

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

May 2007

Our next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 15 May 2007 at 7:00 PM.

APRIL MEETING

New Members. Robert Valden introduced himself at the meeting. He has visited the field on several occasions and has logged a few flights on Dave Turner's trainer. Robert is currently assembling his own ARF trainer, and appears to be a "quick study" as a student pilot. Sonny Loncaric also attended his first meeting, and indicated that he has flown off farmers' fields and is impressed with the PGRC flying site. Bob Bradshaw, a neighbor of Carl Siefring, also introduced himself to the members. Bob came out to the recent Spring Clean-Up Day and participated in field-prep activities even before joining the Club. He stated that he was impressed with the "friendly folks" has met in PGRC. Welcome Robert, Sonny, and Bob. We hope to see you all at the field this season.

Designated Training Day. Dave Turner announced that we are trying to establish Tuesday afternoons, after work, for student pilots to receive flight instruction at the field. Dave and Charlie Gettier have indicated that they will attempt to be available at this time to offer instruction. Additional instructors are also urged to participate.

Memorial Day Parade and Bowie Fest. Dave urged our members to participate in these upcoming Bowie events (See the events schedule below.) He has secured passes for six vehicles, including our trailer which will be appropriately decorated and configured for static display of models, for the parade. See Dave for details concerning these important public relations opportunities for PGRC.

THE FLYER is published to provide information of interest to the members and friends of PGRC. Any opinions expressed are those of the Editor (and anyone else who submits material fit for printing), and not necessarily those of the Board.

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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/>

Misc. Dave Turner reported that the Club has purchased a new trim mower for the field...

Dave thanked the members for the outpouring of trainer-box donations for our training program... Dave indicated that the University of Maryland aircraft design team (see last month's article) departed for Arizona a few days before the meeting after a successful maiden flight of their model at our field. We will be anxious to hear their trip report.

Grass Cutting Schedule. Rodger Binger will normally be cutting the grass *every Friday morning*. The field will be closed for flying from early morning until Rodger finishes at approximately 2:00 in the afternoon. Please do not set up your stuff and become an obstacle during mowing operations. If you do not intend to help, at least stay out of the way. Your assistance will always be appreciated in moving geezer tables, flight-line safety nets, no-taxi signs, and in helping with trimming. Note that if rain is forecast for Friday, Rodger will attempt to cut the grass on *Thursday morning*. Please cooperate with Rodger in performing this extremely valuable volunteer function of field maintenance.

Pylon Season. Rick Moreland reminded the members of the up-coming racing schedule, and solicited course workers for the events. See Rick if you can help.

PGRC Hats, T-Shirts, Wind-Breakers, Jackets. See Alan Goodman for a selection of natty PGRC attire.

Show and Tell. Rick Hagen, aficionado of foam electrics, brought in his first wood kit - a Sig Somethin Extra. The nicely executed craft is finished in Ultra Cote, powered by an OS .46, and sports painted wheel pants... Robert Park showed a new Hell Cat ARF from Hangar 9, powered by a Saito 100, and controlled by one of the new spread spectrum radios. Robert bought the ensemble from a New Jersey modeler via RC Universe... Garrie Taylor provided some tips for modelers: use of laundry detergent bottle caps and plastic lids from margarine tubs for various liquid (e.g., paint, epoxy) mixing needs. He also made the members aware of a new magazine, *Fly RC*, that provides information particularly on aerobatics and electrics. Garrie mentioned that

he still has pattern kits available for sale from the Floyd Branch estate... Rick Moreland recapped the Toledo show from which he recently returned. "Everybody should go ..." He provided information on the new spread spectrum radios, and has manufacturer documentation for those interested. He has a new Dave Platt CD on "old school" covering materials and techniques (e.g., silk, tissue); and told the members of vintage RC kits (e.g., A-Ray, H-Ray, School Boy, School Girl) that have been resurrected and are available from Wing Manufacturing. See Rick for more information.

Raffle and 50-50. Ralph Schreiner won \$32 in the 50-50 drawing. There was no raffle.

PGRC OPEN HOUSE. Be sure to attend PGRC's 16th Annual Open House Fly-In on Saturday 12 May. The Open House is PGRC's annual expression of gratitude to the City of Bowie and its citizens, and our Swanson Rd. neighbors, for use of our wonderful flying site. This year, we will also recognize our new landlords, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). M-NCPPC representatives, members of the Bowie City Council, Mayor Robinson, and other dignitaries have been extended special invitations. Come on out. Bring your family and an airplane or two, and have a good time. We are also looking for a few of our members with trainers to bring them out to give our spectators a chance to experience RC flying. There is no registration or landing fee and, as in the past, complimentary food and drinks will be provided by the club. Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event. We need help for food preparation, PA system setup, PA announcing, raffle concession, and other chores. Contact CD Charlie Gettier (410 757-3195) if you can help. See you there.

FOR SALE. Rodger Binger is helping Janelle clean out Bob Cain's airplane and RC-related inventory. Many items have been sold, but there is still plenty of inventory available. Call Rodger at 301-261-7976 for details.



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Hollywood, MD 20636
301 373-6674

FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS NEEDED. We are looking for volunteer flight instructors for the coming season. Note that you don't have to be a former TOC champion to qualify. Patience, time, and willingness to help new members master the fundamentals of RC flight are the key prerequisites. Please contact Dave Turner if you can serve in this important capacity.

PYLON RACE 19 MAY. Steve Baker is in need of course workers for the 19 May pylon race. This is a great opportunity to help the Club, and have a good time in the process. Even if you're a new member and haven't yet been to a race, you can participate and contribute. Give Steve a call (301) 352-4580 if you can help.

BOWIE PARADE / BOWIE FEST. See Dave Turner if you can help with planning and/or by participating in the Bowie Memorial Day Parade and Bowie Fest. See the calendar of events below. These are wonderful opportunities for the Club to increase the level of public awareness of the hobby and understanding of PGRC's role in the local community. And - when the weather cooperates - both events are also a lot of fun.

OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES. Rick Hagen has volunteered to organize a Fun-Fly event at the Open House on May 12. The preliminary plan is to have three contests:

- 1. Dead-stick spot landing contest** - take off, kill your engine, person whose plane stops nearest to the X on the runway wins.
- 2. Golf ball target drop** - using a golf ball in a

cup rubber-banded to your plane, attempt to drop the ball on a target in the grass beyond the runway. Closest to the target wins.

- 3. Limbo** - fly beneath a progressively-lowered crepe paper streamer suspended between bamboo poles.

Glow-engine trainers or high- or low-wing sport planes will be the weapons of choice. Electric aircraft will be allowed, but must be of .40 glow size or larger (need to have the power and structural strength to carry the cup and golf ball). The main idea is to have fun and entertain the spectators. However, prizes will be awarded for each event and for the overall winner. Please let Rick know if you are interested in participating and/or helping out so he can make the necessary preparations. rick@kinquest.com, 410 257-5327

Swan Harbor Club Events.

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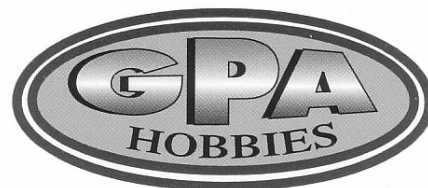
Would you mind adding our two flying events to your schedule and passing the information around the club.

June 2, 2007 (raindate June 9, 2007). Skyfest Open House. Swan Harbor Farm Flying Field, 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder Ssnnyder@comcast.net, Ph 410-638-2895. Sponsor Swan Harbor RC.

Sept 22, 2007. Big Bird Giant Scale Fly-In. Swan Harbor Farm Flying Field 9AM. CD: Steve Snyder Ssnnyder@comcast.net Ph 410-638-2895. Sponsor Swan Harbor RC.

Thanks, Achille Silvestri axsilvestri@verizon.net
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PGRC and Area Events Schedule for 2007

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>
Mar 24	Spring Field Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 28	Q-500, AMA 424	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
May 12	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
May 19	Q-500, AMA 424	Steve Baker (301) 352-4580
May 18-20	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB	N/A
May 26	Bowie Memorial Day Parade	Dave Turner (301) 855-7796 Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
June 2	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	Dave Turner (301) 855-7796 Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
June 8-10	NMPRA Q-40 Championship	TBA Registration: R. Moreland (301) 261-7366
June 23	Electric Fly-In	Dave Turner (301) 855-7796
TBA	PGRC Family Picnic	Carl Siefring (301) 855-9226
Aug 25, 26	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	Steve Whitecoff (410) 280-5372
Sept 15	NMPRA District 6 Championships AMA 424 and 428	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366 Steve Baker (301) 352-4580
Sept 22	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
Sept 23	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman (410) 867-7281 Jake Flory (410) 212-3854
October 6	Q-500, AMA 424	Dan Myer (301) 251-5284

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

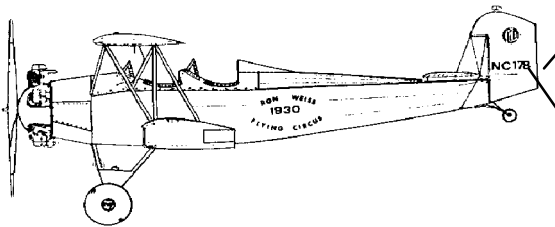
Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.

PGRC's 16th Annual Open House RC Fly-In

MODEL AIRPLANE EVENT

Sponsored by the
Prince Georges Radio Control Club, Inc.

Saturday 12 May - 9:00 am 'til dusk



- **Flying Exhibitions**
- **Demonstrations**
- **R/C Plane Raffle**

RC Flying Opportunities for Spectators

Free Admission

Spectators Welcome
Members of Other Clubs Welcome

Directions:

PGRC Club Field
(South of Bowie, MD)
Take US Rt. 301 south
approx. 3 mi. south of Rt. 214
Turn east on Swanson Rd.
and follow PGRC signs.

An AMA sanctioned event
PGRC's 16th Annual Open House
Event Director: Charlie Gettier
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