

# THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

July 2006

Our next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the field*, Tuesday 18 July at 7:00 PM. Membership meetings will be held at the field throughout the summer.

## JUNE MEETING.

**Sale of the Swanson Rd. Property.** Dave Turner reported that he was notified earlier that day (20 June) of the sale of the Swanson Rd. property by the City of Bowie to the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), a consortium of conservation-minded organizations whose lead organization is the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) and including the Patuxent Riverkeepers. Dave indicated that he received several congratulatory phone calls concerning the sale from our friends in Bowie city politics, and from Ms. Laura Connelly, our POC at the MNCPPC. He also received a formal letter from the City of Bowie announcing the sale. The letter stated that the effective date of the termination of our lease with the City would coincide with the closing date of the sale - projected to be in early August. Although there is no such thing as a "sure thing", we believe this is very good news for the Club and our prospects for continued use of the Swanson Rd. flying site. The Board will schedule a formal introductory meeting with Ms. Connelly to discern TPL's / MNCPPC's long-term plans and to provide our new hosts with information about PGRC and the hobby.

**New Member.** Eric Holmes introduced his friend, Tom Kenny, to the membership. Tom is a co-worker of Eric's at NASA, and a long-time modeler and full-scale pilot. Eric pointed out that Tom is currently building a full-scale *Kit Fox* homebuilt. Welcome, Tom.

**Misc.** Dave urges all members take it upon themselves to remove any trash they observe at

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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

Visit with PGRC on the Internet:  
<http://www.pgrclub.com/>

the field, rather than waiting for someone else (e.g., a Board member) to do it... Particularly now that we have a new land owner, everyone needs to be courteous to all visitors at the field... The "Model Airplane Event" signs placed out on Rt. 301 for the last pylon race are missing. If any member has the signs in his possession, please return them to the storage shed... Carl Siefring has received an updated frequency raster from AMA. We will post it at the impound.

**Found.** A cell phone was found on the access road during the 3 June pylon race. It is a Nextel phone configured for Spanish language use. See Steve Baker if it is yours.

**Lake Arbor Day.** Kim Thomas, junior member Drew Thomas' mom, addressed the membership about the upcoming Lake Arbor Community Day event on 15 July. She is organizing an RC hobby-related booth, and solicited PGRC to participate with a few models for static display.

**Show and Tell.** Matt Real brought his nearly completed F4F III Wildcat small-scale electric warbird. Matt's model is finished in glass and epoxy resin and weighs 15 ounces without battery. It will be powered, initially, by a speed 400 brushed motor, and will be hand-launched and belly landed. The model still needs installation of battery and ESC, and final WW II scale detail colors... Bob Cain informed the members about Batteries, Inc., a new battery company in southern Maryland. They can make up custom LiPoly, NiMH, etc., packs to order, and can assemble a new pack from your old connector in just a few minutes. Bob indicates that their prices are very competitive. See Bob for details.

**Raffle and 50-50.** Steve Baker won a Yak 54 profile foam ARF electric kit provided by Bob Cain. Bob demonstrated assembly of the kit at last month's membership meeting. The kit won by Steve also included a 3-cell LiPoly battery... Fred Liebert missed out on \$51 in the 50-50 drawing.

**CUB SCOUT EVENT.** Dave Turner and Jose Santos represented PGRC at Cub Scout aviation-oriented event at White Marsh Park in Bowie, on Friday afternoon, 30 June. Dave and

Jose brought models for static display and answered lots of questions from approximately 100 Cub Scouts and the attending parents. Dave also flew his electric biplane for the delighted audience. Both Dave and Jose, together with their models, survived the ordeal and should receive an award for hazardous duty.


**SAFETY AND FIELD ETIQUETTE.** This month's reminder:

Every member should see it as his / her responsibility to police the area of trash. This will ensure that the field will always be clean and presentable, and will reduce the burden on the few folks (i.e., Dave, Ralph, et al.) who are constantly picking up after others. Please pick up, and take home with you, any trash you find under the pavilion or on the field - *even if it's not yours.*

**FOR SALE:** Great Planes Extra 300. Assembled and flown. Asking \$220. Fitted for ZDZ-50 NG. Call for details at 301 645 4918 or e-mail me at [ramcfarl@comcast.com](mailto:ramcfarl@comcast.com). Flies great!

**ELECTRIC FLY-IN** PGRC's inaugural Electric Fly-In will be held at the field on Saturday, 15 July, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. All members, and pilots from other clubs with current AMA membership, are welcome to come and fly their electric airplanes. There is no admission or landing fee. Food, drinks, and concessions will be available. See CD Dave Turner for details. (301) 855-7796, [fw190pilot@msn.com](mailto:fw190pilot@msn.com).

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## ***PGRC and Area Events Schedule for 2006***

*All dates are as of June 2006*

<b><i>Date</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	<b><i>Contest / Event Director</i></b>	
Mar 25	Spring Field Clean-Up Day	N/A	
May 13	Q-500 424 and 428**	Steve Baker Dan Myer	(301) 352-4580 (301) 251-5284
May 20, 21	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB	N/A	
May 27	Bowie Memorial Day Parade	Dave Turner Charlie Gettier	(301) 855-7796 (410) 757-3195
June 3	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	Dave Turner Charlie Gettier	(301) 855-7796 (410) 757-3195
June 3	Q-500 424 and 428**	Steve Baker Dan Myer	(301) 352-4580 (301) 251-5284
June 24	Q-500 424	Rick Moreland	(301) 261-7366
July 15	Electric Fly-In	Dave Turner	(301) 855-7796
Aug 20	PGRC Family Picnic	Carl Siefring	(301) 855-9226
Aug 26, 27	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	Dave Michael	
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.

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

*Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.*

# ***A Model Aviation Weekend***

***at the PGRC Model Airplane Field***

***Bowie, Maryland***



**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Giant-Scale Fly-In<sup>1</sup>**

**Saturday 23 September, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

**3rd Annual Warbirds of Maryland Scale Rally<sup>2</sup>**

**Sunday 24 September, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

- 400 x 40' Paved Runway
- 800' Grass Field
- Food, Drinks, Concessions
- Raffle Prizes
- Vendors Welcome
- RVs Welcome (no hookups)

**Spectators Welcome - Free Admission**

Both events sponsored by Prince George's Radio Control Club (PGRC) and sanctioned by the AMA. Directions: Take US Rt. 301 south from Bowie, MD, turn left at Swanson Rd. (approx. 3 miles past Rt. 214) and follow PGRC signs.

1 – IMAA rules apply  
\$10 pilot's landing fee  
CD Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195  
gettierc@toad.net

2 – WMWA rules apply  
No landing fee  
CD Alan Goodman (301)509-8589  
ahgoodman@mindspring.com

PGRC's  
Inaugural

# Electric Fly-In

Saturday 15 July  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



CD Dave Turner  
(301) 855-7796  
fw190pilot@msn.com

- Any electric model welcome
- AMA membership required to fly
- No landing fee
- Food, drinks, concessions
- Spectators welcome

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(South of Bowie, MD)  
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