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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: Shye Sarig and Jason Taylor flying combat at Waybright Field.

Upcoming Events

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

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For more information visit <https://marksrc.com/events>



We lost MARKS member Ken Thom this month. His obituary is at:
<https://www.burbagefuneralhome.com/obituary/reverend-kenneth-thom>

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 07/30/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

John Burnett
Wendell Gumby
David Hess
Scott Richards
Shye Sarig

Harry Semenko
Jason Taylor
Jon Watson
Jim Waybright
Rick Witherow

Meeting Minutes for July 29, 2023

- MARKS July 2023 membership meeting
- Waybright Field
- 11 members and 3 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 June 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.
- Bill Carmean submitted his dues.
- The electric bill is larger than expected this month. The change is suspected to be from the sprinkler operation. The sprinklers have been turned off.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Field Report

- John Burnett donated and replaced the ignition module on the John Deere 48-inch.
- The Amazon blades purchased last month were totally destroyed by use and replaced with OEM blades.
- John Burnett donated and installed water connections on several mower decks for easy cleanout of the decks. This is working well.
- Scott Richards is our main weed trimmer guy. He has been having issues lately where the battery is slow to charge and will not last for all the trimming. David Hess purchased two off-brand replacement batteries and a fast charger for trimmer use.
- Rick Witherow and Jim Waybright installed and attached anchors for the trainer shed tie down.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
 - Gas for mowing
 - Domain renewal
 - Trainer lipos
 - Weedeater batteries
 - Weedeater battery charger
 - John Deere blades
 - Reimburse a purchase of Jim Waybright for shed tie down hardware
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Jim Waybright, Shye Sarig, Bill Renshaw, and Scott Richards.

Membership Report

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.

Old Business

- Cate Easmunt and Arlene Thom were introduced as the wife and daughter of the late Ken Thom. They were looking for assistance in liquidating the RC equipment of Ken. Wally Makuchal and Jason Taylor are going to visit and look over the equipment.
- Jon Watson made a motion, and it was passed, to refund the dues for Ken Thom to his wife Arlene.
- David Hess volunteered to deliver the obituary to Harry Semenko for information for the plaque.
- Jon Watson has purchased the VISA cards approved at the June meeting. Wally Makuchal and Jason Taylor are going to deliver after the meeting.
- Jason Taylor gave an update of the FRIA application. The application has been in for a few months, but no response from the FAA. The AMA has no issues with the club making a direct application.
- Jason Taylor gave an update on the Air Show.
- A discussion about the food and beverages for the Vintage Fly In was held. Concerns about how it will be performed and funded need to be resolved. In order to simplify the events next year, the Vintage Fly In and Air Show may be on the same weekend.
- The location for the October meeting was discussed, leaning towards keeping it at field for October, but not a firm decision.

New Business

- Wally Makuchal was contacted again by the Worcester County Technical High School about a demonstration. The club was unable to participate this time.
- Jim Waybright read the following letter of comment for the record:
I have these comments about the rescheduling of the MARKS club meeting from July,15 2023 to July 29, 2023.

As a member of the executive committee, I was not notified in any way about changing the meeting date.

I found out when I arrived at the field about 10:30 Saturday morning July 15,2023 by Rick Witherow, that an email was sent out late Friday night stating that the meeting would be postponed until Saturday July 29. As far as I know it didn't give any acceptable reasons. It also failed to state if it included canceling Bloody Baron Combat (which was eventuality canceled because only three members showed up).

Normal protocol has always been, that if the president cannot chair the meeting, he notifies the Vice President to chair the meeting. I don't know understand why this proper protocol was not followed.

I talked to Ray Carlson (Vice President) on that Saturday around noon and he stated NO one called him about chairing the meeting.

In closing all have to say is I am very disappointed in the club leadership for how unprofessional this was handled.

Signed James Waybright

- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.
- Following the meeting, Jason Taylor released the following statement to the membership:
MARKS members,

Hope everyone is staying cool and it was great to see a few folks out for combat and the meeting today. I wanted to reach out and advise membership on what appears to be a serious issue for some members. On July 12 Scott emailed club officers including myself, Ray Carlson, John Watson, and David Hess, with a note that he would not be able to attend the monthly meeting. I replied all and with the names I saw in the email line I assumed it was to the entire executive committee. I also noted I would be out of town that day. After a few days David Hess replied on the 14th and advised per the current bylaws we no longer needed 30 days' notice to change a meeting date and with myself, Scott, and possibly himself there was a good chance we would not have the required executive members present to hold the meeting. After not hearing from any of the other leadership and with a postponement putting us back on track for the meeting dates on record, I made the decision to postpone the meeting until July 29th. At today's meeting it was brought up that there was disappointment with the leadership of the club for this change. It was also mentioned by several members that a phone call should have been made. I take responsibility for not making any calls as I thought everyone in leadership would respond to club emails asking questions and requesting comment. I apologize for any convenience and obviously if this is an issue again, I can assure you calls will be made. As several of you know and discuss with me regularly, I will continue to promote the club and thrive to bring in new members to help with growing the club. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly. Please stay cool and hope to see you at the next meeting.

V/R

Jason Taylor

MARKS President

MARKS July Field Activity



