

Mid Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society, Inc.  
AMA Club Number 333  
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## MEMBER MEETING MINUTES ~

The meeting was called to order by President Wally Makuchal at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Waybright Field with 13 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 provided membership with an update on the Vintage Fly-In. PGRC will have items to sell at the event. The Club will receive 5% donation on all items sold. Volunteers needed. A sign up sheet was passed around and will be emailed to membership.

Rick Witherow advised membership that the cabinet install has been postponed until Spring. Motion made to donate the current cabinets to Bill Young. Motion passed.

## New Business

Jim Waybright rendered his field report for September:

1. One of the rear tires on the 54" Craftsman mower wouldn't hold air. The sidewall of the tire is dry rotted and cracked. I checked and a new tire was \$72.00. I took it to Burnett & White and had a new tube installed.

## New Business (continued)

2. The 48" John Deere mower used to mow the runway, broke the blade drive belt. I bought a new one at John Deere and John Burnett and Shye Sarig installed it. Thanks guys!

3. I purchased a new string trimmer which had been approved by the club. Did you notice how everything has been trimmed? Thanks to Fred White for trimming!

4. The Sweeper used to sweep the runway each time we mow stripped a gear inside one wheel. John Burnett purchased a new one and we installed it. It now works correctly picking up all the grass clippings. Thanks John!

5. "Caje" Chandler and I went to Rich Murray's and collected everything he has donated to the club and transported them to the field for the auction.

6. John Burnett, "Caje" Chandler and myself power washed the barrier fence and all the mowers last week. Looks great! Thanks guys!

Jason provided membership with an update on the current status in regards to the Board of Directors. The Bylaws note that the current Board will include the following: Current President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, Immediate Past Secretary and 3 members from the floor. Where (continued on page 2)

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### New Business (continued)

Jason has held the Secretary position for the past 3 election cycles, this has left an opening on the Board. Jason with motion to open the floor to nominate and vote to fill the vacancy. Motion was made and seconded for Rick Witherow to fill the opening. No other nominations. Unanimous vote to approve. Congratulations Rick.

Wally updated membership on the outcome of the Board of Directors meeting. It was decided to form a Membership Committee. Rick Witherow will Chair the newly formed Committee and Fred White is the first member. Rick was given the floor to update membership with a path forward for the committee.

Rick reported that the Membership Committee will develop policies and procedures for effectively admitting new members and for retaining existing members by increasing the frequency and type of interactions among the members designed to foster personal relationships.

Rick stated that he wants to pursue two initial programs: (1) Identifying and assigning Sponsors to potential new members and (2) Contacting former members. Fred will act as a Coordinator of the two initial programs.

When you as a MARKS member are approached by someone expressing an interest in RC flying, in addition to being friendly and welcoming, we ask that you obtain the name and telephone number of the interested person. Please provide that information to Fred with any other information gathered from meeting the interested person. Fred will contact the interested person and identify a Sponsor - a Club member with a similar (continued on page 3)

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### **New Business** (continued)

background and interests. The Sponsor will be responsible for arranging for flight training if needed, provide equipment advice, informing the new member about the rules of the AMA and MARKS and Waybright Field, and introducing the new member to others in the Club – making the new member feel welcome and part of the Club. Fred will keep in touch with the new member and the Sponsor during the beginning months to see that things are progressing well.

We believe that some of the former members of the Club might still be interested in RC and may need only limited encouragement to once again become active. We have identified a list of 33 former members and are asking you to consider making contact with any person on the list that you know and with whom you may have had a relationship when they were active. The names of those 33 former members and their contact info will be provided to you by email. If you are willing to make the contact with any person(s) on the list, please let Fred know and he will record you as the person who will contact the former member. We ask that you provide feedback to Fred about your conversations with the former member. If you are not sure how to approach the former member or are uncomfortable in making the contact, please talk with Fred who will offer suggestions.

In addition to the two initial programs, Rick stated that he will begin an on-going effort to increase the information that we have on file about the members of the Club. Such info as a member's FAA number, birthdate, Spouse's name, and interests other than RC are examples.

### **New Business** (continued)

Discussion was held about the upcoming Christmas dinner. It was decided to not hold a membership meeting at the dinner and to change the venue to more of a social gathering v a dinner. A date and location will be decided at the next meeting.

Jason presented membership with a proposal to hold a RC Wings and Wheels car show/ Fun Fly this spring. Jason will run the event. More to follow at the membership meeting in January, 2021. Fred White asked how many members would be needed to support the event. Jason stated no more than 5 to 10.

Jim Waybright advised membership that Ray Carlson was unable to attend the meeting because of an injury his wife sustained. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Ray requested Jim present membership with a proposal to hold a Fun Fly at the field on the last Saturday in October. Motion made and passed to approve the Fun Fly.

Jim provided membership with an update on the auction held prior to the meeting. Jim read a letter from the Club to Richard Murray thanking him for the contribution of his RC planes and equipment.

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**



## Upcoming Events

### Vintage Fly-In

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Waybright Field

### Board of Directors Meeting

October 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM  
Wally's Shop

### Membership Meeting

October 29<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM  
Waybright Field

### MARKS FALL FUN-FLY

October 31  
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
No Landing Fee – Food Available  
Waybright Field



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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.”

## All Season Flyers (continued)

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 March 30th ~



Tom Bell  
Ray Bertrand  
John Burnett  
Ray Carlson

Wally Makuchal  
Robin Mutchler  
Shye Sarig  
Harry Semenko  
Jason Taylor

Jon Watson  
Jim Waybright  
Fred White  
Rick Witherow