



# ***The Dead Stick Flyer***

**Newsletter of Swan Harbor RC**

Volume 31, Number 6, June 2020

[www.swanharborrc.com](http://www.swanharborrc.com)



**President: Gary Gunter (410) 658-1170**

**VP: Chris Mounayer (732) 539-8731**

**Secretary: Ron Lazzeri (443) 425-9006**

**Treasurer: Steve Snyder (410) 638-2895**

**Safety Officer: Tom Insley (443) 876-2886**

**Member at Large: Dale Davis (410) 459-0399**

**Member at Large: Herman Reichart (410) 935-8979**

**Member at Large: Stephen Slotnick (908) 403-0273**

**Member at Large: Jae Jang (443) 910-2439**

---

## **Swan Harbor RC**

***This is the Newsletter for June 2020. There was a Board meeting held at the SHRC field on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm to discuss the current state of affairs with the club. Steve Snyder has been organizing these meetings.***

---

## **Dealing with the Corona Virus (COVID-19)**

***Please be safe during this time of uncertainty with the Corona Virus!***

- ***Wash your hands with soap and water frequently***
- ***Keep your distance between each other – Social Distancing 6' apart***
- ***Disinfect commonly touched surfaces***
- ***Stay informed with Corona Virus news updates and restrictions***
- ***Follow all local, state, and national guidelines***
- ***No shaking hands and use a hand sanitizer***
- ***We'll get through this but it may take some time. It is vitally important to take care of ourselves but it is also just as important to take care of the people around you as well.***

## **Inside this Issue:**

*We continue to hope that everyone is staying safe and making the very best of the current situation we find ourselves a part of along with the rest of the country. As always we want to extend our gratitude to our field maintenance crew who have persisted to keep our club in pristine shape!*

- [Corona Virus update from the May 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting](#)
- [Lawn Service Update](#)
- [New Small Plane Runway](#)
- [New Safety Officer/Board Member](#)
- [July Club Meeting](#)
- [Membership](#)
- [Upcoming Events – None Scheduled](#)
- [Yard Sale Bulletin Board](#)
- [Tech Corner](#)
- [Club Meeting Schedule](#)
- [Memberships Dues Policy](#)
- [General Information](#)

## **Club Accomplishments & Activities:**

### **Corona Virus update from the May 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting:**

*The following Corona Virus field update was discussed by the board and was emailed to all members, after the meeting, by Stephen Slotnick:*

- *We hope everyone and their families are doing well during these difficult times due to COVID-19. The club board met via conference call May 27, 2020 at 7:30 PM to discuss the continued field usage. We decided starting Friday, May 29, 2020 to allow members to use the field without the mandate to wear masks and to open the pantry side of the shed so members can enjoy the refreshments. As always during these changing times please use your discretion and remember to:*
  - *Use hand sanitizer frequently*
  - *Keep your distance from other club members while at the field. (The new normal Social Distancing 6' apart). If social distancing is not possible please consider wearing a mask.*
  - *Don't come to the field if you are showing any symptoms or don't feel well, especially if you have a fever of 99.6 or higher*
  - *Don't come to the field if you have been exposed to someone who has or is suspected to have COVID-19*
  - *Follow all local, state and national guidelines*
- *Remember, the weather is turning back to flyable weather and let's all enjoy the field this season while keeping everyone's safety in mind. Thanks and enjoy the very best flying field I have ever seen at any local club!*

### **Lawn Service Update:**

- *The grounds have had two Lawn Service treatments and the entire field is literally weed free. The two treatments occurred as follows:*
  - *May 25<sup>th</sup>: Liquid weed killer and granular fertilizer*
  - *June 18<sup>th</sup>: Liquid weed killer and granular fertilizer*
    - *On the 2<sup>nd</sup> treatment, the lawn service used a type of fertilizer for shorter grasses often used on golf courses. This fertilizer is used to help promote deep root growth which will help the grass survive during hot and dry weather conditions.*
- *These treatments have been applied in preparation for a late August or early September aeration and over seeding that will promote new grass growth for late fall 2020 and the 2021 flying season.*
- *Additionally, we are now cutting the runway and pit area grass at a height around 2-2.5 inches to keep the grass greener and healthier.*

- **New Small Plane Runway:**

- ***The board has agreed to install a new and improved “Black Top” runway for the smaller airplanes to replace the rubber pad runway currently installed at the far end of the field. The runway will be 10 feet wide and 50 feet long.***
- ***The runway should be operational the second week of July 2020 and will be taped off from flying until fill dirt and seed is landscaped around the edges.***
- ***This new project was fully coordinated by Dale Davis and Steve Snyder.***
- ***The runway will be 1<sup>st</sup> class and will be smooth without any seems so the small airplanes can take-off and land with no issues. The runway upgrade was deemed necessary as the result of the improvements made to the field turf grasses. It was realized that the smaller planes would need a smoother runway for take-off and landings.***
- ***Dale coordinated the procurement of the black top material from Maryland Paving who has donated the black top to club to help with our community activities in Harford County. The new runway will be installed at no cost to the club. This is certainly a Win-Win scenario for the club!***



The new runway under construction.

A crush & run stone base was installed and then the black top covering was laid July 2<sup>nd</sup>.





*Additional dirt was filled in on the low spot next to the right canopy and crush & run was filled in alongside the driveway next to the power transformer and shed area.*

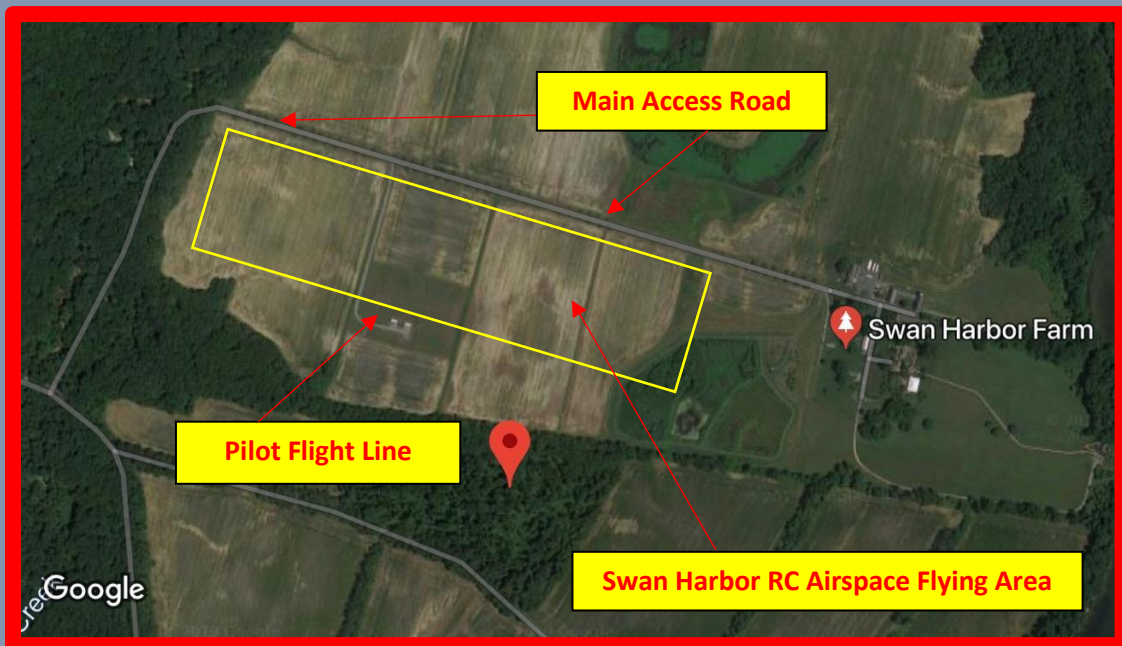


- **New Safety Officer/Board member:**
  - ***Bob Walker has been the club's Safety Officer for several years now and has done an excellent job keeping us flying safely. Unfortunately, Bob has decided to retire from the position and return to civilian life as a regular flying member.***
  - ***Effective June 2020, Tom Insley has graciously accepted the position and has been voted in the by the Board and is now the club's new Safety Officer/Board Member. Congrats Tom!***



- ***What does the Safety Officer Do?***
  - ***The club Safety Officer promotes and encourages a level of safety awareness within the club. The SO provides safety initiatives from the AMA to club members in matters related to Radio Control flying safety. The SO will periodically review club facilities, equipment, and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and attendance by the public. Additionally, the SO will establish a club emergency action plan to handle accidents/incidents and reviews emergency procedures with club members at regularly held meetings as necessary.***

- *Here are some safety tips reprinted from 2019 from Bob Walker:*
  - *There are two basic rules at the club, “Fly Safe” and “Be Courteous”.*
  - *Wear eye protection as needed: Things do fly off airplanes.*
  - *Flying too close to the Pilot Safety Fence and Pit Area: Everyone should be flying a reasonable distance from the pilot safety fence, especially if someone else is flying their plane at one of the other pilot stations.*
  - *Plane Hold Downs: For your safety and others, please use the available plane starting “Hold Downs” when starting your gas or glow powered planes. They are stored in the black trash can under the 1<sup>st</sup> canopy. It is also advisable to get a buddy to hold your airplane while revving up your engine to full throttle while tuning or testing it.*
  - *Driving into the Field: While driving down the entrance road and crossing the runway, please stop and check to see if there is a plane landing or taking off. Someone watching their plane cannot always see a vehicle crossing the runway. It is up to you to check for a low flying plane.*
  - *Below is an aerial map of the Swan Harbor RC flying space. Please review it and contain all of your flying inside the yellow box which is our approved flying space. If you are unsure please consult with Tom or any board member.*





- **July Club Meeting:**

- *The club will hold its next meeting for all members that want to attend and participate at the Swan Harbor RC field on Saturday, July 11, 2020 starting at 10am. The meeting will be held under the 1<sup>st</sup> canopy and all social distancing rules will apply.*
- *In accordance with the Corona Virus pandemic safe practices, we will not be having a cookout or serving any food at the meeting.*

- **Membership:**

- *Steve Snyder advised that our membership thru June 2020 has grown to 73 members. This is a strong membership count for us at this time of the year.*

### **Upcoming Events:**

- *There are no scheduled club events at this time.*
- *Due to the Corona Virus pandemic we are holding off making plans for the annual September fall club picnic until we see where the virus stands in August. At that time we will make a “Go-No Go” decision regarding the picnic. Thanks to all club members for your continued patience as we navigate how to keep our club members safe during this ever changing environment.*

### **Yard Sale Bulletin Board:**

*If you have something you want to sell, please send me an email with all the details of the item(s) you want to sell, asking price, a picture image, and your contact information to [ronlazzeri@verizon.net](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net). I will be sure to include it in the next month's newsletter.*

## Tech Corner:

*Tom Insley has two new RC planes he is working on to get ready to fly very soon.*

- *The 1<sup>st</sup> plane is a Grand Tundra, 67" wingspan with 6" Tundra tires*
- *It will accept a 4 or 6 cell LIPO battery*



- *The 2<sup>nd</sup> plane is an Escapade*



## **Club Meeting Schedule for 2020:**

*Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic all club meetings will be scheduled on a month to month basis, however, the club has reserved indoor space for fall and winter meetings just in case the pandemic calms down and we are able to hold indoor meetings.*

- *July thru September: Club meetings will be held at the SHRC field on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month starting at 10am. No food will be served until further notice.*
- *October thru November: The club has reserved a meeting room at the Havre de Grace Rec Center on Lewis Lane. This is the same room where we hold the annual Christmas Party.*
- *December: The December club meeting will be held at the annual Christmas Party at the Havre de Grace Rec Center on Lewis Lane.*

## **Membership Dues Policy “Revised March 2019”:**

*At the March 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting, the Board and attending members discussed our current club’s Membership Dues Policy and came to an agreement on a new set of guidelines to make it clear and fair for all members, new and existing. The following Membership Dues Policy was agreed upon and adopted.*

*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/YR (Payment is due by 3/31/YR)*
  - *Grace period is for 2019 only: 4/1/19 thru 4/15/19*
    - *If a member’s renewal dues are not paid in full by 4/15/19, then that member is considered to be in default. If that member wants to join the club after 4/15/19, then that member is required to pay at the full new member rate. The member in default will not be permitted to fly at the field after 4/15/19 until their membership dues are paid in full. There will not be a Grace Period in 2020 and thereafter.*
    - *Note: All members are urged to pay their renewal fee as early as possible during the renewal period since club expenses are budgeted and paid based on membership fee receipts.*

### New Membership Dues:

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

### AMA & FAA Membership Requirements:

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 renewal, the following documents are required to be submitted to Steve Snyder when dues are paid:

- **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

Note: If any member sees an unknown person flying at the field, you should ask the flyer if they have a current membership card. If they say they do not, then ask them if they would like information on how to join. Explain that membership is a requirement for flying at the field.

## 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!***

