

THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

December 2003

The PGRC Board and THE FLYER staff wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



NEXT MEETING. The next PGRC membership meeting will be held at **Bowie City Hall**, Rm. 204, Tuesday 16 December 2003 at 7:00 PM. Note: Our meetings in Bowie City Hall will be held for the remainder of the year in Rm. 204 - not the multi-purpose room as before.

DON'T FORGET YOUR DUES

Remember that your dues for the 2004 season are now payable. Dues can be paid at the December or January meeting, or can be mailed to Treasurer Bob Cain (address on this page). A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for dues paid after the January membership meeting.

NOVEMBER MEETING.

Dave Inaugural. Dave Turner presided over his first meeting as new PGRC President. Dave provided some introductory remarks, thanking the membership and Board for electing him, and reiterating the positive experience he's had as a member of PGRC.

Charlie Lund. As one of Dave's first official actions as president, he announced that Charlie "The Mailman" Lund would be appointed to

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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/>

the PGRC Board, replacing Lorenzo Bowie who has stepped down because of family commitments. Runner up in the October Board elections, Charlie is an enthusiastic modeler and flyer and is a frequent presence at the field. Congratulations, Charlie; and thanks, Lorenzo, for your past service as Board member.


Sweat Shirts, Windbreakers. Alan Goodman showed off the Club's new collection of sweat shirts, emblazoned with the PGRC logo. The sweatshirts are available for \$20. Alan also brought in some sample windbreakers that can be special-ordered, with the PGRC logo, for \$25. See Alan if you're interested in any of these items.

Show and Tell. Eric Holmes brought in a Great Planes Lancair ARF he had just completed. After failing to win this aircraft at the Fall Open House raffle, Eric decided he had to BUY the model. An accomplished kit and scratch builder like his father, Eric confessed that this was his first ARF. He indicated that he was impressed with the quality of materials and construction of the kit, and the overall beauty of the model. He noted the molded-in details (doors, etc.) in the fiberglass fuselage, and the excellent Monocote covering job on the wings. Eric upgraded the model by replacing plastic spinner provided in the kit with a metal True Turn spinner, and strengthened the wing center joint with fiberglass tape. The Lancair is powered by an OS .61 FX that fits completely within the cowl. Eric spent approximately 30 hours completing the pretty 9.5-lb model....

Mike Martin brought in a nicely executed Super Decathlon he had just finished building from a Pilot kit. Mike related that the kit, which is no longer available and was purchased through RC Universe, is high-quality with many scale details (full cockpit, scale flying wires, other pre-shaped parts). The Model is covered with Solartex and finished with Krylon paint and Lustrekote clear, and is pulled by an OS .52 four-stroke engine... Floyd Branch brought in a Balsa USA Stick model he built several years ago and recently rehabilitated. Floyd's Stick is powered by an "old" Fox .40 sleeve-bearing engine that he purchased at the Toledo show for \$25.... Dave Turner showed the members his 1/12-scale Pica FW 190 that

he had previously shown as a work in progress. Described as an "experiment in finishing", the 3 1/2 -lb model sports retracts and lots of cockpit and airframe details (e.g., Radio Shack LEDs as navigation lights in the wing tips). (*I doubt we'll see this in a combat meet.*) Dave covered the craft with Nelson fabric and finished the model with inexpensive Ace Hardware spray paint. The little German warbird is powered by a Thunder Tiger .25....

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Steve Whitecoff brought in a shoe box containing assorted micro-RC parts for park and indoor flyers. Steve described the current state of the miniature RC equipment market as "mature", with many reliable and inexpensive components (servos, speed controllers, receivers, motors, gear-reduction drives, batteries) now available. Steve showed the members an example: a single miniature assembly that includes a receiver, 2 servos, and speed controller on a single strip weighing 10 grams. He also had several examples of tiny electric motors - sold by Radio Shack and used to power the vibrator mechanism in pagers - that can be geared down to power indoor flyers.... Rick Moreland brought in a demonstration video and a collection of equipment used for vacuum bagging wing panels and other composite model aircraft components. After showing a portion of the video, produced by Aerospace Composite Products, Rick demonstrated the technique using his equipment. He explained that the technique was pioneered by sail-plane enthusiasts who require extremely strong and light airframe components for their competitive models. Rick demonstrated the process for

laying up and bagging wing panels for pylon racing planes, and showed some examples of wings he had previously completed.

Raffle and 50-50. The meeting raffle prize - a Great Planes Patriot kit - was won by Rick Moreland. Donnie Vazquez, who usually attends the meetings, was not present and missed out on winning \$403 when his number was pulled in the 50-50 drawing.

FIELD STANDS. Thanks to Jeff Chumley, the Club now has a number of field stands in the pit area for assembly / disassembly of model airplanes. Be sure to check them out when you visit the field. Remember to move your gear from the stand after assembling your plane when other members are present at the field, to enable others to use the stand.

FREE FIREWOOD. The remains of a large tree done in by the hurricane can be claimed by anyone inclined to haul it away. The tree, cut up in various-length pieces, is on the ground near the storage shed.

ENGINE BREAK-IN COURTESY. When breaking in new engines at the field (or otherwise running engines for long periods of time on the ground), please do so 1) only in the area up by the shed, and 2) and not during scheduled events. Your cooperation is appreciated.

From: armstrongdc@gmpexpress.net

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Subject: RC Aircraft FOR SALE

Date: Thu, 27 Nov 2003 01:07:41 -0500

All...I am an RC'er from southern MD (St. Mary's County). I am selling two aircraft: 1) Goldberg Sophisticated Lady and 2) Goldberg Super Chipmunk. I am trying to sell them within the MD/DC/VA area because both of are completely built kits which are obviously difficult to ship. They are great aircraft at a great deal! Please see the descriptions below and the attached photo's and feel free to pass the info around to anyone who might be interested. Thanks!

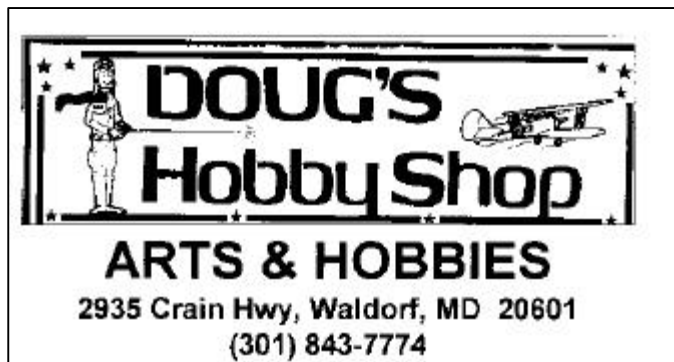
Carl Goldberg Super Chipmunk NEVER crashed, recently totally re-covered with Ultracote - fabulous finish. New canopy, cowl, wing tips, and wheel pants. Great Flyer. All you need is a radio and an engine. Unbuilt kit sells for \$150. Asking \$200 or best offer. NOTE: Cowl has since been painted red to match aircraft.

Carl Goldberg Sophisticated Lady. Airplane is in great shape, never crashed - Just needs a two channel radio and it's READY TO FLY. Will also include power pod engine mount. Kit sells for \$55 on Tower - I'm asking \$100 or best offer.

Dean Armstrong

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'Tis The Season

As this issue of *THE FLYER* goes to press, the Baltimore – Washington area is being hit by the first major snow storm of the season.

The first week of December ... and we have nearly a foot of snow on the ground! It's looking like it will be a while before hospitable flying conditions return to the PGRC flying field. I'm kicking myself for not somehow breaking loose from my weekend chores over the past few weeks and getting to the field. I guess now I'll have the opportunity to finish that model I started over a year ago and, *for sure*, have it ready to fly in the spring. But first, there's the holiday preparations, obligatory company holiday events, and now snow shoveling.

Happy holidays to you all.



Images from 2003.

(top left) Ed Stern supervises as Olujimi (Jimmy) Adetoyinbo works some kinks out of an ARF aerobatic trainer during an early spring weekend.

(top right) Three generations of Bingers - Rodger and his Better Half, son David, and David's young children - pose with their biplane at the Fall Open House.

(bottom left) Volunteers man post hole diggers to install flight-line safety barriers (a.k.a. The Flory Line) during Spring Clean-Up Day in March.

(bottom right) Fil Vasillas assembles his impressive 1/3-scale Sopwith Pup at the Fall Open House. (Photo courtesy of Lloyd Johnson from *The Bowie Blade*)

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