

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

August 2022

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held at the field 7:00 PM on 16 August.

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP.

New Folks. Andre Galery, a full-scale pilot and long-time builder of RC models, happened to be at the field checking out the facility, and introduced himself at the meeting. Jimmy Wilkinson, also a long-time builder and flyer of RC models, joined at the meeting. Carlos McCalvin, a new Junior member, was present at the meeting with his father, Carlos senior. Carlos Jr. has been a quick study at the Tuesday-evening training sessions, making perfect landings – one on the center line of the runway – during his first two flights as a trainee. Welcome, Jimmy and Carlos; and we hope to see you again, Andre.

Treasury, etc. Alan presented the treasury report, since Steve Baker was at the NATS competing in the pylon championships. As of the meeting, the treasury sat at \$19,132 and our membership at 156 folks.

Second Mowing. It was announced that we've started mowing the infield twice a week, in light of the mid-summer rapid growth and slow drying of the grass. See the notice below.

Raffle and 50/50. Tom Gurlacz won a PGRC hat in the raffle. Ajay Sharma missed out on \$112.50 in the 50-50 drawing.

THE RECREATIONAL UAS SAFETY TEST (TRUST). Our members are urged to take the FAA-mandated recreational UAS safety test, TRUST. The link is on the AMA website www.modelaircraft.org. It's a test you cannot fail, and it takes about 20 minutes.

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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. 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 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/>

ETHANOL-FREE GAS. BTC has reported that ethanol-free gas is available at SJ Johnson Fuel Oil in Sunderland, one mile south of the Rt. 4 / Rt. 2 junction. As of 13 July, it was \$4.99 / gal.

GATOR HELP WANTED. We've had an old John Deere Gator AMT 626 for many years. It is a 5-wheeler with hydraulic dump, and has been very useful to the Club for maintenance activities and for chores at events. It has developed some serious transmission issues, and is now inoperable. If anyone within our membership has knowledge of these vehicles and is willing to help us resurrect ours, please contact a Board member.

FOR SALE. Hitec X2 Multi-Function AC/DC charger: twin channels for simultaneous dual battery charging, dual input and power distribution, 10 battery memory. \$100. Contact Derrick Schreiner, dershers@aol.com 301-868-1075.



F.A.R.M. CHARITY R/C FLOAT FLIES. 25 June and 3 September 2022, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Fly R/C amphibians or float planes off the lake. Enjoy lunch under the shaded pavilion with indoor restrooms. \$20.00 pilot's fee (Air & Surface). Lunch available for \$6.00. FARM will again be accepting non-perishable food as well as monetary donations (\$1.00 buys \$4.00 in food) for the Fauquier Community Food Bank. Location: Scenic Lake Ritchie, 5177 Lake Ritchie Road, Bealeton VA 22712. For more information, contact Nic at npb6218@earthlink.net or 540-219-9646.

THUS SAYEST THE ANCIENT MODELER.
Placing a model in front or rear of a parked vehicle at the field may create an ARF

REVISED MOWING SCHEDULE.

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. As we've done for the past few years starting mid-summer, we will cut the infield twice a week. This is to minimize discharge clumping, particularly as the crabgrass emerges during humid weather when the grass barely ever dries out. The second mowing will occur late Sunday mornings and take about an hour, causing minimal impact to our Sunday-morning fliers.

GATE CRASHER. At approximately 11:00 PM on 10 July, someone crashed the gate and broke the locking mechanism. The individual apparently drove down to the field, immediately turned around at the pavilion and left the property, committing no further mischief. The next day, we put our backup locking mechanism in the gate. Thanks to BTC, the damaged mechanism was repaired within a few days and then reinstalled in the gate.

FROM THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING.

Focus of the meeting was the upcoming Electric and Big Bird / War Bird events. (See the list of needed volunteers below). Both CDs indicated their desire to include trainer buddy-box flights for spectators as part of their event. It was agreed that we should attempt to repair the Gator. Two potential sources of help were identified.

SCAM ALERT: RC STUFF FOR SALE.

A few members have reported return of an e-mail scam attempt similar to those we endured a few years ago. This one is from "Antietam Gunshop" <antietamgunshop@gmail.com>. The author claims to have stage-3 cancer and needs to sell off "some of" his collection of planes, engines, and parts. The 65 items he lists could easily constitute the inventory of a high-end hobby shop. This is a scam. Caveat Emptor.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ELECTRIC FLY-IN, BIG BIRD / WAR BIRD FLY-IN

We are in need of volunteers for our upcoming late-summer flying events: Electric Fly-In on 10 September, and Big-Bird/War-Bird Fly-In on 24, 25 September. For each event, help is needed for the following:

- Event signage placement on Rt. 301/Swanson Rd. a week before the event and removal day after the event
- Morning setup on event day
- Registration
- Food preparation and counter help at the Kiosk
- Flight-line safety
- PA announcing
- Buddy-box trainer flights for spectators
- Raffle ticket sales
- Tear-down / clean-up at the end of the event
- Trash collection and removal after the event

Success of our events hinges on the level of support provided by our members for these tasks. Please contact the CD if you can help.



Illegal Biker, 8/5, 7 PM. The Park Police have asked us to report instances of trail/dirt bike riders, such as this gentleman, on the property.

RIP RUDI SCHNEIDER

We have learned that our recent member and friend Rudi Schneider passed away on 31 July, a few days after being admitted to Holy Cross Hospital. He was an engaging presence at the field over his several-year membership, and will be remembered for his always-cheerful demeanor and his enthusiasm for helping out at club events. Rudi was planning to move back to Germany, and was in the process of selling his condo when he took ill. His funeral is at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Suitland, on 10 August, at 11AM. We will miss him.

EARLY REMINDER: BOARD MEMBER TERMS.

The terms of Board members Steve Baker, Charlie Gettier, Tim LaNore and Mark Kikta will expire this year. Recall that Tim, runner up in the 2021 election, was appointed by the Board to fill Roland Jackson's term which would have expired this year. We will also be electing a member to fill the position vacated by Carl Becker earlier this year. Nominations will be accepted starting in October, and will continue up until the election meeting in November.

KEEP YOUR FLYING FIELD CLEAN.

Be attentive regarding the items you bring to the field (e.g., bottled water, take-out food, napkins, paper towels, cigarettes), and be sure you take the remnants home with you. This also applies to debris from crashed models.

2022 PGRC Events Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>POC / CD</i>
March 19	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 16	Spring Swap Shop and Breakfast	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 7	Open House Fly-In	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
June 17-18	Jet Fest (cancelled)	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
Sept. 10	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 24, 25	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
November 5	Fall Swap Shop and Breakfast	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
November 12	Fall Clean-Up Day	N/A

PGRC's 30th Annual Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In



Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club

24 and 25 September 2022
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Free Admission for Spectators
Concessions, Raffles, Kids' Prizes
Extreme Aerobatics, 200-MPH Turbine Jets

Additional Information

Restrictions: Open to any scale military aircraft
and giant-scale civilian aircraft

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

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

Landing Fee: \$30 / pilot - covers both days,
includes lunch (burger, chips, drink) on Saturday

Event Director: Chuck Russell,
(rcflyer2387@gmail.com), (240) 478-2379

an AMA-sanctioned event



PGRC's 16th Annual Electric Fly-In

Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club



10 September 2022

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Free Admission for Spectators
Concessions, Raffles**

Any Electric Model Welcome

**AMA Membership Required to Fly
Pilot Landing Fee \$10 (includes lunch)**

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Bowie, MD, turn east on Swanson Rd.,
approx. 3 mi. south of Rt. 214, 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: Harold Thompson
promod17525@yahoo.com



Electric Fly-In September 10 - Big Bird / War Bird Fly-in September 24, 25

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