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Meeting, Thursday, January 10 at the Churchville Rec Center.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

I am pleased to have been elected President of the Swan Harbor Flying Club and I hope I can continue things as they have been. First, I would like to thank all of you for attending our Annual Christmas Party, and a big "Thank you!" to all of the ladies for providing the food ... it was great! I hope all who were there had an enjoyable afternoon. Well, since everyone received a "New Airplane" for Christmas ... we should have lots of pilots ready to show them off during our 2002 flying season. Time to get busy! As you go to the field during the next few months, please be aware that the field is wet. We should use good judgement and not drive in ... creating ruts on a muddy road will create problems later, not to mention lots of work to get it in shape for the season.

Happy building; see you at the January meeting.

AND FROM THE EDITOR ...

Hey, what happened! I just went to the restroom for a minute and when I came back I was Sect'y/Newsletter guy. Oh well, let's see what happens. You know, it's come to my attention, and others, that we don't have real good identification as a club. Most RC modelers don't even know there are two clubs in Harford County, and those that do don't know which is which. To them there's a Sandy Hook club and a Swan Harbor club. I think for ourselves we should hammer on the theme of a "Swan Harbor Flying Club". It gives us some focus, and then I think that further down the road we might even consider a name change. The present name we have is all right, but it is definitely too long for any one to remember. Even if we move from our present site, we'll probably still be in the area and "Swan Harbor Flying Club" would still apply. I think the name has elegance and would facilitate our communication.

I'm going to carry a "Sell-Buy-Trade column". Let me know what you're looking for or want to get rid of and we'll post it. Also, if you have a news item that may be of interest to you or others, zap it to me. We'll put that in too. It doesn't have to be written up, just some notes or a call will do. Guys really like to know what's going on.

I'd also like to report on what projects you have going, so bring them in for show and tell. Bob Walker is already bragging about the Cap 232 he got for Christmas (I got clothes), so I expect to see something from him in a couple of months.

Now for the commercial. As you may, or may not know, I was writing a column for the internet called "Central Maryland RC Modeling News". While I'm not writing for the column at the present, it's still on-line as an internet book. Why should you be interested? Because it has writeups and lots of pictures of the RC pilots and flying clubs in our area. Also, there are links to all the clubs, so you can easily get on to their web pages. You can log on to "Central Maryland RC Modeling News" at: <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp>

This newsletter is going to be the document of record for the club. If there are errors or omissions, let me know so we can fix it. Well, that's a start. I'm looking forward to working on the newsletter. You can reach me at Ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@erols.com

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

Our Christmas Party at the Churchville Rec Center was a great success...well attended with lots of good food. A Christmas barbeque, how good can it get. And of course, after all the festivities we had to get down to the real business of the day. We had a club meeting and elected officers for 2002.

Except for a couple of ringers there was one candidate for each office, all of which were elected unanimously. Much like

an Eastern Bloc election. But they seem like good guys. Let's give them our support. How much damage can they do in one year. The Officers for 2002 are:

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You know of course, that you must have your 2002 AMA card to fly at the field. It's necessary to protect you and the club from liability. Also club dues for 2002 are due. There's an application for you in this newsletter. Send it with payment to Dan Bowman to the address shown. If you have already paid, please fill out an application anyway so we can maintain our club's database.

The annual WRAM Show is scheduled for Feb. 23 at White Plains, NY. RCMB is running a bus trip leaving Timonium Park & Ride at 6 AM sharp. There will be a second pickup at Park and Ride Mountain Road and I-95. \$35 includes show ticket and coffee and buns on the bus:

Chairman: George Beck, Ph 410-788-2707
 Make checks payable to: R.C.M.B
 Send to: 306 Seminole Ave.
 Baltimore, MD 21228
 Checks must be received by Feb 1, 2002

MAOA in print. Well almost. Did you see the cover of Model Aviation Jan. 2002? I thought for sure it was Steve Snyder's Extra 300. Was I diasappointed to learn that it really belonged to "some Mike Clemmens". Anyway in the same issue, p. 65, they had a photo of Tom Obringer's license plate, which reads "I LV D N RC". Now who is "D"?

FROM THE PITS ...

There wasn't much flying this past month. This was the longest run of cold weather we've had in a long time. But the days are already getting longer. It can't be long.

SELL-BUY-TRADE ...

Sale. Topflite Airacobra P-39. Wingspan 63 inch. Airplane only. Very quick, only expert pilots need apply - \$150. A. Silvestri, Ph 410-838-6261.

FINALLY ...

Bill Compton passed away December 31 at his home. Bill was a member of our club although he was less active this past year. Professionally, Bill was a real pilot ... he flew commercial craft, and was a test pilot at Martin's. When he retired he became more active in RC modeling. He was a very exacting craftsman and won many building and flying competitions. Many in the hobby owe much of what they know about building and flying to Bill. He was our friend and co-pilot and will be missed. You can read about Bill on the internet. Go to Achille's web page www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp and click on March 2001.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 10, 2002	Club Meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 PM
Feb 9, 2002	Westminster AeroModelers, Westminster, MD. VFW Hall. Ed Bradley, e-mail: encb3@bellatlantic.net
Feb 23-24 2002	WRAM Show Trip, White Plains, NY www.wram.org
Mar 9, 2002	Lebanon Flea Market, PA. Ph 717-960-8170

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