

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

August 2023

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held at the pavilion, Tuesday August 15 at 7:00 PM.

REMOTE ID MESSAGE FROM AMA.

The Board has received the following important message from AMA VP Jay Marsh. See also our related discussion from the August Board meeting below.

Subject: Special message for DC SFRA clubs
Importance: High

Hello All,

Hope you are out there having some fun this summer.

I need to make sure you understand the rules for the DC SFRA going into effect September 16, 2023. Remote ID (RID) will become law and require a RID module to be onboard your plane while flying in the SFRA. To date, the Dept of Homeland Security has denied discussions over removing RID as a requirement to fly inside the outer ring of the SFRA (15nm to 30nm).

You may remember in 2014 as soon as the quad landed on the lawn of the White House the SFRA was shut down completely. Again, by DHS and it took a while to get you back flying. Because we are under scrutiny in this area, we could be only one mistake and incident away from losing all flying privileges again. Non-compliance will not be tolerated.

I'm sorry you will be required to have a RID module but that is the different life inside the SFRA. It's not that bad and can be easily implemented. I can't recommend one over the other, but the modules come as a basic required signal to more sophisticated memory modules. One module will serve all your planes PLUS in

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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/>

case of a plane down somewhere, it is a plane down locator with your cell phone.

Make sure you have submitted ALL OF YOUR FIELD'S FRIA information to AMA as applications are being processed now by the FAA and if there is a chance down the road, we will try to get the RID rule removed for the DC SFRA FRIAs. Contact Ilona Maine at AMA (800)435-9262 X 251 ilonam@modelaircraft.org.

Pass this information around and thanks for the attention to this notice. If you have any questions, please ask me.

Take care.



Jay Marsh
AMA Vice President District IV
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(336) 687-0973

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP.

Treasury, etc. Steve Baker reported \$18,453 in the treasury. As of the meeting, we had 144 current members.

New Folks. Visitor Eric LaPoint, was present for the meeting and introduced himself to the members. He is a retired USAF Loadmaster, and is interested in drones and fixed-wing RC. Langston Turner is a 4th grader interested in things aeronautical and wants to become aeronautical engineer. He has visited the field several times with his mom and dad, and joined the club at the meeting.

Roadwork. As discussed at the July Board meeting, we will purchase two more truckloads of millings to complete the access road repair. In the meantime, Alan will also check with Parks to obtain a load of gravel to stabilize a low/wet spot in the access road to the control line area. We will notify our members when the activity is scheduled.

Field Toilet Improvement. Thanks to Steve Baker's multiple phone calls, our service contractor appears to have resumed their required weekly visits to the field to service the toilets. Fingers will remain crossed.

Picnic Feedback. Dave Robertson reported that his employees and their families had a great time at the company picnic he orchestrated for them at the field on 7 July.

Show and Tell. Steve Baker brought a pylon racer that he flew at the recent National Championship races in Muncie. The plane was built in Australia by Karl Harrod, and is constructed out of molded fiberglass, carbon fiber, and balsa. Several other contestants campaigned the same airplane. Steve indicated that the plane can go 200 MPH; and his best time during the event was 103.43 seconds for ten laps. He finished in 6th place out of 64 entrants. Ben Jones was his caller. Capping off Steve's success at Muncie was his winning an \$800 radio in a Nats raffle.

Other Club Events. Chuck Russell urged our members to be aware of and participate in other area RC events, such as the annual Warbirds Over Delaware event that occurred 12-15 July.

Thanks, Pop. Paul Christian was recognized for donating a 40-size glow trainer to replace the Club trainer that crashed on 7 July due to electrical / radio failure.

Raffle and 50/50. Alan Goodman won one of our new PGRC baseball hats in the raffle. Byron Jones claimed the 50-50 drawing prize of \$75.50. Congrats both.

PGRC JACKETS. PGRC jackets are back! Black PGRC jackets will have a large PGRC patch embroidered on the back and a small patch embroidered on the front along with your name. ALL JACKETS MUST BE ORDERED IN ADVANCE. Send me an email at ahgoodman@mindspring.com or see me at a club meeting. Alan

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 is an "open book" test you cannot fail, and takes about 20 minutes to complete.

2023 PGRC Events Schedule		
<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>POC / CD</i>
March 18	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 15	Spring Swap Shop and Breakfast	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 6	Open House Fly-In	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
June 10	Builder's Showcase (CANCELLED)	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
June 16-17	Jet Fest	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
Sept. 9	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 23, 24	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
October 7	Club Picnic	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
November 4	Fall Swap Shop and Breakfast	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
November 11	Fall Clean-Up Day	N/A

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

Remote ID. We confirmed that our members must comply with the DHS Remote ID (RID) requirement, as described in Jay Marsh's e-mail above. We are one of 13 clubs in the DC SFRA who must do so. Our Big Bird / War Bird event in September will be our first event falling under the RID restriction. We will pass along product recommendations as the information becomes available; and will also be posting signs at the field reminding our members and visitors of the requirement. The Board anticipates purchasing several units for events so that attendees visiting from clubs outside the SFRA will be able to fly.

Broadband Internet. The Board will investigate availability and costs of bringing broadband Internet to the club house, and thereby to the field. This would enable WiFi at the pavilion area, and perhaps allow us to

provide our members with the capability to remotely view real-time video from our field cameras.

Runway Repair. We will obtain estimates from one or more contractors to fill cracks, and seal and re-stripe the runway surface.

Pylon Event. Rick mentioned that several folks at the Nats expressed interest in having PGRC host a pylon race at our field. He added that we would have to get commitments from the pylon community for adequate support and participants for a PGRC racing event.

FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE. Mowing will normally start around 9:00 Wednesday mornings and be completed by early afternoon. If inclement weather is forecast, the grass will be cut on a later day as soon as conditions allow. Your cooperation is appreciated.



Egg Toss. Dave Robertson (*center with arms raised*) conducts an egg toss with his employees at the conclusion of his company picnic on 7 July. Dave provided games, entertainment, and food for his guests, including buddy-box experiences with our club trainers.

PGRC's 17th Annual Electric Fly-In

Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club



9 September 2023

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)

Additional Information

Location: PGRC 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

Event Director: Harold Thompson
promod17525@yahoo.com



PGRC's 31st Annual Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In



Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club

23 and 24 September 2023
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 or giant-scale civilian aircraft

Landing Fee: \$30 / pilot - covers both days.

Field open for arrival and set-up Friday, 22 September. Campers welcome. Electrical hookups available for pilots.

Flying Site: 400' paved runway, 800' grass strip.

Location: PGRC Club Field, 17230 Swanson Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774, 38°51'03"N 76°41'59"W

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.

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

an AMA-sanctioned event



BB / WB and Electric Events in September

PGRC, Inc.
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