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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  
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On the cover: Kevyn Myer hovering at Waybright Field.

## Upcoming Events

### May 2023

May 20 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
May Bloody Baron Combat  
MARKS Waybright Field  
May 20 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
May Membership Meeting  
MARKS Waybright Field  
May 20 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
May New Pilot Training  
MARKS Waybright Field

### June 2023

June 17 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
June Bloody Baron Combat  
MARKS Waybright Field  
June 17 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
June Membership Meeting  
MARKS Waybright Field  
June 17 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
June New Pilot Training  
MARKS Waybright Field  
June 24 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm  
FAA FAAS Team Open House  
The SBY UAS Center of Excellence  
June 25 @ 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
MARKS Air Show  
MARKS Waybright Field

### July 2023

July 15 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
July Bloody Baron Combat  
MARKS Waybright Field  
July 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
July Membership Meeting  
MARKS Waybright Field  
July 15 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
July New Pilot Training  
MARKS Waybright Field

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 04/29/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Ray Bertrand   | Shye Sarig    |
| John Burnett   | Harry Semenko |
| Wendell Gumby  | Jon Watson    |
| David Hess     | Jim Waybright |
| Jeffrey Powers | Rick Witherow |
| Scott Richards |               |

## Meeting Minutes for April 25, 2023

- MARKS April 2023 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 17 members and 1 guest present
- The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Jason Taylor.
- The March 2023 meeting minutes were read. There were two corrections to the minutes. The first was that three of the card holders were attached to the fence and one on the pavilion. The second was that the \$3,589 for the geotextile fabric was for two - 15ft. x 300 ft. rolls (1,000 sqyd.) instead of one roll as listed in the minutes. A motion was made to accept the March minutes with the two corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Treasurer's Report

- Jon handed out the MARKS financial report.
- The major expenses this month were for the porta-potty, electricity, gas for the mowers and a new starter for the John Deere mower. We had income from the member dues.
- We have 32 members that have paid their dues so far this year.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Field Report

- During the high winds of April 1-2, 2023, damage was done to the pavilion roof. An area of shingles down from the peak was blown off. Rick Witherow once again repaired the roof. Jim Waybright made a supply run to the hardware store for Rick, a receipt is being submitted for supplies. It was noted during the meeting, that additional shingles had blown off of the roof and will need to be replaced. Rick Witherow commented that the shingles used on the roof were old and the adhesive strips had lost most of their tack, which is the cause of the problems we are having.
- John Burnett performed the following mower services:
  - Changed oil and filters on the remainder of the mowers slated for service this spring
  - Repaired a flat tire on the Cub Cadet
  - Sharpened the blades on the White Zero Turn
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Scott Richards, and David Hess.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
  - Gas for mowing
  - Roof repair supplies
- Jeffrey Powers painted the sign support at the road, but unfortunately had to leave early, and left the top of the sign temporarily attached and moving in the breeze. Caje Chandler, Ray Bertrand, and Scott Richards reattached the hardware to support the top of the sign. The sign is in need of edge sealing to prevent further weathering. Shye Sarig accepted the task to make an edge strip to seal the sign.
- The work day was a bit of a bust. Tables still need painted. The paint from last year was frozen and is bad. The mower blades need sharpened. The shed needs to be cleaned out. Can we get volunteers to accept some of these tasks?
- Wally Makuchal filled the card holders along the fence, and placed additional cards in the trainer shed on the south wall.
- David Hess installed vinyl QR code stickers next to the card holders.
- The Flyer List has been posted at the field.
- The munchie fund is struggling a bit due to a few issues. The price of sodas and snacks continue to increase. The price set for \$1 for drinks and \$0.50 for snacks should provide a slight profit for purchase of consumables and occasional free snack days. We are having an issue where people are either not paying for the items consumed, or taking money from the till. Looking at a detailed accounting of items stocked and money received, we have been losing about \$10 a month for the last 6 months.

Since stock is being replenished and money harvested every week or so, the fund does go up and down a bit. To double check the loss, an inventory was performed on 04/11/23 and 04/24/23. During the audit period, 45 drinks were sold, and 11 snacks were sold. This should have resulted in \$50.50 in the can. The can contained \$46.46. Please enjoy the munchie refreshments, and respect the honor system in place for the payment.

- At the meeting, a motion was made to purchase the 2 batteries for the transmitters and the two batteries for the trainers for an amount around \$200 (including shipping). The motion was seconded and approved. Dave Hess will purchase these items.
- Jim Waybright said he would try to sell the broken Craftsman mower. If not sold in 30 days, he will arrange to get it scrapped.
- John Burnett said the center pulley on the White mower is broken and needs to be fixed. He also indicated that the White mower needs new blades. After some discussion, a motion was made to have Bill Young weld the broken pulley and to purchase new blades. The motion was seconded and approved. Dave Hess said he will order the new blades.
- Jason Taylor indicated that if the “group” taking care of the field needs additional help, they should contact Scott Richards and he will send out an email requesting the needed manpower.

### **Membership Report**

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.
- We welcomed Bill Renshaw as a new member.

### **Old Business**

- Jim Waybright will pick up the drone donated by Gary McCready and see if we can get it flyable.
- We still need a volunteer to coordinate the lunch for the Fall Vintage Fly-In.
- Jon Watson contacted ASAP Services and told them we no longer need their services, so the porta-potty should be removed in a couple of days. We will still need to pay their bill for April. Jason Taylor said he will work with Jon to set up Fogel’s Septic Services for our porta-potty supplier. Jon said he would contact the bank and see if we can get a debit card. This was one of Fogel’s requirements.
- The Marks Airshow is currently scheduled for Sunday, June 25. Jason Taylor said it would be nice to sponsor a charity like we did last year with the Wicomico County Humane Society. Jason thought we could sponsor the Wicomico County Humane Society again, but someone mentioned that Waybright Field is actually in Worcester County, so sponsoring them might be a better fit. Everyone agreed and Jason said he would contact the Worcester County Humane Society.
- Jason Taylor’s FAAS Team open house is on Saturday, June 24 with the Community Event afterwards from 1 pm to 4 pm. Starting at around noon, the MARKS RC Club will be able to set up a table and have a display of airplanes to show during this time. Harry Semenکو and Ray Carlson volunteered to represent MARKS at the event and everyone is invited to help out or attend. Jason plans to hand out flyers advertising the Airshow at the event.
- Wally Makuchal bought 2,500 business cards with the money that was donated at the last meeting. He filled up the card holders at the field and put an additional 400 cards in the trainer shed. He brought some cards to the meeting and asked everyone to take a few to hand out to friends and potential members. Shye Sarig said he would drop some off at the hobby store in Laurel, DE. (Hobby Stop). Wally said he would take the remainder of the cards home with him and replenish the cards at the field as required.

### **New Business**

- There are some conflicts with the May and June meeting dates now that we are transitioning to Saturday meetings at the field. Someone mentioned moving the meeting dates from the last Saturday of the month to the third Saturday of the month. After some discussion, a motion was made to change the meeting dates to the third Saturday of the month from May through September. The motion was seconded and approved. We still have to decide on the October meeting, whether to have it at the field or the SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport.
- Jim Waybright mentioned having the Bloody Baron Combat Competitions before every meeting at the field. Everyone thought that it was a good idea and Bloody Baron Combat Competitions will start at 11:00 am on meeting days. After the meetings will be new pilot training from approximately 3:00 – 6:00 pm.
- Wally Makuchal was concerned about the road sign delaminating. He thought the best way to fix it would be to remove the self-tapping screws, replace them with stainless steel bolts and seal the edges with white silicone caulk. Wally will work with Shye Sarig to fix the sign.

- Rick Witherow is concerned with the new shed blowing over with the strong winds we have at the field. He thinks it should be tied down. Jim Waybright verified that we have the augers and Rick said he would get the four straps needed for the work. Rick thought that we could strap the shed down after one of the meetings when plenty of manpower is available.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, May 20, 2023 starting at 2:00 pm at Waybright Field.
  - Bloody Baron Combat Competition starting at 11:00 am.
  - New Pilot Training after the meeting from approximately 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

## Field Activity for April 2023

These photos and more are available at:

<https://marksrc.com/april-2023-photos>













