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MARKS is AMA Charter Club #333.
MARKS maintains a flying field located at:
Waybright Field
1918 Saint Lukes Road
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On the cover: Ryan Pscolka hovering his Extra at Waybright Field.

Upcoming Events

September 2023

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

Please note new date

October 2023

October 14 @ 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Fall Vintage Fly-In 2023
MARKS Waybright Field
October 28 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
October Bloody Baron Combat
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For more information visit <https://marksrc.com/events>

We lost past MARKS member Elmer McKay this month. His obituary is at:

<https://www.williamsfuneralhomes.com/obituary/Elmer-McKay>

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 08/28/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

Ray Bertrand
John Burnett
David Hess
Jeffrey Powers
Scott Richards

Shye Sarig
Jon Watson
Jim Waybright
Rick Witherow

For Sale

A new item is listed for sale at:

<https://marksrc.com/for-sale>



Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2023

- MARKS August 2023 membership meeting
- Waybright Field
- 11 members 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 July 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 MARKS domain registration and to return Kenneth Thom's dues to his widow.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Field Report

- John Burnett donated and installed water connections on more mower decks (all but the Gravely) for easy cleanout of the decks. This is working well.
- John Burnett donated and installed a fuel cutoff valve on the Cub Cadet to correct a loss of prime issue. Jim Waybright said to be sure to cutoff the fuel when done mowing.
- Jim Waybright purchased and David Hess installed additional cable clamps for the trainer shed tie down.
- John Burnett replaced the John Deere L120 belt.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
 - Gas for mowing
 - John Deere belt
 - Reimburse a purchase to Jim Waybright for shed tie down hardware.
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Jim Waybright, Shye Sarig, Ryan Pscolka, Dave Hess and Scott Richards.

Membership Report

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.
- Harry Semenko informed Dave Hess that Elmer McKay passed away a couple of days ago. He is not a current member, but was a member a few years ago. Harry Semenko will add Elmer's name to the deceased members plaque.
- Jason Taylor said that Dave Freeman expressed interest in possibly joining the club and Jason Griffin has expressed interest through our Facebook site, but so far has not shown up at the field or at any events.

Old Business

- We still need a volunteer to coordinate the lunch for the Fall Vintage Fly-In. Ray Carlson said he would cook, but someone needs to provide the food. It was determined that we shouldn't have an issue with "all you can eat" from the attendees. Someone asked whether we had gas for the grill. Yes, we have gas for the grill, but the grill is in bad shape. It needs to be cleaned and we had so much trouble using it last year, that we had to use Bill Young's grill. Wally Makuchal thought that he may have a grill we can use.
- Jason thanked Wally Makuchal, John Haffner, and Shye Sarig for helping him out at the Pocomoke Fair. Jason said we had a table and a number of planes on display. Unfortunately, the attendance at the fair was poor and it was so hot on Sunday that we elected not to participate.
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- Jason indicated that the AMA has almost 2,500 member clubs needing FRIA approvals. So far only 200 applications have been approved. Jason's application directly to the FAA was turned down because they said the flight area was too large, but he submitted two more applications through the AMA. One with the original flight area (circular) and a second with a reduced rectangular flight area. Jason said it appears the FAA is approving those applications in controlled airspace first and with approvals for the non-controlled airspace coming later. Jason thinks the FAA will be holding the September 16, 2023 effective date. The criteria for remote identification are as follows:
 - Planes or drones less than 0.5 lb. are exempt.
 - The remote ID can be built in the plane or drone.
 - A remote ID module is installed in the plane or drone. Supposedly Spektrum has one coming out soon.
 - Fly in FRIA
- Jason suggested following the links that have been sent out or do your own research to keep up with the status of FRIA.

New Business

- A motion was made to move the meeting dates in September and October to the last Saturday of the month starting at 2:00 pm. The motion was seconded and approved. It was also decided to hold the October meeting at Waybright Field.
- Jim Waybright was asked by Rick Witherow to ask a question at the meeting. Rick wanted to know who is the keeper of the club's documents? Jason indicated that the club secretary is the keeper of the club's documents.
- Wally Makuchal asked with the attendance at the Pocomoke Fair so low, should we skip it and attend the Wicomico County Fair instead? Jason indicated that we attended the Pocomoke Fair because he was willing to coordinate the event and they waived the fee. At an earlier meeting, we decided we would only attend an event if someone volunteered to coordinate it. Dave Hess indicated that we stopped attending the Wicomico Fair because they put us in a vendor category and wanted a large fee to set up a table for the event.
- Dave Hess thought it would be a good idea if we get any more invitations from schools or community groups to do flying demonstrations, that we do it at Waybright Field instead of their facility. Dave said we are familiar with the field and the wind patterns, so it would be easier and safer to do it there. Scott Richards mentioned that with the remote ID requirements coming soon, it will be almost be a requirement to fly at Waybright Field, once we get our FRIA approval. Jason Taylor thought that you may be able to get a temporary waiver to fly at another location for a demonstration, but it would have to be approved by the FAA.
- Randy Eckert was welcomed to the meeting. Randy flies primarily control line, which by the way does not need remote ID. There was also some discussion about areas that could be used for control line flying with the consensus being away from the houses because of potential noise issues.
- Jon Watson indicated the porta-potty is cleaned out on a "as needed" basis. He had it cleaned out before the air show and think it is about time to clean it again. He will call this week to get it cleaned out.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, September 30, 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.

MARKS August Field Activity

These photos and more are at: <https://marksrc.com/august-2023-photos>







