

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

January 2009

The membership meeting scheduled for 20 January has been cancelled. Members will be provided an additional month's grace period to pay their dues without penalty.

The February PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the Club House*, Tuesday 17 February 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Time to Pay Your 2009 Dues

The last chance to pay your 2009 membership dues is the February meeting. Members paying after the February meeting will be assessed a \$25 late fee. Treasurer Steve Baker (address at right) will gladly accept dues payment via US mail. If you provide a SASE, Steve will mail back to you a receipt and the 2009 PGRC sticker for your AMA card.

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dave Turner welcomed the attendees and extended best wishes for the holiday season. He reiterated that 2008 has been a good year for PGRC.

New Members. New members Walt Mozee and Peter Curtis attended the meeting. Walt decided to join after having visited the field several times this past season. Peter is a member of the Fly-Away Club whose members have been provided complimentary access to the PGRC field while their site is unavailable. Peter decided to become a paying PGRC member after flying at our field this past season. Welcome Peter and Walt. Hope to see you at the field in the coming season.

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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/>

New Signs and Banners. The Club has installed a new welcome sign at the gate, acknowledging our new M-NCPPC landlords. We have also obtained a new sign that will be placed at the fork in the access road, directing visitors either to the flying field or the club house. We also have a new PGRC banner that will be displayed at various events. Thanks go to Alan Goodman for handling these signage details.

Safety , Security, etc. Dave reminded the members, with the onset of the new flying season, to be aware of safety issues and not hesitate to confront flyers behaving in an unsafe manner. He also repeated the Club's standing request to have everyone pick up after themselves at the field, and not leave trash or pieces of airplanes laying about for someone else (i.e., a Board member) to pick up. He encouraged members to greet spectators and visitors at the field to make them feel welcome. This enhances PGRC's positive image within the hobby and the local community, and is an important factor for attracting new members to the Club.

Scouting Rocket Event. Dave and Charlie hosted a number of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and their parents at the field on 29 November for a Scout rocket launch event. After the event, Dave provided some demonstration flights with his trainer and several other models. A surprising number of the scouts and their parents had never been to our field or were aware of the RC flying activities there. A number of the attendees expressed interest in learning more about the RC hobby.


Instructors Needed. The club is looking for additional flight instructors for the 2009 season. We will continue our Tuesday afternoon / after work training sessions as in past years, and are hopeful that additional volunteers will step forward to assist Dave Turner, Charlie Gettier, Alan Goodman, and Steve Baker in training new and returning RC pilots. Contact Dave or Charlie if you can help.

Solar Charging Station. Steve Whitecoff updated everyone on the planned solar charging station to be installed at the pavilion this spring. This will provide a reliable 12-volt source for

charging / re-charging battery packs for our growing constituent of electric flyers.

Show and Tell. Rick Hagen brought in a nice Sig Cobra sport plane that he had been working on for the past two years. Rick made a few modifications, including provision for side-mounted exhaust. The model is powered by an OS .32 two-stroke engine... Jonathan Baker showed the members his Unicorn foam combat model, and provided an overview of the fledgling PGRC Combat program. The nearly indestructible flying wing models cost ~\$130 with servos, Speed 400 motor, prop, and NiMH battery pack; and are easy to fly. A dozen of the models have been purchased by PGRC members already, and the first informal combat sessions have been held. See Jonathan if you would like to participate, or are interested in just obtaining one of the models.

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Raffle and 50/50. Cameron Holmes won an E-flite Enticement F3P sport foam profile electric in the meeting raffle. Kerry Cochrell missed out on \$81 in the 50-50 drawing.

DISCUSSION BOARD. PGRC has joined the Maryland Flyers RC (internet) discussion board with a number of other clubs. The URL for the Maryland Remote Control Flying Clubs website is <http://www.mdfllying.com/index.php> The site provides RC-related information, items for sale, and news about member clubs.

SWAP SHOP. PGRC's second annual Swap Shop has been scheduled for Saturday February 28 (10 AM to 3 PM). See the flyer below.

UDVAR-HAZY FIELD TRIP In response to requests by several members, we are planning a field trip to the Udvar-Hazy Center <http://www.nasm.si.edu/UdvarHazy/> near Dulles Airport for Sunday 22 February. We will meet at the field at 9:00 AM and caravan to the facility. Entrance fee is \$12 per carload. Mark your calendars.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING

Tractor Maintenance. Rodger Binger is completing some maintenance on the tractor, in anticipation of the coming season. The leaky radiator has been re-cored and new hoses and thermostat installed. We are searching for some used automobile tires (and new inner tubes) for the front. We are also checking on possible alternator conversions to replace the original generator. Our thanks go out to Rodger for this work on cold, damp, gloomy winter days in the shed.

Geezer Benches. The Board has agreed to fabricate three new Geezer Benches for the field. Dave, Alan, Rodger, and Charlie will try to schedule the activity sometime before the spring.

Pavilion Floor. The Board is obtaining estimates for a concrete or brick floor for the pavilion. Members with contacts in the masonry business would be welcome to weigh in and contact a Board member.

Mr. DJ's Goin' Out Of Prop Biz Sale Cash and Carry ONLY

(NIB: New In Box *= I may keep...some or all...)

Planes:

*Composite Cessna Skyline 157" NIB: \$7300

\$3100-Bird

\$800-Hitec 7955TG Servos (8)

\$1600-DA 150 w/Mufflers

\$400-Power Expander and (2) 5600mah Li Ion Batts

\$300-Replacement Main Wheels w/Brakes

\$200-Ignition and Landing Lights Batts, Wiring, Engine Choke Servo, Switches

\$200-Futaba 2.4 Receiver

\$200 Beila 29x12 3-Blade Prop

\$200-Full Size Pilots/Passengers (4) + Operational Cabin Doors @ \$400 for air tanks, Jet Tronic valve

\$100-Miscellaneous Crap

Paid: \$7300 Cash/Carry: \$7300 (price excludes 2.4 receiver)

*Gee Bee Y 97" NIB: \$2270

\$800-Bird

\$1000-DA 85 w/Smoke Muf

\$385-7 Hitec 5645 Servos + Smoke

Paid: \$2270 Cash/Carry: \$2270

Lanier Yak 87" NIB \$373 Cash/Carry: \$300

Lanier Extra 330 94" NIB \$339 Cash/Carry: \$300 (no wheels)

Gee Bee Racer 68" NIB \$250 Cash/Carry: \$180

*Giant A Master Bi 73" NIB \$??? Cash/Carry: \$300

*Shrike 40 43" NIB \$145 Cash/Carry: \$120 (if OS 55AX and 9x7, 150-mph easy)

*Sportsman Elec Glider 72" NIB \$300 Cash/Carry: \$280 (w/motor/micro receiver/battery)

Twister ?? \$??? Cash/Carry: \$100 (built w/servos in wings)

Slow Poke 25 \$050 Cash/Carry: \$050 (built w/.25/servos)

Hangar 9 P-47 81" \$569 Cash/Carry: \$350 (flown once/wing repaired/6 servos in wings/one retract servo requires new gears. I may remove servos – same price)

KMP B-25 83" NIB \$900 Cash/Carry: \$475 (partially built/robartr retracts/wheels/RCV 91 not included)

Engines:

SV 100 Gas NIB \$570 Cash/Carry: \$400

SV 50 Gas NIB \$273 Cash/Carry: \$175

*DL 50 Gas NIB \$410 Cash/Carry: \$345

Zenoah G 26 (2) \$300 Cash/Carry: \$125ea or both: \$240 (one of them used only once)

Zenoah G 20 (2) \$300 Cash/Carry: \$125ea or both: \$240 (one require plug power box)

OS 160 2S w/Muf \$300 Cash/Carry: \$225 (used only once)

Pitts Muf OS 160 \$050 Cash/Carry: \$020 (used on previous 160)

*Saito 180 4S New \$430 Cash/Carry: \$390 (test stand ran only)

***Saito 125 4S** \$360 Cash/Carry: \$300

***OS 91 VR Ducted Fan** \$330 Cash/Carry: \$260

OS 25 2S w/Muf (2) \$080 Cash/Carry: \$040ea

RCV 120 SP NIB (2) \$435 Cash/Carry: \$335ea

RCV 91 CD (2) \$250 Cash/Carry: \$100ea
(currently mounted on B-25)

YS 60 2S Rear Exhaust \$??? Cash/Carry: \$100

Irvine 60 2S Rear Exhaust \$??? Cash/Carry: \$070

Other:

***JR 9303 w/ 649S (2) NIB** \$760 Cash/Carry: \$380
(radio used, receivers are NIB, batt chg port broken, easy fix at service center)

Hitec Digit Servo Program NIB \$150 Cash/Carry: \$100

McDaniel Onboard Glo NIB (2) \$065 Cash/Carry: \$040ea

McDaniel Onboard Glo (3) \$065 Cash/Carry: \$025ea

MPI Fueler Valve NIB (7) \$010 Cash/Carry: \$005ea

DuBro 3" 3-Bld Spinner NIB (2) \$010 Cash/Carry: \$005ea

GP Gas Engine Kill Swh NIB \$010 Cash/Carry: \$005

Hob Exhaust Deflector NIB (3) \$??? Cash/Carry: \$003ea (.35 - .75 glow)

Hob Exhaust Defector NIB (2) \$??? Cash/Carry: \$003ea (.60 - 2.70 glow)

Top Flite Prop Balancer NIB \$??? Cash/Carry: \$010

Props all sizes – too many to list – 3-blades; pushers; 2 blades – just ask - Zinger, APC, Master Airscrew

Wheels of all sizes

Fuel tanks

***Hitec Dig/Alog Servos NIB (30)** \$??? Cash/Carry: Prices vary

***HD Power Servos NIB (26)** \$025 Cash/Carry: \$020ea

***Glow Fuel 20% (7)** \$??? Cash/Carry: \$025ea

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***PGRC and Area Events Schedule for 2009
(Tentative as of January 2009)***

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>
February 28	PGRC SWAP Meet	Carl Siefring (301) 855-9226
March 21	Spring Clean-Up Day	N / A
April 25	Unicorn Combat	Jonathan Baker (301) 352-4580
May 9	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
TBA	Bowie Memorial Day Parade	TBD
TBA	Bowie Fest	TBD
15 August	Electric Fly-In	Dave Turner (301) 855-7796
August 21-23	Q-40 NMPRA Championship	TBD
September 5, 6	IMAC	Steve Whitecoff (410) 280-5372
September 19	Giant-Scale Fly-In	Steve Whitecoff (410) 280-5372
September 20	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman (410) 867-7281
October 4	NMPRA District 6 Championship	Steve Baker (301) 352-4580
October 11	PGRC Family Picnic	Carl Siefring (301) 855-9226



From this past summer. Alan Goodman returns to the pits with his electric F-22 and a bunch of admiring spectators at the 2008 War Bird Scale Rally in September. Photo courtesy of the PGRC Website.

PGRC Combat Information

By Jonathan Baker

First off, ten more Complete Kits have been bought and will be sold for \$115 each. The Complete Kit comes with the plane, all the hardware needed, a battery, the motor and speed controller, and props. Extra batteries, extra props, tape, and even servos will also be available at unbeatable prices at all Board and club meetings, or contact me at 301-801-2411 to save yourself one.

We had our first informal combat meet this past month, which gave us a great idea of how the event will be, and highlighted some concerns. There were many topics discussed prior to flying, and more concerns arose during flying. We have since made some changes in the rules to address them, the two most important changes are briefly described below:

1. Collision Points: We need to have a real incentive to hit one another. For collision points, one collision is 1 point for both airplanes that collide. Collision points are only given to “indisputable deviation” collisions.

2. Planes That Hit the Ground May Reenter: If you hit the ground, your base points are now set, but you may reenter the sky to get collision points. This also gets more planes in the sky at all times, which keeps it interesting.

More specifics are in the Combat Rules document, which will soon be posted to the PGRC site shortly. An FAQ about battery break-in and charging, as well as airplane tips, will be posted as well.

In the event, Alan, Dave, and I each got first, second, and third in a round. We initially found it very hard to hit one another, especially with only 2 planes in the air. But by the third round, we had it pretty figured out, and had 4 major collisions despite only three pilots today. It was quite a bit of fun, and I think the new rules will make it MUCH more fun. I can't wait to do it again!

Right now the points are as follows:

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| 1. Dave Deacon | 7 |
| 2. Jonathan Baker | 7 |
| 3. Alan Goodman | 6 |

14 club members already own one; don't miss out on the fun. We will continue to compete any weekend the weather gets above 50 degrees.

Need some RC equipment?



Come to PGRC's Second Annual Swap Shop

**Saturday, February 28, 2009, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
At the Prince George's Radio Control Clubhouse
(Indoors, Heated, Refreshments/Concessions)**

Come out and sell your excess RC gear, pick up a Spring project, or look for that discontinued item

**CD: Carl Siefring
301-855-9226
carl.siefring@verizon.net**

Selling Fees:

- \$5 for a Table
(limited tables available)
or
- \$4 bring your own Table
or
- Just a few items to sell -- try the PGRC table w/10% of sale (max \$5) going to the club – no sale, no charge – limit 5 items

Directions:

The PGRC Field and Clubhouse are South of Bowie, MD.
From Bowie take US 301 South, about 3 miles south of Rte 214 turn left onto Swanson Rd and follow signs. See www.pgrclub.com for more details.

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