

Mid Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society, Inc.
AMA Club Number 333
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MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~

The last membership meeting was held on November 3rd at the offices of Makuchal's Signs in Girdletree, MD. There was no meeting in December due to restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 virus threat.

Jim Waybright's field report for December, 2020:

1. "Caje" and I winterized the sprinkler system and drained the water from the field roller.
2. The propane heater for the shelter quit working. I purchased a new one and a new tank of propane. I took the two old heaters and was able to make one that works. If you don't know how to start it, ask someone familiar with it to show you how.
3. All six of our mowers are running. We started all of them last week. We had a problem getting the Gravely started, but after some cranking it finally started. I have put stabilizer in all the gas tanks. The engine on the 54" Craftsman needs to be repaired before next year's mowing season. We need to get all of the airplanes and equipment that was donated by Dave Kruger out of the shed in order to have room to repair the mower.
4. The strong windstorm we had broke the steel flagpole off about four feet up from the ground. We cut approximately four feet off the pole and replaced the flag with a new one.
5. I purchased a new LED light for inside the shed. It's one of those like you see advertised on TV, which puts out a lot of light.
6. I have posted the All Season Flyer's signoff sheet in the shelter. If your name is not on the list, add it, and I will revise the list next month.

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS ~

Greetings MARKS members,

It's unfortunate that I have to say that I have not had my mind on flying RC airplanes or drones the last couple of months. If you're like me and follow politics in America you'll know what I'm talking about. We are living in complex and volatile times in this country and no matter where you stand on the political spectrum, I admire our club in not being divided among our members as to what goes on in the political world. That said, let's say a prayer for our country.

Again, Covid 19 along with seasonal cold weather has kept me away from the field for a while but I hope to change that pattern in the spring when I can fire up my planes and leave smoke trails over the Waybright Field as I've done in the past. Also looking forward to possibly training a couple new members for the club. I find myself constantly trying to talk interested people into joining MARKS even if I detect the slightest amount of interest in my conversations with them during my business travels. For you recreational drone flyers out there, be aware that the USDOT FAA has recently issued new rules regarding Unmanned Aircraft (UA) we commonly know as drones. In the future, drone pilots will be required to provide Remote ID in all airspace except specific FAA recognized identification areas'. This means you will need a module attached to your drone so authorities can identify you and

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track your operation. Also, it does away with a waiver you would require to fly at night or over people. I have mixed feelings about this. It erodes our privacy in the name of 'public safety' and adds even more regulation to our already over-regulated hobby. Our fixed wing aircraft next??

Keep your chin up, especially if you have a plane in the air, and stay optimistic for your country...we'll make it through this.

See you at the field. God Bless.

Wally

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

We welcome Ivan Arauzo. Ivan currently resides in Silver Spring, Maryland and works as an Automotive Technician. He is planning to move to the shore in the near future where he can enjoy his hobbies – fishing and flying RC aircraft. In addition to holding a Private Pilot's license, Ivan flies both fixed wing and multi-rotor RC aircraft. The last model that he built was an Ercoupe.

We are pleased to welcome Ivan to the Club and encourage you to introduce yourself to him when you're at the field.

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Please ***Do Not Exceed*** the **10 MPH** speed limit when driving in or out of our flying field!

All Season Flyers

We requested that the AMA provide the requirements for earning Frequent Flyer status for 2020 since Maryland Governor Hogan issued a “stay-at-home” order beginning March 31, and ending May 15th. An AMA representative sent us the following statement:

“Unfortunately, COVID-19 prevented many members and clubs from fulfilling their status in AMA programs such as the Leaders Club Program, Contest Director, All Season Flyer, etc. The AMA Executive Council is discussing accommodations, exemptions, and waivers for these situations. We hope to have official news soon and will follow-up shortly.”

We have yet to receive guidance from the AMA. Never the less, we offer congratulations to the following MARKS members who earned the All Season Flyer status for 2020 by flying and registering their flights through December 31 without interruption ~



Tom Bell	Shye Sarig	Jim Waybright
John Burnett	Harry Semenko	Rick Witherow
Ray Carlson	Jason Taylor	
Robin Mutchler	Jon Watson	

NEW MARKS BYLAWS ~

As is required by the MARKS Bylaws, the Board of Directors has completed their review and updating of the of Bylaws of the Club. The updated Bylaws have been submitted to the membership for their vote of approval. Each MARKS member is asked to provide their vote using the voting system set forth in the email that accompanied the Bylaws when sent. For your convenience, the following are the updated Bylaws:

Mid-Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society Bylaws

I. Name

The name of the club shall be Mid-Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society (MARKS). The primary field is Waybright Field, located at 1918 St. Lukes Rd., Salisbury, MD 21804. MARKS has been granted a charter by the Aeronautical Modelers Association (AMA) and operates under the rules and guidelines adopted by the AMA and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

II. Purpose

The purpose of MARKS shall be to further the sport of model aviation and promote the building and operation of radio-controlled models for pleasure, competition, education, and public demonstration.

III. Membership

The membership of MARKS shall be comprised of persons, regardless of age, sex, nationality, country of origin, race, or religion, interested in radio control model building and operation.

A. General Membership Requirements

- a. Membership runs April 1 until March 31.
- b. Existing members are required to submit a Membership Application and Renewal Form and pay the full dues in accord with the membership type on or before April 1 of the year in which they wish to be a member.
- c. An individual who ceases to be a member due to his or her failure to file the required Application for Membership and Renewal Form or pay dues by April 1 can be reinstated to membership by filing the required Application for Membership and Renewal Form and paying the appropriate dues.
- d. Members are not in good standing if they allow their AMA membership or FAA registration to lapse or be revoked.
- e. Dues shall be set annually by the executive committee. The fee schedule is published on the current Membership Application and Renewal Form.

B. New Membership

- a. Anyone wishing to become a member of MARKS must complete and submit a Membership Application and Renewal Form to the executive committee. Once approved by a majority of the executive committee, the applicant will be introduced to the general membership at the next regular meeting.
- b. A new applicant will be assigned a sponsor by the membership committee. The sponsor will assist the applicant in obtaining the required AMA membership and FAA registration. The sponsor will obtain a flight trainer if necessary or conduct a flight check once the applicant has become a member.

C. All members wishing to renew their membership for the ensuing year, shall complete and submit a Membership Application and Renewal Form for purposes of keeping MARKS records up to date.

D. Any member may resign by giving written notice to the secretary.

E. Any individual may be expelled from MARKS by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership if in the executive committee's determination, such individual willfully violated the AMA, FAA, or MARKS rules.

F. Membership Types

- a. Individual:
 - i. Must maintain an AMA membership
 - ii. Must maintain an FAA registration

- iii. An individual member may participate in all MARKS activities
- b. Family
 - i. Must reside in the same household as an individual member in good standing
 - ii. Must maintain an AMA membership
 - iii. Must maintain an FAA registration
 - iv. May not offer motions or vote in business meetings
 - v. May participate in all MARKS social activities and events
 - vi. May upgrade to individual membership by paying the additional dues
- c. Associate:
 - i. An associate member may participate in all non-flying MARKS activities
- d. Vacation:
 - i. Primary residence is out of the area
 - ii. Must maintain AMA membership
 - iii. Must maintain an FAA registration
 - iv. Flying privileges only
 - v. Flight check by a MARKS member is required
 - vi. May not offer motions or vote in business meetings
- e. Youth:
 - i. Has not reached their 18th birthday by April 1
 - ii. Must maintain an AMA membership
 - iii. Must maintain an FAA registration

IV. Officers

- A. Elected officers consist of:
 - President
 - Vice president
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- B. Appointed officers are:
 - Safety coordinator
 - Field marshal
 - Newsletter editor
 - Webmaster
 - Membership and any other committee chairman
- C. The executive committee consists of:
 - Chairperson position filled by current president
 - Vice Chairperson position filled by current vice president
 - Current secretary
 - Current treasurer
 - Immediate past president
 - Immediate past secretary
 - Three members elected from the membership
- D. Officers must be individual members.

- E. Officers and executive committee members are elected at the February meeting for two-year terms beginning of April 1.
- F. Nominations for officers shall be accepted by the executive committee 30 days prior to the February meeting, either at a general membership meeting or by email solicitation initiated by the executive committee.
- G. The executive committee shall publish by email and on the MARKS RC website the list of candidates at least two weeks prior to the February meeting.
- H. In the event a current officer resigns or is elected to another post, the vacancy shall be filled from the membership.
- I. Duties
 - a. President
 - i. The current president will act as the chairperson at executive committee meetings, but will vote only to break a tie vote.
 - ii. The president shall be the executive officer of MARKS and shall preside at all regular meetings. The president shall be the spokesperson for MARKS and shall appoint standing and special committees as deemed necessary.
 - b. Vice President
 - i. The vice president shall assist the president in all matters and shall assume the duties of the president if for any reason the president is not able to perform his or her duties.
 - ii. The vice president shall be responsible for MARKS meeting schedules and other MARKS scheduled events, which may be necessary or requested by MARKS officers or members.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. The secretary shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings of the executive committee and the general membership as well as, a record of the number of members and guests at each meeting.
 - ii. The secretary shall maintain records of the current members including but not limited to their name, physical address, email address, telephone number, AMA membership and FAA registration numbers if applicable to the member, and any other information obtained through the Application and Renewal Form.
 - iii. The secretary shall post a list of members authorized to fly at Waybright Field in a prominent place at the field. The list will be updated on the first day of each calendar month.
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. The treasurer shall have responsibility for all MARKS funds.
 - ii. The treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues when due, and is authorized to pay any and all MARKS obligations from these funds.
 - iii. The treasurer shall keep appropriate records of all MARKS monetary transactions. The treasurer shall provide a report of the revenue and expenditures of MARKS funds to the executive committee monthly.
 - e. Executive Committee

- i. A minimum of 5 members of the executive committee must be present, either in person or virtually, at the same time for the executive committee to conduct the business of MARKS.
 - ii. The executive committee shall meet at least annually and at such other times as they deem necessary to conduct the business of the organization.
 - iii. The executive committee will cause the membership to meet at least annually during the month of February to elect officers and to fill any vacant positions in the executive committee.
 - iv. Executive committee members are responsible to attend executive committee meetings and to fill in for absent officers at the regular meetings.
 - v. Executive committee members will review the secretary's and treasurer's records semiannually.
- f. Safety Coordinator
- i. The safety coordinator shall act as a communications liaison between MARKS and AMA Headquarters to ensure timely distribution of safety related material.
 - ii. Duties
 1. Provide a communications line between AMA and MARKS in matters related to safety
 2. Act as a safety adviser and resource manager for MARKS and its members
 3. Assist AMA in the establishment of a national safety program to reduce accidents and incidents
 4. Develop, promote and encourage a climate of safety awareness within MARKS
 - iii. Other activities may include:
 1. Inspect operational areas for proper signage and safety equipment as applicable
 2. Conduct safety awareness training and related programs during MARKS meetings
 3. Conduct, at least annually, a safety audit of MARKS facilities, equipment and grounds to ensure everything is in good working order and safe for normal use by members and the public and report their findings to the executive committee
 4. Act as liaison with the local EMS and fire department
 5. Establish a MARKS emergency action plan, including fire and rescue, to handle serious accidents and incidents and review that plan with the executive committee and general membership at least annually
 6. Any member witnessing a safety incident resulting in personal injury or property damage shall immediately report the incident to the safety coordinator. The safety coordinator must immediately report the incident to AMA Headquarters and the executive committee. The report must be made using email to provide a record of the report.
 7. Coordinate appropriate first aid training for members using qualified instructors

8. Develop an appropriate communications plan to assist MARKS officers and members

V. Record Keeping

All records are passed on when new officers are elected. MARKS records, except for the secretary's minutes, shall be kept a minimum of seven years. The minutes shall be kept indefinitely to provide a MARKS history.

VI. Bylaws Amendments

- A. The Bylaws may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds majority of members in good standing, with absent members voting by proxy. The president shall cast votes for absent members who have not voted by proxy. Amendments must be submitted to each member a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting.
- B. The Bylaws shall be reviewed by the executive committee, or a committee established for that purpose by the executive committee, bi-annually during the years ending in even numbers.

VII. Rules

All users of MARKS Waybright Field must abide by all federal, state, and local laws, the AMA Safety Code, and the MARKS Field Rules.

VIII. Miscellaneous Provisions

- A. Meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- B. The MARKS' fiscal year shall run April 1 to March 31.
- C. A MARKS newsletter shall be published according to a schedule established by the Editor of the newsletter and distributed to the membership via electronic mail and posted on the web site.
- D. MARKS will continue to exist until it is dissolved. MARKS may be dissolved with the approval of a two-thirds vote of the membership. In the event that a two-thirds of the members votes to dissolve MARKS, all property owned by MARKS will be sold. The proceeds of the sales will be combined with the balance of funds held by MARKS and the total donated to the AMA Museum. Voting by proxy will not be permitted in the voting for dissolution.