

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

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Our next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 18 April at 7:00 PM.

MARCH MEETING.

New Members. Scott Novelle, an RC helicopter pilot, stopped by the meeting to introduce himself to the members and check out the Club... Everett Thomas and his son Drew attended. Drew has a brand new Sky Flight trainer, and joined PGRC during the meeting as a junior member... Rob Reynolds, who is a full-scale aircraft mechanic and flies C-152s out of Freeway Airport, also attended for the first time. Rob had just purchased a .60-size trainer and is working toward his solo certification. We hope to see Scott, Everett, Drew, and Rob often at the field this season.

Unexpected Check. Bob Cain, during his usual Treasury report, described an unusual and unexpected check PGRC received during the month. The Pohick Pilots Association, a club that is disbanding due to the loss of their field in the Fairfax County, VA area, decided to liquidate the remaining funds in their treasury and split the proceeds among neighboring clubs. The amount donated to PGRC was \$750. The PGRC members present at the meeting collectively expressed their gratitude for this noble gesture. A suggestion was put forward to waive our initiation fee for any Pohick member wishing to join PGRC.

Spring Clean-Up Day. Dave reminded everyone to participate in the annual Spring Clean-Up Day, our traditional kick-off of the new flying season, scheduled for the Saturday following the meeting. *(On Saturday, 25 March, over 25 members showed up for Clean-Up Day and helped prepare the field for the new flying season. Activities included: raking leaves from the access road and perimeter of*

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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

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the parking area, repairing arresting nets at the flight line, applying herbicide to the cracks in the runway, repairing the frequency board, trimming overhanging branches, etc. Thanks go out to all who participated.)

Keys to the Field. Keys to the gate at the field were distributed at the meeting to paid-up, solo-certified members. The lock was changed after the March meeting. Board members will be carrying a supply of keys with them so that any member not able to attend the March meeting may acquire a key at the field. No keys will be mailed to members.

Tractor Maintenance. Rodger Binger has completed spring maintenance of the tractor, including installation of a new generator obtained by Matt Real via his auto-parts industry connections. Dave indicated that a new generator was being acquired for the tractor.

New Mower. Dave reiterated the Club's intention to purchase a new mower this spring. The Board, together with Rodger Binger, is investigating various models, prices, and dealers. The investment will ease the safety concerns, maintenance burden, and volunteer labor requirements associated with the tractor. The Club will store the new machine off site to reduce the likelihood of its being stolen.

Sleuthing by Ralph. Ralph Schreiner acquired some information regarding the proposed new houses along Swanson Road outside the gate, by visiting the Swanson Estates sales office and posing as a potential home buyer. The intelligence provided by Ralph indicates that the subdivision consists of 9 building lots, starting at \$300K. The homes proposed to be built will start in the \$900K range. In response to a leading question posed by Ralph, the sales agent admitted that there was a "little airport" within the gated area, but that no noise was perceptible. Way to go, Ralph!

Show and Tell. Rick Hagen, a new member, brought a very nice electric F/A-18 he constructed from plans. The model, made of Dow blue underlayment foam and strategically placed carbon fiber tape, cost less than \$10 in materials to build. Rick indicated that the model, demonstrated to many of us after the Clean-Up Day activities on 25 March, weighs

less than 15 ounces and flies well with its brushless motor and pusher prop... Eric Holmes brought in a complete E-Flight electric RTF helicopter package (helo, Rx, Tx, servos, gyro, ESC) he purchased for ~\$220. Eric put on a short flight demonstration in the meeting room... Dave Turner showed off his Great Planes Spirit sail plane. Dave decided to try his hand at powerless flight after having been impressed by Steve Baker flying a similar craft at the field earlier this spring. Dave described his first harrowing flights (e.g., launching into the morning sun) and then, after a dozen or so successful flights, launching without turning on his transmitter. ("... damn Futaba transmitters..."). After rebuilding the damaged fuse and buying a replacement wing, Dave improved the structural integrity of the plane, and added his signature accouterments: missiles, guns, war plane insignia, and a menacing mini-Dave pilot figure... Alan Goodman brought a Williams Brothers pilot figure he modified, following the example showed by Dave Turner with his numerous pilot figures, using Zar epoxy wood putty to "customize" the pilot countenance.

Raffle and 50-50. Jim Guthrie won a Goldberg Super Tote 2 RTU in the raffle. (Dave Turner won the ready-to-use field box in last month's raffle and graciously donated it back to the Club.) Garrie Taylor was not present to claim the \$20 50-50 prize.

Common Sense - Common Courtesy

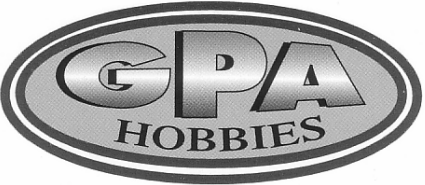
One of our members has provided the following reminder that addresses what should be common sense and common courtesy at the field.

"Charlie, when you do the next news letter I have message for you to give the members. Give it as a reminder not personally from me. Many of us start the season with a new model. We all know the time, effort and expense in building these models. We enjoy showing off our models on the ground and in the air. However I and others are offended when club members and, worse, spectators come by and lift the plane to see the bottom, flip the prop, manually move control surfaces etc. It should

be stated that without permission, club members should keep their hands off other members' planes and equipment. I have seen this happen to other members and have had it happen to me. I was furious last year when I was asked for a tool I didn't have. The member then went into my trailer, not believing me, to look for himself. I would appreciate a message in your own words to this topic. It could prevent conflict."

We believe this message is certainly appropriate and addresses what should be common sense and common courtesy. Please respect the property and equipment of your fellow modelers, and urge our visitors to do the same.

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AMA Cards in the Impound. Everyone flying at the field must to use their AMA card, rather than a Club membership card, for the impound frequency board. Members who have paid their annual dues will get a "2006 PGRC" sticker for their AMA card to signify their active status.

Cub Scout Event. PGRC will be supporting a Cub Scout aviation-oriented event at White Marsh Park in Bowie, in June. A few members will be needed to demonstrate flying of light electric craft at the event. See Dave if you can participate.

PGRC Attire. Alan Goodman has a supply of hats, T-shirts and swank new wind-shirts (\$40 in blue, red, black, and stone).

Deadbeat Fliers

Over the past few weeks, members of the Board have confronted several individuals flying at the field who have not bothered to pay their 2006 dues. These folks are taking advantage of the rest of the Club's dues-paying members - flying on our nickel, so to speak. The Club will, as we have always done, attempt to make reasonable accommodation for members who are temporarily unable to pay their dues, but excuses such as "... I was waiting for a notice (for payment of dues)" are blatantly lame. Every issue of the newsletter, on the front page, lists the dues structure and when payment is due. Everyone flying at the field **must** have a current AMA card with the PGRC 2006 sticker affixed. Manifestly deadbeat fliers will be confronted and asked to leave.

SAFETY REMINDERS. As we approach the new flying season, members are reminded to abide by the Club's posted safety procedures:

Observe the no-taxi signs. Please maintain physical control of your model until beyond the no-taxi signs when taxiing out to the flight line. Re-establish physical control of your model or shut down your engine at the no-taxi signs on your return to the pits.

Announce take-offs and landings. When flying with others on the flight-line, announce your take-off before taking the runway. Announce your intention to land and landing direction *before* landing.

Keep to the pattern. When flying with others, observe the right- or left-hand traffic pattern as dictated by wind direction (e.g., no down-wind landings, except in emergencies).

Mrs. King

The Club recently learned of the passing of the wife of long-time PGRC member Sonny King. Our condolences go out to Sonny and his family.

PGRC and Area Events Schedule for 2006

All dates are as of April 2006

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>	
Mar 25	Spring Field Clean-Up Day	N/A	
May 20, 21	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB	TBD	
May 13	Q-500 424 and 428**	Steve Baker Dan Myer	(301) 352-4580 (301) 251-5284
May 27	Bowie Memorial Day Parade	N/A	
June 3	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	N/A	
June 3, 4*	Q-40 422	Chic White	(703) 768-6347
June 24	Q-500 424	Rick Moreland	(301) 261-7366
July 15	Electric Fly-In	Dave Turner	(301) 855-7796
TBD	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	TBD	
Aug 20	PGRC Family Picnic	Carl Siefring	(301) 855-9226
Sept 16	Dist. 6 NMPRA Championship Race Q-500 424, 428**	Steve Baker Dan Myer	(301) 352-4580 (301) 251-5284
Sept 23	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier	(410) 757-3195
Sept 24	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman Jake Flory	(410) 867-7281 (410) 212-3854
Oct 7	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier	(410) 757-3195
Oct 14	Q-500 424, 428**	Warren Gillette Gene Bass	(410) 799-8575 (301) 404-3493 (c) (610) 494 4833 (h)

In general, field preparation and setup will occur on Friday afternoon preceding Saturday events. General flying may be curtailed.

* Field open for test flying on Friday June 2.

** 428 will be cancelled if less than 9 entries; additional 424 rounds will be flown.

Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.

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