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MARKS is AMA Charter Club #333.
MARKS maintains a flying field located at:
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1918 Saint Lukes Road
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On the cover: Rick Witherow flying his Smoothie during the MARKS Air Show.

Upcoming Events

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

September 2023

September 16 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
September Bloody Baron Combat
MARKS Waybright Field
September 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
September Membership Meeting
MARKS Waybright Field
September 16 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm
September 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 06/26/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

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

Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2023

- MARKS June 2023 membership meeting
- Waybright Field
- 11 members and 1 guest 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 May 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 and maintenance parts for the mowers. There were also expenses for the AMA Sanction Fee and for upgrades to the Club Trainers. We had income from one member's dues.
- We have 34 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

- The geotex runway had to be removed. The fabric was rapidly deteriorating from the sun and prop strikes.
- John Burnett replaced the John Deere 48-inch blades, there was not much life left in the blades.
- The John Deere 48-inch mower battery finally died for the last time. David Hess replaced the battery.
- Jim Waybright, John Burnett, and David Hess seeded some bare spots where the bleachers used to be and where the geotex runway was located.
- Jim Waybright and David Hess replaced sprinkler heads that were not working properly, driving the purchase of 3 new sprinkler heads. David Hess found YouTube videos on cleaning and lubricating sprinkler heads. About 16 heads were washed in Dawn and lubricated with Super Lube. The success rate of cleaning and lubricating was about 50%. The controller is now set for watering 5-7 am.
- John Burnett sanded and painted the bleachers and tables.
- The White Zero Turn failed twice this month. The front wheel axles wore through on the bushings. New axles and bushings were installed. The deck belt broke again, so two were ordered and one was installed by John Burnett.
- The Cub Cadet blades were replaced by John Burnett, and it is performing well. The old blades were found to be a mismatched set of different sizes.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
 1. Gas for mowing
 2. White mower front axle shafts and bushings
 3. White mower deck belts
 4. Cub Cadet blades
 5. Rainbird irrigation sprinklers
 6. Reimburse a purchase of Jim Waybright for grass seed
 7. John Deere 48-inch mower battery
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Jim Waybright, David Hess, and Scott Richards.
- Shye Sarig and Bill Renshaw have already put the trainer to good use. Shye mentioned that it would benefit the trainers to get some more batteries.
- Jim Waybright and Rick Witherow got the gas-powered Valiant trainer running after a few hours of troubleshooting. There still may be an issue with motor thrust angle.

Membership Report

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.
- Dave Hess said Jim Lennon stopped by the field on Friday and expressed interest in joining the club. Dave invited him to the meeting, but he had prior engagements and couldn't attend. Jason Taylor said he has had a few other people contact him about the club, but nothing serious.

Airshow

- Jason Taylor has not heard anything back from the Worcester County Humane Society. He has tried to contact them numerous times. John Burnett said he would contact the Wicomico County Humane Society to see whether they would be willing to have us as a charity sponsor. Jason indicated if they are willing to come, to be here around 11:30 am.
- Jason said Shye Sarig volunteered to put out the signs advertising the Airshow along the nearby roads.
- Ray Carlson contacted Phat Boyz Catering and two other caterers and they either weren't interested or wanted a \$300 deposit before showing up, so we will not be having food at the Airshow.
- Since we are not going to have a caterer, Jason wanted to know whether we should have water and soda for those in attendance. Everyone thought we should have water and sodas available to purchase. Wally Makuchal said he would provide a large cooler, which he will drop off during the week. Jason Taylor said he would get the ice. Ray Carlson volunteered to get the water and sodas, but wanted to know how much the get. It was suggested to get 3 cases of water and 6 - 12packs of sodas. The sodas should be a variety, with more diet sodas than regular sodas. Someone asked what should we charge for the water and sodas. It was decided to charge \$1.00 for the water and \$2.00 for the sodas.
- Jason said we have the AMA sanction and he is working on the Facebook page. He has also sent announcements to the local TV stations' Community Calendars.
- Rick Witherow suggested that, if possible, the pilots flying in the Airshow give Ray Carlson information on their planes and any special maneuvers they plan to fly. Everyone thought that was a great idea. Ray requested that any information be legible.
- John Burnett plans to do a candy drop for the kids attending the Airshow. He bought the candy and even built a Flite Test B-25 for the candy drop. Jason Taylor suggested we do the candy drop around 1:30 pm, which will be around midway through the Airshow. John said he also has miniature parachute men that he can drop from the B-25. John thought we could also wrap a \$10 bill around one of the parachute men for the kids to find. Again, everyone thought that was a great idea.
- After much discussion, it was decided **not** to sell pit passes at the Airshow. It was decided though, to allow immediate family members of the MARKS club members into the pits.
- Rick Witherow suggested we have a Raffle for a kid or kids to be able to fly a trainer on a buddy box. This could be done at the end of the Airshow. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until the Airshow to see if we have the training pilots available to help the kids fly before holding the raffle.
- Wally Makuchal asked whether he could use his drone and take pictures and video during the Airshow. Jason said it wouldn't be a problem as long as he followed the applicable regulations and flew along the fence line (rather than over the pits) and behind the shed to avoid any spectators.
- Jason said he plans to be there early on Sunday to set up the PA system and chain off the parking areas.

Old Business

- We still need a volunteer to coordinate the lunch for the Fall Vintage Fly-In.
- Wally Makuchal fixed the sign by the road. He bolted the sign on each side more securely and sealed the wood edges with silicone caulk.
- Jon Watson did not have a chance to get the gift card for the neighbor next to Bill Young. Someone mentioned that the other neighbor has also been helpful in letting us retrieve our planes and they should be receiving a gift card too. After some discussion, a motion was made to purchase two \$100 Visa gift cards, one for each neighbor. The motion was seconded and approved. Jon said he would get the Visa gift cards this week.
- Wally Makuchal thought it would be a good idea to invite the neighbors to the Airshow. He could do it this week when he is dropping off the cooler. Everyone agreed that it would be a great idea and thought if they

attended, we could give them their Visa gift card at the Airshow. If they do not attend, then we could give them the gift card after the Airshow. It was suggested to Wally to let them know if they attend the Airshow, let one of the MARKS members know that they are there.

- Jason Taylor indicated he is still having his event at the SRS UAS Facility on Saturday, June 24. He expects 30-60 people to attend the event. He will bring and install the MARKS RC banner and also bring a RC plane to show at the event.

New Business

- Dave Hess indicated the Marks.com domain is up for renewal in late July at a cost of \$19.99 and wanted to know how do we pay for it. Jon Watson wanted Dave to go ahead and pay for it and he would reimburse him.
- Dave Hess said the outlet boxes in the pavilion are not being closed and he plans to make stickers which would be placed on the boxes to remind people to close them. When the outlet boxes are not closed, water can get in them and trip the GFCI breaker cutting power to the pavilion and tables. Jim Waybright indicated that there have not been any issues with the outlet boxes under the tables.
- Jim Waybright said if the sprinklers are on when you get to the field, please give him a call to find out the proper way to turn them off. If they are turned off incorrectly, it can screw up the timing of the sprinklers.
- Dave Hess mention that Shye Sarig thought it would be a good idea to get additional batteries for the club trainer, so you don't have to wait to recharge the battery before the next flight. Dave thinks they are 4000 mAh, 4S batteries and he can get two for around \$65. A motion was made to buy two new batteries for the club trainer. The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, July 22, 2023 starting at 2:00 pm at Waybright Field.
 1. Bloody Baron Combat Competition starting at 11:00 am.
 2. New Pilot Training after the meeting from approximately 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

Reminder

The Great Pocomoke Fair is August 11, 12 and 13. Jason Taylor will be coordinating the event and will set up the tables and banner. Contact Jason if you are interested in participating at the event.

MARKS Air Show 2023

These photos and more are available for a limited time at: <https://marksrc.com/june-2023-photos>











