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Club meeting, April 10, 7:00 pm, Churchville Rec Center. Bring something for Show and Tell.

SWAN HARBOR RC IN PRINT ...

Our Tom Smith just had a neat little modeling tip published. Look under "For What It's Worth", p.96, in the May 2003 edition of *RC Modeler*. Tom describes the use of "wipe on" polyurethane made by Minwax in sealing the seams of covering materials. It's much thinner than normal polyurethane and is easily applied using a Q-tip or a small rag. Look up the article for details. Good show, Tom!



Jim Snyder and the Nieuport 17

GENERAL CLUB NEWS ...

President Jim Snyder opened the meeting of March 13 at 7:00 pm at the Churchville Rec Center. The minutes are as follows:

1. Dan Bowman reported that we now have 50 members signed on for the 2003 season.
2. Jim said that the master for making the Club hats would cost \$82. This would become our property and could be used any time in the future to make more hats. The hats would cost \$13 each. Jim showed some typical hats and how the logo would appear on them. It was agreed to spend \$400 for the logo master and two dozen hats. Jim thinks he may have them for the next meeting.
3. Jim reported that the Rec Council will put our Club activities in their Newsletter, which is distributed to schools in the county.
4. There was considerable discussion as to whether the Club wanted to funnel Club monies through the Rec Council. The advantage is that we may be held in better grace with the hope of getting more cooperation and support from them. On the downside would be the close scrutiny of our funds and perhaps some loss of control over them. Jim and Steve Snyder will raise these concerns with the Council.
5. Tom Obringer would like to share travel and expenses to the Toledo Air Show. If you are interested, why don't you give him a call Ph 410-282-3862 or e-mail TPOBRIN@aol.com.
6. Tom will be taking orders for fuel at the April and May meetings and delivering at the June meeting. Conditions pretty much like last year.

Hey, little guy.
How do you like
my outfit?



Mike Augenstein

These are the minutes of record. Any questions or changes should be directed to Achille Silvestri, ph 410-838-6261 or e-mail axsilvestri@earthlink.net.

SHOW AND TELL ...

Jim Snyder showed a beautiful Balsa USA Nieuport 17. It spans 88 inches and is powered by a Fuji 342 ... excellent details. Jim built it for Mike Miller of the Sunday Flyers. How does he build so fast with such quality?

Imitation is the
sincerest form
of flattery!



Ed Henry

A TRIBUTE TO ED HENRY ...

What! You say you don't know who Ed Henry is. Yes you do. He's the guy that draws those funny cartoons called "The Microhenrys" that we read in *Model Aviation* every month. Last issue, April 2003, *MA* reported that due to health considerations Ed will discontinue his drawings of the little guys. We wish Ed the very best and thank him for all the years he made us see the lighter side of RC modeling. You may have noticed on occasion, when the sun and the season and attire is just right, our Mike Augenstein in his pith helmet kind of reminds us of Microhenry. Keep it up, Mike.

CLEANING UP THOSE OIL SOAKED PLANES by Bernie Gerber ...

Frequently flown models tend to get shopworn. In the case of models powered by glow engines, the structure, in time, can get oil soaked where the exhaust impinges. In those cases, recovering or repainting the model to refurbish it is not possible unless strong efforts are made to remove the oil. There are commercial products that can be used, but they tend to be expensive. Analyzing the problem, it is clear that the oils in glow fuel are alcohol soluble. Using alcohol alone to wipe down the affected structures is not wholly effective, since the oil is fairly deeply imbedded in most cases. However, an adsorbent powder added to the alcohol will extract the oil beneath the surface, as well as that on the surface. I have found that a slurry of diatomaceous earth in denatured alcohol works very well. I apply the slurry with an epoxy brush and allow it to dry. The extraction takes a little time, but after a few minutes you can apply heat with a hair dryer or covering gun. When the slurry has dried to a white surface, vacuum up the powder. If necessary, one can repeat the process for heavily contaminated sites. Diatomaceous earth is readily available. Gardeners use it as a nontoxic insecticide that is effective against some crawling insects. It is used as a swimming pool filter aid in relatively large amounts. In the latter case, one box (usually 24 lb) would service an entire club. Do not use rubbing alcohol, which is typically 70% isopropyl alcohol and 30% water.

THE MOTHER OF ALL SALES ...

Randy Martin is having one huge sale. Check this out:

1. 60 Dumas swamp buggy/ magnum 40/ engine/JR pistol grip EX-5 radio/ 2 std servos. \$150.
2. Giant scale swamp boat w/ 32cc gasoline engine, JR 3ch (XR-3) programmable radio (pistol grip) w/ 1 hitec 805BB servo on rudder/ one std./ 1800MaH batt. \$425.
3. Sig 1/4 scale clipped wing Cub/w 30cc Homelite conversion, (2) Hitec 700BB servos (1) 605BB (1)std/ new fiberglass cowling. \$325.
4. Cap 21 .90-1.20 sz. Needs recovering and missing canopy. \$100.
5. 25 sz. WWI low-wing plane (Aerotique?)/ w O.S. .40 4-cyl engine. \$175.
6. N.I.B. Dynoflight Super Decathlon/fiberglass cow and wheel pants, 15 ft. yell Coverite. \$200.
7. Quadra 40 engine w Pitts style muffler. \$125.
8. Sig 1/4-scale clipped-wing Cub kit N.I.B./ w new fiberglass cowling. \$125.
9. Field box, starter, power panel, electric pump, 12V batt, misc tools. \$60.
10. 40 size ARF trainer, ASP 40, Attack 4 Futaba, ready to fly. \$200.
11. JR Century VII (old style) 7 ch PCM radio/ w 4 std servos/ all access. \$100.
12. Used very little O.S. .91 Surpass 4 cyl. \$175.

Best offer -- new 12v motorcycle batt/ Ryobi 31cc engine/ 4 cyl weedeater engine/ four small Estes rockets w/ 2 packs C-engines.

Contact: Randall Marlin ph 410-734-4506 or fishdude@iximd.com.



Gene Clark and the Sig Mini-Biplane

FROM THE PITS ...

Sunday, March 16, is considered the official opening day of the 2003 flying season. It was an absolutely glorious day. The sun was bright, the winds were light and the turnout was excellent ... we must have had a dozen or more. Gene Clark was flying a Sig Mini-Biplane. Not big, only a 44-in. span with a 45 Supertigre, but great clean lines. Gene says it's an excellent flier, smooth handling, does exactly what you want it to do.

ABOUT LEBANON ...

It's hard to have a Lebanon flea market come and go without making some comment on it. Every year I hear remarks, it's better or worse than before, it's bigger or smaller, more crowded, less crowded But Lebanon is about more than just airplanes and things. It's a state of mind. Old guys are transformed into little boys out for the day on this great adventure. It's a day with our friends, with stops at our favorite breakfast places. It's catching up with old friends and old airplanes, especially those from other clubs. And if sometime you make that special find, that's OK too. Lebanon is a wonderful tradition.

ABOUT SWAN HARBOR RC ...

Swan Harbor RC meets the second Thursday of the month. During the off season, we meet at the Churchville

Rec Center on Glenville Road. The public is welcome to the meetings and to fly with us. To fly with us at Swan Harbor, 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 Swan Harbor RC (formerly MAOA), go to <http://www.harfordvista.com/rcnews.asp> and click onto January 2001.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 4-6, 2003	The 49th Toledo Airshow. www.toledoshow.com .
Apr 10, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Club meeting, Churchville Rec Center, 7:00 pm.
Apr 12, 2003	Flea Market, Frederick Model Aircraft Club, Frederick, MD. Ph (301) 371-5922 or (301) 846-0738.
Apr 27, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Club Fun fly. Swan Harbor Flying Field.
Jun 7, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Skyfest Open House, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.
Sep 13, 2003	Swan Harbor RC Giant Scale IMAA Fly-In, Swan Harbor Flying Field, Havre de Grace, MD.

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