

# THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

April 2024

## APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held at the Club House, Tuesday 16 April at 7:00 PM.

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP.

**Gate Keys.** As in the past, the March meeting was well attended, with lots of folks showing up to buy gate keys for 2024. The gate lock was changed after the meeting. Remember that most Board members carry a supply of keys with them for sale.

**New Member.** Gihad Jawhar attended his first meeting and introduced himself to the membership. Welcome, Gihad.

**Membership.** Steve reported 115 current members. The last BG&E bill was a more-reasonable \$158. The treasury balance was not available.

**Pylon Return Postponed.** Steve Baker indicated that there are no open dates for sanctioned pylon races in the US this year. We will plan to host a race in 2025.

**Show and Tell.** Bob Gensler described a laser cutter he had recently purchased: a 20-Watt diode laser, for cutting balsa and ply stock less than 1/8" thick. He brought in an elliptical wing he built with parts cut out with the laser cutter and Design Cad software. Bob also recommended Balsa Specialties as a source for our members who still build.

**Raffle and 50/50 Drawing.** George Marenka won a grab bag of items (modeling calipers, paint brushes, and razor blades, etc.) in the raffle. Andrew McCleod was not present to claim \$91 in the 50-50 drawing.

**Jim Guthrie.** Steve mentioned that he had recently called Jim Guthrie to chat with him and wish him well. He had been in declining health for some time and was under Hospice

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C. Gettier, Editor

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## PGRC DUES SCHEDULE

Initial Assessment (New First-Time Members)	\$125
Annual Dues (General)	\$75
Annual Dues (Junior)	\$10
Annual Dues (Family)	\$85

Annual dues for current members are considered late if paid after the January general membership meeting. A \$25 late fee will be assessed. New members joining after July 31 pay half the annual dues for the remainder of the year.

Dues can be paid at a meeting, or mailed to:

Steve Baker  
12215 Malin Lane  
Bowie, MD 20715

Be sure to include your address, phone number, and AMA Number if paid by check. You **must** be an active AMA member to fly at the field.

## DIRECTIONS TO PGRC FIELD

(South of Bowie, MD) Take US Rt. 301 south approx. 3 miles south of Rt. 214. Turn east on Swanson Rd. and follow the signs. Address: 17230 Swanson Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

## RUNWAY COORDINATES

38°51'03"N 76°41'59"W

## PGRC'S WEB SITE

Visit with PGRC on the Internet:  
<http://www.pgrclub.com/>

care at his home in Annapolis. After the meeting we learned that Jim passed away on 16 March. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word, and an accomplished modeler. Several of his models are currently in the hands of Club members and are still flying. A visitation for Jim will be held Monday, April 8 from 10:30 - 11:30 and Memorial Service at 11:30 - 12:30 PM at Hardesty Funeral Home, 851 Annapolis Road, Gambrills, MD.

**RIP JIM**



**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY.** We had our usual fine turn-out for Spring Clean-Up Day on 16 March. Thanks go to Dave Robertson for again bringing his dump trailer for disposal of various detritus (e.g., an old tractor tire that had been leaning against the shed for years), Tom,

Tim, Kathleen and George for removal of trash along Swanson Rd, and everyone else for blowing leaves off of the road, parking areas, and the Club House yard. Long-time friend of the Club and Swanson Rd. neighbor Jennifer Topping stopped by (and brought food!) and chatted with several members, reminiscing over 30-plus years of PGRC/Swanson-community history.

**APRIL BOARD MEETING RECAP**

**Road Maintenance.** We will have a load of asphalt millings delivered Tuesday 9 April. Be mindful of possibly delays getting into the field.

**Swap Shop and Breakfast.** Our inaugural Swap Shop at the Mayo American Legion Hall worked out very well. Several buyers/sellers from area clubs attended in addition to our own members. Many folks walked away with wads of cash and/or new additions to their model collection. The large indoor space, with long tables and abundant seating made the environment conducive to commerce. Our breakfast cooks (Bob, Alan, Charlie) were pleased with the work space and equipment in the industrial-grade kitchen.

**GRASS CUTTING.** As soon as the rain stops for a few days, we will begin our weekly mowing. As in the past, mowing will normally start around 9:00 Wednesday mornings and be completed by early afternoon. If inclement weather is forecast for Wednesday, the grass will be cut on a later day as soon as conditions allow. Your cooperation is appreciated

**EVENT SCHEDULE CHANGE.** Note that the Open House Fly-In will be held on 11 May, and not 4 May as previously advertised.

**2024 PGRC Events Schedule**

Date	Event	POC / CD
March 16	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
March 30	Spring Swap Shop at Mayo American Legion Hall	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
May 11	Open House Fly-In	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
June 15-16	Jet Fest	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
Sept. 7	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 21, 22	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
October 5	Club Picnic	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
November 2	Fall Swap Shop and Breakfast	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
November 9	Fall Clean-Up Day	N/A

# PGRC's 2024 33rd Annual Open House RC Fly-In

*Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club*



**Saturday 11 May, 9:00 am 'til dusk**

**All AMA Members Welcome to Fly  
Free Admission, No Landing Fee  
Spectators Welcome – Family Friendly  
Concessions, Raffle, Flying Exhibitions**

## **Additional Information**

**Location:** PGRC Club Field, 17230 Swanson Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

**Directions:** Take US Rt. 301 south from Bowie, MD, approx. 3 mi. south of Rt. 214, turn east on Swanson Rd. and follow PGRC signs

**Flying Site:** 400' paved runway, 800' grass strip, campers welcome - no hookups

**Runway Coordinates:** 38°51'03"N  
76°41'59"W

**Event Director:** Bob Gensler  
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