

SWAP MODELERS APRIL 2016 MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Glen Burnie Shop Rite store, Pat Murphy president presiding. March's meeting's minutes were read and accepted. The treasurer's report, given by Pat Murphy in Art Vail's absence, was given and also accepted.

The new FAA regulations were discussed. Nick Coggiano said that he heard that the FAA will be coming out with their own brand of receivers that hobbyists will be required to purchase. These receivers would have built in safeguards to prevent flying in restricted areas. Most members feel that we will have to wait and see what happens. In the meantime Members are advised to follow safety rules and use good common sense when flying. Anyone flying FPV is required to have a spotter and stay within line of sight. It was also suggested that members contact their elected officials about the proposed FAA restrictions and urge them to support the RC community.

Pat Murphy asked for volunteers to set up a display for a Columbia preschool's transportation day event.

A date for a field cleanup day was set. The need for new trash barrels was expressed. Bob Kelliher said he would pick up the trash if new barrels could be obtained. The condition of the driveway to the Field was discussed. Digger said he would repair it as soon as he has some asphalt left over from one of his jobs.

Bob Kelliher showed the melted and burned canopy from one of his planes. The damage was caused when a lipo battery that he was charging caught fire. Bill Henschen showed the ¼ scale Balsa USA Foker D7 that he is building. It has an 88 inch wingspan and will be powered by a DLE 55 engine. It is a very nice build and he will cover it with solartex.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm 25 members attending.