

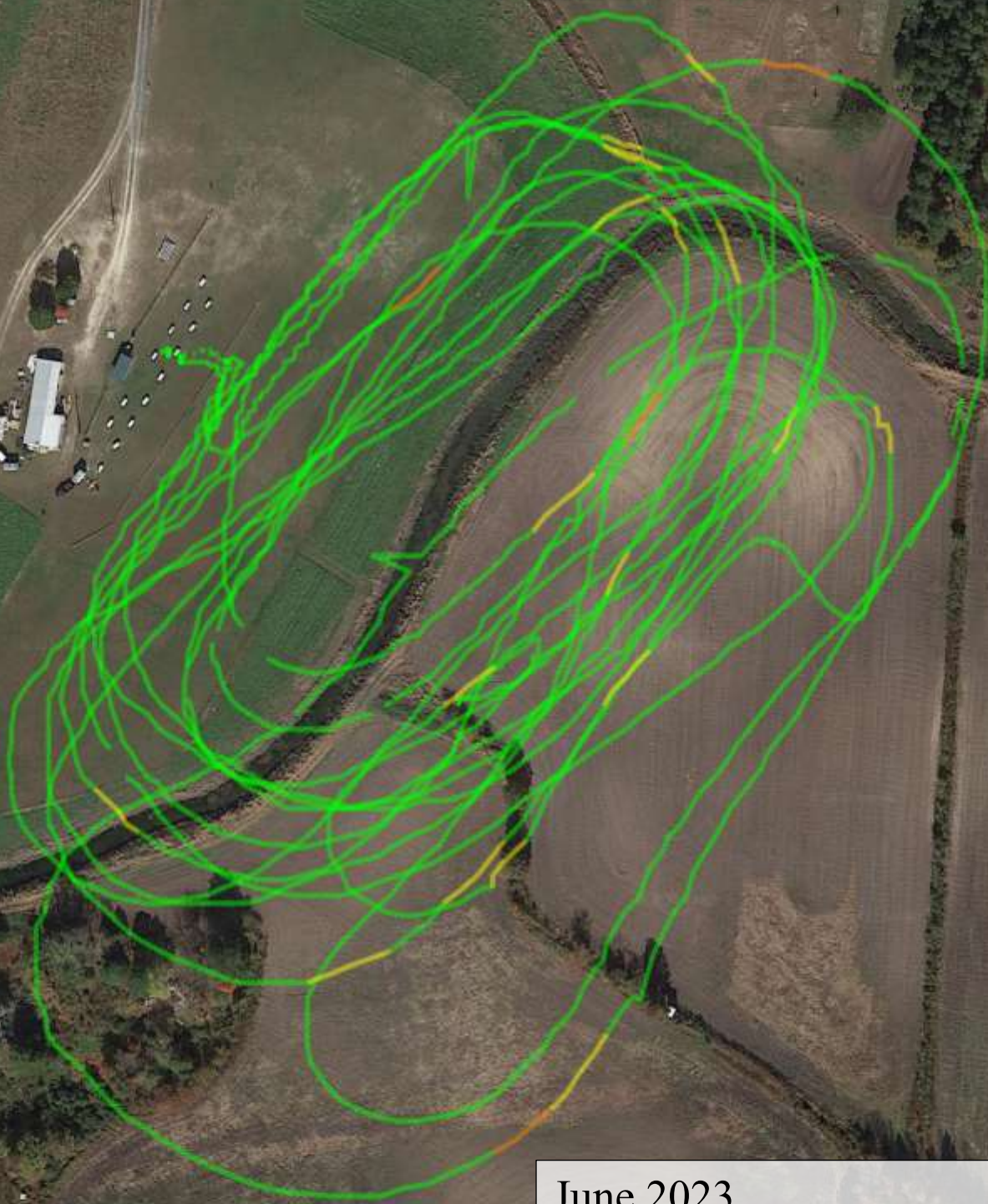


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MARKS is AMA Charter Club #333.
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Waybright Field
1918 Saint Lukes Road
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On the cover: Spektrum telemetry data overlaid on Google Earth.

Upcoming Events

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

August 2023

- August 11 - August 13
The Great Pocomoke Fair
- August 19 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
August Bloody Baron Combat
MARKS Waybright Field
- August 19 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
August Membership Meeting
MARKS Waybright Field
- August 19 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
August 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 05/30/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

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

Meeting Minutes for May 20, 2023

- MARKS May 2023 membership meeting
- Waybright Field
- 13 members and 2 guests present
- The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- A motion was made to forgo the reading of the April minutes. The motion was seconded and approved. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

- Jon handed out the MARKS financial report.
- The major expenses this month were for the porta-potty, electricity, and gas for the mowers. We had income from four member's dues.
- The new porta-potty has been installed. Jon received the debit card from the bank just in time to pay Fogel for the rent. Our deposit with ASAP Services paid for the removal of the old porta-potty. Pump outs for the new porta-potty are \$35 and they only provide the service when requested.
- We have 33 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

- As mentioned in the April 2023 meeting, more shingles blew off the roof. On April 27, 2023, several people just showed up to get stuff done. Rick Witherow mended the roof, with adhesive obtained by Jim Waybright. Caje Chandler showed up to get the irrigation going. Several other tasks were done by Jim Waybright and Scott Richards.
- As mentioned in the April 2023 meeting, the White Zero Turn mower had a spindle issue, with the first idea of welding the shive to the spindle. A bit of research found that the entire spindle assembly could be had from Amazon for \$27.99. The spindle and blades were ordered by David Hess and replaced by John Burnett. Bill Young welded a gauge wheel bracket back on the deck of the White Zero Turn. I am sure there is a story of how it came off.
- John Burnett sharpened the John Deere 48-inch blades, and found there was not much life left in the blades. Replacement blades were purchased for the next deck servicing.
- The trainer batteries as approved for up to \$200 at the April meeting were procured and set up. The bill was \$172.49 for the batteries and a bag to carry them in. Shye Sarig and Bill Renshaw have already put the trainer to good use.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
 - Gas for mowing
 - Roof repair supplies
 - Trainer supplies
 - White mower spindle and blades
 - John Deere blades
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Jim Waybright, and Scott Richards.
- Several people have been busy cleaning the shed and hauling off trash, including Harry Semenko, Robin Mutchler, Jim Waybright, and David Hess.
- Rick Witherow attached tie down straps to the shed.
- Jim Waybright and John Burnett got the old Craftsmen mower working, and loaded up for Gary Gandy.
- The munchie fund recovered a bit in the last few weeks, now if we can have a talk with the person paying in pennies, nickels and dimes. The fund purchased the hot dogs for today's combat and meeting. The fund also purchased cleaning paper towels, cleaner, gloves, and wipes.
- Ivan Arauzo visited this month. He has not been an active member since 2021. He said he has never received a bill for dues, and I explained that bills are not sent out for membership. I gave him a card, but it sounds as if he does nothing online.
- Earl Truitt dropped by to inquire about running RC cars at the field. I suggested he attend the next meeting. Back in May 2021, we discussed this possibility. From the May 2021 minutes:
 - There were discussions at the previous meeting in regards to installing a RC Car track at the field. Jason noted the

AMA lists RC Car activities as a covered operation. Jason made the proposal to install a track at Waybright Field. Gary advised membership that he would look into adding a Facebook page to research interest. Jason made a proposal to make the field a RC park with a general membership as currently charged. Any member would have access to all activities at the location. David Hess made a motion that if 5 New members were added to the list that will participate in RC track activities that the funds from those new members be spent on creating the new location. Motion Passed. Final review and determination will be discussed with Bill Young in the upcoming weeks to reconfirm we can install a track.

- Rick Witherow mentioned that there is a group of RC car racers who currently race in someone's backyard, but are out growing the site and are looking for a place to expand. They are talking to the county, but have run into issues with "red tape". It might be an opportunity for the club to expand. Jason thought it could be promising, but they would have to join AMA in addition to MARKS.

Membership Report

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.
- Brandon Riefler introduced himself and we also welcomed back Ivan Arauzo. Dave Hess said that since Ivan was a member in 2021 and we already had his information, he would not have to fill out an application.
- A motion was made to accept Brandon and Ivan as members of the MARKS RC Club. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Old Business

- Jason applied for and received the sanction from the AMA for the June Airshow. The sanction number is 14835. Jason has been working on a flyer for the event, which is almost complete. Jason has also contacted the Worcester County Humane Society, but hasn't heard anything back.
- We still need a volunteer to coordinate the lunch for the Fall Vintage Fly-In.
- Shye Sarig indicated that Wally Makuchal has the materials needed to fix the sign by the road, but needs the weather to cooperate to complete the project.
- Rick Witherow is looking for the anchors and cables from the old pavilion, so he can use them to tie down the shed. Note, they were found after the meeting.

New Business

- Ray Carlson said the bleachers are dirty and moldy and will need to power washed before the Airshow. Jason Taylor said he would power wash them and Rick Witherow volunteered to sand them down to remove any splinters resulting from the cleaning.
- Ray Carlson attended an event at which Phat Boyz Catering (410-603-7179) was providing food. He said the food was good and reasonably priced. They had a varied menu from seafood to hot dogs. If available, he thought they would be a great addition to the Airshow. A motion was made to contact Phat Boyz Catering to see if they are available to provide food for the Airshow. The motion was seconded and approved. Ray said he would contact them to find out their availability and pricing. Jason said they should start setting up around 10:00 am on Sunday.
- Rick Witherow indicated the Kent County Aeromodelers recently received a \$3,000 site improvement grant from the AMA and thought that we should be applying for AMA grant money every year. Jim Waybright said the AMA can be hard to deal with and you need someone preparing the applications that is used to dealing with the AMA. Jason Taylor indicated that you need a specific project for the grant and that the AMA grant money supplies only a portion of the funds, the club has to provide the remainder of the funds. Do we have funds available for these projects?
- Rick Witherow said to check out the latest edition of the AMA magazine where they highlight the club of the month in Charlotte, NC. They have 150 members and on their Facebook page they have a number of great ideas for other clubs. One of their ideas is to charge to let kids or others shoot paintballs at the airplanes. Scott Richards said that Jim Waybright and John Burnett had that same idea for last year's Airshow. Jim said they found the paintball gun and paintballs, but the paintballs had melted and new air cartridges for the gun were overly expensive. Brandon Riefler said he thought you could get a smaller paintball gun for around \$30. Rick wanted to know if the club had a "Hold Harmless Agreement", which no one seemed to know if one existed. Dave Hess mentioned that Bill Young has an issue with firearms and we would have to check with him whether paintball guns were allowed at the field.
- Jason Taylor indicated he is still having his event at the SRS UAS Facility on Saturday, June 24, but we also need to

have a Workday that same Saturday to set up for the Airshow on Sunday. Jason plans to create a sign-up sheet to cover the various work activities such as installing the banners, lining the field, roping off parking, etc. The workday will start around 9:00 am.

- Jason Taylor asked whether anyone planned to do a candy drop at the Airshow. Jim Waybright volunteered John Burnett to do a candy drop for the kids.
- Dave Hess mentioned the issue of someone volunteering to bring pizza to last year's airshow, but never did. We shouldn't advertise food and drink on the flyer, if none will be available. Jason Taylor said he would wait until we find out about the catering company before finishing the flyers for the Airshow.
- Jason Taylor has been contacted by the Great Pocomoke Fair to see if we are interested in participating again this year. If interested, Jason said he would coordinate the event and set up the tables and the banner. The event is scheduled for August 11, 12 and 13. Contact Jason if you are interested in participating at the event.
- Jason Taylor has submitted an application to the FAA to obtain a FAR for the MARKS RC Club. He said it is not clear what is going on with the AMA and FAA with respect to FAR's, but in any case, he has submitted our application.
- Jim Waybright indicated the neighbor to the north of Bill Young's property has a number of trees that tend to catch airplanes and they have been great with letting us go on their property to retrieve them and also returning any planes they find back to the field. He thought it would be great if we could get them a \$100 gift certificate to show our appreciation. A motion was made to get a \$100 gift certificate for the neighbor. The motion was seconded and approved. Jon Watson said he would get a \$100 Prepaid Visa card.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, June 17, 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.

Below is the same Spektrum GPS telemetry data as on the cover, only in Google Earth 3D mode. The yellow and orange portions of the flight graph are when the receiver signal strength was getting low.

