

# THE FLYER



FLIGHT FOR ALL

Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

September 2004

**NEXT MEETING.** The next PGRC membership meeting will be held *at Bowie City Hall*, Tuesday 21 September 2004 at 7:00 PM. Meetings will be indoors now until next summer.

### *Pay Up ... Please*

There are still a number of members who haven't paid the additional \$25 for their 2004 dues. As noted in these pages in previous months, the increase is necessary to pay a mowing contractor (in light of the theft of our mower this past spring), increase security at the field, refurbish the tractor, and eventually replace the mower. These expenses are over and above our "normal" field maintenance costs (e.g., resurfacing the runway later this season). The increase was structured to be effective immediately to generate needed funds for anticipated expenses this year. We urge members to remit the additional \$25 for this year's dues as soon as possible to Treasurer Bob Cain. Members not paying the additional amount this year, will be assessed the \$25 in addition to their 2005 dues.

**AUGUST MEETING.** The FLYER staff was not able to attend the August meeting and, hence, there is no meeting recap this month. Watch for the September meeting recap in next month's FLYER.

**FOR SALE.** Great Planes Fokker DR1 Great Shape. Flown once. Set up for Saito 70 series motor. Tail skid removed and steerable tail wheel installed. New cowl if a person decides to use another engine. I am asking the price of the kit \$300.00 or will trade for a Moki 180 or equiv. John Creamer, 410-855-0924 jecajc@aol.com

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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 World Wide Web:  
<http://www.aero-sports.com/pgrc/>

**FOR SALE.** Moved from Texas and have no place within a reasonable distance to fly so I am "downsizing".

Prices are from Tower Hobbies web site. I will accept any "reasonable" offers

1. Sig Kadet Senior ARF (Blue) \$219.99 (bought on sale for \$199.99). New in box.
2. Sig Four Star 40 Kit \$67.99. Will include new main wheels, tail wheel, and fuel tank. New in box.
3. Great Planes Big Stik 40 ARF \$124.99 Installed charging receptacle (Futaba) and receiver off/on switch. Flown approximately 5 times.
4. Tower System 3000 6FM Radio (channel 50) \$109.99. Includes System 3000 receiver and nicads.
5. 6 Tower TS-53 Servos (no horns) \$9.99 each.
6. OS .40 LA (natural) \$56.99. Has had less than 10 tanks of fuel run through it.

Contact:  
Billy Fletcher  
Alexandria  
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email [warrormtfe@earthlink.net](mailto:warrormtfe@earthlink.net)

**SELL OR TRADE:** Great Planes Fokker DR1 Triplane, flown once, excellent condition. Looking for 1.50 or 1.80 engine. John Creamer. 301-855-0924.


**PGRC WINDBREAKERS.** See Alan Goodman if you would like to order a windbreaker emblazoned with the PGRC logo.

**CHANNEL OCCUPANCY.** The Club is conducting a survey of RC airplane channels in use at PGRC field. The results of the survey, to be posted in the newsletter (see below) and updated as new information is added, will help

members select channels for new or re-tuned radio gear. A number of other clubs have posted such matrices for the benefit of their members. If you wish to participate in the survey, contact Charlie Gettier and let him know the channels that you use.


**FLIGHT INSTRUCTION.** Training Coordinator Dave Turner is looking for additional volunteers to serve as flight instructors this year. Please see Dave if you can help in this important Club activity to attract new participants to the hobby and to help keep PGRC a growing and vibrant organization.

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Remember to lock the gate when you are the last to leave the field at the end of the day.

**From: "Dave Mathewson"**  
**<dmathewson@mindspring.com>**  
**To: "ALAN H GOODMAN"**  
**<AHGOODMAN@MINDSPRING.COM>**  
**Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2004 9:42 PM**  
**Subject: AMA Presidential Election-Dave Mathewson**

My name is Dave Mathewson and I'm running for the office of AMA President. I am currently the AMA District 2 Vice President, having held this position for the last four years. Prior to this I was an Associate Vice President for both John Grigg and Wes DeCou.

I have outlined a vision and a set of goals that I believe would enhance AMA's ability to serve our members and advance model aviation. Times change, and AMA needs to make a shift in what have been our priorities.

I believe we need to focus more on promoting model aviation as a worthwhile, recreational activity. This positive exposure would pay off primarily in our efforts to acquire and retain flying sites, our top priority in District 2 during my time here. In fact, AMA's opportunity to testify before a Congressional Committee in Washington, D.C. investigating recreational uses of federally owned lands was a direct result of the work of our members in District 2. Our emphasis on acquiring flying sites led to a dialog with the Commissioner of Parks in New York State that resulted in the implementation of a pilot program to determine the compatibility of modeling activities in the New York State Parks System. Other efforts led to a meeting with the Northeast Director of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. These are the types of efforts I would like to see AMA more involved in on a national level. We need to continue to support our members who fly competitively. They are part of our original foundation that always has been and always will be a part of AMA. Yet we need to focus more on our members who fly for fun; our largest and fastest growing segment. In 2002 I created an annual District 2 Fly In to help promote that concept. It has become a way for our sport members to come together to meet and fly with those from other clubs in a relaxed atmosphere, the ultimate goal being to enhance their modeling experience.

The average age of our members continues to rise. We need to focus more on education and attracting young people into our hobby. Our best resource to realize this goal lies with our members. For you to be able to accomplish this task we need to provide you with as much support as we can. This is why in 2001 I appointed the first AMA District 2 Education Coordinator. We need to recognize and react to the rapidly growing number of new modelers, many of them teenagers and younger, entering the hobby through "park flyer" type models. Our goal should be to help educate these new

modelers concerning issues such as interference and safety. We should do this primarily as a benefit to our existing members. But we also need to recognize that these new modelers may represent both model aviation's and AMA's future. Many will soon begin to move towards a more diverse form of model aviation. Our job should then be to make them more aware of AMA, our system of chartered clubs, and invite them to become a part of the world's largest sport aviation organization. Advancements in technology have taken model aviation to new levels. It's not realistic to expect every member of the Executive Council to be an expert in every discipline. Yet we are still charged with creating guidelines under which our members fly, a difficult task at best. To address this problem we need to include those who participate in a discipline in setting guidelines for that discipline. Seeking the input of our Special Interest Groups is a good first step. Part of AMA's mission is a commitment to scientific/technical development. We need to allow our members the latitude to experiment, to try new things, and not stifle their creative efforts. We need to embrace new technologies and encourage those that offer these new technologies to help find a way to safely incorporate them into model aviation. We need to do this without creating an underlying risk to our members' ability to enjoy model aviation. At times this won't be easy, but an effort needs to be made and solutions need to be found.

A trend has developed over the last few years where liability concerns are driving the direction of our Safety Code. I believe this is a mistake. Most of our members make an effort to fly safely. I believe a better alternative would be to tailor the Safety Code to encourage reasonable, safe flying practices without individually targeting certain styles of flying. Then we need to ask for your help to ensure that we all fly within those guidelines. It's you who can be our biggest source of help in implementing a program to reduce risks.

I believe all of these areas need increased attention, yet not at the expense of some of what we are already doing. Our efforts with regard to frequencies, and cementing relationships with government agencies to ensure your continued right to enjoy our hobby should not be overlooked.

Finally, I am a proponent of term limits. I raised the issue before the Executive Council in 2001. I think we owe a debt to the current president for his quarter century of work on behalf of AMA as a member of the Executive Council. But a member organization like ours regularly needs new people with new visions and new enthusiasm to remain a viable, thriving organization whose mission is to meet the needs of the members. I believe that I possess these qualities and I ask for your vote and the opportunity to lead AMA into the future.

## ***PGRC 2004 Events Schedule***

*All dates as of August 2004*

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contest / Event Director</i>
Mar 27	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
May 1	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Steve Baker (240) 481-3676 John Albritton (703) 938-1084
May 8	IMAA Giant-Scale Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
May 14 – 16	Armed Forces Day Show at Andrews AFB (Ralph Schreiner – POC)	
June 4 - 6	JR Gold Cup Race	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
June 5	Bowie Fest at Allen's Pond Park	
June 19	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Neal Rehm (540) 592-3060 Dave Beazley (434) 589-4886
July 31	PRCA Bull Roast	Jennifer Topping
Aug 21, 22	CAPi IMAC Aerobatic Contest	David Michael (301) 384-7185
Sept 11, 12	Q-500 (424 and 428) District 4 Championship Race	Danny Myer (301) 460-0132 Art Edsall (301) 855-8707
Sept 18, 19	War Bird Scale Rally	Alan Goodman (301) 627-7649 Jake Flory (410) 212-3854
Oct 2	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 974-4785
Oct 9	Q-500 (424 and 428)	Warren Gillette (410) 799-8575 Gene Bass (301) 404-3493 (c) (610) 494 4833 (h)

*Please notify Charlie Gettier of any schedule changes.*

### **72 MHz Channel Usage at PGRC Field (18 members reporting)**

Chan	Usage	Chan	Usage	Chan	Usage	Chan	Usage	Chan	Usage
11		21		31	1	41		51	1
12		22	1	32	1	42		52	1
13	1	23	2	33	1	43	1	53	
14		24		34	1	44	3	54	1
15	2	25		35		45		55	1
16	1	26		36	2	46	1	56	
17	2	27		37	1	47	1	57	
18		28	1	38	2	48		58	1
19	1	29	1	39	2	49		59	1
20	2	30		40	2	50	3	60	

**IMAA CHARTER.** The IMAA has requested that each chapter review their membership and reply to the IMAA Secretary by 31 October with any updates. Please review the list (right) of IMAA Chapter 35 members, and notify Charlie Gettier of any changes or omissions.

**OPEN HOUSE.** Be sure to mark your calendar for PGRC's 13th Annual Open House Fly-In that will be held Saturday 2 October. The Open House is PGRC's annual expression of gratitude to the City of Bowie and its citizens for use of our wonderful flying site. Members of the Bowie City Council, Mayor Robinson, and other dignitaries will be 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. We welcome members of our neighboring clubs in Maryland, DC, and Virginia to come out and fly as our guests. 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. See CD Charlie Gettier if you can help.

** CHAPTER NUMBER 035	
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**From the CAPI contest, 21, 22 August.** (left) Wayne Butler caught this photo of Chris Maier's torque roll in the free-style event. (right) Sarah Turner and fellow judges watch a contestant perform.



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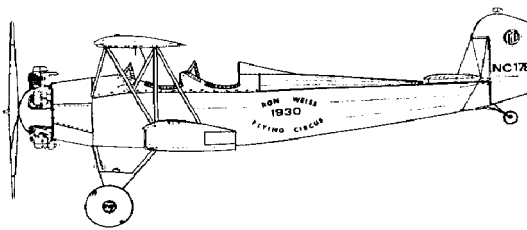


# PGRC's 13th Annual Open House

## ***MODEL AIRPLANE EVENT***

Sponsored by the  
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Saturday 2 October - 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.  
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