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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  
1918 Saint Lukes Road  
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On the cover: A rainy day at Waybright Field.

## Upcoming Events

### 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  
MARKS Waybright Field

October 28 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
October Membership Meeting  
MARKS Waybright Field

October 28 @ 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
October New Pilot Training  
MARKS Waybright Field

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

## For Sale

A new item is listed for sale at:  
<https://marksrc.com/for-sale>



## 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 10/02/2023, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month through September 2023:

Ray Bertrand  
John Burnett  
David Hess  
Jeffrey Powers  
Scott Richards

Shye Sarig  
Harry Semenko  
Jon Watson  
Jim Waybright  
Rick Witherow

## Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2023

- MARKS September 2023 membership meeting
- Waybright Field
- 9 members present.
- The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- A motion was made to forgo the reading of the August 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 (including a cleaning), electricity, and gas and maintenance parts for the mowers. There was a credit for a bad battery for the trimmer that was returned to Amazon.
- Rick Witherow thanked Jon for getting the porta potty costs under control
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Field Report

- David Hess killed the wasp's nest in the recycle can that has stung a few members.
- David Hess made new wooden frequency pins. The plastic ones were severely UV damaged.
- The batteries purchased for the string trimmer started giving problems, so a refund was requested from Amazon.
- The John Deere L120 is down for diagnosis and repair. It is rolling and breaking belts. It can be used for pulling the sweeper, but not for cutting.
- The belt on the White ZT50 was replaced, which is also a recurring issue.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
  - Belt for White Zero Turn
  - Clothes pins
  - Wasp Killer and cord
  - John Deere L120 OEM blades
  - John Deere L120 OEM belt
  - Gas
  - Oil
- Mowing and trimming has been performed by John Burnett, Ryan Pscolka, David Hess, and Scott Richards. Ryan was checked out on the Gravely.
- George Claupein donated a trainer to the club. It was upgraded to electric by Jim Waybright, donating some items from his collection. It suffered a failure in flight, but was repaired by Jim. We now have two electric trainers and Jim says it flies great.
- Harry Semenko installed the tags on the memorial board for Kenneth Thom, Elmer McKay, and Dick Schleicher. A request was made to add a tag for Cliff Morris.
- Harry Semenko picked up the trash.

### Membership Report

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues.
- Jason Taylor said that he has received a couple of emails from people expressing interest in joining the club and has responded back to them.
- Jason also received a request from Jonathan Posner to fly as a guest since he is visiting from outside of our area. He said he has the necessary AMA and FAA documents; he just needs a MARKS member to be present at the field.

**Old Business**

- The Fall Vintage Fun-Fly is just two weeks away and since John Haffner is not here, we do not know what the status is. John sent out an email asking for volunteers, but we do not know if anyone volunteered other than Ray Carlson. Jason requested that if you can help, please contact John, or show up on Friday and/or Saturday. Wally Makuchal said he would call John and ask him to send out an email updating the status of the event. A motion was made to donate any leftover food and condiments to Halo. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Wally Makuchal said he still has the VISA gift cards for the neighbors. Looking at the expiration date, they don't expire until 2031, so Wally suggested handing out the gift cards before the holidays when they could really use them. After some discussion, it was decided that Wally and Jason would hand them out just before the holidays.
- Jason indicated that the Remote ID regulations are now law. The FAA only delayed the enforcement until March 16, 2024. If you fly at Waybright Field, you should be okay because we have a FRIA request pending with the FAA. If you fly offsite, then by law, you need a Remote ID broadcast module. If you don't have a broadcast module and someone asks, then you can either show a receipt for your backordered module or just indicate you have one on order. There was some discussion about who can enforce the law. The FAA website indicates only FAA employees can enforce the law, whereas the Part 107 test indicated that anyone in authority, such as the police, can enforce the law. Jason also indicated that the FAA hasn't figured out how they are going to enforce the law or what the penalties are for violating the law. Jason said the FAA currently enforces the Part 107 regulations by scanning YouTube videos looking for violations. Jason noted that the FRIA for the Wor-Wic Community College has been approved.

**New Business**

- Jim Waybright was asked by Ken Thom's widow to auction off Ken's airplanes, transmitters and accessories. Jim thought that we could hold a silent auction during the Fall Vintage Fun-Fly. There was some discussion about the low prices usually obtained at these auctions and with the limited interest in used RC equipment, she may be very disappointed with the results. A motion was made because of the limited interest in the used RC market and the low prices, not to hold the auction. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Jon Watson indicated that we have a low balance left in the treasury. He is concerned whether our \$100 dues are sufficient to meet our expenses going forward. Do we need to raise the dues to \$125? Just something to think about. Dave Hess suggested if we do raise the dues, look at doing it in increments, instead of one big jump like last time (\$60 to \$100). Rick Witherow suggested moving the fiscal year to October 1, with dues paid by December 31, to help with budgeting and expenses for the following year. After some discussion, Jason indicated that the best way to work out the due's situation is to have Jon Watson prepare a budget for next year based on current costs but with adders for inflation.
- Rick Witherow suggested that the Executive Committee review the by-laws before the next meeting with respect to dues and the fiscal year. Jason Taylor asked Scott Richards to set up an Executive Committee meeting before October 28.
- Jason Taylor wanted to know if anyone was interested in a Holiday Event like we had before COVID. If we have one, when and where? Something to think about for the next meeting.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.
- Next meeting Saturday, October 28, 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.