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MEMBER MEETING MINUTES ~

The meeting was called to order by President Wally Makuchal at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3rd at the offices of Makuchal's Signs in Girdletree, MD with 9 members in attendance.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the prior meeting.

The Treasurer's report was read by John Haffner and was approved as presented.

Old Business

John Haffner with an update on the Vintage Fun Fly. All went well and many thanks to all members who assisted. Discussion to hold the event next year; more to follow.

Ray Carlson with an update on last Saturday's Fun Fly. Great event and several very fast aircraft. John Burnett with the fastest time.

Jason with an update on the 2021 **Wings and Wheels** event. Several car clubs have shown interest. A date for the event will be presented at the January meeting.

Christmas Dinner discussion. Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions a discussion was held to not hold a dinner event this year. Motion passed. There will be no MARKS 2020 Christmas dinner.

Discussion on the upcoming New Year's Fun Fly. The event will be held on Friday, January the 1st at 10am. Please bring a covered dish. Social distancing guidelines will be in place.

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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS ~

Greetings MARKS members,

It seems to me most of our usual annual business is running smoothly except for a couple of areas that need attention. It looks like we still have a membership meeting place disagreement among some of the members and it has been an ongoing issue for at least a year or more. I propose my original idea: Last Sunday of every month at Waybright Field at 4:00 PM. Come early and stay late to fly if you want. This will be the official time during the Summer daylight savings period. In the Fall and Winter months when time goes back an hour, we can: a) meet at suitable meeting spot in the Salisbury area at 7:00 PM, b) meet at Waybright Field at a time everyone can vote to agree on (9AM - 3PM) during daylight hours or c) my shop, which is always welcome to membership meetings. I hope we can work this out and put place and time conflicts behind us; it's causing a lot of confusion.

Another topic on my mind is our last meeting of the year; as of now, there is none. I think we should hold a November meeting, somewhere to be decided, in lieu of our cancelled December dinner/meeting. Just a thought.

I'm happy to see MARKS Membership Committee Chairman Rick Witherow and Committee member Fred White take an aggressive role in planning (continued on page 2)

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the increase in our Club membership. They are coming up with great ideas.

Like many of you, I'm ready to say goodbye to 2020 and looking to hit the reset button in 2021... back to normal!

See you at the field. God Bless.

Wally Makuchal

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Jason updated membership about his presentation on behalf of MARKS at the Salisbury Rotary Club.

New Business

Jim Waybright's field report for October, read into the record by Fred White:

1. John Burnett installed a new muffler on the White Zero Turn Mower. Thanks John.
2. Someone broke off a sprinkler head by hitting the post with an airplane. I replaced the sprinkler. It was much easier than repairing the airplane.
3. All six of our mowers are running. The engine on the 54" Craftsman will need to be taken apart and repaired before next year's mowing season.
4. I received a \$20.00 donation for gas and I bought gas with it. Thanks!

John Haffner with discussion on club informational cards that were handed out by membership of a neighboring club at the Vintage Fun Fly. Discussion on MARKS having cards to hand out. After discussion Wally advised membership that he will put together a proposal for membership to review.

Ray Carlson discussed sending out a questionnaire to membership in regards to off season meeting time, date, and location. Several discussions on how many times location has been changed in the past year or so. (continued on page 3)

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New Business (continued)

No meeting location or time has been decided for the January meeting. The Board will meet and discuss location and details and provide the information in a timely manner prior to the January 2021 membership meeting.

With no other business to discuss a motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jason Taylor
AMA Leader Member
Secretary AMA #333

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Scott Richards to the membership. Scott is a Civil Engineer who retired 12 years ago from Delmarva Power but continues to provide the Company consulting services two days a week. Scott lives in Ocean Pines and enjoys playing golf when not flying RC aircraft. Scott received his flight training from Jim Waybright who serves as his Sponsor.

We also welcome Wayne Wright who retired from US Geological Survey (USGS) after working 29 years at Wallops Island. Wayne continues to consult with NASA, USGS, and NOAA specializing in data collection systems carried by VTOL platforms. Wayne has acquired an extraordinary base of knowledge about VTOL aircraft and devotes his attention to flying the smaller versions. He is an excellent addition to our Club since we are predominantly fixed wing aircraft owners. Wayne is originally from Wicomico County but currently resides in Tampa, Florida, visiting this area frequently to support his elderly father. Wayne was introduced to the Club by Jason Taylor who serves as his Sponsor.

JASON TAYLOR SPEAKS TO SALISBURY ROTARY CLUB

Jason Taylor, MARKS Secretary, recently spoke at the invitation of Gus Lebois, a fellow MARKS member, at two meetings of the Salisbury Rotary Club. In his first presentation, Jason spoke about the history of the MARKS Club starting with its formation back in 1957. Many of the Rotarians present had questions for Jason showing their interest in the hobby. Gus said that Jason's presentation was well received.

Jason subsequently spoke at another meeting of the Rotary Club on the work that he and his associates do at Sentinel Robotic Solutions where Jason serves as the Leading UAS Flight Technician. With more than 25 years flying RC aircraft, Jason serves the clients of Sentinel as a FAA Part 107 Certified Flight Instructor. In addition to his career in UAS aeronautics, Jason serves as a Firefighter/Medic with the Atlantic Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company and the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company. Jason is an excellent ambassador for the hobby and for MARKS.

MARKS FALL FUN FLY A SUCCESS

Members who attended the MARKS FALL FUN FLY on Saturday, October 31st, reported having an enjoyable time. The event was organized by Ray Carlson and featured the measuring the speed of participants' aircraft. The top speed for a gas powered aircraft was logged by Rick Witherow at 61 mph. Electric ducted fan aircraft were flown by John Burnett whose A10 was clocked at 130 mph and Shy Sarig's jet at 63 mph. Hot coffee and a Hot Dog lunch were available. The MARKS Club thanks Ray for organizing the event and those who attended.

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting

December 2020

(Exact date to be announced)

7:00 PM

Makuchal's Signs Building

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MARKS NEW YEAR'S FUN-FLY

January 1, 2021

10:30 AM - until

Please bring a covered dish

Waybright Field

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Membership Meeting

January 28, 2021

7:00 PM

Location to be announced



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

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The MARKS Board of Directors approved a new membership application form which is available on the MARKS RC website.

Current MARKS members are being asked to complete and submit an application for the renewal of their membership for 2021 using the new form. The completed form should be sent along with the appropriate dues amount to John Haffner, Treasurer, 5170 Cooper Road, Eden, MD 21822, **no later than January 31, 2021** to be a member in 2021. Pay Pal is still available for paying dues.

When asked why current members have to submit an application to renew their membership, Rick Witherow, Chairman of the Membership Committee, stated that the form will provide the Club with up-to-date and accurate information about the members. He noted that people often change their email addresses or cell phone numbers which makes communication with them difficult if not impossible. The Membership Committee is also interested in learning more about each member which will help the Committee identify potential Sponsors for new members.

Rick pointed out that applications and dues will be accepted at the January 28th, 2021, membership meeting if members would prefer to submit their applications rather than mailing them. Membership Cards will be issued at that meeting.



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.”

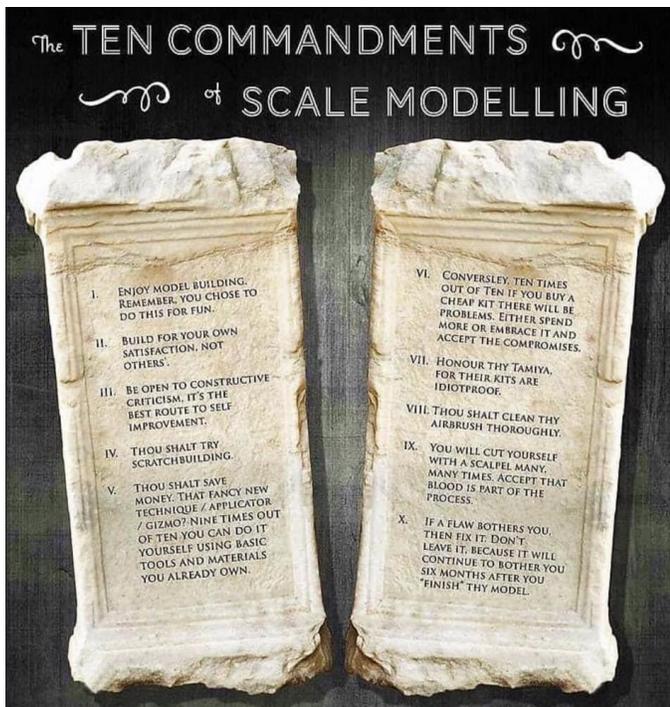
When we receive guidance from the AMA, we will provide it to you immediately. In the interim, we offer congratulations to the following MARKS members who are earning the All Season Flyer status for 2020 by flying and registering their flights through October 31 without interruption ~



Tom Bell
John Burnett
Ray Carlson
Robin Mutchler

Shye Sarig
Harry Semenکو
Jason Taylor
Jon Watson

Jim Waybright
Rick Witherow



AVIATION HISTORY MONTH ~

