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# Mid-Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society MARKSMen

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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: An unnamed flier performs a scale warbird landing at Waybright Field.

# **Upcoming Events**

## March 2023

March 28 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm **March Membership Meeting** The SBY UAS Center of Excellence

# **April 2023**

April 15 @ 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Field Work Day

MARKS Waybright Field 1918 St. Lukes Road, Salisbury, MD

April 25 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

**April Membership Meeting** 

The SBY UAS Center of Excellence

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# 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 02/28/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

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

# Wanted !!

MARKS dues are due in less than 30 days, please pay as soon as possible. The preferred method of payment is to send money via PayPal at:



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# **Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2023**

- MARKS February 2023 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 13 members present
- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- A motion was made, seconded and approved to forgo the reading of the January minutes. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes.

### Treasurer's Report

- Jon handed out the MARKS financial report. He has received 13 dues payments so far. Reminder that March 31 is the last day for payments.
- The major expenses this month were for, electricity, a gas cap for the mowers and the charter fee to the AMA. We had income from the member dues, auctioning of airplanes and profits from the 2022 Fall Vintage Fun-Fly.
- Jon is still not happy with ASAP Services (porta-potty). He received a letter of explanation and a copy of a check from August 2022 that they failed to cash. He is going to check the old bank statements to verify whether they cashed the check or not. They don't seem to have their act together with billing and payments and \$115 a month seems to be a lot for all the use the porta-potty gets.
- A motion was made to investigate alternatives to using ASAP Services. The motion was seconded and approved.
   Jason Taylor said he would investigate the alternatives to ASAP Services and hopefully have something for the members to review by the March meeting. Jason said he also plans to check with Bill Young to see what firm he uses for his jobsite porta-potties.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **Field Report**

- Dave Hess reported that a Geotex strip, 24 ft. x 120 ft., has been donated and installed on the north end of the runway. It improves ground handling of small wheeled aircraft, and gives us something to aim for on landing.
- Bill Young helped us out by taking out the trash. It was packed in so tight, he had trouble getting the bag out. He offered that we should drop off trash on Sunday evening for his Monday morning pickup. At the meeting, Harry Semenko volunteered to dispose of the trash, so Bill doesn't have to.
- Oil was purchased for the upcoming mowing season. A list of oil filters, air filters, and fuel filters was made.
   Pricing the items out on Amazon brings the bill to about \$150. This does not service the Craftsmen mowers, that have little time on them from the last change, and one is inoperative. A motion was made to have Dave Hess purchase the items needed for the upcoming mowing season. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Do we need to paint the tables this spring? It was decided to paint the picnic tables, since we already have the paint to paint them and also touch up the ceiling in the pavilion.
- Do we fertilize this spring? After some discussion, a motion was made to not fertilize the field this year. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Dave Hess estimated the cost of the materials needed to bring electric power to the shed to be around \$200.

## **Membership Report**

- Rick Witherow said he has the four plastic card holders and will install them this week.
- Dave Hess looked into the cost of printing new business cards. Working with Vista Print, the cost is \$18 per 100 cards and with an upgraded paper is \$31 per 100 cards. The cost for 500 cards is between \$50 and \$60, plus shipping. He figures the total cost for the cards will be around \$70. Wally Makuchal said he has been using 48HourPrint.com for the cards he prints for clients. He can bring in his pricing to the next meeting along with a couple of proofs of the cards designed on his computer. A motion was made to have Dave and Wally work

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together on options for the business cards to be presented at the next meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

- There was some discussion about putting a QR code that references the club's information on the back of the card.
  Dave Hess indicated that Firefox has a generator to create QR codes built into the program. After further
  discussion, it was thought that it might be best to install a sticker with the QR code on the outside of the plastic
  card holders that Rick is installing. That way someone could easily scan the QR code with their phone.
- Rick Witherow asked whether a training schedule has been set up. Jason indicated that it hadn't, but thought that it might be best to schedule training with our regular monthly meetings. Since our meetings are on Saturdays starting at 2:00 pm and typically run an hour, it was recommended that training could be scheduled from 3:00 to 6:00 after the meeting. It was thought that training after the meeting would be better because of the better sun angle and typically lighter winds. Members that want to fly on meeting days, should fly before the meeting.
- A potential member, Philip Miller, has contacted the club and expressed interest in attending a meeting and visiting the field. If you see someone new at the field, please introduce yourself.

### **Old Business**

- John Haffner said he will coordinate and run the Fall Vintage Fly-In, but still needs someone to provide lunch. Ray Carlson volunteered to cook, but we still need someone to volunteer to plan and procure the lunch.
- There was some discussion on having a camera at the field and a few members were concerned about privacy. Between the privacy concerns and no longer having access to a weather station, the "hotspot" no longer needs to be setup.

### **New Business**

- Jason Taylor said he will be sending out an email to the "All Season Flyers" for 2022 to get the number of years with that accomplishment, so he can order the appropriate patches.
- It was decided to schedule the Spring Workday for Saturday, April 15, with a rain date of Sunday, April 16. Jason said he would create a sign-up sheet, at the field, for the various items of work. Some potential items of work are as follows:
  - Sharpen the mower blades
  - Change the oil and filters on the mowers
  - o Finish painting the sign support by the road
  - Clean out the shed and dispose of the excess material
  - Paint the picnic tables
  - Seal and repaint the stained areas on the pavilion ceiling
- A motion was made to hold an Airshow in June. The motion was seconded and approved. We will have a pick a
  day later on and get volunteers to coordinate the event.
- Gary McCready, an old member, would like to donate a Cinestar 6 drone to the club. Jason responded to him that we will be glad to accept it.
- Jason in his new position as part of the FAA FAASTeam plans to have various open houses or activities at the SRS UAS Facility. At those open houses, representatives from the MARKS RC Club will be able to set up a table and have a display of airplanes to show to the public and hopefully gain some interest in the club. Jason will coordinate with the club.
- Next meeting Tuesday, March 28, 2023 starting at 7:00 pm at the SRS UAS Facility at the Salisbury Airport.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm.

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