



The Dead Stick Flyer

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**The Swan Harbor RC club meeting was held at the
Aberdeen Golden Coral restaurant on Route 40
Saturday, March 7, 2020 (10am-Noon)**

Dealing with the Coronavirus

Please be safe during this time of uncertainty with the Coronavirus!

- **Wash your hands with soap and water frequently during interactions with others**
- **Keep your distance when in crowds – Social Distancing**
- **Disinfect commonly touched surfaces**
- **Stay informed with Coronavirus news updates and restrictions**
- **Follow all local, state, and national guidelines**
- **We'll get through this but it may take some time**

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President's Club Meeting & Discussion Topics

- **Old Business:**
 - **Property Insurance:** *Steve Snyder has procured a commercial fire, theft, and vandalism insurance policy for the club's field assets. The policy will cover approximately \$40,000 worth of property and will cost less than \$300 per year. This policy will cover all of our assets (sheds, canopies, mowers, tools, etc.) in the event we lost everything at the field. Gary said he feels this is a very good deal and should give us peace of mind for all of the assets the club has obtained over the past several years.*
 - **Membership Dues Renewal: Deadline is 3/31/2020:** *We are advising all returning members to get your dues for 2020 paid up as soon as possible. The deadline for normal dues renewal is March 31, 2020.*
 - **Annual renewal membership fee:** \$75.00
 - **Renewal period:** 1/1/2020 thru 3/31/2020 (Payment is due by 3/31/2020)
 - *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.*

If a member wants to join the club after 3/31/2020, 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 3/31/2020 until their membership dues are paid in full. There will not be a Grace Period in 2020 or thereafter.
- **New Business:**
 - **Next Meeting:** *The next club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April, 11, 2020. Stay tuned for more information regarding where the meeting will be held pending continuing Coronavirus limitations.*
 - **Property Insurance:** *Refer to resolution under Old Business.*

- **Field & Equipment Maintenance:** *Flying field preparations and equipment maintenance is our immediate agenda over the next 30 days. The weather is warming up sooner than later this year and the following will be attended to by our member volunteers.*
 - *There are some minor mower repairs that still need to be made before the grass cutting season begins. Dale has ordered the parts and they will be installed when they arrive. Soon we will be 100% ready for the 2020 season to get into full swing.*
 - *Steve Snyder is working to install electric service to the new shed. An underground conduit has been installed with wiring pre-installed. The next steps will be to install the internal wiring, a ceiling light with a light switch and 2 outlets.*
 - *We will be aggressively working on the runway and other grassy areas this year. Work will be done to control the crabgrass and other weeds and we will work to develop our runway turf grass for a better surface. The field will also be rolled to get it smooth, as best it can be, for better takeoffs and landings.*
 - *Dale has gotten the field rolled in 2 passes once on Friday, March 13th and again on Monday, March 16th.*
 - *An application of pre-emergence fertilizer will be applied after aeration and before the ground reaches a week of 50 degrees. Steve Snyder procured the needed fertilizer.*
 - *Dale has been working on cleaning and organizing the shed for the 2020 flying season. He has purchased water, snacks, coffee, and other essentials for the start of the season.*
 - *In late August or early September we will aerate and over-seed the field to grow a thicker field turf.*
- **Indoor Flying:** *Dale and Gary have procured “Indoor Flying”, in coordination with Tim Getz (of the Havre de Grace Recreation Council), for all club members every other Friday starting with Friday, January 10, 2020 from 12:00pm till 2:30pm. The new location for the indoor flying is at the Churchville Recreation Complex which is located at 3023 Level Road, Churchville, MD. It is the newest building that sits on top of the hill as you are traveling on Route 155 towards Have de Grace from Route 22.*
 - *Here are the scheduled indoor flying dates:*
 - *Done: January 10th, January 24th*
 - *Done: February 14th, February 28th*
 - *Cancelled due to Coronavirus: March 13th*

- *Pending TBD: March 27th*
- *TBD?: April 10th, April 24th*

Note: Stay tuned for more updates on Coronavirus cancellations as they become available.

- **Treasury Report:** The Treasury report was provided by Steve Snyder.
- **Membership Count:** Steve Snyder provided the current membership count as of the meeting date and we are up to 52 members.

Upcoming Events:

Spring 2020 Open House Fly-In: The Spring 2020 Open House Fly-In will be held on Saturday, June 13th from 10am-4pm. The rain date will be the following Saturday. The main course this year will be Pit Beef, Pit Ham, and Pit Sausage-Peppers-Onions, sides, condiments and drinks for a nominal price.



Swan Harbor RC Club
Invites you to the
Spring Fly-In
Swan Harbor Flying Field
June 13 – 10am






Rain Date – June 20

Lunch will consist of PIT Ham, PIT Beef and Pit Sausage, Onions and Peppers along with all the sides, condiments and drinks.
There will be a nominal charge for food and drink.

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Tech Corner:

Pre-Season Aircraft Maintenance:

Early spring months are a good time to get your RC Aircraft ready for the new flying season. Here are some general tips you can add to your Checklist.....

- **General Inspection:** *Perform a thorough inspection of your aircraft. Look it over. Turn it upside down. Look inside. Take the cowl off. Look for issues. You get the idea.*
- **Batteries:** *Check and test your batteries where possible. Are the batteries accepting a full charge? How old are they? Batteries usually start to fail at the 3-4 year mark. For LIPO's, are they swollen or puffed? It could be a sign of a failure looming even though they still work. Replace any batteries you determine are subject to failure and do yourself a favor and avoid a problem in the air.*
- **Check your battery chargers:** *Are you charging your batteries at the correct charge rates? Check the charger's owner's manual, website, or with someone in the Club you're confident can help validate your process. Look in the club's website under "Tech Corner" for additional charging information.*
- **Loose Parts:** *Check for loose bolts, screws, covering and other essential gear. Use a small amount of Lock Tite to keep bolts from coming loose from vibration. Repair any torn or loose covering as it will only get bigger and eventually cause a problem you do not want.*
- **Servos:** *Check your servos. Turn the TX & RX on and move the sticks on the transmitter in all directions (with the engine off, please!). Listen and look for servos that bind or slip during their travel. It may be a sign of worn gears and the servo may need replacing.*
- **Propellers:** *Check your Props. Are they nicked, cracked or out of balance? This can cause extra vibration and wear out the engine bearings and shake the airframe causing unwanted issues. Clean the Props, balance the props or replace them.*

- **Transmitters:** Check your transmitter. Is it “Binding” correctly with the on-board receiver of the aircraft? Follow the manufacturer’s procedures for this step. Actually, this is a good practice to be followed routinely during the flying season as well.
- **Trim Settings:** Check the trim settings and any other settings to fix any quirky flying tendencies you may recall from your last flights with that plane. Be sure to check them again after flying the aircraft at the field.
- **Aircraft Balance:** Check your aircraft’s balance. Was it flying tail heavy or nose heavy? Things can change so it is a good idea to check the aircraft’s balance to be sure it is flying as best it can. It can be difficult or frustrating to fly an aircraft that is out of balance and could also be a challenge to land easily.
- **Spark/Glow Plugs:** Check your spark plugs or glow plugs depending on whether it is a gasser or glow fuel burner. They can become fouled if your engine’s HS & LS settings are off. If questionable, you may want to check your engine’s settings when at the field next. There are various visual indications of a spark plug’s performance based on the carburetor’s settings, but generally a medium light tan color on the plug’s electrode is a good indication of good HS & LS settings. Replace the plugs if they look fouled or are heavily coated with carbon.
- **Fuel:** Check your fuel. Using fresh fuel is always a good practice. It will allow the engine to run at its best performance assuming it is properly tuned.
- **Oil Mix:** As always use a good oil for gas/oil mix 2 stroke engines. Check the oil mix ratios in your fuel. Engines do not run well on a lean oil mix and can overheat. Check the manufacturer’s recommendations.
- **Clean It Up:** Give the aircraft a good cleaning. A lot of times we just give it a swift cleaning just to get it in the car to go home from the field. Make it look good as well.
- **Retire It or Spruce It Up:** Do you have a plane sitting in the corner that you are deciding whether to retire it or not? Well, now is a good time to spruce it up. Maybe some new covering or a new engine can put life back into one of your old favorites. Only you can decide but I’ll bet you’ll love it at the field!

Club Photo Gallery:

Indoor Flying PICs: Friday, March 13th

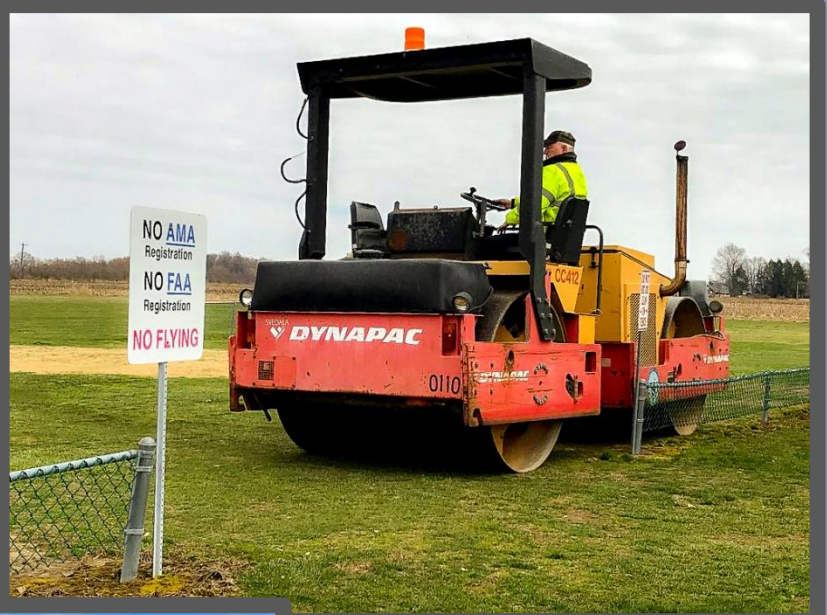
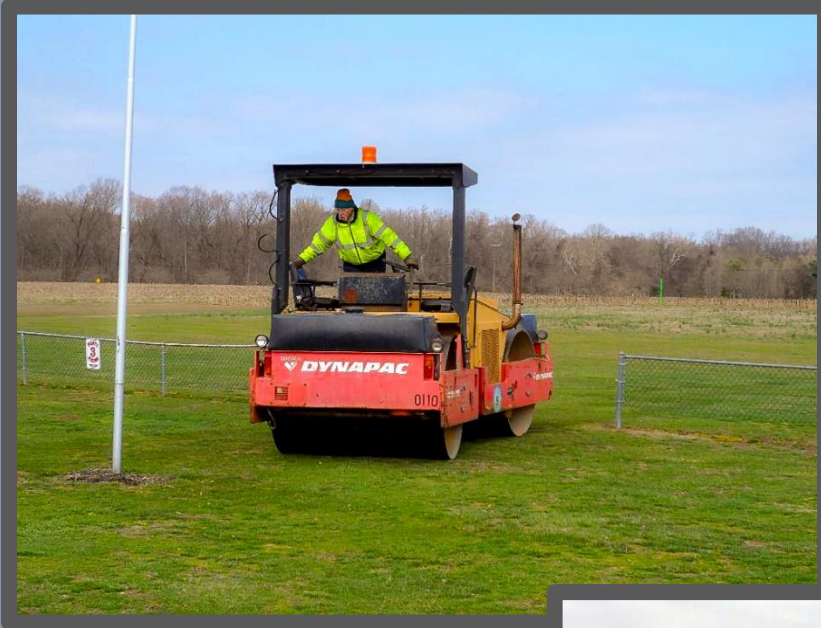








Rolling the Field



Yard Sale Bulletin Board:

This is a new section in our newsletter at the request of some club members. This section is for you to post items in the newsletter on a monthly basis that you want to sell. 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. I will be sure to include it in the next month's newsletter.

For Sale by Bob Walker: Contact Bob Walker by TEXT at 410-456-0100

Sig 4 Star 60, built from a kit.

Includes a Saito .90 4-Stroke engine

Servos & 8 Channel Spektrum Receiver and 2000 mah battery

Asking price \$300



For Sale by Zeb Berstsch:

Graupner Hottrigger V2, (2) 4S batteries, I have \$250 in it.

Make me an offer...would like to get \$150 at best.

Mobile: (443) 417-4394



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.*

Membership Dues Policy “Revised March 2019”:

At the March 16th 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 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.*

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.

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!

