

THE FLYER



FLIGHT FOR ALL

Prince George's Radio Control Club, Inc.

AMA Club #334

December 2020



*From all of us
at PGRC, best
wishes to you
and your
family for the
holiday
season, and a
safe and
prosperous
new year.*

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Because of the spike in COVID infections in Maryland, we are cancelling our monthly membership meetings until further notice.

BE COVID SAFE. Our members are 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.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

Board Election. The annual election of PGRC Board members was held at the meeting. All four members whose terms were expiring were re-elected, namely:

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

Note that first-time nominee Stephan "Will" Williams missed being elected by one vote.

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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/>

Treasury. Steve reported \$18, 259 in the treasury. Much of this is due to Dave Latcha's generosity, and Rick and Lorrie Moreland's efforts in liquidating Dave's collection for benefit of the club.

Additional Road/Drainage Improvements. Pops Christian indicated he would return with his Bobcat to spread the remaining asphalt millings on needy segments of the access road. (*He did this the following week*). He also put forward an idea to construct a low block-wall barrier along the length of the pavilion to keep water from flowing across the floor during summer rains. This would obviate the need for the hay bales we've been using for the past several years, and our having to regularly shovel mud off the pavilion floor.

First Aid Kit. Marvin Savoy has donated a new first aid kit for use at the field. Thanks, Marvin.

Newest Youngest Member. Alan Goodman announced that his five-year-old grandson, George Harrison IV, is now a junior member of the club. Thanks to Alan's tutelage, Georgie is close to being soloed. Welcome, Georgie.

TERP TEAM. The team of University of Maryland engineering and computer science grad students, led by faculty member Lina Castano (now a PGRC member) are continuing to visit the field as part of aviation-related research activities.

FROM THE BOARD MEETING. The following is a recap of the Board meeting on 1 December:

Tim announced that, due to demands of work and family, he is stepping down as PGRC President. He will remain on the Board. Since there were several members absent, we were not able to identify who would replace Tim during the meeting. The Board will make this decision during December. The remaining club officers agreed to serve in their current roles for 2021.

We are cancelling the monthly membership meetings until further notice due to the COVID situation. Note that annual dues will still be

due by the normal January meeting date (19 January). Dues can be sent to Steve Baker via US mail, or via PayPal. We will advise the membership regarding the schedule for changing the gate lock and distribution of keys for the 2021 season.

The Board extended a complementary 2021 membership to Paul Christian for his outstanding support for our road maintenance activities over the past several weeks. Thanks, again, Pops.

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.

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ARMY DRONE DEMOS. The US Army has inquired whether PGRC could host a series of demonstrations by vendors vying for an Army contract for a tethered drone system. The drone would carry a radio frequency (RF) repeater to extend the range of tactical communications, and would be tethered at an altitude of 100-200 feet. It seems that the demos could be orchestrated so they would not interfere with our members' RC flying at the field. Time frame for the demos would be early 2021. We will keep the membership informed as additional details are forthcoming.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

Periscope Aviation, a partner company of Alan Goodman's employer, Chartis Federal, is looking for a drone pilot/technician. Job requirements include:

- Operate UAVs
- Perform maintenance on communications equipment, power sources
- Research and integration of UAV components
- Create and maintain UAV system architecture
- Troubleshoot UAVs & flight tuning
- Plan and analyze flight test data

Additional information is available at the following link for any of our drone-oriented members who might be interested:

<https://jobs.lever.co/chartisfederal/10dd0beb-72d3-429f-882f-c3beecef8b7>

YOUR DUES ARE DUE

It's time to pay your 2021 dues. Deadline is 19 January. Dues can be mailed to Steve Baker (address on page 1) or paid via PayPal (Sbaker6827@comcast.net). A late fee of \$25 will be assessed for late payment.

RIDING MOWER. The Craftsman 30" riding mower advertised in the past few newsletter issues is still available **for free** (or a donation to the club). The mower is in good condition and has been well maintained. Contact Charlie Gettier if you have an interest. cagettier@gmail.com, (410) 991-3178.

LITTER. On a regular basis, we are finding litter in the woods along the access road: mostly take-out food containers (sometimes containing partially-eaten food), drink cups, and plastic soda and water bottles, which have been thrown from vehicles. Please respect the efforts of your fellow club members who maintain the pristine environment at the field. Take your trash home with you.

FOUND P-47. A crashed foamy P-47 was recently rescued from the woods. See photo below. It appears to have salvageable components, e.g., motor, servos, electronics, retracts. Let us know if it's yours, so we can arrange for you to come to the house and retrieve it.



TOOLS, SUPPLIES, PARTS. Former club member Jorge Arcay is leaving the hobby because of diminished eyesight; and has a collection of RC tools, supplies, and parts available. Contact Jorge at rk.aircraft@gmail.com



PGRC Road Crew. Volunteer members Tim and Kathleen LaNore and George Marenka, together with Tom Gurlacz, scour the roadside near US Rt. 301 as part of our service to the Swanson Rd. community during Fall Clean-Up Day on 14 November. As we've done in the past, the group picked up trash along the entire length of Swanson Rd. Note the full bags of trash in the bed of Tom's pickup. *Tom Gurlacz photo*

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FROM THE EDITOR That's right. The newsletter has still another editor. Thought I'd try my hand at it and see what happens. Hope you will all bear with me as I get the kinks worked out of the process, and learn whatever there is to learn about producing this thing. Anyway, I hope to be able to improve as time goes on, and produce a newsletter that you will enjoy reading.

Charlie Gettier

ARTICLES / WANT ADS Submissions for inclusion in the newsletter, including items for sale, can be forwarded to the Editor, at (410) 757-5548. If you don't send anything in, I'll have to make stuff up. (Ed.)

LAST MEETING The January general membership meeting was held at GPA on Friday, 17 January. Norris Hall won the raffle, an Aeromaster biplane kit ("...the first time I've ever won anything..."). Norris's son Bobby would have won the 50-50 drawing (\$67 worth) had he anted up his dollar before the meeting. Rick Moreland passed along general news about the quest for a permanent flying site, questionable behavior of unnamed individuals at the field, and rules about guests flying at the field. Rick also provided an enlightening discussion on state-of-the-art vacuum-bagging techniques he's using on his FAI racing airplanes (six at one time ??). Dan Myer brought a beautiful Great Planes CAP 21, in the works for eight years, for show and tell.

THANKS TO GPA Many thanks to GPA for being such gracious hosts for our meetings these past few years. We wish Louie, Eric and the boys and girls luck at their new location in Crofton.

NEXT MEETING The next PGRC general membership meeting will be held in the

PGRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Moreland (President)
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Community Room at Free State Mall in Bowie, at 7:00 PM sharp, on Friday, February 21. See the notice and directions below.

SPRING DINNER DANCE Our second annual dinner dance will be held on Saturday, 14 March, from 6 to 10 PM at the Bowie Elks Club, located on Rt. 450 and 301 in Crofton. Cost will be \$18 per person. If you're planning to attend, please be prepared to purchase your tickets at the 21 February meeting. (That means bring your money.) See the attached notice below for details. Bob Cain will be able to answer any questions you may have at the 21 February membership meeting. Everyone who attended last year had a real spiffy time. Mark the date on your calendar and come on out.

WE MIGHT BE GETTING OLD. This is the first page of the February 1992 PGRC newsletter - the first issue produced by your current editor. Note the Board members. The "quest for a permanent flying site" eventually resulted in later acquisition of our current Swanson Rd. facility. During that era, before ARFs and foamies, we all had to build our own airplanes. Rick and other experienced modelers would periodically give tutorials at the meetings on various skills, e.g., vacuum bagging, fiber-glassing, film covering, etc. Also that year, we changed our monthly meeting venue from the GPA Hobby shop in Bowie to a community room at Free State Mall. GPA was about to move to their new, and final, location in Crofton.

Here's wishing for a return to normalcy in 2021, and continued good times at PGRC - *the Editor*

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Howard Bonds 1011061
Elwyn Boykin 929639
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Michael Bruno 129863
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Warren Dahlstrom 757889
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Tim LaNore 63894
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