



# The Dead Stick Flyer

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## What's inside this issue

### March Club Meeting:

- The May club meeting will be held at the Havre de Grace Activity Center:
- Location: 351 Lewis Lane, Havre de Grace, MD 21078.
- Date: 3/11/25
- Time: 7:00pm
- Place: The meeting will be held in the same room as the Christmas Party.

### Agenda for the March Club Meeting:

- March Meeting will be March 11, 2025, 7:00 PM at the Havre de Grace Activity Center.
- **New Business:**
  - Review and approve 2025 calendar.
  - Turbine operations proposal.
  - Review Membership and Financial status.
  - Collect 2025 membership dues
- **Old Business:**



- ***Indoor Flying- Every Friday 11:00AM till 2:00 PM Last Day April 18,2025***
- **Field Maintenance Status:**
  - ***Goose droppings removed, thanks to Ron***
  - ***Need to fix internet wind meter***
  - ***Need to establish lawn cutting schedule***
  - ***Need to service mowers***
- **2025 Calendar**
  - ***Tuesday, March 11, 2025 7:00 PM Club Meeting***
  - ***Tuesday, May 13, 2025 7:00 PM Club Meeting***
  - ***Saturday, June 7, 2025 9:00 AM Swan Harbor RC fly-in***
  - ***Saturday, August 16, 2025 11:00 AM Club Meeting - cookout***
  - ***Saturday, September 13, 2025 9:00 AM Club Picnic***
  - ***Tuesday, November 4, 2025 7:00 PM Club meeting. This is a week earlier because of Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>.***
  - ***Saturday, December 6, 2025 12:00 PM Christmas Party.***

- **Turbine Operations Proposal:**

Swan Harbor Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to propose a change to our charter that would allow turbine flight operations at our club field. We understand that turbine-powered aircraft may seem intimidating to some, but with the right precautions in place, I am confident that we can safely enjoy these exciting and high-performance models. It's truly exhilarating to watch skilled pilots confidently launch their \$5,000-plus aircraft into the sky, and I believe it's an experience that many of us would appreciate.

Our club has always prioritized safety, and this is just an opportunity to adapt and expand in a controlled, responsible way. Allowing turbine operations would not only enhance the diversity of flying activities at Swan Harbor but also foster a greater sense of community among members who share a passion for these advanced aircraft.

To keep things straightforward, we've outlined the key items below in bullet format to help in developing our safety protocol and ensure that we can all enjoy this new chapter safely. Let's work together to make this a smooth and exciting transition for everyone involved.

Please review this proposed safety regiment:

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## Turbine Regulations



Pilots must read, understand and review these regulations with a club officer before conducting turbine flight operations at the Swan Harbor RC airfield.

Pilots must adhere to the following:

1. Pilots must follow all AMA code safety and follow the AMA Turbine guidelines.
2. Pilot must have an AMA turbine waiver or be on a buddy box with qualified turbine waiver holder.
3. Pilots must not operate turbines alone. They must have a qualified assistant acting as a spotter and helper in case of an emergency.
4. The radio failsafe needs to be configured to immediately shut down the turbine in the event of a communication failure.
5. Pilots must have the ability to shut off the turbine from the radio and mechanically in the aircraft by means of a fuel valve.
6. Pilots must have a personal fire extinguisher (preferably CO2) within 10 feet of the aircraft when starting the turbine. The hatches on the aircraft must also be open while starting the turbine.
7. The turbine shall only be started at designated turbine starting stations.
8. The shed must be open at all times during turbine operations to provide quick access to water based Indian Fire Pump extinguisher.
9. The club may temporarily suspend turbine operations. This suspension maybe be due to but not limited to weather conditions such as drought, dry mature crops in the field and any other safety issue. The club will post operation status on field bulletin board and email rostered turbine pilots.
10. In the event of an accident, the pilot must shut down the turbine immediately to help prevent fire.
11. Pilots must keep aircraft out of the not fly zone. Please see the attached diagram.

By signing below the pilot acknowledges they have read and understand all these turbine regulations. Furthermore, the pilot will help enforce these regulations to help maintain Swan Harbor RC as a safe flying area.

Printed Name:

Signature:

Date:



**Club PICs: My 110 inch 150cc Yak-54 (new to me)**





**Xmass Party Pics**















## General Information:

### How to Join the Swan Harbor RC Club:

If you are interested in joining the Swan Harbor RC club, here's how to do it:

- From the Internet, go to the club's website [www.swanharborrc.com](http://www.swanharborrc.com)
  - Proceed to the section "How to Join".
  - In this section you will find instructions for becoming a new member.
  - There you will find several ways you can pay the membership fees including a PayPal option. Please note that an extra fee is included with the PayPal payment option.
- An alternate option for joining the club would be to contact Steve Snyder, President/Treasurer, for additional membership information or questions. Steve can be reached at 443-243-4323 or [snyder800@gmail.com](mailto:snyder800@gmail.com)
- Complete a membership application and submit it along with your payment to complete your membership submission.
- You are also required to have an active AMA and FAA registration.
- Swan Harbor RC is an FAA FRIA approved flying site.

### Membership Dues Policy

To pay your club dues for the season, either as a renewing member or a new member, please follow the above noted procedures. 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: **\$ 85.00**
- Annual Renewal period: 1/1/YR thru 3/31/YR
- Renewal Payment is due by: 3/31/YR

#### New Membership Dues:

- Full year new membership: **\$135.00**
- Joining period: **(1)** 1/1/YR thru 12/31/YR
- Amount includes \$85.00 annual membership & \$50.00 first year initiation fee

**(1) Note:** New members joining the club on 9/1/YR or after in that same year, are considered paid in full for the remainder of the current year and the 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 members are working on: Building a new aircraft, assembling an ARF, working on an old reliable, or want to sell something? We would love to hear about your project! Send us



*some information and a couple of pics, and we will post it in the next monthly newsletter. Send your emails to: [Jaypip@tutamail.com](mailto:Jaypip@tutamail.com).*

*Newsletter: To receive the Swan Harbor RC Newsletter by email, please send a request to: [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!**

