

# THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

March 2019

## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held *at the Club House*, Tuesday March 19 at 7:00 PM.

### NEW KEYS

Gate keys for the 2019 season are available (\$5 each) for paid-up soloed members. The gate lock was changed after the February meeting. Board members will carry a supply of keys with them throughout the season.

## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We had a huge turn-out of members to buy gate keys for the 2019 season, and to hear our special guest's presentation.

**Treasury.** Steve reported \$13,696 in the treasury, as of the latest bank statement. It's encouraging to see our treasury healthy again, after the extraordinary expenses over the last three years (electrification project, video surveillance system, and repercussions from the devastating lightning strike last summer). With reasonable weather for this season's events, and no major untoward twists of fate, we should be in good financial shape for the season. The last BG&E bill was \$223. Currently we have 129 folks paid for 2019.

**New Member.** Rudy Schneider introduced himself to the assembled members. A native of Germany, Rudy was employed in the naval search and rescue (flying boat) service. He indicated that he "always wanted to fly RC", and now he's joined PGRC to learn how. Welcome, Rudy. We'll get you soloed this season.

**Gate Lock Mechanism.** Bob Gensler brought the wood mock-up of the new gate lock mechanism mentioned in last month's

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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, 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/>

newsletter. The working sheet-metal version of the mechanism will be fabricated and installed (hopefully) this month.

**Spring Clean-Up Day.** Tim reminded the members of our annual Spring Clean-Up Day on 23 March.

**Guest Presentation.** Mark Kikta's "best friend in the Navy", Captain Greg Wallace USN (Ret), spoke about his ejection from an S-3 Viking aircraft on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise in 1998 after an EA-6B Prowler slammed into his aircraft. The riveting presentation, accompanied by official Navy video of the mishap, detailed the moments before the collision, Greg's and his 2<sup>nd</sup> seater's ejection from the Viking, their rescue (his after 38 minutes in the ocean, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> seater's after a few minutes from the carrier superstructure), their recovery from burns sustained during the ejection, and the aftermath of the mishap. After landing, Greg's S-3 was directed to hold, instead of taxiing immediately off the runway, and was struck from behind by the EA-6B. A litany of responsible individuals failed to recognize the situation and waive off the approaching aircraft. The video showed the collision, and the S-3's airframe skeleton after fire had melted away the aluminum skin. The EA-6B rolled off the carrier deck after the collision and all four personnel on board were lost. Our members gave Greg a sustained ovation after his presentation and engaged him in a question-and-answer session afterward. Thanks go to Mark for arranging the presentation, and to Greg for sharing this memorable experience with us.

**Raffle and 50-50.** Byron Jones won the F-22 twin EDF raffle prize. Dan Myer was not present to claim \$132.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

#### **FROM THE MARCH BOARD MEETING.**

**AMA Visit.** The Board planned for the late-scheduled visit by AMA representatives to bring area clubs up to speed with AMA's latest discussions with the FAA regarding UAS-related issues. Representatives from area clubs

were invited. See the recap of the meeting below.

Tim delivered a box of oil filters for the mowers that he obtained from his Peterbilt sources.

We discussed contacting Parks to remove a dead tree threatening the kiosk.

Mark agreed to contact the paving contractor who resurfaced the runway several years ago to examine the widening cracks in the runway and provide a repair estimate.

Bob Gensler will move forward with a can/bottle container and counter top system he designed for the kiosk. This will help de-clutter the increasing crowded kiosk and ease the transport of material to the house at the end of the season.

#### **WANTED: FUTABA TRANSMITTER**

Wanted to buy. Futaba 8UA transmitter. Must have a good (no wrinkling, chips) chrome face panel. Would consider a non-working transmitter. Steven Whitecoff, [cross.up@verizon.net](mailto:cross.up@verizon.net)



**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS.** If you are reading this newsletter in black and white after delivery via the US mail, and have an e-mail account, please send me your e-mail address to receive the newsletter via e-mail. You'll get it sooner and in color, and you'll be saving the Club money. Also, if you don't see your AMA number next to your name in the published Current Members list, we don't have it in our database. Please e-mail it to me at [cagettier@gmail.com](mailto:cagettier@gmail.com). Thanks.

### **Rip Don Anderson**

Previous member, and frequent visitor to PGRC field despite declining health, Don Anderson passed away on 24 February. Don is most remembered for flying warbirds at the field with his grandson Ian Machen years ago when Ian was a young boy. RIP, Don. You will be missed.

The following is an excerpt from his memorial: Don attended St. Francis School in Washington, D.C., graduated from Suitland High School in Suitland, Md. in 1957 and Prince Georges Community College. He lived his life to the fullest - boating, fishing, building race cars and driving them, acquiring a pilot's license, boat captain license, and diver certification - along with being a successful business owner. Please join us in a Celebration of Life at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, 12 March 2019, at the American Legion Post, 830 Mayo Road (Central Avenue East), Edgewater, MD, 21037, phone: 410-798-9894. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Legion Post.



**AMA MEETING RECAP.** On 6 March, PGRC hosted a meeting attended by representatives from area clubs at which AMA Executive Director Chad Budreau and Government Affairs Director Tyler Dobbs provided information and answered questions regarding SFRA, model registration, and drone issues. There appeared to be over 30 folks attending from area clubs. In addition to PGRC, members from the following clubs attended: SWAP, CBRC, Freestate Modelers, DCRC, Fauquier/Culpepper Club, NVRC, Farm Club, Eastern Shore Modelers, CASA. We provided complimentary food, snacks, and

drinks for the attendees. Main take-aways from the two-hour meeting were:

The FAA wants and needs AMA assistance in dealing with recreational UAS. They don't even have adequate resources to deal effectively with the full-scale general aviation community.

The requirement for externally visible model aircraft identification (AMA and FAA registration numbers, modeler name and address) is driven by the security and law enforcement agencies - not by FAA. Local law enforcement entities are responsible for enforcing visible ID rule - not local clubs.

SFRA-specific rules (prohibition of night-time operations and 400-foot AGL altitude limit) are national-security driven.

AMA is pushing for an altitude limit determined by visual line-of-sight (LOS) rather than a specific number of feet AGL.

Clubs are urged to apply for waiver of the 400' altitude limit for events.

Rumors regarding transponders and RFID chips (aka "remote ID") on board model aircraft are premature. The FAA is currently soliciting information from industry regarding these devices, in case some future rule comes into play. AMA members flying at club fields will almost certainly be exempt from use of these devices.

AMA is working with recreational drone manufacturers and distributors to balance their interest in maximizing sales with the need for educating purchasers (e.g., Know Before You Fly program).

**THANKS SEAN.** Sean Tuomey has donated two full-size wind socks, advertising his turf grass business. Thanks, Sean.

**FOAMY P-38 FOUND.** Tim LaNore found a crashed foamy P-38 near the control-line area on 27 February. See photo below. Tim brought the model to the clubhouse for retrieval by the owner.

<b>2019 PGRC Events Schedule</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>POC</b>
March 23	Spring Clean-Up Day	N/A
April 20	PGRC Swap Shop	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 4	IMAC Basic-Only	Dave Deacon (443) 822-5805
May 11	Open House Fly-In (DMV Multi-Club)	Charlie Gettier (410) 991-3178
June 1,2	CAPI IMAC	Dave Deacon (443) 822-5805
Sept. 21, 22	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
Sept. 28	Electric Fly-In	Harold Thompson <a href="mailto:promod17525@yahoo.com">promod17525@yahoo.com</a>
TBD	Fall Clean-Up Day	N/A
<b>2019 DMV Multi-Club Events</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>POC</b>
April 13	DCRC DMV Fly-In / Boyds, MD	Andy Kane, <a href="mailto:andykane01@gmail.com">andykane01@gmail.com</a>
May 12	Open House Fly-In (DMV Multi-Club)	Charlie Gettier (410) 991-3178
TBD	Freestate RC Airplanes of the World / Laurel, MD	
TBD	FARM Club DMV / Bealeton, VA	Dave Rothbart, <a href="mailto:davidrothbart@comcast.net">davidrothbart@comcast.net</a>
TBD	Eastern Shore Aeromodelers DMV / Hurlock, MD	<a href="mailto:jack@upchurchs.net">Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Hurlock, MD</a> jack@upchurchs.net
TBD	DCRC Bealeton Fly-In / Flying Circus Aerodrome	Andy Kane, <a href="mailto:andykane01@gmail.com">andykane01@gmail.com</a> <a href="#">DCRC Club Bealeton Fly IN Flying Circus, Aerodrome</a>
TBD	Fredericksburg RC DMV / Thornburg, VA	<a href="mailto:info@fredericksburgrc.com">info@fredericksburgrc.com</a> <a href="#">Fredericksburg RC Thornburg, VA</a>
TBD	Culpeper RC Club DMV / Culpeper, VA	Nic Burhans, <a href="mailto:npb6218@earthlink.net">npb6218@earthlink.net</a>

**DCRC MULTI-CLUB EVENT.** We urge our members to participate in the Delaware-Maryland-Virginia Multi-Club events to support the local-area clubs and get to know our fellow modelers. The first scheduled DMV event of 2019 is the DCRC Fly-In on 13 April. We hope a contingent of PGRC members will be able to attend. Contact Andy Kane at DCRC for additional information.

[andykane01@gmail.com](mailto:andykane01@gmail.com)



Tim LaNore found this model near the CL area, and brought it to the clubhouse. The owner can contact a Board member to arrange for pickup.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY.** Our annual Spring Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday 23 March, starting at 8:00 AM. Members are urged to bring rakes, shovels, work gloves, etc. As usual, a nutritious lunch of hot dogs and sodas will be provided for our workers. The field will be open for flying AFTER the work is done. Identified tasks include:

- Club House interior and yard clean-up. (Tim Williams)
- Electrical AC receptacle installation along fence line (Bob Gensler)
- Wind sock replacement at pavilion and tower
- Leaf clean-up in parking area and along access road hill
- Trash pickup along Swanson Rd to Rt. 301
- Tractor and mower oil change and prep (Rodger)
- Gator oil change and dump switch replacement (Rodger)



***Need some RC equipment?***

## **Come to PGRC's 12th Annual Swap Shop**

**Saturday, April 20, 2019, 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](mailto:ahgoodman@mindspring.com)

Spring Clean-Up Day 23 March

PGRC, Inc.  
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Arnold, MD 21012

