

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

January 2024

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP.

New Member. Kouhei Craft, grandson of our late member Ken Thompson, was in attendance and introduced himself. He is a current RC flyer and is looking forward to flying at our field. Welcome, Kouhei.

Treasury, etc. Steve reported \$18,128 in the treasury. He indicated that we had "a bunch" of 2024 renewals paid at the meeting. We completed 2023 with 150 members. Steve bemoaned the surprise \$200 BG&E bill last month. A likely culprit was discovered after several members reported the pavilion lights being on for no apparent reason at night. It seems that the ornamental beer-can biplane hanging in the pavilion in front of the light/fan motion detector was turning on the lights during night-time breezes. The biplane has since been relocated out of harm's way.

Show and Tell. Tom Gurlacz brought in an Avistar that he converted to electric. The 63" ARF trainer is currently outfitted with an outrunner motor and 6-cell LiPo. He indicated that the performance is currently "marginal", and that he will be experimenting with other motor / prop combinations.

Alden Moses showed off an aerobatic model that he had just completed at home before the meeting. All components of the model were created via a 3D printer, requiring a total print time of 27 hours. Plans for the model were downloaded for free from a modeling website. Alden used CA adhesive for all assembly, and indicated that the model has no wood in it.

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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/>

Rick Moreland brought in a sample of Oratex fabric covering from Balsa USA that he is using for a Stinson Reliant project. He recommended a YouTube video for the covering process (just search for Balsa USA Oratex covering demo). He used a separate thermometer to ensure that the iron was at the recommended 190° for applying the covering. The covering comes in many colors and is easy to apply with no wrinkles.

While Rick had the floor, he announced that the Mayo American Legion Hall folks will not charge us for use of the facility for our Spring Swap Shop, and that we will have use of the kitchen for our traditional breakfast. He also mentioned that this year's Nats will include the Control-Line World Championship events, and urged members who are interested to attend.

Raffle and 50/50 Drawing. Rick Moreland won a gallon of glow fuel in the raffle. Darryl Victoria was not present to claim \$80 in the 50/50 drawing.

FIELD ROLLING. Rick met with two Reliable Contracting folks at the field on 20 December to obtain an estimate for rolling the area of the field from along the fence line out to the end of the pylon take-off runway leg. (*See illustration at right*). This will smooth the taxi from the pit area to the runway, and will benefit folks with larger models who wish to use the grass field beyond the paved runway for take-offs and landings. We will also investigate obtaining equipment to roll the field ourselves on a recurring basis.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING RECAP

Roof Repair. On 27 December, Chuck Russell and Will discovered a leak in the roof around

the Club House fireplace chimney, with rain water coming down the kitchen wall, through the floor and into the basement. By 30 December, Paul Susol and his subcontractor Steve Harbaugh repaired the leak, and fixed a hole in the roof caused by a tree limb, for the cost of materials (approx. \$500) and a club membership for Steve. Thanks to Paul, we saved a bunch of money for the repairs and gained a new member. Alan will talk with Parks regarding removal of the tree that keeps dropping branches through our roof.

Donations. Warren Dahlstrom has informed us that we can sell / raffle, for benefit of the club, the models he had been storing in the Club House. For this, and for his many generous gifts to PGRC over the years, thanks Warren.

Event Waivers. Per a suggestion by Chuck Russell, we will capture event attendee turbine and large-model waiver information in our database for reference in future club events.



Approximate area to be rolled

2024 PGRC Events Schedule - tentative		
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 4	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

Need some RC equipment?



Come to PGRC's 17th Annual Spring Swap Shop

**Saturday, March 30, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Mayo American Legion Hall
Cummings-Behlke Post 226**

830 Mayo Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037

***The Club will be providing breakfast: \$5 for Pancakes,
Sausage, Coffee, and Alan's Home Fries from 9 to 11 AM***

**Come out and sell your
excess RC gear, pick up a
spring project, or look for that
hard-to-find item**

FEES

- \$5 Entry**
- \$5 / Table**
- \$5 Breakfast**

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Happy New Year

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