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## Mid-Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society MARKSMen

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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: Logan Smith flying at Waybright Field on New Year's Day.

## Upcoming Events

### February 2024

February 27 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING](#)

The SBY UAS Center of Excellence  
31856 Crosswind Drive  
Salisbury, MD

### March 2024

March 26 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING](#)

The SBY UAS Center of Excellence  
31856 Crosswind Drive  
Salisbury, MD

### April 2024

April 1

[MEMBERSHIP DUES](#)

Dues for 2024 are due. Members in arrears are no longer permitted to fly at MARKS Waybright Field.

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

## All Season Flyer for 2023

As of 01/01/2024, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

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

## All Season Flyer for 2024

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 01/23/2024, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

Ray Bertrand	Shye Sarig
John Burnett	Harry Semenko
David Hess	Logan Smith
Rob Krafft	Jim Waybright
Wally Makuchal	Rick Witherow
Jeffrey Powers	
Ryan Pscolka	
Scott Richards	

Please note that dues are due on April 1, 2024. The individual membership dues rate has been changed to \$125.

## Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2024

- MARKS January 2024 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 12 members present.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Ray Carlson.
- The October 2023 meeting minutes were read. A motion was made to accept the October 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 and electricity.
- Nine members have paid their dues so far this year, six through PayPal and three by cash or check.
- Jon said he received an expense request from Dave Hess for additional field expenses. Dave also gave Jon \$250.00 from the Munchie Fund for the treasury.
- It was suggested that we need to pay the rent ASAP. Jon said he would take care of it.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Field Report

- The John Deere L120 is running well. John Burnett changed the carburetor, and got the deck aligned. John also greased the mowers and sharpened the blades. The mowers are rotated on trickle charge to keep the batteries in good shape.
- John Burnett drained the roller for the winter.
- John Burnett indicated the Zero Turn mower needs new blades and the small John Deere tractor needs a new belt.
- Cajé Chandler and Jim Waybright winterized the irrigation system.
- Harry Semenko installed the tag on the memorial board for Geren Mortensen.
- A mole took up residence at the field, but was quickly dispatched.
- There was some wind damage in January to the training shed. A number of shingles blew off of the roof.
- An expense report was submitted for reimbursement of the following items:
  - RV antifreeze to winterize the irrigation system
  - John Deere L120 pulley and nut
  - John Deere L120 OEM belt
  - John Deere L120 carburetor
  - John Deere L120 muffler
  - Gas
- The munchie fund released excess funds in the amount of \$250.00 to the club treasury.
- The munchie fund donated drinks for the New Year's Day Fun-Fly.
- The annual lawn mower maintenance is coming up, and we will need to purchase filters and fluids. The cost last year was about \$220, and it should be more this year. Dave wanted to know if he should order these items now or wait? After some discussion, it was decided to review this again at next month's meeting.
- The porta-potty was knocked down a couple of times due to the recent high winds. John Burnett put it back up and Rick Witherow put a couple of concrete blocks inside to keep it from tipping again. Rick thought that the best long-term solution would be to pin it down with rebar at the holes in each corner of the base. He suggested a #4 bar with at least a 2 ft. straight section with a 3" hook would work. Bill Renshaw thought he had some rebar laying around and will fabricate the four pieces.

**Membership Report**

- Since we currently do not have a Membership Chairman, Jason will be the club contact for membership issues. Ray Carlson said he would bring it up to Jason at the next meeting about getting the position filled.
- We have added two new members since our last meeting, Logan Smith and Stephen (Steve) Hallman.
- Steve Hallman was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself to the members in attendance. Following Steve's introduction, the members all introduced themselves to Steve. Welcome Steve and Logan.

**Old Business**

- Wally Makuchal delivered the gift certificates to the neighbors this afternoon. Only one was home, but they promised to deliver the gift certificate to their neighbor.
- The FRIA application with the FAA was approved on November 13, 2023. This means that the use of Remote ID will not be required when flying at Waybright Field.
- Harry Semenko volunteered to be the new Field Safety Officer. Thank you, Harry!

**New Business**

- Dave Hess has started working on editing the By-Laws. He has a draft almost finished, but still needs to add language about permitting an assessment for major financial issues, such as a pavilion replacement. He wants to get Rick Witherow's opinion before finalizing the draft. Ray Carlson asked whether we need a committee to review the By-Law changes? It was decided to discuss it further at our next meeting.
- Rick Witherow indicated with the shingles that blew off the shed and the age of the shingles, the shed roof should probably be re-shingled. Rick estimated the cost of replacement materials to be around \$250.00. John Burnett said he would remove the old shingles and he and Rick would install the new shingles. Rick said they could patch the roof, but with all the old shingles on the shed and the quality of the replacement shingles at the field, we are better off replacing the roof as soon as we can to prevent damage to the sheathing and the trainer planes inside the shed. A motion was made to buy the materials necessary to re-shingle the shed roof. The motion was seconded and approved. Rick and John will supply the labor and Scott Richards volunteered to pick up the materials.
- Rick Witherow submitted his letter resigning from the Executive Committee. Unfortunately, with his future move to Pennsylvania he will not be able to serve on the committee. Finding a new Executive Committee member will also be an issue for the next meeting(s).
- Rick Witherow wanted to know if we were still planning to run power to the shed, so we could charge the batteries for the trainers? Dave Hess said he would supply the wire, but we would still need to spend around \$200 for conduit and accessories and supply the labor to do the work. No decision was made, so this is another issue for a future meeting(s).
- Rick Witherow said the pavilion ceiling needs to be repainted. He estimates the cost to be around \$30.00. This is something that can be done during the Spring Workday.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.
- Next meeting Tuesday, February 27, 2024 starting at 7:00 pm at the SRS UAS Facility at the Salisbury Airport.

# New Year's Day at Waybright Field

These and more photos are available at: <https://marksrc.com/january-024-photos>







