

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

August 2002

NEXT MEETING. The next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the field*, Tuesday 20 August 2002 at 7:00 PM. Complimentary dogs and drinks will be provided by the Club. Meetings at the field will continue through the summer.

PGRC NEEDS YOUR HELP.

In September, the Bowie City Council will vote on the proposed tree planting project. The Club needs your help with letters and e-mails to the City Council urging them to vote against the proposal. The proposal is associated with the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, and would replace trees that are removed as part of the bridge building activity.

If this project goes forward, this fall the City will plant approximately 30 acres of trees on the 65 acres of agricultural field surrounding our flying site. In a few years, the maturing trees would greatly diminish the usability of our site for RC flying, and we would probably be forced to look for another site.

We need **EVERYONE** - and particularly members who are residents of Bowie - to write and express your position against the proposal. The Board will attempt to contact all the members as soon as the date is announced for the hearing. It will be important for PGRC to make a strong showing at this City Council meeting to demonstrate the strength and resolve of the Club on this issue.

The seven individuals who will cast votes on this proposal and to whom you should address your letters are:

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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/>

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2614 Kenhill Dr.
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We urge you to write and express your position to all 7 individuals. If you are a Bowie resident, **it is important to identify yourself as such in your letters.** Any or all of the following points are appropriate to be made:

- PGRC has been a viable Bowie institution since 1964.
- We have nearly 200 families as members.
- Our members represent a broad socio-economic mix, and include many nationalities and every age group from pre-teen to retiree.
- We have been at the Swanson Rd site for 10 years, we've invested nearly \$70,000 of our own money in the site, and have never asked Bowie for any financial support
- We have been good neighbors to the Swanson Rd residents, and excellent stewards of the property. Our members keep the property in pristine condition. It is maintained as well as or better than any Bowie City Park.
- Thousands of hobbyists and spectators visit the facility each year, including visitors from across the US and from Canada and Mexico.
- The field is used year round by our members and guests.
- We believe that there are alternative locations that could receive the trees as part of the reforestation project - including the upper meadows of the

Hohensee Property (the name of Bowie's Swanson Rd property).

- Our major model aviation events each year bring hundreds of visitors from out of town, and provide a real economic benefit to Bowie.
- Bowie has benefited from PGRC's presence at the Swanson Rd. site through our maintenance of the site, through positive publicity for Bowie in national model aviation publications, and through the economic benefit provided by visitors to the area for model aviation events.

We have included two sample letters below, that you can use if you wish. The first letter would be appropriate for a PGRC member or past member. The second letter would be appropriate for a citizen of Bowie familiar with PGRC. If you have relatives or friends who are Bowie residents, it would be great if you could get them to send a letter on our behalf. Feel free to modify the sample letters as you see fit.

The City of Bowie has a Web site that provides e-mail links to most of the council members. If you wish to send an e-mail, the URL is:

<http://www.cityofbowie.org/email.htm>

It is very important to our continued presence at the Swanson Rd. site that you participate in this letter writing / e-mailing campaign, and that you attend the City Council hearing when it is scheduled. We believe that the only proponents for this project are a few bureaucrats in the bowels of the City government, and that the only real reason why the Swanson Rd property was recommended for the reforestation project is that it would be convenient and relatively inexpensive to plant the trees there. If the Mayor and the city Council hear enough of our voices, we believe they will vote against this proposal.

JULY MEETING. Charlie Gettier conducted the abbreviated meeting in the absence of most of the other Board members

due to business travel, the Nats, and vacations. There were several new / first-time attendees at the meeting. Roy Dealmeida is an active Marine, stationed at Andrews AFB, and is anxious to get into the hobby. Khiara Scott is a young lady looking forward to building her first RC model and learning to fly. Kevin Rose, Tim Alburg, and Mike Wilson all have new trainers and are ready to learn to fly. Finally, Jim Halverson is an experienced RF flyer who just moved into the area. A warm welcome to all - we hope to see you often at the field.

Updates. Charlie brought the members up to date with the tree-planting proposal and urged the members to weigh in with letters and e-mails to the City Council urging them to vote against the proposal. Charlie also thanked Gene Bass for donation of the audio equipment to the Club. A volunteer was also solicited to repair the recoil starter of the trim mower. (See the thank-you note to John Blom below).

Show and Tell. Lorenzo Bowie brought in the giant-scale Clipped-Wing Taylorcraft ARF that his cousin won at our IMAA Fly-In in May. The craft is powered by a Sachs 2.0 gas engine and controlled with Futaba electronics. The T-Craft had 5 flights on it at the time of the meeting. Bob Johnson brought a nice 60-size Cloud Dancer that he built from scratch from plans in *RC Modeler*. Bob's Dancer is powered by an HB .61 2-stroke, and weighs approx. 8 lbs.

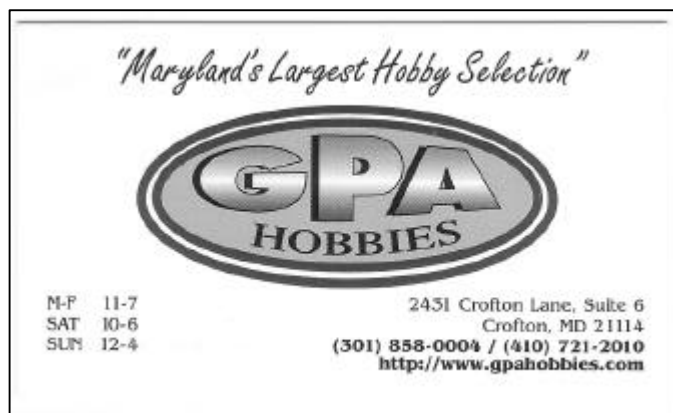
Raffle and 50-50. Ten-year-old Sara Turner won the main raffle prize - a Sig Four-Star 40. Sara is looking forward to her father, Dave, helping her build it. Also, a starter / NiCad package was won by Roy Dealmeida. The 50-50 prize - now up to \$189 - went unclaimed again, as John Fike (who was at the Nats at the time) was not present.

THANKS JOHN. Thanks to PGRC member John Blom, we have a relatively new trim mower that actually starts, runs, and stops reliably. After the July membership meeting, John volunteered to repair the recoil starter on the mower. He soon discovered that the replacement parts for the old mower would have cost \$20. Instead of going forward with the repair, John located a very nice used mower

at a yard sale and purchased it on behalf of the Club for \$30. The Club appreciates John's effort and his savvy shopping skills.

From: "Ron Sonderegger"
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Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2002 4:56 PM
Subject: NVRC 2002 Electrics Fly-In

The Annual NVRC Electrics' Fly In is coming up soon. We have a web page flyer for our upcoming Fly-In on Sept. 7th at:
<http://www.1nvr.com/2002-Electics-Fly-In.html>. Please post or forward this to your club and to whom ever you think might be interested. Thanks in advance, Ron Sonderegger, President of NVRC




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Ralph Schreiner: (301) 868-7837
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FREE STUFF. A number of fuselages and wings accumulated over the years are free to anyone interested. Kenneth Boyer. (301) 577-0419.

FIELD CLUTTER. Despite what may be good intentions, please do not unilaterally “donate” your old lawn chairs, tables, grills, etc., to the field. This stuff typically ends up broken within a short period of time, requiring someone else to eventually haul it away to the dump. Please take home with you anything you bring to the field. Thanks.




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August 23, 24, 25, 2002
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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

Dear Council Member,

I understand that the City Council will soon vote on a proposal to plant trees on a significant portion of the agricultural field surrounding the Prince George's Radio Control (PGRC) model airplane club flying site at the end of Swanson Rd.

I urge you to vote against this proposal.

I am a model aviation enthusiast who has enjoyed many hours at this facility with family and friends, and I am aware of the significant investment that the Club has made in improving and maintaining the Swanson Rd. facility over the past 10 years. PGRC has been a viable and well-respected Bowie organization since 1964, and claims many Bowie residents as current and past members. The Club utilizes this facility year round, with many scheduled events and contests as well as leisure-time model aviation activities. PGRC has earned an excellent track record as caretaker of the property, and as a good neighbor to the property owners along Swanson Rd.

Should the proposed project go forward, the site would soon become unfriendly for model airplane flying, and PGRC would be forced to find another site.

While I appreciate the environmental and esthetic value of planting trees, I question the wisdom of doing so at the expense of such an established and well-regarded organization as PGRC. I urge the City to consider other properties for the proposed tree-planting project.

Respectfully,

Dear Council Member,

I have become aware of a proposal, coming up for vote before the City Council this fall, to plant trees on much of the agricultural field surrounding the site used by the Prince George's Radio Control model airplane club, on Swanson Rd. It is my understanding that, if this project goes forward as planned, it would soon spoil the flying site and force PGRC to search for another location for their model air park.

As a citizen of Bowie, I urge you to vote against this proposed tree-planting project.

I am familiar with PGRC and their long history as a Bowie organization. I have visited the PGRC facility with family and friends, and have always enjoyed watching the model aviation events held there. The Club's hospitality toward visitors and their impeccable maintenance of the grounds have added to the enjoyment of these visits.

I believe this organization is deserving of and should be granted the same consideration that the City would provide for other recreational pursuits such as soccer, golf, jogging, and softball. I urge Bowie to look elsewhere for a site to plant these trees.

Respectfully,

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