



# *The Dead Stick Flyer*

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**Swan Harbor RC fall picnic and club meeting was held at the field on Saturday, September 14, 2019 starting at 10am**

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## **President's Club Meeting & Discussion Topics**

- **Old Business:**

- **Ordered new shed:** *The new shed was ordered at the last meeting to alleviate the overcrowding in the old shed.*

- **New Business:**

- **Installed new shed:** *The new shed arrived the week of 9/9/19. Dale has moved into it and set up hanging racks with Steve, Ron and Herman. The new shed has lots of room to store two of the mowers and various implements. Dale was giving open house tours the day of the picnic. In case anyone didn't notice, the driveway and parking areas were repaved from our friends at the county. Gary ordered gears for the lawn sweeper and repaired it day of the picnic. (See pics).*
- **Fall club picnic:** *Our club picnic was held on 9/14/19 and by our standards it was a huge success. I counted 38+ people at one time but more people were coming and going all day so I would think we had upwards of 45+ for the day. The weather was very cooperative being partly cloudy and keeping most of the heat away. Lots of good food was available for our members and guests.*
- **October meeting:** *Next month's club meeting will be held at the Golden Coral in Aberdeen starting at 10:00am on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Come, have some breakfast, and join in on the club meeting discussions.*
- **Christmas party:** *Our next club event will be our annual Christmas party to be held at the Havre De Grace Rec building on Lewis Lane. This year it will be held on December 14, 2019 from noon to 4pm. Good food and raffle prizes will be the order of the day.*
- **Asset Insurance:** *With the addition of our new shed and extra mower, I feel we should take a 2<sup>nd</sup> look into insurance for the next season to protect our assets. We looked at it earlier this year but felt it was too expensive. In the grand scheme of things it should be on our list of to do's.*
- **Treasury & membership:** *No financial report was given at the picnic. We are currently up to 76 members for September.*

○ General Discussion:

- Thanks to HDG Rec: *I want to start out by thanking the Havre De Grace Parks and Rec Council. They have been so gracious as to provide the property to us to house our club. They have helped us financially and, in general, they are just great people to work with. We are very lucky to be involved with such a great organization.*
- Proud of our club & field: *I probably sound like a broken record, but every time I drive into our road and past the runway, I look at our facility and feel so proud of what we have accomplished as a club. The pristine runways, the manicured gardens, our bulletin board with its own weather station, our newly acquired electricity, a new shed to store our equipment, a new Zero-Turn mower, and the driveway has just been repaved.*
- Thanks to our members: *All of this is done by our members who feel the same way and share the same pride in our facility. I want to thank all of our members who take their time to make Swan Harbor RC what it is today.*

*Thank You, Gary Gunter President*

**Thursday Night Flying:**

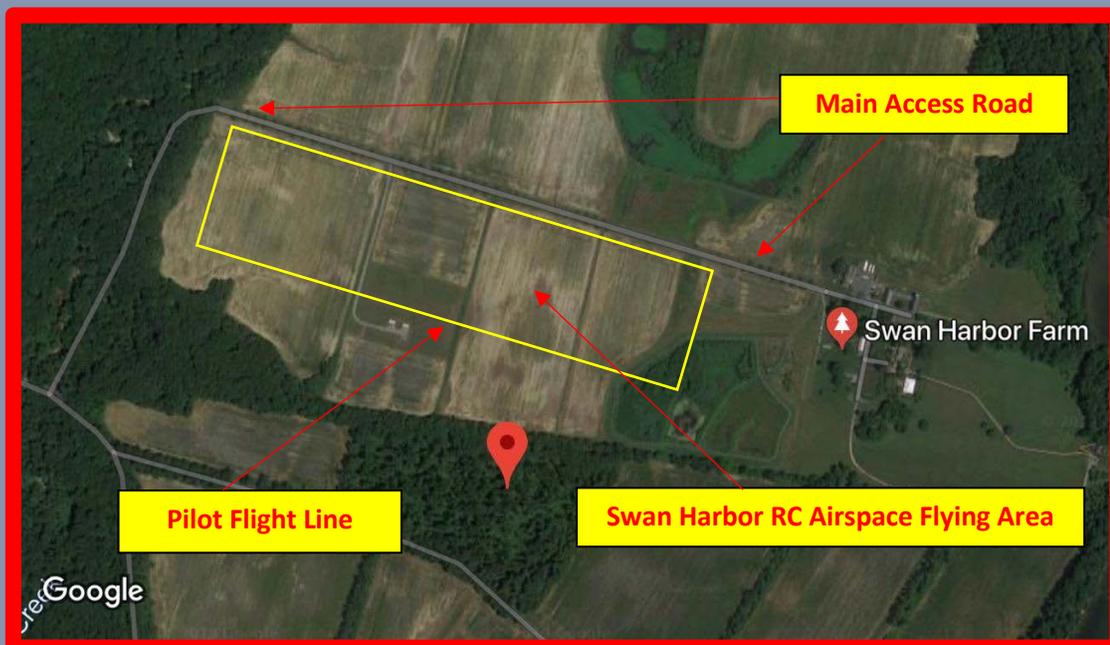
*The longest days of summer are now behind us. It has been a good summer for flying and in the recent week nights there has been very little wind.*

*Bob Walker says our evening flying is coming to a close this month so come out and have some good evening flying while you can. Let's keep the endless summer fun alive!*

*It really doesn't get any better than this!*

## General Information:

- **Safety First by Bob Walker:** *We have really been lucky over the years in that we have had no major accidents at our field. We never had a long list of rules at the field like other clubs. The two basic ones are “Fly Safe” and “Be Courteous”. Along those lines, a few common sense things can make things even safer:*
  - **Wear eye protection:** *Things do fly off airplanes.*
  - **Flying too close to the Pilot Safety Fence and Pit Area:** *It has been noticed by several members this year that more and more people fly their planes too close to and/or over the safety fence at the pilot stations. Everyone should be flying out further from the safety fence, especially if someone else is flying their plane at one of the pilot stations. Please fly safe!*
  - **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. Also, we strongly urge that you stand behind your plane while revving up your engine. You never know when a damaged propeller tip or blade will fly off in your direction if you stand in front of or to the side of the propeller’s path.*
  - **Driving into the Field:** *When 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.*
  - **Flying too far out and crossing the Main Access Road:** *As a general rule, please fly inside our approved airspace and do not fly over or past the main access road or the Swan Harbor Farm reception grounds to the right.*



*If you have any other safety concerns, please let us know. Happy flying, Bob Walker.*

- **Protection from the sun:** *The hot summer sun is still around and now is the time to take care of yourself in addition to your RC equipment. The nature of our great RC hobby dictates that we are out in the sun while we fly our aircraft. We need to be mindful and diligent about taking care of ourselves against the harmful effects of the sun. It is very important to apply sunscreen and wear hats (wide brimmed like a Tilley Hat), if possible to protect our heads, necks and faces from the problems the sun can cause down the road. Just friendly words of advice for our members.*

## **Club Photo Gallery:**

**Gary, holding a quick meeting at the picnic:**





*New Shed Delivery, week of 9/9/19:*



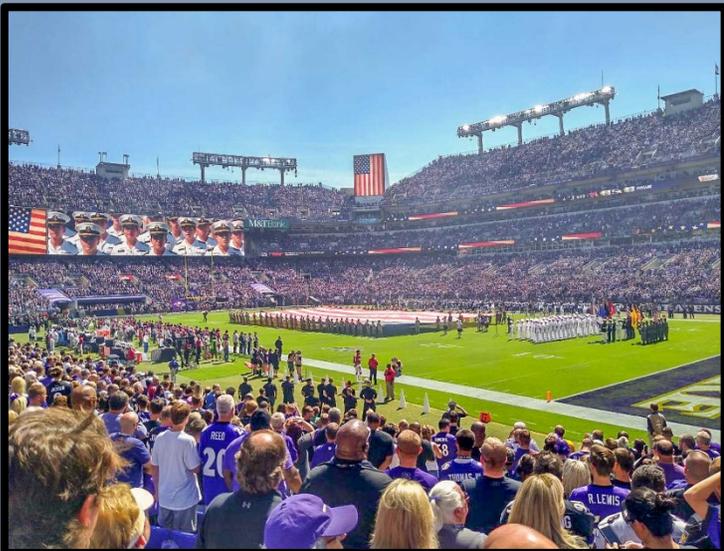
Club Picnic 9/14/19:



Don Szczur, F3A Competitor:



Zeb & Chelsea:



Happy Birthday Chris:



*Flying at the Picnic:*









*Recoating of Driveway Stone, week of 9/9/19:*



Ron & Tom Moyer:



Mark Pry:



## *An Update from Italy – Don Szczur, National F3A Competitor*

*Swan Harbor RC club member, Don Szczur, sent in this email regarding his recent F3A competition he flew at in Italy. The following is what Don wrote:*

*Here are a few items for the next newsletter for the local clubs we belong to. Updates from Italy: Don Szczur participated in the 2019 F3A RC Aerobatics World Championships in Italy while helping his son Joseph.*

*Picture 1: Joseph and Don Szczur in Italy. The picture was taken during the finals. Joseph finished 11th and flew the warmup flights for the judges.*



*Picture 2: The practice field. This field was about an hour away from the contest site in Calcinatello (between Milan and Venice, Italy) and we practiced at this site during the week prior to the competition. Notice the netting around the pits area. This kind of netting is common at many fields in Italy, for safety purposes.*



***Picture 3: Preparing to fly at site B during the preliminary rounds of the F3A World Championships. There were two sites (A and B) which competitors alternated flying each day. Site A was a paved runway and site B was a fairly narrow (carpeted) runway carved out of a cornfield. Weather was perfect most of the week and competitors got ideal flying conditions with little to no wind. There were several competitors that flew the same type of planes. Joseph flew a CK Aero Extreme Composites model called Alchemy (as shown).***



***Picture 4: The finalists with their aircraft. Winner was Christophe Paysant Le Roux from France, 2nd was Tetsuo Onda from Japan, and third was Gernot Bruckmann from Austria. The U.S. pilots were Andrew Jesky (5th), Jason Shulman (8th) and Joseph (11th) and Brett Wickizer (12th). Joseph was not part of the US team but received an automatic invite back for the 2019 world championships since he was the 2017 reigning Junior World Champion. The new Junior World Champion is Kal Reifsnnyder from the USA. Kal finished as the highest placing junior (under 18 years old). There were over 110 pilots competing.***



***Picture 5: Joseph with the new World Champion Christophe Paysant Le Roux. We renewed old friendships and made many new ones. This event called F3A is the oldest RC world championships event, going back to 1960. The Italian RC Modelers Association (FIAM) published a 1-inch thick book documenting how RC was originally developed in the 1950s and the book contained loads of details on each world championships and how they drove innovation in the hobby.***



## Fall Coming Events:



Delaware *RIC* Club

FLEA MARKET  
& SWAP MEET

Saturday

November 16, 2019

Newark Senior Center

200 Whitechapel Dr. Newark DE 19713

Tables \$15.00 each

Table set up @ 8:00am

Door open to the Public @ 8:30am

"Impromptu Auction" at the end of the event

Admission \$5.00

Food by Troop 30

Raffle prize and 50/50

For more information contact:

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## RC Vendor listing:

*If you have a "Vendor" that you use and would like to add it to our RC Vendor Listing, please send me an email with the details and I will add it to the list. Sharing this information will help new & old members alike. Thank You... [ronlazzeri@verizon.net](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net)*

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<b>Fromeco Scale Avionics</b>	<a href="http://www.fromeco-scale-avionics-llc.myshopify.com">www.fromeco-scale-avionics-llc.myshopify.com</a>
<b>Horizon Hobby</b>	<a href="http://www.horizonhobby.com">www.horizonhobby.com</a>
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<b>RC Extreme Hobbies</b>	<a href="http://www.xtremerchobby.com">www.xtremerchobby.com</a>

**Note: The Musser's hobby shop has been downsized and is now a combination of outdoor hunting, fishing, and RC products store.**

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**Hours: Mon-Friday 11:00am - 7:00pm**

**Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm**

**Sunday 11:00pm - 4:00pm**

## **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](mailto:ronlazzeri@verizon.net). I will be sure to include it in the next month's newsletter.*

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 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 3/31/19)
  - **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).

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