021 dues now but you will only have until March 31, 2021 to do so as a regular renewing member.

How to pay your dues with PayPal: To pay your dues with PayPal; go to the club's website: [swanharborrc.com](http://swanharborrc.com) and click on the top menu item "How to Join" This section will explain everything you'll need to know regarding how to join as a new member or pay your dues as a renewing member. In this section, you will see the PayPal payment option as pictured. Remember, the PayPal option has a PayPal service fee added to your payment.



## Membership & Treasury

Steve advised of the following summary:

- Club membership for 2020 ended with 75 members.
- One (1) new member has already been signed up for 2021.
- As of January 11<sup>th</sup> we have 31 members paid up for 2021.
- The financial summary for 2020 ended up in good shape and the club has a good start for 2021 with the anticipation of another good year.

## **AMA and FAA Registration for 2021**

**All returning members for 2021 should make sure they have renewed their AMA Insurance and, if required, their FAA registration.**

- **AMA: [www.modelaircraft.org](http://www.modelaircraft.org)**
- **FAA: [www.faa.gov/uas/getting\\_started/register\\_drone](http://www.faa.gov/uas/getting_started/register_drone)**

**In an effort to ensure our club's compliance with AMA and FAA rules and regulations we are requiring that all members, whether a new member or an existing member, submit the following documents to Steve Snyder when paying your dues:**

- **Swan Harbor RC Membership Form:**
  - **The form can be found on the Swan Harbor RC website**
- **Proof of AMA & FAA membership:**
  - **Provide a copy of each membership's email or registration card**
  - **The copy must include the registration number**

## **FAA Remote ID**

**On December 29, 2020, Steve sent out the following FAA Remote ID summary to help simplify and explain to our membership how it will apply to their RC flying going forward.**

**Fellow Club Members,**

**Yesterday the FAA released the final "Remote Identification of Unmanned Aircraft" document. I've listened to several Pod Casts, including one by the AMA on this subject and basically the information that follows is what I believe this document from the FAA says and how it affects us.**

**Basically if you are operating an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) all be it a drone, helicopter or fixed wing airplane within the confines of our field you WILL NOT be affected by this ruling and have nothing further you need to do. Let me say this one more time, if you fly at our field you just keep flying the same safe way following AMA and club rules like you always have. This is great news and my hat goes off to the AMA for protecting our rights as model aviation hobbyist.**

**If you fly outside of our field (your backyard for example) you will have to comply with other aspects of the Remote ID ruling. Below I will try to provide a summary of the Remote ID ruling.**

*There are 3 classifications described in the Remote ID document:*

- ***Standard Remote ID*** – This applies to manufactures of UAS that are 100% complete and ready to fly right out of the box like a DJI Mavic. Manufacturers will have 18 months to incorporate a Remote ID module into their aircraft weighing over 0.55 pounds that will broadcast flight data such as location, air speed, altitude and an identifying ID.
- ***Remote ID Module*** – This option is for existing UAS operating outside a FAA-recognized identification area (FRIE). In other words, flying my existing drone, helicopter or airplane in my backyard or local park. In this case operators will have 2.5 years to comply. Basically you will need to purchase a Remote ID module and install it in your aircraft. They anticipate this module being the size of a small receiver and costing between \$20 and \$50. Basically, this how you can legally operate your existing aircraft at someplace other than our field.
- ***FAA-recognized identification area (FRIA)*** – Basically this is category most of us fall into. We will register our flying field with the FAA, then any aircraft operating within the confines of our field is exempt from having a Remote ID. You will still need your FAA registration and you will need to affix the FAA number to your aircraft but you will not be required to have a remote ID module broadcasting your flight information. We will have up to 2.5 years to complete the registration of our field as a FRIA. This registration will have to be renewed every 2 years. The AMA anticipates coordinating this registration process much like they did with the Letter of Agreement (LOA) between us and Phillips Airfield.

*Like anything with government regulations there are a lot more details but what I tried to do was provide a quick overview of the salient information.*

*Thanks and Happy Flying, Steve*

### **Lock Up Premises**

*When you leave the field please take an extra look to make sure the shed and gate are locked. The weekend of January 4<sup>th</sup> someone left the shed unlocked, luckily a friend of the club found it and let us know. Remember we have a lot of equipment in those sheds so please take just an extra second and ensure it is locked.*

*Here are some PICs from November 2020*



*Rich Schweiger*





*Eric Davis*



*Rick Hight*



*Tom Kottke*





*Stephen Clark*



*Bob Walker*

## SHRC Yard Sale

**For Sale by Bob Bartell:**

***E-flite Timber 1.2 with AS3X and SAFE Select:***

***The plane is in excellent shape with extra parts***

***All you will need to install is a battery***

**Asking Price: \$100**

**Email: [rf1bark@comcast.net](mailto:rf1bark@comcast.net)**

**Phone: (410) 939-6489**



## Club Meetings and Events Scheduled for 2021

**"ON HOLD until Further Notice"**

***Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic all club meetings and events have been cancelled until further notice. Once the Pandemic gets under control and we can have in-person meetings and event gatherings we will notify all members accordingly.***

A message from  
Central Penn Aeromodelers Association:

**The 2021 R/C Expo  
has been cancelled!**

After careful consideration we have decided to cancel the 2021 Lebanon R/C Expo. As health care concerns remain a priority, we feel it is in the best interest of our volunteers and patrons to cancel this years event. We are looking forward to seeing you all for a successful 2022.

## The Lighter Side



## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## General Information

**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](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net).

**Newsletter:** To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: [sslotnick@mac.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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!

