

Mid Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society (MARKS)  
AMA Club Number 333  
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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES ~

The MARKS March 2021 Membership meeting was called to order by President Wally Makuchal on Tuesday, March 27th at 7:00 PM at the Sentinel Robotics Solutions UAS Hangar, Salisbury-Wicomico Airport (SBY) with 14 members present.

Secretary Jason Taylor with motion to forgo the reading of the previous minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer John Haffner with the financial report. Report approved.

Membership report read by Jason Taylor for Fred White. We have 23 members as of this morning with 3 additional individuals who have paid money but not submitted Applications, or a total pending membership of 26...that number includes 2 non-flyers (\$50 dues).

Jason with motion to pay the MARKS 2021 Club sanction Fee to the AMA. Motion passed.

Jim Waybright's field report for March, 2021:

1. The wind broke the flag pole. I purchased a new flag and John Burnett and I repaired the pole (about 4 foot shorter) and installed a new flag.
2. I bought thirteen 50 lb bags of 10-10-10 fertilizer and John Burnett helped Bill Young spread them on the runway and all the other areas we keep trimmed. Thanks to Bill and John for getting the job done!
3. Ray Bertrand, "Caje" Chandler, John Burnett, and I disassembled the engine from Craftsman 54" mower. It needed head gaskets and possibly new rings. After checking we agreed to just install new head gaskets. We made this decision because of the possible high cost to do a complete overhaul. Several of the heat shrouds were missing. John Burnett found a set on ebay and we replace the missing ones. It was a difficult task but we succeeded. (continued on page 2)

## PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS ~

Greetings MARKS members:

It was very nice to see faces again as we held our first meeting after a long period of stay-at home orders. Special thanks to secretary Jason Taylor for inviting us to the new Sentinel Robotics Solutions facility at the Salisbury-Wicomico Airport - much better than my shop!

I am excited to hear we are planning some events this year, and there is chatter that we will utilize other parts of our field to possibly set up an rc car and truck track. I think this is a wonderful idea if there is enough interest in the community to make that happen.

On a sad note, I learned at the meeting that our local RC store in Delaware, Hobby Stop in Seaford, is closing its doors. Many of us have spent a lot of time there over the years and they will be missed. I guess it's just a sign of the times.

As of the last several months, I've been actively looking for new potential members to join our club. With business customers coming into my work shop seeing the planes hanging from the ceiling, we engage in light conversation about them if they're interested - they usually are. I always finish with an invitation to our field to watch us or spread the word we're looking for new people to join our friendly club. Please do the same whenever you get the chance.

See you at the field. God Bless.

Wally

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3. (continued from page 1) The mower is back in service and is running great. It should give us many more years of service. Big Thanks to all that helped!
4. John Burnett power washed the Craftsman mower.
5. “Caje” Chandler, John Burnett and I installed the new water tank and hooked up the irrigation pump and we now have water at the field. Thanks guys!
6. The battery on the 48” Craftsman died over the winter. I purchased a new one and we installed it in the mower.
7. John Burnett and I have rolled the runway and pit and they are looking great. Thanks John!
8. The front tires on the 54” Craftsman mower would not hold air because they are dry rotted. I bought two new tubes and Robin Mutchler installed them for us. Thanks Robin!
9. One of the rear tires on the zero-turn mower would not hold air because the sidewall was dry rotted. A new tire cost about \$70.00. I bought a new tube and Robin Mutchler installed it in the tire. Thanks again, Robin!
10. John Burnett repaired the hole in the white runway barrier fence. Thanks John!
11. Some of the guys repaired the groundhog hole in the shed. They took out a total of two wheelbarrow loads of dirt the groundhogs had dug out.
12. The state bushhogged both sides of the ditch.
13. John Burnett bought a new 10 MPH sign to replace the damaged one which is on the lane leaving the field.
14. We spent a lot of money getting ready for the mowing season. A report of the money spent appears at the end of this report.
15. Someone is throwing Dr Pepper cans down the Porta Potty. Please Stop!
16. The munchies fund donated \$100.00 to the MARKS treasury.

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## Report of Field Expenses:

Gas 3-4-21	\$ 28.00
Plumbing Supplies 3-4-21	5.58
18x8.5 Tube 3-7-21	16.91
16x6.50 Tubes 3-7-21	21.15
Fertilizer 13 - 50 lb bags 3-11-21	165.22
Craftsman Mower Battery 3-11-21	31.67
Craftsman 25hp gasket/Oil filter 3-11-21	158.46
Craftsman Shrouds and bolts (no receipt) 3-21-21	33.00
10 MPH sign (no receipt) 3-23-21	8.00
Grease 3-23-21	3.00

**\$ 470.99****OLD BUSINESS ~**

John Haffner with update on the **MARKS 2021 Vintage Fun Fly**. A motion was made and passed to hold the event on October 16.

Jason with an update on the **Wings and Wheels** event. Due to COVID the event has been pushed to a fall event. A date will be determined at a future date.

Jason with an update on meeting date and location. The Rotary Club is still restricted to outside organizations utilizing the Club House. The possible usage of the facility will be discussed at a July meeting. Jason advised the UAS Hangar would be available for meetings as long as a customer was not using the building for a mission. The idea is to have a central location year round to hold meetings no matter the weather. Emails will continue to go out to membership a week prior to the monthly meeting advising on date, time, and location.

**NEW BUSINESS ~**

Wally provided membership with an update on Robert English. Please keep Robert and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Wally and Jason provided an overview of a proposed MARKS membership day on behalf of Rick Witherow. MARKS Meet and Greet Day to be

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held on 5/8/2021 or 5/22/2021.

**Objective:**

Foster relationships with incoming members, existing members, and potential new members.

**Event highlights:**

Start time: 10:00 am

Lunch served: 12:00-1:00

Ends: 2:00 (after 2:00 open flying till dark)

Upon arrival everyone will sign in to receive a name badge. Badge color will represent a status.

- Blue Color for members.
- Red for member training pilots
- Yellow for new members
- Green for guests, and potential new members

**Schedule:** depending on volume of new flyers there will be allocated 30 minute windows for just new pilots to take to the skies. This will be posted in the morning at the field.

**Ambassadors:** (we all need to participate to strengthen our club) Members are expected to seek out yellow and green tag holders. Make the new members and guests feel welcome. Help in any way you can to make their time enjoyable.

**Introductions:** At lunch the membership committee will introduce new members and guests and give them each an opportunity to speak.

MARKS will have trainers up and running for this event. Members are invited to provide additional planes and radios that you may favor to use.

Food donations will be asked for.

**Personnel:** One -sign in desk (applications made available for all agencies)

- Two - work the lunch / grilling
- Two- set up of club trainers, and fuel / battery
- Three / four - training pilots
- All members - help to be great representatives of our hobby and club.

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A motion was made and passed to hold the event on May 15<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Rick also passed on information in regards to an **Ocean Pines BIG TRUCK Day** festival held in September (date TBD). Looks like this hugely successful event will be back on schedule this year according to event organizers. On display are large pieces of construction and transportation equipment the kids can sit in and on. Games, activities and food abound the grounds around the south gate pond. We have the opportunity to place several shade tents to promote the hobby. I would suggest some of the planes on display with active transmitters so the audience can work the transmitter and see the relationship to the control surfaces (Props removed). Some flight simulators setup and maybe even a little indoor mini helicopter in operation behind the tables. This is a target market for us. Lots of retirees looking to get involved with hobbies and just as many youth. About 42 min from the field making this an inviting outlet for those interested. We would need volunteers to work shifts throughout the day. More information will be announced at a later date.

Jason with information from Rick in regards to a new RC Car track at the field. After discussion it was decided to follow up on this idea, to find out if the AMA will cover the activities, and to proceed forward with possible planning.

Discussion on adding a Control Line location at Waybright Field. After discussion it was decided that the area to the north of the pits may be used. Jason will research with the AMA to review safety guidelines before the flight location is officially installed.

Ray Carlson advised membership the Hobby Stop in Seaford will be closing soon. Items are currently being sold at a discounted rate.

Jon Watson has contacted Jason in regards to fuel. He is interested in a mixed case of 4 gallons to add to the order. Ray and Robin will be picking

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up an order. Please contact Ray or Robin for more information.

Jim with discussion on Smoking and Vaping at the field. Per the current field rules, no smoking is allowed in the pit area. Jason with motion to update the current field rules to include no Vaping in the pits. Motion Passed.

Jason with a question in regards to the MARKS 2021 field work day. After discussion a motion was made and passed to hold the work day on April 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM. Bring a plane to fly after the work is completed.

Several members discussed with Jason the idea of flying micro electrics within the new hangar. Jason advised this is something we can arrange. Please let Jason know if you are interested in indoor flying at the Salisbury Hangar.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jason Taylor**  
**AMA Leader Member**  
**Secretary, CD AMA #333**



**New tank connected to the pump**

## All Seasons Flyers



We offer congratulations to the following MARKS members who are on their way to earning the All Seasons Flyer status for 2021 by flying and registering their flights through March ~

Ray Bertrand  
John Burnett  
Ray Carlson

Robin Mutchler  
Shye Sarig  
Harry Semenکو

Jon Watson  
Jim Waybright  
Rick Witherow



**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
TUESDAY APRIL 27, 2021  
7:00 PM**

Sentinel Robotics Solutions UAS  
Hangar



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

### SHOW & TELL ~

We have a number of members in our Club who are experienced and talented builders of RC aircraft. Whether it's assembling and finishing ARF kits or constructing a plane from plans, we have folks who do amazing work. And that goes without mentioning the craftsmanship demonstrated by those who can take a "disaster" headed for the burn barrel and bring it back to life.

You are encouraged to email pictures of your favorite project with a written description of the airplane and the build process to Fred White ([fwhitecpa@gmail.com](mailto:fwhitecpa@gmail.com)) for publication in the MARKSMEN.