

# Sunday Flyers E-News July 2021



## Current situation - Bird Field.

As of July 23:

I spoke with Norman Sines yesterday about the field. He advised what his son, Daniel (the new owner) wants to do about us. He will accept \$1250 for the balance of this year and for 2022, the fee will change to \$3000. That puts us at an average of \$2125 a year. Nothing is guaranteed beyond 2022.

I believe the members need to have a discussion soon about whether we want to spend the money on this field or on Riemer Field. We have already approved \$5000 for the road at Riemer. We have \$8000 in the Treasury. This isn't an easy decision. We can stay at Bird as long as we can... and deplete the Treasury. Or, we can move and build a road to a new runway with no rent. We need to discuss and get a new motion about the money already earmarked for the road.

A note about our farmer friend across the street, **Norman Sines**. He has helped us immensely in the last year. He bought the trailer from Little John Holbrook, he readied the mobile home for transport, he pulled up our "40 some" steel poles that enclosed the pit area and Wednesday, he rolled the field with his heavy vibrating compactor. He has been a treasure to this club. And... I feel he had a hand in helping arrive at making our rent within reach.



## Other News – Bird Field

Our bent-up canopy was disassembled and returned to Harbor Freight after the wind took its toll on it. I was shocked that Harbor Freight took it back. But, they said we were well within the 90 day warranty. **JR** and I took it down, taped up the poles and made it ready to go back. **Steve Bonn** and I returned it and got a new one.

Last Saturday, a hardy work crew put it up with a new rule about how to leave the tarp covering. **We will be releasing the corner ropes and pushing the two ends of the tarp to the middle of the structure (like an accordion).** Then there's only about 12 inches of tarp to "catch" the wind.



The story is not over..... After the first windstorm hit last weekend, everything went well except the structure was coming apart at the joints. So, **JR** and **Boh** drilled holes and added self tapping screws to firm up the structure. Okay, wind... your move.....

Field Coordinator, **Mike Smith** asks (respectfully) that you help the lawn mowing crew by moving chairs back against the clubhouse before leaving and returning tables to their starting position.



**JR and I** updated the riding mower with new blades, new air filter, new oil filter and oil. Also, we recently had to replace the front wheel.

**Mike** thanks **Eric Larson** for doing the hand mowing and **JR** and **Bill Cox** for doing the weed killing.





I want to thank those cigarette smokers for disposing their butts in the plastic bottles. The grounds are back to looking good.

But, the rest of the place is going to pot... Until we figure out if we stay or go, I guess that just has to be good enough.

## July 3 meeting results

It was attended by 20 members. We currently have 36 members. There are still some on the fence depending on what happens to Bird Field.

Motion to allot \$5000 from Emergency Fund to go toward putting in a road at Riemer Field carried with 14 members voting for it and 6 members abstaining.

**Steve Bonn's** POT Luck lunch turned out very well.

We had more food than we had people.

**Bill Morgan** did an outstanding job on the grill.

50-50 Raffle put \$54 in Treasury. **JR** won the raffle and started donating it back to the club.

**Covid 19** – I'm completely vaccinated but have to be extremely careful as I am still in touch with "at risk" family member too young to get shots.

The Delta variant is causing a lot of hospitalizations in the 20 something group. Get the shots please.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We had a solo on nitro this week. Congrats to **SHAWN REED** on solo-ing his Tower Hobbies Trainer. Quick story about **Shawn**.... He brought a foam inducted fan jet to the field last week and asked a veteran pilot to solo it. The veteran didn't like the way the control surfaces were moving, but it all checked out with the manual.



**Shawn** threw the plane and it immediately nosed into the ground. Shawn brought it back (repaired) and asked 2 different veteran flyers to maiden it. Both declined, as neither liked the way the control surfaces moved. Then **Shawn** asked if they would throw it for him and he would maiden it. OK? One threw it and **Shawn** flew a successful flight with an acceptable belly landing. So... solo on nitro....No Problem!

## Club Dues

**look**

We had 66 members in 2020 - 47 responded they would rejoin if club had to move to Kingsville. We currently have 38 members. I'd like to see those back that said they would be back.

Here's the schedule

Dues - \$85

Seniors Age 62, 63, 64 - \$75

Seniors Age 65 or older - \$50

Social Members - \$25 (no vote, no flying, no need for AMA)

You can send me a check made out to: "Sunday Flyers"

Mail to:

Bill Polhamus

8 Ranger Ct.

Baltimore, MD 21234      -OR-

You can use PayPal.  
Send a “friend” amount to  
[billpolhamus@verizon.net](mailto:billpolhamus@verizon.net) Repeat....  
verizon.net - **NOT** verizon.com.



I added another payment option: “Cash App.” Get it on  
your phone at Apple Store or Google Play Store.

Add me as a recipient with my phone number  
443-790-4348

## Upcoming Events – 2021

Swan Harbor Fly-in – No upcoming events.

[www.swanharborrc.com](http://www.swanharborrc.com)

August 6-8 - Wings over Piper <http://www.wingsoverpiper.com/>

September 5 – Labor Day - Bird Field or Riemer Field

September 11 - **SATURDAY** Float Fly – Merritt Point Park

September 18 – Essex Day

<http://www.essexmuseum.com/>

October 2 – 9 Joe Nall

<https://tta.aero/aviation-events/nall-in-the-fall-2/>

October 16 – Club Picnic – Bird  
Field or Riemer Field



**Here's an observation by Paul McRann and Steve Bonn:**

**\*\* They noticed on 2 occasions that when Bird Field has a consistent crosswind, the wind at 702 Club runs parallel to the runway and vice versa. So, if you are member of both clubs, you never have to deal with crosswinds.**



**Notice: If you go into the woods.  
Wear the orange vest. It's in a storage tub  
on the picnic table.**

**TREE CLIMBER  
Dave Novak - 410-574-  
4667**

**Fee: \$60 minimum. \*\*\*\***

**\*\*\*\* May be more depending on  
distance traveled and complexity.  
Last two tree rescues were \$70.**

His name and number are also on our  
website home page.



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