

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

May 2002

NEXT MEETING. The next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 21 May 2002 at 7:00 PM.

APRIL MEETING.

New Members / New Attendees. Chad Pensy and Significant Other, Sandy Hall, were in attendance and expressed interest in joining and flying with us ... Victor Carden and Jerry Davis, visiting from CCRC, decided to join us at PGRC ... Bill Hope, from Annapolis, attended his first PGRC meeting. In the past, Bill had been president of an RC club in New Jersey. Charlie Lund, a frequent "spectator" at PGRC field, finally gave in to the temptation and signed up. His AMA card is "in the mail".

Volunteers. The CDs for upcoming events appealed to the members to lend a hand with various event activities. Rick asked that potential pylon course workers see Warren Gillette. Charlie Gettier asked for volunteers for the IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In on 11 May. Donnie Vazquez expressed the need for volunteers for the IMAC aerobatic contest scheduled for the last weekend in June.

New Grill. Bob Cain indicated that the Club would acquire a new gas grill for the upcoming season. This will replace the less-than-reliable unit we've fumbled with over the last few years.

Toledo Trip. Rick Moreland and Chic White recapped some of their experiences and goodies purchased at the RC industry show in Toledo, OH, a few weeks ago. The several PGRC members who made the trip all spent lots of money and had a great time.

Show and Tell. James Benedict brought in a pretty CAP 232 that he resurrected after a serious crash due to a receiver being out of tune. James documented the reconstruction project with in-progress photos, and described a

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PGRC DUES SCHEDULE

Initial Assessment (New First-Time Members)	\$100
Annual Dues (General)	\$50
Annual Dues (Junior)	\$10
Annual Dues (Senior)	\$20
w/ at least 5 yrs in the club)	
Annual Dues (Senior)	\$35
w/ less than 5 yrs in the club)	
Annual Dues (Family)	\$60

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
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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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procedure he used to draw sections of the broken fuse together with wire for alignment and gluing. James indicated that the Saito 180-powered craft “flies nice” since the rehab.

Raffle / 50-50. Eric Holmes won a Fun One kit in the raffle. Floyd Branch was not at the meeting and missed out on \$151 in the 50-50 drawing.

CUA Thank You

Lucy Donnellan and Kamilla Schwing, together with their professor, Dr. Filippo Gavelli, from Catholic University of America, attended the April meeting to recap the group’s aero-design project and to thank PGRC for assisting the team since last fall. Lucy (a.k.a. “Soccer Mom”) and Kamilla, representing the team of 5 senior Mechanical Engineering students, presented a slide show of photos taken at the April competition in Florida. The CUA team finished 15th out of 39 teams, successfully flying with 9.8 lbs of ballast in a .60-powered plane that the team designed and built. They described the “hard work” done at the field during the three-day contest to keep their airplane repaired and ready for the next round of flights “... dashing out to hobby stores and the K-Mart to buy parts and supplies”. Lucy and Kamilla presented thank-you gifts to Rick Moreland, for the club’s hospitality in hosting the team since last November, and to Charlie Gettier for his help in providing flight instruction and assistance in preparing the aircraft for its maiden flight. (See photos below.). *PGRC congratulates the CUA Team on their success and achievement with the project. We wish them all good luck on their upcoming graduation from college, and prosperity and happiness in their chosen careers.*

PGRC 10th ANNUAL IMAA GIANT-SCALE FLY-IN

PGRC’s annual IMAA event is scheduled for Saturday 11 May 2002. Chic White, Jake Flory, and Donnie Vazquez are working with CD Charlie Gettier to complete the planning for the event. This is one of the Club’s big annual

events, attracting pilots from around the state and the mid-Atlantic region, and hundreds of spectators. We would like to urge all members and their families to come out and participate either as registered IMAA pilots or as spectators. We are still looking for volunteers for set-up, registration, impound, food preparation, PA announcing, raffle, photography, and concessions. Contact the event coordinators if you can help.



Warning: Slow Down!

Our neighbors along Swanson Rd. have complained about PGRC members (“young men with airplanes in their cars”) speeding on Swanson Rd. , going to and from the field. Evidently, the incidents of speeding are such that our neighbors are ready to take the matter to the City of Bowie.

Please. Slow down. Do not exceed the posted 30 MPH at any point along Swanson Rd.

Anyone found speeding (neighbors will be watching and recording license numbers) will be subject to expulsion from PGRC.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE.

Plane, \$175.00, (Trainer, 66" wingspan, engine, Futaba radio/receiver – Channel 17)

Plane, \$100.00, (Big Stik, 60" wingspan)

Field box, \$50.00, (electric power panel, gas pump, electric starter, glow starter)

Battery Recycler/Charger, \$50.00, (Hobbico Accu-Cycle)

Trainer Buddy Cable, \$5.00

Sealing Iron, \$15.00, (Tower Hobbies, never used, sock cover)

Heat Gun, \$15.00, (Tower Hobbies, never used, heat glove)

Radio Neck Strap, \$5.00, (Tower Hobbies)

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Subject: **"T.O.C. of Maryland" - 2002.**

Charlie,

Could you please notify your club members of our upcoming **"T.O.C. of Maryland" - 2002.** It's going to be held on the weekend after Memorial Day. (May 31st, June 1st, & June 2nd) This is an IMAC-style contest, with an emphasis on free-style acrobatics. Contestants can fly whatever class they are used to flying, including the new Intermediate level. We have modified the IMAC format slightly to include an Unknown sequence for all the classes, including Basic. We also would like as many folks as possible to fly free-style. This is usually the crowd's favorite, and draws a lot of attention from the other pilots, as well! We also have a banquet scheduled for Saturday evening, June 1st. We did this last year at the "Mason-Dixon Challenge" we co-hosted w/ Andy Kane and his crew from DCRC and all that attended had a great time. I'm working on getting lots of door prizes. Thanks. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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CUA Project. (top photo) Lucy, team pilot Kristen (center), and Kamilla prepare their aircraft for its maiden flight at PGRC field. (bottom photo) Just before the maiden flight, the group's professor, Dr. Filippo Gavelli (right) snaps a photo of the craft. On its maiden flight a few moments later, the craft flew perfectly - straight off the runway. Designed with a high-lift airfoil, the plane climbed like the proverbial homesick angel with only one pound of ballast on board, and required throttle control to moderate the climb. The team departed the next morning for Florida to participate with 38 other schools in an RC aircraft load-bearing competition. The craft, designed and built by the team and powered by a sleeve-bearing .60 2-stroke engine, flew successfully with 9.8 lbs of dead weight. Its last flight, with a load of 12 lbs of ballast, ended in disaster when the plane crashed into a tree and was destroyed. The team finished 15th out of 39 schools in the competition. Congratulations to the team and their professor for a job well done.

Year 2002 PGRC Events Schedule

March 23	Spring Clean-Up Day
April 27	AMA 424 Q-500 in AM, John Albritton CD AMA 428 Q-500 in PM, Steve Baker CD
May 11	10th Annual IMAA Giant Scale Fly-In, Charlie Gettier CD
May 17, 18, 19	JR Q-40 Championship Race, John Fike CD
June 22	AMA 424 Q-500 in AM, John Latsha CD AMA 428 Q-500 in PM, Vern Smith CD
June 29, 30	6th Annual Capital IMAC Aerobatics Competition, Rob Dutra CD
August 17	AMA 424 Q-500 in AM, Neil Rehm CD AMA 428 Q-500 in PM, Chic White CD
September 21, 22	AMA Q-500 N.M.P.R.A. Championship Pylon, Dave Beasley, Gene Bass CDs
October 5	PGRC 11th Annual Open House Fly-In
October 12	AMA 424 Q-500 in AM, Dave Binger CD AMA 428 Q-500 in PM, Art Edsall CD
October (date TBD)	Eastern Regional RC Combat

Events scheduled as of May 2002

STEP RIGHT UP. This is the time of year when many new members are in need of instruction and assistance at the field. The Club is looking for some additional volunteers to serve as flight instructors, and to take some of the load off of the few who show up every weekend and end up spending their entire time at the field helping the newcomers. Please see the Training Coordinator, Ed Stern, if you can help. Ed will have each student pilot needing instruction call one of the instructors on his list; and the student and instructor will work out a mutually agreeable time to meet at the field.

BOWIEFEST. PGRC will participate, as a Bowie organization, in the Bowie Family Festival to be held at Allen Pond Park on Saturday 1 June. We are having a PGRC banner made for the event, and will be putting static model aircraft on display and handing out literature to publicize the hobby and promote public awareness of PGRC. Please see Rick Moreland if you can help out. This event represents a great opportunity for us to build

upon our good reputation within the Bowie community and promote PGRC's image as a long-standing Bowie fixture.

MERCY FOR THE LAWN MOWERS.

Please try to help out the volunteers cutting the grass by moving your equipment out of the way (i.e., without the volunteer having to stop and get off the mower to ask), and lending other assistance if asked (e.g., removing and replacing the No Taxi signs). Keep in mind that the volunteers are doing this as a benefit to you and the Club. Our annual dues would be significantly higher if we were to pay a lawn care contractor to mow the grass each week during the summer.

