

# THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

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**NEXT MEETING.** The next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at the field*, Tuesday 16 August at 7:00 PM.

## JULY MEETING.

**New Member.** Robert Park, an RC helo pilot and full-scale C-130 loadmaster in the Air Force, attended the meeting. Robert is returning to building and flying fixed-wing planes.

**Bowie Parade.** Dave Turner read portions of a thank-you letter from Bowie regarding our participation in the city's Memorial Day Parade. The letter indicated that PGRC was, in fact, awarded First Place for "Most Patriotic" instead of the second place award bestowed on us at the conclusion of the parade - this despite the prominent display of Dave's airplanes and their ubiquitous German markings at the event.

**Nats Recap.** Steve Baker recapped his son Jonathan's first experience at the Model Aviation National Championships in Muncie, IN, where he competed in the scale aerobatics contest. Although Jonathan placed 24<sup>th</sup> and didn't make the final cut in the competition, he learned much from the experience of competing against the very best pilots in the country. In addition, his 3.3-meter Yak aerobatic plane, described in last month's newsletter, survived the competition unscathed.... Rick Moreland provided a recap of the pylon racing events, and his 18<sup>th</sup>-place finish in one (428?). He also described Dave Latsha's memorable full-right-rudder promenade at the start of one of the heats.

**PGRC Family Picnic.** Carl Siefing reminded everyone of the PGRC Family Picnic scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 24 July. (The event turned out very nicely. Many members and their families came out, and the weather was

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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  
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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

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perfect. Gift certificates to a local restaurant were drawn as door prizes for many of the ladies who attended. Various interesting side dishes and beverages were brought, supplementing the burgers and dogs prepared by Carl and Dave. Background music was played, and wine was served to the ladies. Carl dispensed rubber-band powered balsa planes that were enjoyed by the kids all afternoon. Overall, this was a very pleasant event. Look for a repeat next summer.)

**Trash at the Field.** Dave expressed chagrin and dismay at the continuing behavior of some members leaving trash and other refuse at the field. The particular incident that precipitated Dave's discussion was his discovery that someone, obviously with an infant at the field, had left a pile of soiled disposable diapers on the ground next to the porta-john. He also mentioned finding a number of golf balls in the field - the aftermath of someone using our flying facility as a driving range. As has been repeated many times, please take home with you everything you bring to the field.

**Show and Tell.** Rick Moreland brought a vacuum-bagged balsa-sheeted wing section he constructed to test the applicability of Gorilla Glue with carbon fiber. The verdict was that this type of adhesive does not work well with carbon fiber (e.g., to strengthen the trailing edge of racing airplanes). Rick recommended that epoxy be used... Dave Turner talked about the additional strength provided by laminating sections of wood, and showed the fuselage for a Four Star 60 he is building in which he is using laminated balsa and ply for a section of the nose. He also showed off a gun stock he constructed with laminated sections of wood.

**50-50.** Pam Lance attended the meeting but neglected to participate in the 50-50 drawing - missing out on \$72 when her number was drawn. (There was no raffle at the July meeting.)

**RIP CLIFF TELFORD.** Rick Moreland informed the members of the recent passing of Cliff Telford in Orlando, Florida, at the age of 72. Cliff had been a member of PGRC for over 25 years. Cliff and another long-time PGRC

member, Bob Violett, were responsible for instituting and promoting pylon racing at PGRC and across the country. Cliff will be missed by many in the model aviation community.

### **EPA SUPERFUND DIRECTOR VISIT**

On Wednesday 10 August, at 2:00 in the afternoon, the Director of the EPA Superfund program, Mr. Michael Cook, will visit PGRC field with other EPA representatives and AMA dignitaries. The purpose of the EPA's visit is to see, first hand, what an RC club can do regarding development and maintenance of a flying facility. As reported here previously, PGRC is searching for an alternative flying site in the event we lose our current site to developers. The AMA has an agreement with EPA to help clubs find and develop Superfund (e.g., landfill) sites into RC flying facilities. The PGRC facility was selected for this promotional visit because of its proximity to EPA headquarters in DC, and for the impressive amount of work that the Club has done over the years to develop the site. The PGRC Board is asking all members who are able, to turn out on the 10<sup>th</sup> with an airplane or two. We will be providing some flying instruction for our EPA visitors, as well as a tour of the facility and other flying demonstrations. A strong turnout of PGRC members will certainly help not only our cause, but that of all clubs within the AMA who are searching for flying sites.

### **RIP MR. NORBERT REHM**

*Sorry to announce that our friend and fellow pylon racer Neil Rehm's father, Norbert Rehm, has passed away. Those of us who know Neil knew his Dad was sick and Neil took the racing season off to help out at his father's home this summer.*

*Mr. Rehm was at the PGRC field this spring before he was taken ill. Neil's Dad was an avid aviator himself, at times owning his own plane and holding his pilots license for many years.*

*The service was held in Annapolis on Wednesday 27 July 7 to 9pm at the Bestgate Memorial Chapel, 814 Bestgate Rd. Annapolis Md.*

*Rick Moreland*

**NEW PGRC HATS.** Alan Goodman has received a new collection of spiffy black PGRC baseball caps are available for sale at events and upcoming meetings.

### **BUCK RC CLUB FUN IN THE SUN 2005 FUN FLY**

Please pass this on to your members. All are invited!

Just a note for you all about the up and coming Fun in the Sun 2005 at the Buck RC Club on Saturday August 13th from 9am to 6pm. We will be raffling off items from Extreme Flight RC, Lite Pilots, SW Fuel, OS, JR, Extreme Hobbies, and more! We will also have a mini flea market. If you have some stuff to sell, contact me for a table. In addition, XFC pilot Chris Maier will be flying a halftime demonstration that will knock your socks off! Also, we will hold a mid day fixed wing Fun Fly contest with some VERY nice awards for 1st through 4th places. Fun, food, music.... All at the Fun in the Sun 2005 event at the Buck RC Club! [www.buckrc.com](http://www.buckrc.com). Click here to see the poster [http://www.buckrc.com/html/buck\\_r\\_c\\_news.html#FunInTheSun](http://www.buckrc.com/html/buck_r_c_news.html#FunInTheSun) Click here for directions to the event [http://www.buckrc.com/html/buck\\_r\\_c\\_club\\_field\\_maps\\_0.html](http://www.buckrc.com/html/buck_r_c_club_field_maps_0.html)


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**FIELD MAINTENANCE.** Please assist Rodger Binger, and any other mowing volunteer during the year, if you happen to be at the field while the grass is being cut:

- ? Do not fly or ask to fly until the mowing is completed.
- ? Move personal items and aircraft from the pits so you won't interrupt the mowing.
- ? Offer to remove / replace no-taxi signs, flight-line barriers, field tables
- ? Offer to trim with the push mower and/or weed whacker

The current mowing schedule is weekly, every Thursday morning through early afternoon. If conditions prohibit mowing on Thursday, an attempt will be made to mow on Friday morning. Please help with the mowing operation when you can or, as a minimum, refrain from obstructing or interfering with the mowing while you're at the field.

**FOR SALE. OS .91 VR-DF** large head, ducted fan engine. VERY low time, less than a dozen flights. \$175 or best offer, retails for \$300. **ByroJet fan and Byron tuned pipe** for above engine. \$75 or best offer. **K&B .82 DF**, tuned pipe and Dynamax Fan combo, ready to drop in a jet. \$200 or best offer. Partially completed **Direct Connection F-0 Tigershark** kit with mechanical retracts. \$75 or best offer Donnie Vazquez. [donnie@vaztech.com](mailto:donnie@vaztech.com) Home 301-855-4496, Cell 301-919-0380.



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Chic White gets assistance from 13-year-old Devin Rancel while starting his 80" Taylor Craft (22 lbs, G-26) at the IMAA Fly-In in May. Chic has been providing flight instruction to Devin this season at PGRC field. (Eric Holmes

## ***PGRC 2005 Events Schedule***

*All dates are as of August 2005*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>
Mar 19	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
May 7	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
May 13-15	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB	N/A
May 14	424 and 428 Quickie	Steve Baker (301) 352-4580 John Albritton (703) 935-1084
June 3-5	JR Gold Cup Race	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
TBD	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	N/A
June 18	424 Quickie	Danny Myer
August 20, 21	CAPI IMAC Aerobatic Contest	TBD
Sept 10, 11	East Coast Regional Championship Race 428 Quickie 500	Dave Beazley (434) 589-4886 Greg Brewer (301) 249-3277
Sept 17, 18	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman (301) 627-7649 Jake Flory (410) 212-3854
Oct 1	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
Oct 8	424 and 428 Quickie	Warren Gillette (410) 799-8575 Gene Bass (301) 404-3493 (c) (610) 494 4833 (h)

*Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.*

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Neal Wrehm's pretty 68" Pitts S2, powered by a ZDZ 50 and weighing 17 lbs - photographed at the IMAA Fly-In in May. Watch for our report of the event in a future issue of High Flight. (Eric Holmes photo.)

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