

THE FLYER



FLIGHT FOR ALL

Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

December 2004

NEXT MEETING. The next PGRC membership meeting will be held at *Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 21 December 2004 at 7:00 PM.

Seasons Greetings

*Best wishes
for the
holiday
season, and
happiness
and
prosperity
in the New
Year, from
the staff of
THE FLYER
and your friends at PGRC.*



NOVEMBER MEETING

New member. Avery Miles, a previous member of PGRC many years ago, returned to acquaint himself the club and the hobby. Avery recounted participating in the hobby in his teens with his father, and how Rodger Binger first showed him how to fly at the Binger family farm in the 60s. Avery is an acquaintance of Eric Holmes, who invited him to rejoin the club. Welcome back, Avery.
Lloyd Charles. Dave Turner provided an update on Lloyd Charles. He has been discharged from Washington Hospital Center, and is now recuperating at St. Thomas Moore Rehabilitation Center (4920 Lasalle Rd., in

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PGRC DUES SCHEDULE

Initial Assessment (New First-Time Members)	\$100
Annual Dues (General)	\$75
Annual Dues (Junior)	\$10
Annual Dues (Senior) w/ at least 5 yrs in the club)	\$45
Annual Dues (Senior w/ less than 5 yrs in the club)	\$60
Annual Dues (Family)	\$85

Annual dues are considered late if paid after the January general membership meeting. An additional \$25 late fee will be assessed.

Dues can be paid at the meetings, or can be mailed to:

Bob Cain
12222 Rolling Hill Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

Be sure to include your address, phone number, **and AMA Number** on the check. You **must** be an active AMA member to fly at the field.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PGRC FLYING 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 PGRC signs.

PGRC'S WEB PAGE

Visit with PGRC on the World Wide Web:
<http://www.aero-sports.com/pgrc/>

Hyattsville). A number of members have visited Lloyd during his illness. We all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back at the field in the spring.

Mowing and Tractor Issues. Dave reported that the recently purchased Ford 9N tractor works great, and should do a good job helping us with the grounds upkeep in coming flying seasons. We plan to sell the old tractor to the highest bidder. Our contract mower has stopped cutting the grass for the fall and winter months. In the spring, we will revisit whether we will re-engage him for mowing services or rely solely on our volunteer force and tractor for field maintenance.


Board Election. Steve Baker, Bob Cain, and Charlie Gettier were elected to the Board. Bob and Charlie were re-elected from their expiring terms on the Board, and Steve had served as Board member and club President in previous years. Carl Siefring was runner-up in the vote tally. Congratulations (or should it be condolences?) to the winners. At the subsequent Board meeting on 7 December, all club officers were reinstated in their current positions for the coming year.

WRAM Show Trip. Carl Siefring reminded the members of the bus trip to the WRAM Show organized by our friends at CCRC on 26 February (see notice below). Details can be obtained from CCRC President Dave Fromme.

Show and Tell. Matt Real brought in his nearly complete F4F. The 7-ounce, small-scale war bird is designed for hand launch and grass landing; and will be powered by an electric motor. Matt confessed to a growing sense of fear of actually having to fly it when it's completed, and indicated that he will seek an "experienced" pilot to conduct the maiden flight... Dave Turner acquainted the members with a wood patch / putty material called Zar, and passed around a bit of the stuff for the members to see. He described it as strong, light, sandable, with a working time of 15 minutes. It can be used it as a filler and for structural repairs. Dave also brought in his Top Flight FW-190D that he described as "in its final stages" of construction. The model sports Century Jet retracts, sliding canopy, detailed cockpit, all the appropriate armament (of

course) and other scale touches such as a retractable stirrup used by the pilot for climbing into the cockpit, and hidden Rx switch and air valve under the fuze-top gun panel. It will be powered by an OS .91. He described the considerable time spent fabricating and fitting the gear doors, and finding the appropriate low-profile wheels. Dave admitted that he was "getting tired" working on the model - a common ailment that can afflict scale builders - and was looking forward to glassing and painting the model. Watch for the maiden flight sometime this coming season... Carl Siefring brought in two airplanes he obtained from other members and rebuilt / refurbished with parts obtained via e-Bay and the Internet. The first was a pattern-type Thunder Tiger Champion 45 given to him by Greg Templeton. It's powered by a 50-size 2-stroke. The second was a rebuilt Killer Kaos with an OS .60 SF. Carl described it as "very fast" and indicated that he struggles a bit to keep up with it in the air.

Raffle & 50-50. Carl Siefring won a Great Planes Rapture 40 kit in the raffle. Jason Scaggs was not present to claim the 50-50 prize of \$22.



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Pay Up ... Please


There are still a number of members who haven't paid the additional \$25 for their 2004 dues. As noted in these pages in previous months, the increase is necessary to pay a mowing contractor (in light of the theft of our mower this past spring), increase security at the field, upgrade the tractor, and eventually replace the mower. These expenses are over and above our "normal" field maintenance

costs (e.g., patching and sealing the runway in late October). The increase was structured to be effective immediately to generate needed funds for anticipated expenses this year. We urge members to remit the additional \$25 for this year's dues as soon as possible to Treasurer Bob Cain. Members not paying the additional amount this year, will be assessed the \$25 in addition to their 2005 dues.

Thanks, Rick

After the vote that determined our Board members for the 2005 season, there was a spontaneous outpouring of sentiment from many members recognizing the significant contributions made by Rick Moreland to the club over the past decades. (Rick had announced his intention to step down from the Board, subsequent to his re-nomination at the October meeting.) Rick has served continuously on the PGRC Board for longer than anyone in the history of the club, and served several terms as President. He was instrumental in the field search over 12 years ago that yielded our current Swanson Rd. flying facility. He was the prime mover in getting approval for the field access road, paved runway, and other facility improvements. For decades, he has been leader and organizer of the club's pylon racing activities and was singularly responsible for putting PGRC "on the map" nationally for our RC pylon events. Recently, he was the point man in leading the club's campaign against the Hohensee reforestation project, and helped negotiate a suitable compromise with the City in that endeavor. Over the years, he has invested more of his time, shoe leather, and automobile miles - meeting with politicians, contractors, neighbors, and members of the media for the sake of the club - than any other 5 members combined. Although Rick is stepping down from the Board for a well-deserved rest, he is certain to continue behind the scenes helping with various club initiatives as well as regional pylon activities. We wish him well in his

retirement - both from his regular job and his role on the Board - and, again, we convey our sincere thanks for his contributions to PGRC over the years.



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PGRC ATTIRE. Treat yourself to official PGRC attire for the holidays and the coming flying season. See Alan Goodman if you would like to order a windbreaker emblazoned with the PGRC logo. In addition, Alan will soon have in his inventory a collection of new hats, T-shirts, and club patches.

GET WELL, LLOYD

Lloyd Charles, venerable and long-standing PGRC member, is recovering from an illness at the St. Thomas Moore Rehabilitation Center in Hyattsville. Our best wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery.

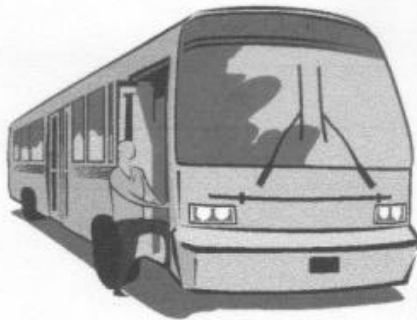
FOR SALE. Kangke (SuperKraft) Extra 300S .40 size built ARF Span 58", Oracover (Ultracote) plane is setup for SAITO .56 4 stroke. Wing modified for (2) center-mounted aileron servos - currently using GWS mini servos. Tail modified with rudder to horizontal stabilizer struts made of airfoiled brass tubing for rigidity and accurate control. Includes proper size aluminum spinner. Flown approximately 75 flights. For Sale without engine or flight pack. \$150/offers. Steven Whitecoff, 410-280-5372.

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Charles County Radio Control Club WRAM Show Bus Trip February 26, 2004

Cost- \$48.00 *Price includes Motor Coach fare and entry fee for the show

Travel to the show in comfort on a luxury motor coach with rest room facilities and television. Plenty of cargo space for your purchases.

One of the country's largest hobby shows, and the biggest on the east coast. Occupying all three floors of the Westchester County Center in White Plains New York. More than 150 major manufacturers and dealers will showcase their latest kits, engines, radio systems and accessories.

Contact Dave Fromme, Club President at

dfromme@comcast.net

for information and tickets.

Tickets will be sold on first come first serve basis (no reservations)

Motor Coach will depart from Waldorf at 5am. We will leave the show at 3pm and make a dinner stop prior to returning to Waldorf. *Cost of dinner is not included in ticket price.

PGRC 2005 Events Schedule
All dates are tentative as of December 2004

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>
Mar 19	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 30	424 and 428 Quickie	Steve Baker (301) 460-8119 John Albritton (703) 538-1084
May 7	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
May 13-15	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB	
June 3-5	JR Gold Cup Race	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
TBD	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	
June 18	424 Quickie	Danny Myer (301) 460-0132
TBD	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	
Sept 10, 11	East Coast Regional Championship Race 428 Quickie 500	Dave Beazley (434) 589-4886 Greg Brewer (301) 249-3277
Sept 17, 18	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman (301) 627-7649 Jake Flory (410) 212-3854
Oct 1	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
Oct 8	424 and 428 Quickie	Warren Gillette (410) 799-8575 Gene Bass (301) 404-3493 (c) (610) 494 4833 (h)

Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.

COMMON SENSE / COMMON DECENCY

Nag #1: There have been recent instances of folks flying at the field without putting their AMA or club membership card in the appropriate frequency slot in the impound area.

Always impound your transmitter when it's not being used. Always put your card in the appropriate frequency slot before removing your transmitter from the impound. This is a fundamental and important rule for everyone's safety as well as for protection of your equipment. It applies whether you're the only person at the field, or with a crowd.

Nag #2: Increasingly, we are seeing cups, fast-food wrappers, plastic soda bottles, and other trash littering the pavilion area. This detracts from the otherwise pristine condition of the field, and is becoming a real nuisance for those who end up picking up after the careless few. ***Please take your trash home with you.***