

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

May 2003

NEXT MEETING. The next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the field*, Tuesday 20 May 2003 at 7:00 PM. We have been bumped from City Hall on the 20th due to another Bowie meeting. Our membership meetings will now be at the field throughout the summer.

APRIL MEETING.

First timers. Greg Scruggs and son Christopher attended the meeting. Both are venturing into the hobby for the first time and are anxious to learn to fly. Phil Costello, from Annapolis, also joined us. A past AMA member from 39 years ago, Phil is interested in getting back into the hobby and learning to fly jets. He currently has a Cub.

Park and Planning Commission. Steve mentioned to the membership that Bowie is planning to sell our flying site to the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, probably sometime late this summer. Bowie has indicated that the MNCPPC has agreed to accept both the Boy Scouts (whose camp is directly across the field in the woods) and PGRC as incumbent tenants. The Board will shortly establish contact and initiate a working relationship with our soon-to-be landlord.

New Hats & Shirts. Alan Goodman brought samples of new hats and T-shirts with PGRC logos which will be offered for sale to members and visitors. These items will be on sale at our Giant-Scale Fly-In on 10 May.

War Bird Fly-In. Alan also updated the membership on the planned War Bird fly-in later this summer. (See notice below.) Organizer Roger Bradford has indicated that a turn-out of 70+ pilots is expected.

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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 w/ at least 5 yrs in the club)	\$20
Annual Dues (Senior w/ less than 5 yrs in the club)	\$35
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
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/>

Cemetery Issue. Ralph Schreiner provided an update on the cemetery controversy. On behalf of PGRC, Ralph recently presented the Swanson Rd neighborhood group with a check for \$500 for their campaign fund. The matter is still being adjudicated by PG County.

Show and Tell. Eric Holmes brought in a Great Planes Fun One 40 that he won in a previous meeting raffle. Eric indicated he is using the OS .40-powered craft to experiment with the programming features of his computer radio (e.g., flaperons, etc.). The model is covered in blue and silver Ultracote and piloted by a Star Wars figure liberated from a candy dispenser.... Steve Baker brought in a Bokkie sport plane, scratch built from RC Modeler plans. This is the 7th Bokkie Steve has built from the plans he bought from RCM in 1974. The model weighs 3.75 lbs, and is powered by a Veco .19 and custom muffler that Steve bought (for \$30) from Frank Bowman in New Mexico. The model has a Monocote covered wing and fiber glass fuse. It sports a Wallace character pilot that was obtained via mail order to the UK, and numerous painted details.

Raffle and 50-50. Warren Gillette won a .40-size Tracer kit by Great Planes. Dave Fromme missed out on \$325 in the 50-50 drawing.

HILL PAVING. The contractor installed paving on the hill on 21 April. It looks great and will reduce our road maintenance chores. Some cracked areas of the runway were also repaired.

MOWER BATH. Ralph Schreiner and Dave Turner brought equipment and water to the field and gave the lawn mower a good cleaning, removing caked-on mud and grass precipitated by the swampy mowing conditions over the past few weeks. Thanks, guys.

RURAL ROAD SPEED LIMIT. Jennifer Topping, from the Swanson Rd. neighborhood association, has reminded us again to observe the 30 MPH speed limit on Swanson Rd. This is especially important for individuals towing trailers to and from the field.

WAR BIRD FLY-IN. Alan Goodman recently met at the field with Roger Bradford and Larry Belton of the World Miniature Warbird Association. They want to use our field for a Warbird Fly-In. Based on the level of participation at previous events, this could become a popular event. Tentative timeframe is August 30-31. Pending PGRC Board approval, Jake Flory and Alan would CD the event. This will be an AMA sanctioned event, all Warbirds scale or semi-scale, no size limit, but must ROG takeoff. WMWA will set up the field in WWII theme: flags from various Countries, WWII music (e.g, Kate Smith singing "God Bless America"), etc. A Saturday night meal at a local restaurant or steaks at the field is also a possibility. This sounds like it could be a fun event. Stay tuned.

Laverne Cochrell

On Saturday, May 3rd, Kerry Cochrell's wife Laverne was killed when her car was struck head-on by a drunk driver in PG County. The Cochrells have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Kerry, an employee of GPA, has a long history with the club and the hobby. He is particularly active in the MHA and has helped countless beginners learn to set up and fly helicopters and airplanes. He is also an accomplished RC airplane and sailplane/glider pilot.

Our condolences go out to Kerry and his family.

Subject: MD TOC

Date: Thu, 24 Apr 2003 11:00:18 -0400

It's the "T.O.C. of Maryland" - 2003 scheduled for May 30th, 31st and June 1st and is to be held at our field (SWAP Modelers) We have a website set up: www.tocofmaryland.com . I've also enclosed a flyer. (*See Below*).

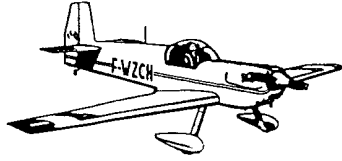
Thanks.

Take care,

Art Vail, President, SWAP Modelers

Announcing the.....

"T.O.C. of Maryland"-2003



IMAC Style Acrobatic Contest

May 30th & 31st, June 1st, 2003

to be held at the
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Entry Fee: \$40

Check out our website: www.tocofmaryland.com

IMAA Event Washed Out

Charlie Gettier

The spring monsoons that inundated the region during the week leading up to our 11th Annual IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In washed out the event on Saturday 10 May. A handful of mostly local flyers huddled under the pavilion through a steady rain that lasted most of the morning. For a few hours in late morning and early afternoon, the weather calmed a bit and the pilots who stuck it out managed to get in a few flights. A number of spectators even showed up to watch. Despite the rain, Bob Houlihan, a photojournalist from the Bowie Blade, interviewed pilots and photographed models for a Blade article that will be published shortly.


I would like to thank all the folks who were involved in planning and field prep, particularly:

- The folks who have been helping me since last December on the event planning committee (Donnie Vazquez, Chic White, Alan Goodman, Jake Flory)
- Rick Moreland, Ralph Schreiner, and Dave Turner - for cutting and trimming the grass Thursday and Friday (in the brief periods between rain showers)
- Jim Williams - for preparing a big bag of aircraft ID pins for the event, replacing the set that has been disappearing over the years
- Doug Moran - proprietor of Doug's Hobby Shop in Waldorf, for his generosity in providing the Great Planes 80" Lancair ARF raffle prize. We will use this for the Open House raffle in the fall.

Next year, I will be certain to appoint someone to be in charge of the weather.


NEW JOHN. A brand new portable toilet facility was delivered to the field recently, replacing the less-than-inviting unit we have been living with for the past several years. It's quite lovely. Be sure to check it out.

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Steve Baker brought his seventh Bokkie sport plane, scratch built from 1974 RCM plans, to the April meeting. *Stony Jasper photo.*

PGRC 2003 Events Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>	
Mar 22	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A	
April 26	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Steve Baker	(301) 434-3568
		John Albritton	(703) 938-1084
May 10	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier	(410) 974-4785
May 16 – 18	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB (David Fromme – POC)		
May 30, 31, June 1	JR Q-40 Gold Cup Race	Neal Rehm	(540) 592-3060
		Dave Latsha	(717) 737-7577
	Registration POC:	Steve Baker	(301) 434-3568
June 7	Bowie Fest at Allen Pond Park	Rick Moreland (POC)	
June 21	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Art Edsall	(301) 855-8707
		John Fike	(301) 262-1486
July 11 – 13	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	Marc Spicer	(301) 464-1763
Aug 16	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Chic White	(703) 768-6347
		Dave Binger	(410) 672-6561
Aug 30, 31*	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman	(301) 627-7649
		Jake Flory	(410) 212-3854
Sept 20, 21	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Dave Beazley	(434) 589-4886
		Gene Bass	(301) 404-3493 (c)
			(610) 494 4833 (h)
Oct 4	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier	(410) 974-4785
Oct 11	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Warren Gillette	(410) 799-8575
		Rick Moreland	(301) 261-7366

*Events scheduled as of April 2003.
Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.*

** Tentative schedule*