

THE FLYER



Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

April 2018

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next membership meeting will be held *at the Club House*, Tuesday April 17 at 7:00 PM.

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wayne Butler. The attending members were informed that Wayne Butler, long-time PGRC member and dear friend, passed away on 12 March during surgery in Washington. He was 62 years old. Wayne was known for his building and flying skills, but more so for his endearing personality, characterized by a sharp wit and exceptional generosity. Wayne will be fondly remembered for many years to come by all of us who knew him. Ralph Schreiner called for a minute of silence at the meeting, in tribute to Wayne. Excerpts from his obituary are presented below.

Treasury. Steve Baker was away on vacation, but left the financial information for Dave to report. Current treasury stands at \$8,363. The last BG&E bill was \$167. Our current paid membership stands at 148 souls.

Club Charter, etc. Alan reported that we have finally received the 2018 club charter from AMA, the insurance certificate for our landlord M-NCPPC, and a signed copy of our lease. This was after delays due to reincorporation of PGRC as a 501.c.3 organization and some confusion regarding the actual title of the organization (Prince George's Radio Control, Inc.).

Control-Line Equipment Shed. Our august group of control-line aficionados will be constructing a 15 x 10-foot shed in the northeast corner of the field adjacent to their flying area, to house their mower and other equipment. We will be requesting support from our general membership to help with the

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PGRC DUES SCHEDULE

Initial Assessment (New First-Time Members)	\$100
Annual Dues (General)	\$75
Annual Dues (Junior)	\$10
Annual Dues (Family)	\$85

Annual dues for current members are considered late if paid after the January general membership meeting. An additional \$25 late fee will be assessed. New members joining after July 31 pay half the annual dues for the remainder of the year.

Dues can be paid at the meetings, via PayPal, or can be mailed to:

Steve Baker
12215 Malin 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 PGRC 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 signs. Address: 17230 Swanson Rd, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

RUNWAY COORDINATES

38°51'03"N 76°41'59"W

PGRC'S WEB SITE

Visit with PGRC on the Internet:

<http://www.pgrclub.com/>

task when the construction date is determined. It should be noted again that this group of folks (particularly Tim and Kathleen LaNore, Joe Pekny, and George Marenka) have been overwhelmingly supportive of Club projects and events since their entry to PGRC a few years ago after their flying facility was shut down due to its location within the DC FRZ.

Clean-Up Day. Members were reminded that the weather-delayed annual Spring Clean-Up Day would be held on the Saturday following our weather-delayed March membership meeting - on 31 March. *See the recap below.*

Show and Tell. Alan brought in the in-progress fuselage of his Riley B project reported on last month. Alan pointed out several ingenious construction aides provided by kit designer/developer Chuck Gratner: a paper template to which pre-cut balsa blocks were glued to precisely line up the fuse formers on their alignment tabs, a jig for rotating the fuse for installation of stringers and planking, and a pre-cut aluminum motor mount that includes a throttle servo mount. Alan showed the vertical stab / pull-pull rudder assembly that's hinged via a single plastic tube, and described the wing tube assembly and attachment tabs for the flying wires and landing wires. He showed the members the pilot bust that Mr. Gratner manufactured with a rotocasting machine. Alan indicated that the mahogany veneer planking on the fuse will require nine coats of spar varnish. He is aiming for a late 2018-season maiden flight.

Raffle and 50-50. Paul Kelton missed out on \$62.50 in the 50-50 drawing. Webmaster Byron Jones won the 40-size Spacewalker ARF in the special raffle. Congrats, Byron. Approximately 160 tickets were sold for the raffle. Thanks go to our members who supported the raffle, and to Tim Williams for donating the ARF.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY. Our annual kick-off of the new flying season, Spring Clean-Up Day, was held Saturday 31 March after a week's delay. We had the largest and most productive turnout of volunteers in recent

memory. In addition to our usual chores of field and road leaf removal, club house cleaning and yard raking, we replaced a fallen fence post, filled and smoothed out the cable trenches dug a few days before, and installed the new flight-line barriers. Without attempting to identify everyone who helped, it's appropriate to recognize the chief players who made the day successful:

- Rodger Binger serviced the tractor and removed a leaky hydraulic hose assembly for rebuilding
- Tim Williams led a team that cleaned inside and outside the house
- Roland Jackson took two pickup loads of junk to the dump
- Joe Pecny, George Marenka, and Tim and Kathleen LaNore led a group of volunteers who installed the flight-line barriers, then stuck around until late afternoon for the concrete to set up
- Bob Gensler and friends hung conduit and installed cabling at the pavilion.

Thanks to everyone who helped to get the field into excellent shape for the coming flying season. Now all we need is some warmer weather so we can enjoy it.

PAPERLESS NEWSLETTER. Particularly for our new members, if you are receiving the newsletter via USPS and have access to e-mail, please send your e-mail address to me (cagettier@gmail.com) so I can e-mail you the newsletter each month. You will receive it faster and in color, and save the club money and time in production of the paper copy.

INSTRUCTORS WANTED. In the event that warm weather eventually returns, we will resume our Tuesday afternoon and evening training sessions. We are looking for two or three additional instructors. Patience, time, and willingness to help folks master the fundamentals of RC flying are the key prerequisites. This is an important function of the Club to keep new members in the hobby, and to retain existing members who need

brushing up on their flying skills. Please contact Charlie Gettier, or just show up on Tuesday afternoons, if you can help.

MOWING SCHEDULE. We will likely start mowing the grass within the next few weeks. Mowing will normally start around 10:30 Wednesday mornings and be completed by early afternoon. If inclement weather is forecast for Wednesday, the grass will be cut on a later day as soon as conditions allow. Your cooperation is appreciated.



RIP WAYNE BUTLER

Our friend Wayne Butler passed away on 12 March. His memorial service in Waldorf, MD on 21 March was packed with family, neighbors, coworkers, past band members, and a contingent of folks from PGRC. Many of those who spoke at the ceremony recounted the same attributes we have come to associate with Wayne over the years we've known him. "Wayne enjoyed fishing, driving fast cars, and building and flying model airplanes... Wayne knew no stranger, always willing to help anyone who needed a helping hand... He loved to cook and share his favorite dishes with his neighbors (who he treated as) extensions of his family... Wayne had a raw and unique sense of humor that touched all who knew him... he will be missed by all who loved him."

We will miss him.

Spring Clean-Up Day

(above left) A team led by Joe Pecny, George Marenka, and Tim and Kathleen LaNore assemble and install the new aluminum flight-line barriers. (left). A team removes leaves and debris from the access road. Photos by Byron Jones.

PGRC Events Schedule for 2018
Tentative as of February

Date	Event	Contest / Event Director
March 24	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 21	PGRC Swap Shop	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 5	IMAC Basic-Only	Dave Deacon (443) 822-5805
May 12	Open House Fly-In	Charlie Gettier (410) 757-3195
June 2, 3	CAPI IMAC	Dave Deacon (443) 822-5805
Sept. 22, 23	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
Sept. 29	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com



Need some RC equipment?

Come to PGRC's 11th Annual Swap Shop

**Saturday, April 21, 2018, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
at the PGRC Club House**

The Club will be providing breakfast: \$5 for Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, and Alan's Home Fries from 9 to 11 AM

Come out and sell your excess RC gear, pick up a spring project, or look for that hard-to-find item

Fees

\$5 for a table

\$4 if you bring your own table

\$4 if you set up outside on the lawn

POC: Alan Goodman, (301) 509-8589, ahgoodman@mindspring.com

PGRC's 2018 27th Annual Open House RC Fly-In

Sponsored by the Prince George's Radio Control Club

Saturday 12 May, 9:00 am 'til dusk



**All AMA Members Welcome to Fly
Free Admission
Spectators Welcome – Family Friendly
Concessions, Raffle, Flying Exhibitions**

Additional Information

Location: PGRC Club Field, 17230 Swanson Rd,
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774

Directions: Take US Rt. 301 south from Bowie,
MD, turn east on Swanson Rd., approx. 3 mi.
south of Rt. 214, and follow PGRC signs

Flying Site: 400' paved runway, 800' grass strip,
campers welcome - no hookups

Runway Coordinates: 38° 51' 03" N 76° 41' 59" W

Event Director: Charlie Gettier
(410) 991-3178 cell
cagettier@gmail.com

an AMA-sanctioned event



Swap Shop 21 April, Open House Fly-In 12 May

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190 Old River Rd.
Arnold, MD 21012



The Flyer

