

THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

January 2008

The January PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 15 January 2008 at 7:00 PM.

PAY THOSE DUES. Don't forget to pay your 2008 dues. Note that a \$25 late fee will be assessed for dues paid after the January meeting.

BOWIE FOOD BANK. Remember to bring a canned or non-perishable food item to the January meeting for distribution to needy Bowie-area families via the Bowie Food Bank.

GOLD LEADER CLUB. In December, PGRC was notified by AMA headquarters that we have attained AMA Gold Leader Club status in recognition of our contributions to model aviation and our standing in the local community. Rick Hagen spearheaded the effort to ensure that PGRC qualified in all the designated areas, and provided the necessary documentation to AMA. Gold Leader status will help the Club when we apply for AMA sponsored programs such as TAG (Take-off And Grow) and Flying Site assistance. In addition to commemorative pins for all Club members, we received a very nice testimonial plaque.

DECEMBER MEETING

New Member. James Lyon, a new junior member, attended the meeting with his father. James will be looking forward to attaining his solo certification this coming season. Welcome to PGRC, James.

A Very Good Year. Dave Turner summarized the Club's many achievements of 2007: a new 10-year lease and promising new relationship with our new landlord M-NCPPC, rejuvenated

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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:

Steve Baker
12215 Malin 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 Internet:
<http://www.pgrclub.com/>

and expanded PGRC Website (thanks to Rick Hagen and Steve Whitecoff), success of the regular Tuesday afternoon training session and the soloing of nearly a dozen new / returning members, establishment of the Club House, acquisition of the Gator (thanks to Evandro Valente and the University of Maryland), pending acquisition of a replacement tractor, significant rebuilding of the Club treasury, substantial growth of new membership, and establishment of PGRC as an AMA Gold Leader Club. In short, Dave characterized 2007 as “a very good year for PGRC”.

Raffle and 50-50. Ken Thompson (*again*) won the meeting raffle prize - a donated Super Kaos complete with .61 engine, servos and radio. John Moran missed out on the 50/50 prize of \$56.50.

PGRC SWAP SHOP. Carl Siefring and Rick Hagen are organizing PGRC’s First Annual Swap Shop to be held on 23 February at the Club House. See the flyer below. Participants are urged to bring tables. Please contact Rick or Carl if you are planning to come, so they can get an approximate head count.

“Maryland’s Largest Hobby Selection”



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**24404 Three Notch Rd
Hollywood, MD 20636
301 373-6674**

Holiday Greetings. Dave read a Christmas card received from Tom and Jennifer Topping, representing our Swanson Rd. neighbors, thanking PGRC for our support of the neighborhood community and their endeavors this past year. Included in the card was a \$100 donation to the Club.

Congrats Jonathan. The members congratulated Jonathan Baker upon his recent graduation from Virginia Tech with a B. S. in Aerospace Engineering. Jonathan has landed a job as chief engineer and test pilot for a UAV company in Bangalore, India. Shortly after the meeting, Jonathan was packing up for his move to Bangalore. During the year, he will be visiting a dozen nations as part of his job. Good luck and congratulations, Jonathan.

Club Winter Project. Dave announced that he will investigate potential interest in a winter project, possibly involving construction of one of the kits donated to the Club and instruction in airframe covering. Sessions would be held in the Club House. Stay tuned.



Some Big Bones. From early summer ... Bill Setzler (third from left) brought his in-progress half-scale Fokker Eindecker to the June membership meeting. The impressive model features scale spruce and steel tubing construction, and will be flown with scale wing warping per the full-scale aircraft. Other features indicative of Bill’s exquisite craftsmanship include a scale suspension and landing gear, scale instruments, map case, and ammo box. Perhaps we’ll see this one fly in 2008. *(Photo courtesy of the PGRC website)*

Need a new plane for the coming flying season??



Come to PGRC's First Annual

RC Airplane Swap Shop

**Saturday 23 Feb 2008
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**At the Prince George's
Radio Control Club's
new clubhouse (indoors,
heated!)**

**Come out and sell your excess RC gear,
or pick up a new Spring project!!**

**CD Carl Siefring
(410)-257-0769**

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**Selling fee: \$5.00
(Limited tables available, bring
your own if possible)**

**Food, drinks, concessions
Raffle Prize**

**Directions:
PGRC Club House
(South of Bowie, MD)
Take US 301 south from Bowie
approx. 3 mi. south of Rt. 214
Turn east (left) onto Swanson Rd.
and follow PGRC signs**

PGRC HALL OF FAME. The Board has deemed it appropriate to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the Club and to model aviation over the years. In that regard, we have established the PGRC Hall of Fame with an initial slate of inductees. Some are still with us and others have passed on, but each has made a mark on the Club that deserves this recognition. The Board has commissioned a plaque, a facsimile of which is shown below, that has been mounted under the pavilion at the field. This month, and in successive months, we will publish a short paragraph highlighting the accomplishments and contributions of each inductee that led to his selection. This month we recognize Hall of Fame inductee Bob Cain.

Bob Cain

Throughout his many years in the Club, Bob unselfishly contributed his considerable mechanical and modeling skills for the benefit of PGRC members. Quiet and unassuming, Bob worked largely behind the scenes on a variety of maintenance and facility improvement projects, including: initial layout of the Swanson Rd. site, design and construction of the pavilion and shed, and maintenance of mowing and grounds keeping equipment. His tenure as Treasurer was by far the longest in Club history. Bob also extended his generosity directly to individual Club members, helping many of us over the years to build and fly our first RC airplane. Bob passed away at much too young an age in February 2007 after a short illness. His presence is still felt by many of us.

Prince George's Radio Control Club Hall of Fame

In recognition of those individuals who have made significant contributions to PGRC and have distinguished themselves by their accomplishments in model aviation.

Eric Baugher

Doug Moran

Don Beach

Rick Moreland

Rodger Binger

Joe Solko

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