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Meeting: Thursday, August 8th, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor Flying Field. Come early, bring a plane! Maybe we'll have some treats!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

It's not too early to start thinking about our Giant Scale Fly-In Sept. 14th. This is our feature event, and we want to make a good showing. As we get our plans completed, we'll be looking for people to come in early and help us set up.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

In spite of the very unpredictable weather, we have had some great flying days at the field. Turnouts have been good, and there always seems to be something interesting going on. We've picked up some new members who have a real interest in the hobby, and they themselves have interesting backgrounds. Maybe the malaise that we have seen in RC modeling is ready to turn around. These are good days at the field ... take advantage of them.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

Meeting night added a new dimension and reason to come on out. In addition to our customary hotdogs (Nathan's Best), Tim Getz, one of our new members, brought out a gas frier and made the most outstanding french fries we had ever tasted ... cooked in real peanut oil. Tim said he doesn't mind making them so long as a hero like John Kocon is willing to cut them up ... 10 pounds of them, can you believe it? None were left.



Mike Augenstein with 1/4-Scale Cub

It was anticlimactic to remember why we were all there. Oh yes, the club meeting. Jim Snyder, the President, opened the meeting of July 11th. The minutes are as follows:

1. Dan Bowman reported that we have 69 members.
2. Jim Snyder ordered a tarp to provide extra protection from the elements.
3. The pickings from the grass sweeper are being used to fill in some of the low spots in our driveway.
4. Jim thanked Tim Getz for preparing the french fries. (Next month maybe 20 lbs.)
5. Steve Snyder reminded everyone that this is an election year. It may be prudent for the club to get involved with a candidate that may be supportive of our cause at Swan Farm. Steve will try to determine what we can do to support a candidate of our choosing. Steve further said that he has not had any feedback from the Parks and Rec regarding our field situation. They may be waiting for the elections to see which direction the wind is blowing.

6. Mrs. Snyder (Jim's wife) is looking for materials for our club flag.

7. Jim will get food for the Giant Scale coming up Sept. 14th. We'll have hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages. Bob Steininger will contact Ray Mack about cooking his very popular pit beef.

Any comments or corrections to the minutes should be directed to the Newsletter Editor, Ph 410-838-6261, or email axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

A GREAT DAY FOR A PICNIC ... Bob Walker, Cub Reporter

Spurred on by Tim Getz's highly successful french fries, a spontaneous move started to fry a turkey at the field on the Sunday following the club meeting. Joe Nixon volunteered a turkey he had stashed away. Earl Harris brought his propane-fired deep frier. While Joe and Earl cooked the turkey, Tim made more of his famous fries, and Dan Bowman cooked up corn on the cob. Too much you say? ... but no, there's more ... William Wykle brought smoked salmon ... truly a feast. Enough you say! No! Bernie Gerber brought strawberry shortcake and cookies for desert. Now it's over. Whew.

The day started miserably, which unfortunately kept a lot of members away. But then the skies cleared up, and a lot of good flying got done. A super day. You have got to come out to the field regularly, because you never know what might pop up.



Sean and Hugh Ellis with Extra 330L

WHERE CAN YOU FIND A POLICEMAN? ...

Well, you can always find Joe Nixon, a retired one, at Swan Harbor. Can you believe, Joe saw a writeup on our club in *The Aegis* that intrigued him so much that he had to come out and see what RC modeling was all about ... signed him right up. And who says no one reads *The Aegis*.



Joe Nixon On Your Side

One reason I wanted to do an interview with Joe was a remark he made to me shortly after we met. In telling me about his former job as a police officer, he said, "It was the greatest job. I'd do it again in a minute." I was moved. We all know how stressful and tremendously dangerous police work is. To have someone speak so positively about it makes you feel that maybe not everything is going into the dumpster.

Joe retired from the Baltimore City Police Department in 1993 and moved to Harford County in 1994. He grew up in Baltimore, and started as a patrolman in 1961 in the Northwestern District pounding a beat, just like you see on TV. He worked his way up through the ranks. One of the most prestigious positions Joe held was that of District Commander of the Eastern District on Edison Highway. Joe retired as Deputy Police Commissioner after a very successful career in law enforcement ...

Joe has a lot of hobbies ... golf, tennis, model trains ... but when he got into RC modeling he said this is it. He's enthusiastic and supports the club in every way. He built his first kit, a .60-size Uproar. Under the expert tutelage of Tom Smith and Dan Bowman, Joe is on the way to becoming an accomplished pilot. More recently, he is doing a lot of flying with some of the new ARF's that are on the market.

Joe Nixon is a policeman you want on your side.

FROM THE PITS ...

Mike Augenstein showed a beautiful Balsa USA 1/4-scale Cub he had just built. The plane has a 108-inch wingspan, and is powered by a Saito FA-100. The Cub was fully detailed according to Bill Blanka documentation guidelines. Mike was flying very carefully because he is new to the hobby, but it was apparent that this was a good flyer. How do these guys

learn so much so fast?

Hugh Ellis has gotten into a building rage, and it seems that every week he's coming out with another masterpiece. This day he was in the process of fine-tuning his Great Planes Extra 330L. It has a 101-inch wingspan, and is powered with a BME 102-cc twin. It weighs in at 24-lbs ... can't wait to see this baby fly.

Achille Silvestri is in the process of fine-tuning a Goldberg Tiger .60 which he just completed. The Tiger has a 70-inch wingspan, and is powered by, what else, a Supertigre .91. He noticed that nose-wheel planes require more power on takeoff. While the plane flew well enough on a Supertigre .75, the extra "pop" of a .91 makes it more comfortable on takeoffs.



Achille with the Tiger 60

ABOUT MAOA ...

MAOA meets the second Thursday of the month. During the summer, we meet at Swan Harbor. The public is welcome to the meetings and to fly with us. Take Oakington Road off of US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs. Membership information can be obtained from Dan Bowman, 410-272-4251, FLYERDCB@aol.com. To learn more about MAOA, go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 8, 2002	MAOA Club Meet, Swan Harbor Flying Field. 7:00 pm
Aug 17, 2002	Wings of Freedom Airshow. Frederick City Airport, Frederick, MD. John Patton CD, Ph 301-898-9111
Aug 23-25, 2002	Bealeton Fly-In. Flying Circus Aerodrome, Bealeton, VA. Andy Kane CD, akane92802@aol.com
Aug 30, 2002	Kirobo Cup. Lum's Pond State Park. Delaware RC. Robert Chapman CD, Ph 302-283-5835
Aug 31, 2002	Capitol City Classic XXIII. Club Field, Harrisburg Area Flying Society. Ph 717-838-1631
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, Snyder@ups.com
Sep 14, 2002	RCMB Swap Meet. Parkton American Legion Post 256, Parkton, MD. Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore. Jerry Stevens, Ph 410-879-4806

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