

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

September 2024

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held at the field, Tuesday 17 September at 7:00 PM.

AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP.

New Members. A bunch of new members and prospective members were on hand at the meeting. Kendrick Edwards, a junior member, has been a quick study with our club trainers over the past few Tuesday evenings. Mike Woodward, Mike Brooks, and Paul Delay all started in the hobby with control-line models and continued over the years with RC. New drone flyer Kelcy Cunningham was at the field earlier in the afternoon. Welcome all.

Treasury, etc. Steve reported \$15,744 in the treasury as of the July bank statement, and 135 members as of the meeting. He also sounded an early plea for course worker volunteers for next year's pylon event.

Electric Fly-In. Harold indicated he has a raffle prize for the event, and is looking for volunteers to help.

New CDs Wanted. Alan reiterated the need for our younger members to step forward to serve as CDs for next year's events. (See Rick Moreland's CD Requirements paper below.)

String Safety Hazard. Tim LaNore reported finding string festooned across the field from kite flyers on the other side of the Patuxent River. This is a safety hazard for folks mowing the grass and bushhogging, and a nuisance requiring us to remove hundreds of feet of string from the trees and field. This has been a recurring problem over the past few years. (*See the notice below.*)

Show and Tell. Rich Coleman brought an interesting control-line model racing car from

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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 via cash or check 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. Checks must be made out to **PGRC**. 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/>

years gone by. The heavy, all-metal, front-wheel-drive antique is powered by a Hornet gas ignition motor. Rich obtained the model from a friend in his motorcycle club. (Note: After the meeting, member Keith Brown did some research and found these links to the American Miniature Racing Car

Association <https://www.amrca.com/> and a YouTube video showing a car reaching 200+ mph. <https://youtu.be/D-SN7ieovDk?si=PIMbqsK5K745761h>)

New Solo. Pop Christian was recognized with a round of applause for achieving solo status the previous Tuesday evening. Congrats, Pop.

Raffle and 50/50 Drawing. Andre Jones' ticket was drawn for one of several raffle prizes, but he donated it back to the club for next meeting. New member Paul Velit's number was called, but was not present for the 50-50 drawing.

REPORT KITE FLYERS

If anyone witnesses kites flying over the field, originating from beyond the trees in the south-east corner of the field, please call the Anne Arundle Co. Southern District police station at 410 222-8610. They have been made aware of this recurring nuisance / safety issue. Be sure to tell the police that the kite flyers are likely operating from the Sands Road Park / abandoned landfill area.

AMA MAGAZINE RECOGNITION OF LATE PGRC MEMBERS. This month's AMA Magazine, in the section labeled "Members who have taken their last flight", lists our late members Harvey Gross and Roland Jackson. Thanks go to AMA District 4 VP Jay Marsh for this tribute.

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING RECAP.

Turbine Spool-Up in Pits. It was brought up that some of our turbine flyers are starting and spooling up jets in front of the pavilion and in the pit area. This is inconsiderate of other members present, and scorches the grass. We have provided start-up stations and exhaust deflectors down by the flight line for turbine starting and spool-up. We will be posting signs in the pavilion area as a reminder.

Electric Fly-In. CD Harold Thompson was present to go over final plans for the event, including concerns about the weather forecast.

Event CD's, Etc. Rick summarized the blurb for prospective event CDs (*see below*), and indicated he will also draft an orientation package for new members.

2025 Pylon Race. Steve addressed planning for next season's pylon race, including identifying local hotels for out-of-town participants, and a demonstration of the automated course scoring equipment.

GATOR RESCUE. Our John Deere AMT 626 Gator has been out of commission for several weeks. The problem seems to be electrical - either a worn out starter or wiring issues. Our yard maintenance crew has been stretched thin and has not been able to devote adequate effort to address the problem. We are looking for someone who has the time and inclination to help resurrect the Gator. Contact Charlie Gettier (cagettier@gmail.com) if you can help.

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 CANCELLED	Chuck Russell (240) 478-2379
Sept. 7	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
Sept. 21, 22	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Bob Gensler (410) 353-1570
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

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What is involved in becoming a Contest Director

Rick Moreland

To get started with the process you can go on the AMA web site, read the information available on the rules and standards put forth by AMA to be a CD. There's an open book test AMA requires you to take. This test is basically to show you have read all the requirements needed.

What you will read is mostly common-sense procedures on such things as safety issues, the proper sign-in paperwork for before, during and after the contest. Remember if you CD a contest you will receive a free AMA membership for next year.

Remember your job as a CD is not to do everything yourself but organize what needs to be done and to delegate these jobs to your fellow club members. You need to ask for help and secure that help by asking directly to people for such help.

I have always looked at having a contest as being like inviting friends and neighbors over to your house for a fun time. In some cases, you can have people participate from all over the world or just people in your local club so be prepared, do the best you can and hopefully everyone has a good time.

What jobs are usually required to have a well-run contest?

Let's get started

The type event you are having will dictate the special requirements needed. For instance, for a pylon race you need course workers, for a pattern or scale contest you need judges and for just Fly-Ins, you need just basic stuff and that's what we will concentrate on for now.

First you need a date for the event and then you need to get an AMA sanction. This sanction is always required by the rules of PGRC. The sanction needs to be obtained at least 90 days prior to the event so your event will be published in the AMA's Model Aviation Magazine. Once again you can get your sanction paperwork from AMA's website.

Make sure you have a flier made up with all the important information like date, start and finish time of the event along with a possible landing fee.

What jobs need to be covered?

Hang event sign at the corner of Rt. 301 and Swanson Rd.

Who is going to handle registration and money?

Is there going to be a 50/50 or raffle or door prize? if so, who is going to be responsible for getting the prize and selling the tickets?

Refreshments: You need people to run the kiosk stand. There needs to be a person or persons buying, bringing, cooking, selling and clean up.

PA system install and removal. Do you need or want an announcer?

Who's putting out trash bags, cleaning up trash and hauling it away?

Do you want someone taking pictures?

Last but not least, make sure the porta-potties have been recently serviced and make sure there's enough toilet paper (not funny if you're the one in there and no paper).

I am sure I missed something but these are some of the basic jobs. Just remember, get plenty of help. Any questions, ask fellow club members and previous CD's.

PGRC's 32nd Annual Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In



Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club

21 and 22 September 2024
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Free Admission for Spectators **Concessions, Kids' Prizes**

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, 20 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: Bob Gensler, genslro@verizon.net, (410) 353-1570

an AMA-sanctioned event



Current PGRC Members - September 2024

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Jonathan Baker 601832
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Laurence Ben 945592
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Rodger Binger 1763
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Keith Brown 1148623
Michael Bruno 129863
Mark Bush 172249
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Paul Christian 1217791
Clayton Cobb 1288305
Kerry Cocherell 451622
Richard Coleman 1228638
John Creamer 726937
Michael Cross Hotcross
Richard Cross 4452
Ronald Cullen 752807
Kelsey Cunningham
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Donna Dietz 1228051
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1218543
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205948
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Durante (Andre) Jones
951050
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