

THE FLYER



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Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

September 2020

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We will hold an informal meeting at the pavilion at 7:00 PM Tuesday September 15.

BE VIRUS SAFE. Maryland has relaxed some outdoor gathering restrictions. However, our members are still urged to refrain from gathering in groups of more than 10 in any one area of the field (e.g., under the pavilion), and to mind the 6-foot social-distancing guideline. Members are encouraged to wear a face mask; and, please, if you don't feel well, do not come to the field.

Members are responsible for their own health. Every member should assume that all surfaces at the field are contaminated and will remain so for extended periods of time from the last human contact. **Neither PGRC nor M-NCPPC are responsible should you contract COVID-19 at the field.**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING. We held a brief membership meeting at the pavilion on 21 August.

New Member. Leslie Williams joined the Club, and got some introductory stick time on the club trainer before the meeting. Welcome, Leslie.

Treasury. We currently have \$8,129 in the treasury, and 150 paid members. Last BG&E bill was \$62.

70s-Era Fund Raiser. Alan Goodman read a letter to the Club from AMA, dated December 1979, thanking us for participating in a DC-to-Las Vegas RC relay race to raise money for "Jerry's Kids", a charity to fight muscular dystrophy. The letter was provided to Alan by past Club member Greg Spicer who, with other past members Luther Jackson, Dan Freeman,

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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 Pay Pal, or can be mailed to:

Steve Baker
12215 Malin Lane
Bowie, MD 20715

Be sure to include your address, phone number, **and AMA Number** if paid by 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/>

John Madden, and Doug's Hobby Shop owner Doug Moran, participated in the event and were recognized in the letter. They were part of the DC-to-Richmond leg of the race that involved flying an RC model from a moving car! It's likely that an event like this would be frowned upon by AMA these days.

Donations. Connie Carson from Bowie donated planes and equipment from her late husband, PGRC member Dan Carson, to the Club. Tim Williams picked up the donations and brought some to the meeting. Some of the items were sold to members at the meeting.

Show and Tell. Steve Baker showed off his pretty *Liddler Stik*, a mini Ugly Stick. The old-school model was built from a kit, powered by a Veco 19, covered with silk, and painted with dope.

Raffle and 50-50. Alan Goodman won a bottle of gap filling CA in the raffle. Tom Gurlacz won \$80.50 in the 50-50 drawing.

FOR SALE. Goldberg extra 300 w/ K&B .61 engine (no muffler). Servos and extensions in wing. Needs radio. Red, white, and blue Ultracote covering. See photo below. \$225. Charles Ritchie. 410 535-1469.



FOR SALE ¼-scale Cub with Zenoah G-20. \$500. Ralph Schreiner. hul6ro@verizon.net

FROM THE BOARD MEETING. The Board met at the pavilion on 1 September. The topic of discussion was funding of capital improvements that will likely be needed in the

coming years, e.g., major re-surfacing of the runway, repair of the asphalt road on the hill, replacement of perishing structural elements of the pavilion, replacement of the older of the two mowers. In the coming months, the Board will explore possible avenues for raising funds for these projects other than a dues increase. Suggestions from our members are welcome. Our last dues increase (from \$50 to \$75 for general membership) occurred in June 2004. Since then, we've been able to cover all our recurring expenses, plus some notable recent capital improvements, e.g., extending 120 V AC to the field, the video surveillance system, a major structural repair of the club house, and a major tractor repair this past winter.

TERP TEAM VISIT. A team of engineering students from University of Maryland will be visiting the field periodically as part of their involvement in an aviation research project. Bob Gensler and other PGRC members will be assisting.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS. If you are receiving the newsletter 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 Current Members list posted in most issues of the newsletter, we do not have it in our database. Please e-mail it to me at cagettier@gmail.com. Thanks.

2020 GATE KEYS. Gate keys for the 2020 season are available for sale (\$5) to paid-up soloed members. Board members will carry a supply of keys with them, for sale to our members throughout the year.

MOWING SCHEDULE. Mowing will normally start around 10:00 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.

At this time of year, with flourishing crab grass and hot humid weather, we will attempt to cut the infield twice a week if necessary, to minimize clumping of the cut grass. This will generally occur early Saturday or Sunday, and take approximately one hour to minimize disruption of flying activities.



OTHER MOWING ISSUES. There has been some displeasure expressed recently by a few folks regarding the amount of grass clippings on the field. A short recap of recent weather conditions and our mowing approach is probably in order.

This summer has been one of the most extreme in memory regarding amount of rain, high humidity, and heat - all of which contribute to growth rate and density of the grass (particularly crab grass). Our weekly mowing starts in late morning, to give the grass a chance to dry out and minimize clumping; but the humidity and lack of morning breezes have been working against us. An optimal time for mowing would be in mid/late afternoon when the grass has had the most time to dry, but this would pre-empt prime flying time for our members. In addition, with the extreme mid-

July-to-late-August heat this year, mowing in mid-afternoon would have presented a health risk to our team of volunteers, all of whom are over 70 years old. Height of cut has been established through years of experience, so that grass height toward the end of the cutting period does not present an issue for folks taxiing smaller models to and from the runway. Also, since mid-August, we have been mowing the infield (between the fence line and runway) twice a week, typically on Sunday mornings, to assuage the volume of clippings in the infield.

We hope that our members understand the impacts of this summer's weather extremes on the field, and appreciate the efforts of your fellow members who keep it in the best condition possible.

BOARD NOMINATIONS. Nominations for PGRC Board members will be accepted at the October meeting up to the election meeting in November. It's not too early to consider serving on the Board yourself or to think of whom you would nominate to represent your interests in the club. Board members whose terms will be expiring this year are:

- Rick Moreland
- Bob Gensler
- Alwin Alleyne
- Tom Gurlacz

The PGRC Board acts on behalf of the whole membership in conducting the day-to-day business of the Club, including: planning and running most of our events, carrying out maintenance tasks, planning and executing improvement projects for our flying facility, and maintaining a healthy working relationship with our landlord M-NCPPC.

2020 PGRC Events Schedule			
Date	Event		POC
March 21	Spring Clean-Up Day	CANCELLED	N/A
April 18	Spring Swap Shop	CANCELLED	Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
May 9	Open House Fly-In	CANCELLED	Charlie Gettier (410) 991-3178
Sept. 26, 27	Big Bird / War Bird Fly-In	CANCELLED	Rick Moreland (301) 261-7366
October 3	Electric Fly-In	CANCELLED	Harold Thompson promod17525@yahoo.com
November 7	Fall Swap Shop		Alan Goodman (301) 509-8589
November 14	Fall Clean-Up Day		N/A



Labor Day Weekend, 6 September, at the Field. (top) Lots of activity in the pits and at the flight line, together with model aircraft of all shapes and sizes, are apparent in this image captured by the north-east-facing pavilion security camera. (above) Lovely weather and light breezes, brought a sizeable crowd of members and their families by early afternoon. (left) Junior Member Bradley Williams (green shirt) always seems to have a gaggle of kids following him around at the field. Here he leads them in throwing foam gliders.

Current Members - September 2020

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Carl Becker 623227
Rodger Binger 1763
Bill Blacker 914663
John Blom 56219
Eric Blowers 982405
R. Allen Blowers 84468
Howard Bonds 1011061
Elwyn Boykin 929639
Greg Brewer 339113
Michael Bruno 129863
Rob Buhrman 316301
Mark Bush 172249
Peter Castine 6132
Stan Chrusciel 831377
Kerry Cocherell 451622
Odel Coley
John Creamer 726937
Michael Cross 459926
Richard Cross 4452
Peter Curtis 432416
Peter Dahlstrom 759534
Warren Dahlstrom 757889
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Amit Doron 976349
Franklin Edwards 685140
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Charlie Gettier 245615
Alan Goodman 313596
Heath Graham
Harvey Gross 692340
Mary Gurlacz 113018
Tom Gurlacz 113066
Jim Guthrie 346144
Curtis Hafer 1073593
Leon Hamilton 6467
David Harris 492209
Edward Haskin 882693
Bill Henschen 328079
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Cameron Holmes 731941
Eric Holmes 44438
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Garrie Taylor 24132
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