



The Dead Stick Flyer

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July In-Person Club Meeting at the Field

Steve's Meeting Agenda: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

Review minutes from last meeting – June Newsletter

Membership & Treasury Report

Old Business:

- Grass Maintenance
- Tractor Status
- Fall Picnic: Saturday September 11, 2021
- Swap Meet: Saturday September 25, 2021
- Christmas Party: Saturday December 11, 2021
- Indoor Club Meetings and Flying

New Business:

- FAA Safety Test
 - FAA UAS Recreational Safety Test (TRUST)

Open Discussion:

- TFR Exemption for SHRC

Other Club Stuff:

- Field Safety Tips
- Tom Moyer's "Dog Fight Apparel"
- Club PICs
- General Information



Steve's Meeting Introduction

On Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00pm, Steve called the 2nd in-person meeting of 2021 to order at the Swan Harbor RC flying field. There was a very good turn-out with 13 members in attendance. The field was wet and water was puddled around the field from a hard rain just days before the meeting. Food was not provided at this meeting just like the prior meeting.

Steve thanked the members for coming out to the club's 2nd in-person meeting on a Tuesday night. Only a couple members brought a plane to fly since the field was wet. To start the meeting off, Steve asked the members if there were any questions or changes to newsletter minutes of the last meeting. Everyone was satisfied with the minutes and the meeting got underway.

Membership & Treasury Report

Steve provided an up-to-date tally on the membership count for the year which is up to 76 members. He also provided an update on the club financial status and concluded that we are in good shape for the year.

Old Business:

- **Grass Maintenance**
 - *Steve commented on the great shape that the field was in including the runway and pit area grass. The grass was just mowed on Monday, the day prior to the meeting, so it was in excellent shape for the meeting.*
 - *Steve noted that the field will be aerated and over-seeded for a second time in late August or early September to help further establish the turf for the 2022 flying season. 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 the new Toro 60" Zero-Turn mower arrived earlier this month and works great. With a 60 inch cutting width the runway is completed in less time and the results are fabulous. This was definitely a great investment for the club since having a smooth, well cut runway makes for good take-offs and landings. Happy flying!*

Precaution

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 club will hold its first club event since the start of the Pandemic on 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.*

- ***Swap Meet: Saturday, September 25, 2021***
 - *Members have asked that the club hold a flea market style Swap Meet at the field since other flea markets were not attended due to the Pandemic. It has been decided that the club will hold a Swap Meet at the SHRC field on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 9:00am-1:00pm.*
 - *We will not be serving any 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 Swap Meet 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 is working on getting Indoor Flying back for us this year.*
 - *The location, day, and time will be announced as soon as it gets finalized.*
 - *Previous indoor flying times were a lot fun and helped to keep our flying skills sharp. It will be a welcome time given the heat of this summer.*

New Business:

- **FAA Safety Test**
 - *Steve announced to the members that the FAA Safety Test was now available and operational. He reassured members that this is the FAA's way to educate and train modelers on various safety measures and flying guidelines. It is important to remember we are sharing airspace with general and commercial aircraft as well.*
 - *Information about the FAA Safety Test and where you can take the test can be found on the FAA's website as follows:*
 - www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/knowledge_test_updates
 - *The FAA Safety Test can be taken at the AMA website as follows:*
 - <https://trust.modelaircraft.org>

Open Discussion:

- **TFR Exemption Request for SHRC**
 - *Steve and Dale are working to get an exemption from the recurring TFR Restrictions for President Biden's almost weekly trips to Delaware. The exemption will be for the Swan Harbor RC club since we are so close to the outer TFR perimeter. Note that several other clubs and airport facilities have been successful at getting an exemption. The AMA advised us to write some letters to our elected officials as did other clubs.*
 - *They will be writing letters to Senators Ben Cardin and Chris Van Hollen. In the letters they will explain who we are, what we do, and how long we've been in existence and will ask for their help in securing an exemption from the Secret Service so our members can fly during the TFR Restrictions.*

Other Club Stuff:

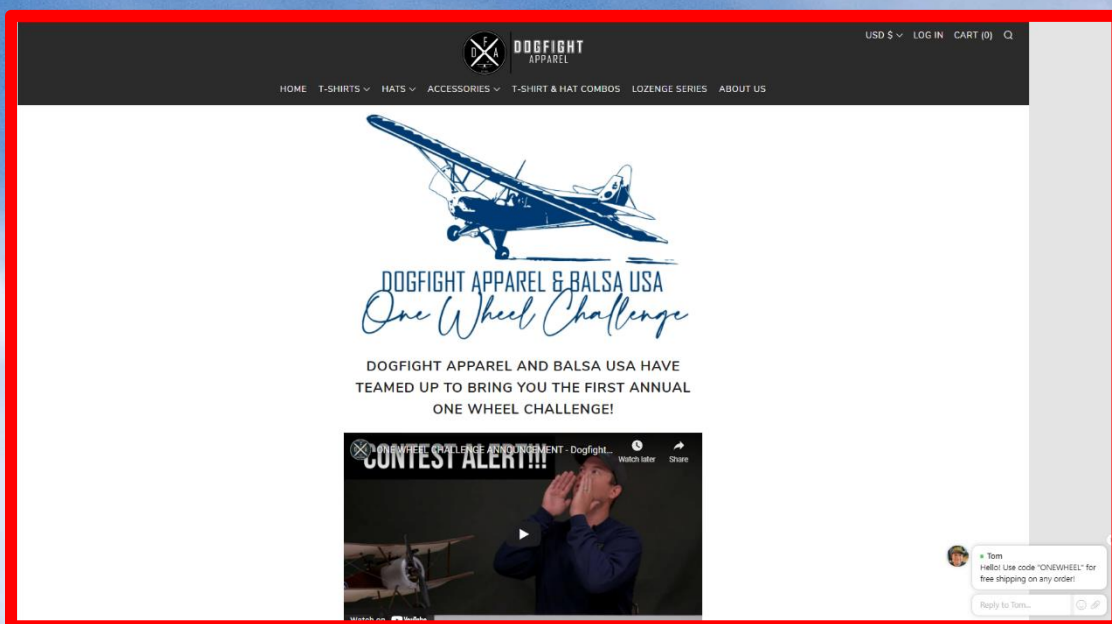
- **Field Safety Tips:** *Periodically we provide some Field Safety Tips when we see the need for such guidance exists and are solely intended for the overall health and safety of our members.*
 - *This has been an extremely hot and humid summer with 90+ degree days. Dehydration and heat exhaustion can 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.***

• **Tom Moyer's Website: DOGFIGHT APPAREL**

- ***Club member Tom Moyer wants to share his DOGFIGHT APPAREL "One Wheel Challenge" with all club members. Check out Tom's website for more details and while you are on the site check out all of the WWI apparel for yourself or someone as a gift.***

<https://dogfightapparel.com/pages/2021-one-wheel-challenge-dogfight-apparel-balsa-usa>



Club PICs:

New Member: Tom Nassar



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!

