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We're starting our off season meetings at the Rec Center in Havre de Grace, Sept 12, 7PM. Mark your calendar. And start thinking about some things to bring in for show and tell. I know you're planning your winter projects (?)

GENERAL CLUB NEWS...

President, Steve Snyder opened the meeting on Sept 21, 2006, 7PM. This was a makeup meeting for one that was rained out on Sept 14.

1. We will go into our fall schedule and hold our meetings at the Rec Center starting Oct 12, 7PM.
2. Dan Bowman will call for the removal of the port-a-pot.
3. The Club wishes to express its sincere appreciation to Gene Clark for our loads of dirt and also to Tony Grigaliunas for spreading it out. We have a much improved driveway as a result of it. Also, we want to thank Earl McMullen for donating grass seed for our runway.
4. Steve Snyder will be the point man for the Christmas raffle. We plan to have a major prize(s), like maybe an airplane and engine. And maybe add a gift certificate and a variety of lesser prizes to get the adrenalin flowing.
5. The flying field will be shut down for October Fest, Oct 15. No exceptions. It's the landlord's request. Let's not offend him.
6. Dan Bowman says we have 81 members signed up for 2006.



**Cliff Tacie and his little buddy
command the Fly Baby**

If you have any questions regarding the minutes or contents of this Newsletter please direct them to Achille Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@verizon.net

THE GREAT JOHN KOCON MEMORIAL BIG BIRD FLY-IN...

Today was one of the worst days that anyone could imagine for a fly-in. It had rained for several days straight and even on the morning of the event. There was not even a chance to cut the grass which had gotten quite tall. There were many negative voices that said, "No, it can't be done, we must cancel". But how could we cancel, this fly-in was our tribute to John Kocon. Hardier voices



**Mike Augenstein and the
Electric J3 Cub**

prevailed. What would Charlie Brown say? "You call this rain?"

It momentarily stopped raining and we threw caution to the wind and went out to buy the food. As we were buying the food it started raining again. When we got back some of the pilots had started flying even in the light rain. How bad did it rain? Ron Lazzeri would run out to the field with an old broom every couple of flights and squeegee the water off the worst spots. It finally stopped, the day was dreary, it never cleared up until late afternoon. But there was flying all day. Our tribute to John Kocon is a matter of record.

In spite of the rain we still had some interesting moments. How many 337 Cessna Sky Masters have you seen? Not many, and yet today Jimmy Adetoyinbo and Scott Russell each showed up with

one. Also, Mike Augenstein flew a "giant scale legal" all electric J3 Cub.

Funny thing about this fly-in, we usually get 3-4 times as many planes and pilots. But we had a good crowd of spectators and there was a sense of intimacy in this smaller group. You had a chance to talk to people. We gave out the hotdogs and drinks, free, to everyone, fliers and spectators, and don't you know, they still insisted on making donations which offset the cost of the food.

PARTICIPATING IN THE FLY-IN WERE:

Jimmy Adetoyinbo, Prince Georges Radio Control...337 Cessna Sky Master
Cliff Tacie, Radio Control Modelers of Baltimore...Fly Baby
Randy Marlin, Lewes RC...Great Planes Giant Big Stick
Mike Augenstein, Sunday Flyers, Swan Harbor RC...J3 Cub
Bill Kalb, Swan Harbor RC...DreiDecker
Rich Hodges, Swan Harbor RC...Stinson
Willy McCaslin, Swan Harbor RC...Spacewalker
Earl McMullen, Swan Harbor RC...Stearman
Steve Snyder, Swan Harbor RC...Super Cub
Scott Russell, Swan Harbor RC...337 Cessna Sky Master
Jim Snyder, Swan Harbor RC...PT-19
Dan Bowman, Swan Harbor RC...Stinger
Bob Wood, Swan Harbor RC.....Super Cub



Jim Snyder and the PT-19

We had time in the middle of our flying to give some future pilots a chance to fly a real RC model. Steve Snyder contributed his SuperCub and Jim Snyder assisted our young students on the training box. Bryce Fry gave a good account of himself making several passes around the field. Then I asked my friend Jimmy Keller if he would like to fly an RC plane. He said, "Well, alright, but

someone will have to help me land". He did wonderfully, perfectly focused. He followed the plane intently as it made circles around the field. We have promising pilots in the hangar.



**Steve Snyder and Jim Snyder
take Jimmy Keller up in the air**



**Jimmy Adetoyinbo and the
337 Cessna Skymaster**



**Brian Krista and Lindsey Robbins
of The Aegis**

Sam Harbold, one of the most accomplished aerial photographers in this area, was here today. He'll probably post some of his pictures on the Harford County Radio Control Modelers website. Some of Sam's works will be featured in Model Aviation in November.

We were also fortunate on this day to be visited by two local news organizations. You are familiar with the Aegis, they have often presented on our events in the past. Today they sent Lindsey Robbins to report on our fly-in and Brian Krista to take pictures. They spent a lot of time with us talking to people and taking pictures.

Suzanne Streeter, the Editor of PrimeTimes, also spent the day with us collecting many stories and information for her publication. PrimeTimes is directed towards "Active Adults", geez could that be us?

In spite of the rain this was a good day for flying.

HOBBY WORKS, A NEW FRIEND IN TOWN...

Finally, we got our own hobby store. I met Kevin Brey, vice-president of Hobby Works. It's located in the Bel Air Plaza. This is a big, all-purpose hobby store for the whole family with trains, cars and

plastic models, but it also has a nice inventory of RC airplanes and supplies. One of their best deals in RC modeling is the fuel prices. They are very competitive with others in the market. Tell them that you are a club flier (in particular Swan Harbor RC to get the good deal). Hobby Works has a web site at www.hobbyworks.com

A LOCAL BULLETIN BOARD...

Sam Harbold is proposing to start a local bulletin board something like, but not as grandiose as RC Universe. It will focus on local clubs and give them a chance to announce items of interest. You can post messages, make inquiries, list items for sale and things you are looking for. <http://hrcrm.com/smf/index.php> Should be fun



Kevin Brey of Hobby Works

FOR SALE...

1/4 Scale Sopwith PVP by Balsa USA. Engine OS 4 Stroke, FS 120 Surpass, ½ hour run in. Covering- Monokote. Model complete with servos, battery, receiver, gas tank etc. Ready to fly except for wheels. \$750 or make offer. Scott Schubert, Cell 443-250-2655 or 800-522-ROLL (7655)



Willie McCaslin
and the Spacewalker

OUR FIELD IS A TRASH FREE ZONE...

We're better but not perfect. If you see a little piece of trash why don't you pick it up and dispose of it as you would any litter around your house. We want to shine.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC...

Swan Harbor RC meets 7PM the second Thursday of the month. Starting October we meet at the Churchville Rec Center, Glenville Road, Churchville. The public is welcome to the meetings. To fly with us at Swan Harbor take Oakington Road off US 40 (between Aberdeen and Havre de Grace) and follow the signs for Swan Harbor Farm. Be sure to have your 2006 AMA membership because you need it to fly. [SWAN HARBOR RC 2006 Membership](#)

[Application](#) is available on line or additional information can be obtained from Dan Bowman, 410-272-4251, FLYERDCB@aol.com. To learn more about Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA); go to www.harfordvista.com/rcnews/ and click onto January 2001

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct. 7, 2006	Prince George's Radio Control Club. 15th Annual Open House, 9:AM 'til dusk. Exhibitions, demonstrations and RC airplane raffle. CD Charlie Gettier 410-757-3195 gettierc@toad.net
Oct. 7, 2006	Tri-County Sky Barons Flea Market/Auction, Mifflintown, PA. Info: Mike Warner Ph 717-436-6218. www.tricountyskybarons.com
Oct 14, 2006	Swan Harbor RC Club Meet, Churchville Rec Center, 7PM.

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