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Meeting, Thursday, June 13, 7:00 pm, Swan Harbor flying field. Come early, bring a plane!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

Let's all come out for the next meeting. Come early and fly and get the hot dog special. A couple of nuisance items persist. Remember to surrender your AMA card when you take out your frequency pin, and return the pin when you're finished, so it will be available for the next pilot. Also, let's remember not to stand in front of the openings to the flying field when you fly. See you at the field.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

Have you noticed how neat and clean the flying field has become? The shed area has been tidied, there is a new impound box for frequency pins, and new shelving for the transmitters. And the lawn care and maintenance has just been outstanding. Additionally, Tom Smith continues his battle against undisciplined dogs who leave their droppings on our field. Our new look should make a big hit at the open house.

By the time you get this newsletter the open house should be in process or just finishing. We'll have coverage of it in the July newsletter.

This newsletter is the document of record for the club. If there are errors or omissions, let me know. You can reach me at Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

It was a damp and dreary night. And later it rained for good measure. No one was out except fools and hobgoblins. Hey, this was a perfect night for the first meeting of MAOA out at the field. After some light refreshments of hot dogs and Bob Walker's famous brownies, President Jim Snyder called to order the meeting of May 9. The minutes are as follows:



Jim Snyder, Dick Schlosser and Tom Obringer with the JR Extra Easy

1. Dan Bowman reported we have 62 members.
2. Use of the Internet has reduced our mailing costs by half.
3. Jim will pick up the food for Skyfest.
4. Bring back any unsold raffle tickets. We'll sell them the day of Skyfest.
5. Jim and Tom Obringer will bring trainers for the public to fly.
6. Tom O and Bob Steininger will get competitive prices for "port-a-pots".
7. It was agreed to rent a "port-a-pot" for the months of June through September (4 months). This will cover our September Giant Scale.

8. Bob Walker, with assistance, will do the cooking.

9. Thanks to Tom Smith for putting out the weed and feed. Thanks also to Dan Bowman. The two of them do a great job of keeping the field looking good.

10. It was agreed to buy a grass sweeper to get rid of all the grass cuttings resulting from Tom S's weed-and-feed.

11. PLEASE, EVERYONE TAKE YOUR TRASH WITH YOU!

12. Jim handed out some flyers Tom O made up to promote Skyfest.

13. Thanks to Achille Silvestri for making new shelving for the transmitter impound.

14. Jim said he would make up a new impound box for frequency pins.

15. There was some discussion of whether to invite some of our potential neighbors from the Tydings property to our Skyfest to see what it might be like living near an RC flying field. The general sentiment was that it might be premature, seeing that "Parks and Recs" was still acting on this issue.

16. There was some confusion as where to meet in the event of a rainy night. It was agreed that the meeting would always be the 2nd Thursday of the month at the field. In the event that not enough showed up for the meeting, it would be canceled for that month. As an alternative, Steve Snyder will check with the "Farmhouse" and see if they could accommodate us on rainy nights.



Eugene Clark with the Spitfire

MAOA IN PRINT ...

Our members have been very visible in the media these days. Tom Smith was highlighted in the June *Model Airplane News* under "Tips and Tricks," p.18. Tom demonstrated some novel ways of making servo hookups. And the best part, for his effort he gets one year's free subscription. Good show!



Jerry Dickerson with the RV-4

Also, *High Flight International Miniature Aircraft Association*, Vol. 23, No.1, Spring Issue of 2002, highlighted several of our pilots. On p.69, the write-up of Monster Modelers of Maryland Annual Fly-In, Sept. 16th, had pictures of Tom Obringer with his Great Planes Cub and Steve Snyder with his Lanier Cap 232. The same issue, p. 83, had a write-up of the Mid-Atlantic Warbirds II with a picture of Bill Kalb and his Nieuport 17 and Fokker DRI.

SELL, BUY, TRADE ...

For sale: Zenoah G45 gas engine with CH electronic ignition system installed and 20-inch prop. About three hours' running time. \$200. Call Malcolm Gordon, 410-676-5097.

A TRIBUTE TO DICK WOLF ...

When Dick Wolf passed away several years ago, he left behind an incredible collection of RC materials. Whatever you think is a lot, multiply it by ten, and then you may be close to his collection of airplanes, radios, engines, boxes of servos, pails of engine mounts, buckets of canopies, and batteries, propellers, chargers and anything else you can imagine related to RC modeling. Bob Walker, very nobly, organized some of our members to sort out and price this basement full of materials for Pauline, Dick's widow, and effect its sale. Pauline was so glad, as she put it, to recover her basement. Dick's support of RC modeling continues to this day, as some of his planes and RC materials may still be seen at the field. Thanks to you, Dick, a great co-pilot.

FROM THE PITS ...

Caught Jerry Dickerson flying his new RV-4. This is actually a scale reproduction of a very acrobatic plane. Jerry's is

powered with an OS .46 and has a 55-inch wing complete with flaps. Very quick, good flyer.

Tom Obringer was flying his JR Extra Easy. This is an ARF so complete that the manufacturer claims it can go from the box to the air in ½-hour. The Extra Easy was powered with an MVD .40. Tom was using it to give Dick Schlosser, a visiting friend of Jim Snyder, a first flying lesson. Looks like an excellent trainer.

Eugene Clark has a new Spitfire. It's a 58-inch ARF powered with a SAITO .56. Looks very quick. Excellent copy of a classic WWII airplane.

Tony Grigaliunas was flying a Stinger 120 with a US .41 engine. Excellent flyer. He had some huge decals on the wings that said "Maids", promoting his cleaning service. (Tax writeoff?)



Tony Grigaliunas with the "Maids"

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

May 31 - Jun 1-2, 2002	Tournament of Champions of Maryland, SWAP Modelers, Baltimore, MD. Art Vail, email: artvail@erols.com
June 1, 2002	MAOA Skyfest (Open House), Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Jim Snyder, Ph 410-256-3299
June 7-9, 2002	World War II Weekend. Mid-Atlantic Air Museum, 11 Museum Drive, Reading, PA 19605. http://www.maam.org/maamwwii.html .
July 12, 2002	Warbirds Over Delaware. Lums Pond, DE. Delaware RC Club. CD David Malchione, Ph 610-444-3855
July 20, 2002	Mid-Atlantic Warbird Rally. Essex Skypark. Chesapeake Bay Miniature Aircraft Association. CD Edgar Tennyson, Ph 410-665-4217
Sep 14, 2002	MAOA Giant Scale Fly-In, Swan Harbor, Havre de Grace, MD. CD Steve Snyder, Ph 410-638-2895, Snyder@ups.com

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