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MARKS is AMA Charter Club #333.
MARKS maintains a flying field located at:
Waybright Field
1918 Saint Lukes Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

On the cover: Jason Taylor flying his Jenny at Waybright Field.

Upcoming Events

February 2023

February Membership Meeting

February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
The SBY UAS Center of Excellence
31856 Crosswind Drive
Salisbury, MD 21804

March 2023

March Membership Meeting

March 28, 2023 @ 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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For more information visit <https://marksrc.com/events>

All Season Flyer for 2023

Do not forget to mark the list at Waybright field if you want your flights to count. The list is currently in the shed. As of 01/24/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

Ray Bertrand	Scott Richards
John Burnett	Shye Sarig
Wendell Gumby	Harry Semenko
John Heinz	Jason Taylor
David Hess	Jon Watson
Jeffrey Powers	Jim Waybright
Ryan Pscolka	Rick Witherow

For Sale

Please visit <https://marksrc.com/for-sale> for the latest in local for sale items. Jim Waybright added many ready to fly planes this month. Any planes not sold will be carried to the Lebanon Swap Meet.

Wanted !!

MARKS dues are due in less than 60 days, please pay as soon as possible. The preferred method of payment is to send money via PayPal at:

<https://marksrc.com/paypal>

**Heed the speed limit, or we will
lose the privilege of using the
land.**

A photograph of a white speed limit sign with a black border. The sign is mounted on a post and features the words "SPEED" and "LIMIT" in large, bold, black capital letters, with the number "10" below them in an even larger font. The sign is set against a background of a grassy field and a cloudy sky.

**SPEED
LIMIT
10**

Meeting Minutes for January 31, 2023

- MARKS January 2023 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 13 members present
- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- The October 2022 meeting minutes were read. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the October minutes. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Jon Watson thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as treasurer.
- Jon handed out the MARKS financial report. He has received 3 dues payments from PayPal and 3 more payments tonight. The major expenses were for the porta potty, electricity and rent. We also had expenses for a plaque and for new checks with the MARKS logo. Overall, he thinks we are in good shape.
- Jon is working with Nicole from ASAP Services to figure out the correct payments for the porta potty. We didn't receive a bill from ASAP Services for October, which was the start of the billing issues. Jon got them to waive the late payments and is working to get everything straightened out. Any new bills will be sent directly to him, which should hopefully eliminate any future problems.
- John Hafner presented the check for the proceeds from the Fall Vintage Fun-Fly.
- The members thanked John Hafner for the job he did as treasurer.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Field Report

- The field is open for business. The refrigerator is stocked with drinks, and snack crackers are available as well. The proceeds from the drink and snack sales are used for several consumables used at the field such as the paper towels, propane for the grills, and such. Come on out and visit us.
- John Burnett replaced a broken belt again on the big John Deere, a repeat from September.
- The starter switch broke on the big John Deere, and was replaced by John Burnett.
- Bill Young helped us out by welding a wheel bracket on the White Zero Turn mower.
- Mowers were started and run in January. One battery was a bit weak, so a battery tender was placed on that battery.
- Dave Hess replaced the gas cap on the Gravely.
- An incident occurred on January 1, when a member drove up the drive at a brisk pace. The incident was noticed by Bill, who immediately arrived on the scene. This is a serious issue; the speed limit needs to be observed. Actions like this can impact our ability to keep the lease on our wonderful field. Please observe the posted 10 mph speed limit.

Membership Report

- Rick Witherow indicated that we have run out of MARKS RC business cards or informational handouts to give out at events. He also found, on Amazon, plastic holders (like the realtors use) that could be used to hold the business cards. We could get four, place one in the pavilion and the other three along the fence. A motion was made to purchase new MARKS RC business cards and four plastic holders for the cards. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dave Hess said that he will get the new business cards and Rick said he would get the four plastic holders. Jason Taylor said to put his name and contact information on the business cards and that possibly QR codes could be included to access the information.
- Dave Hess indicated that in the future, we should be prepared to have any visitor to the field experience the thrill of RC flying by having them fly a trainer on a buddy box. Jim Waybright indicated that we need an electric trainer because the glow engine ones are typically not ready to fly because of discharged batteries among other reasons. Rick Witherow was concerned over the low flight times with electric planes and that we need a Spektrum receiver for the Valiant trainer. Jeffrey Powers suggested the Spektrum AR631 receiver would be a good choice since it has Safe, but Rick didn't think we needed Safe, since the Valiant is a more advanced trainer. Scott Richards said he would donate a Spektrum 6 channel receiver for the Valiant trainer.
- After some further discussion on trainers, Rick Witherow made a motion to auction off the two-glow engine powered trainers, keep the gas-powered trainer and buy a new electric trainer. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. We still need to decide on which electric trainer to purchase, something like a Flite Test trainer or the E-Flite Apprentice.

- Jason Taylor said we would probably start training in April or May. When it is time, he plans to send out an email about a potential training day and see who is available to train. Hopefully, we can get 7 or 8 members available to train on any given day.

Old Business

- Jason mentioned that we need to get back in the habit of flying in a pattern when multiple planes are flying to avoid mid-air collisions like what happened on New Year's Day. Everyone should take off and land in the same direction and any passes over the runway should be in that same direction. We should also be calling out when we are taking off and landing and in what direction.
- Jason thanked Dave Hess for putting together a spreadsheet with various "Action Items".
- One of the "Action Items" was to clean and paint the supports for the sign by St. Luke's Road. Jeffrey Powers said he cleaned and sanded it, but it still needs some painting. It was decided to do the touch up painting during Spring Work Day.
- Jason indicated that Dave Hess has taken over the Munchie Fund and Wendell Gumby will dispose of the aluminum cans, but we still need members to take over the other tasks that Jim did such as taking out the trash, maintenance schedules for the mowers, etc. Jason thought the trash could be disposed of by any member with a pick-up truck who is by the field. John Burnett has been handling the mowing and plans to continue to do so, but will send out an email requesting help when it is needed. It was thought that changing the oil on the mowers and sharpening the blades could be done at the Spring Work Day.
- Dave Hess recommended that another activity for Spring Work Day would be to clean out the shed. There is VCR and an old TV among other things that could be disposed of.
- Rick Witherow indicated that we need to install 8 or 9 soffit vents on the pavilion to improve the ventilation. He said he would furnish and install them, but we still need someone to beach the discolored spots and repaint the ceiling. Depending on the timing, this could also be done during Spring Work Day.
- Jason is working to set up "hotspot" location at the field. With the "hotspot" set up we can hook up the weather station that Jeffrey Powers donated and get remote access to real time weather data at the field. Someone suggested we could also hook up a camera, so we could see remotely what is going on at the field.
- Dave Hess mentioned that the Facebook postings on the MARKS RC Club page have to be approved by the Administrator. Jason didn't think that was a problem, since he monitors the site frequently.

New Business

- John Hafner asked whether the club would want to host the Fall Vintage Fly-In scheduled for October 14, 2023. He would coordinate everything, but would need someone to take care of the food. A motion was made, seconded and approved to host the Fall Vintage Fly-In. John hopes to have more MARKS members participating this year.
- Jason Taylor, Dave Hess and Fred White worked together to submit paperwork to the AMA to recommend Jim Waybright for the AMA Hall of Fame. Congratulations Jim for you nomination!
- Dave Hess mentioned that Free State Aeromodelers from Laurel, Maryland (Kirk's club) have scheduled Bloody Baron Combat Competitions on April 22, July 30 and October 1, if anyone wants to attend.
- The Kent County Aeromodelers have scheduled their first ever "Warbird – Large Scale Fly-In" on April 29 and 30 from 8 am to dark. The field is located at 657 Mahan Corner Road in Sandtown, DE.
- After the meeting, the airplane donated by Dana Morgan was auctioned off along with a transmitter, receiver and glow plugs that Jim Waybright found in the shed. The auction resulted in \$145 to the club.
- Next meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 starting at 7:00 pm at the SRS UAS Facility at the Salisbury Airport.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Note:

A couple of days after the meeting, Jim Waybright looked at the club's trainers and thinks he can easily convert one of the glow-powered trainers to electric. Jim contacted the Executive Committee and they decided to keep all three of the club's trainers and have Jim convert one of the glow-powered trainers to electric. This way the club will have three trainers, one glow-powered, one gas-powered and one electric- powered.

January Photos from Waybright Field

These and more photos may be seen at: <https://marksrc.com/january-2023-photos>









