

THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

November 2021

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held at the Club House 7:00 PM on 16 November.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

New Members. Warren Williams, new to the hobby and to PGRC, was in attendance. Alan indicated that Warren is a quick study in learning to fly, getting the hang of it after only his first flight. Rob Waltman, who recently moved to the area from Georgia, joined at the meeting. Rob currently flies fixed-wing electrics and multi-rotors. Welcome to the club, Warren and Rob.

Board Nominations. Derrick Schreiner, Chuck Russell, Tim LaNore, and Alan Goodman were nominated at the meeting. Note that additional nominations will be accepted up to the elections at the November meeting.

Next Year. In response to our plea for help in the October newsletter, with Rick Moreland retiring from his CD role for the Big Bird / War Bird event, Chuck Russell stepped forward at the meeting and indicated he would CD the event next year. He also mentioned that he might schedule one or two new events during the year. Alan Goodman indicated that he would take over for Bob Gensler in running the food service starting in 2022. Greg Aldrich added that he would provide help for both activities. Thanks go to Chuck, Alan, and Greg for stepping up, and to Rick and Bob for their years of past support.

Tree Down. There is a huge oak tree down across the north end of the access road to the control-line area, completely blocking passage. The tree would be way too large and dangerous for our club members to attempt to saw and move out

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PGRC DUES SCHEDULE

Initial Assessment (New First-Time Members)	\$100
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. An additional \$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 the meetings, via Pay Pal, or can be 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/>

of the way. Alan has multiple calls / e-mails in to Parks for removal.

Ringmaster Control Line Event. Tim LaNore recapped the Ringmaster Fly-Athon event that our CL folks participate in every year. This is an event in which clubs from around the world fly variants of the ubiquitous Ringmaster control-line model at their local fields and log the number of flights completed. This was the 14th year for our guys, and they logged 667 flights over the two-day event, with 12 pilots participating. Congratulations to Tim, George, and the rest of our CL aficionados.

Treasury. Steve reported \$19,638, plus some recent dues checks, in the treasury. Latest BG&E bill was \$68. Current membership is 173 folks.

Raffle and 50/50. Charlie Gettier won gallon of fuel in the raffle. Greg Aldrich was present to claim \$113 in the 50-50. Congrats, Greg.

FOR SALE. Carbon-Z Cub SS 2.1m. Maybe somebody will be interested in this large (too large for me) model. I can be contacted by email: vpsychlovy@gmail.com Vaclav Sychlovy

THE RECREATIONAL UAS SAFETY TEST (TRUST). Our members are reminded to take the FAA-mandated recreational UAS safety test, TRUST. The link is on the AMA website www.modelaircraft.org.

BOARD ELECTIONS. Election of folks to the PGRC Board of Directors will be held at the November membership meeting. Board members whose terms will be expiring this year are:

- Alan Goodman
- Rodger Binger
- Stephan Williams

Rodger Binger has indicated he will no longer accept a Board nomination after his term expires; and shortly after the meeting, Tom Gurlacz indicated that he will step down from the Board. Note that Stephan (“Will”) Williams has been serving out the remainder of Tim Williams’ term since Tim moved away

from the area. So far, nominees for these positions are:

- Derrick Schreiner
- Chuck Russell
- Tim LaNore
- Alan Goodman

Please give some thought to whom you would like to nominate to fill these expiring positions. Additional nominations will be accepted up to the November election meeting.

LOCK IN / LOCK OUT. The Board members now carry a collection of keys to the BG&E, Parks, and secondary club lock on the gate. We are hoping that this will minimize the inconvenience to our members if they are inadvertently locked in or out by other users of the property who improperly lock the gate.

MOWING

Last mowing for the 2021 season was on Monday 1 November. I would like to specifically recognize Bob Gensler, Rick Moreland, Tom Gurlacz, and Russ Sevigny who showed up nearly every week from early April until late October to help maintain the field. Also assisting during the year were Rodger Binger, Stoney Jasper, Roland Jackson, Marvin Savoy, Chuck Russell, and Charles Ritchie. Thanks go to all these folks for helping keep the flying field in top shape this season.

Charlie

OUR GUYS IN AMA MAGAZINE. Check out the photos of PGRC members Carl Becker with his Macchi MC200 and Neal Rehm with his Bell P-39 in the RC Giant Scale section of the October issue of *Model Aviation*.

FROM BOARD MEETING.

Tree Removal. Alan stated that, in his latest call to Parks, that they will schedule the CL access road tree removal.

Next Year’s Events. Carl Becker attended and indicated he may be able to CD an event next

year. In addition, Chuck Russell discussed the possibility of spring and fall turbine events next year. Alwin offered some suggestions for our future events: maintain a supply of registration materials (name tags, sign-in sheets, etc.) for events, to simplify pre-event preparation by the CDs; make available a flight simulator with large-screen monitor for spectators (particularly children) at major events.

Taxi Ways. There was a general discussion of the suggestion to install taxi ways from the pit area to the runway. It was stated that asphalt taxi ways would likely be cost-prohibitive, based on recent estimates for driveways. We will get a specific estimate for an asphalt taxi way from a local contractor, and also research alternatives such as geo-textile surfaces. Because of the downhill slope from the pit area to the runway, there may be a requirement for models using the taxi ways to have brakes.

Start-Up Stations. Chuck Russell suggested installation of turbine start-up stations near the runway flight-line barriers. This would minimize scorching of grass and monopolizing the runway for fueling and pre-flight checks. The stations could be inexpensively be made from 18” pavers. It was agreed to have Chuck install a trial unit.

Storage Rooms. Bob suggested that we clean out unused rooms in the club house, install pad locks on doors to these rooms, and offer members the opportunity to rent rooms for storage of aircraft and field equipment. There was general agreement to pursue the proposal.

Mower Maintenance. Mark Kikta offered to provide use of his trailer to transport our two Hustler 60” mowers to Marlboro Mowers for

maintenance. This will be our first significant “professional” maintenance for the mowers (other than an oil-leak fix a few years ago), beyond out DIY annual oil and filter changes, and blade sharpening since we’ve owned the mowers - 15 years for the older and 10 years for the younger of the two.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY. Our Fall Clean-Up Day is Saturday 13 November. We will start around 9:00 AM, and work should be done by early afternoon. As in the past, we will rake leaves and debris from the Kiosk and parking areas, clean up in and around the club house, remove trash from the roadside from the field to Rt. 301, and clean out the Kiosk for the winter. The special task this year will be to install the masonry caps, delivered several weeks ago, on the pavilion retaining wall. Our members are urged to bring work gloves, rakes, and leaf blowers. As in the past, we will provide a nutritious lunch of hot dogs and sodas for our workers. The field will be open for flying after all the work is done.

KEEP YOUR FLYING FIELD CLEAN. Please be attentive regarding the items you bring to the field and be sure you take the remnants home with you (e.g., soda and water bottles, take-out food wrappers, cigarette butts, napkins, paper towels and cups). This also applies to debris from crashed models. Also refrain from leaving “donations” of old hobby magazines, etc., under the pavilion, to be eventually disposed of by our field maintenance volunteers.

2021 PGRC Events Schedule		
Date	Event	POC / CD
March 20	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 17	Spring Swap Shop	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 8	Open House Fly-In	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
May 15	Jet Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 11	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 25, 26	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
November 6	Fall Swap Shop	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
November 13	Fall Clean-Up Day	N/A

Fall Clean-Up Day Saturday 13 November

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