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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  
Salisbury, MD 21804

On the cover: John Burnett shows that MARKS is more than planes.

## Upcoming Events

### 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.

April 30 @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

[APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING](#)

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

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

## 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 02/25/2024, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

John Burnett  
David Hess  
Jeffrey Powers  
Scott Richards  
Shye Sarig  
Logan Smith

Jon Watson  
Jim Waybright  
Rick Witherow

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

## Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2024

- MARKS February 2024 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 12 members present.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- A motion was made to forgo reading the January 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.
- Three additional members have paid their dues this month, two through PayPal and one by check. A total of 12 members have paid their dues so far this year.
- The rent was paid in January.
- Jon Watson asked whether he can get the porta-potty cleaned out in March for the spring season. A motion was made to have the porta-potty cleaned out in March. The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Field Report

- Bill Renshaw made some tie-downs for the porta-potty and installed them at the field. Jim Waybright provided project management and quality control services for the project.
- The roof on the shed was replaced by Rick Witherow, John Burnett, Dave Hess and Scott Richards. There was no cost to the club for this work, since all the materials were donated. Bill Young and Bill Renshaw donated shingles and roofing paper and Shye Sarig donated nails. Thank you for the donations.
- No expenses were incurred this month for field operation and maintenance.
- The annual lawn mower maintenance is coming up, and we will need to purchase filters, fluids and mower blades. The cost last year was about \$220 and it should be more this year. Dave Hess wanted to know whether he should go out and purchase these items. After a brief discussion, a motion was made to have Dave purchase the needed materials. The motion was seconded and approved.

### Membership Report

- Jason Taylor volunteered to take over as chairman of the Membership Committee, replacing Rick Witherow.

### Old Business

- Dave Hess modified the By-Laws based on the comments from the Executive Committee meeting last October and his meeting with Rick Witherow. Scott Richards will send out the modified document to the Executive Committee for their review and comments. The Executive Committee members will have 5 days to review the document and send any comments, corrections, proposed edits, etc. back to Scott so they can be finalized and sent out to the membership for voting at the March meeting.
- Rick Witherow again mentioned about the need for an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to be located at the field, especially with our aging membership. The AMA has a "Save a Life" grant which will pay 25% of the cost of the AED (up to \$200). Note that the AED has to be purchased before applying for the grant. Rick said the AMA also has a partnership with the Red Cross to provide specialized offers to member clubs for CPR, first aid and AED training. Someone asked how long the batteries last and it was thought about 2 years. Rick said we could build a "hot box" in the pump house to house the AED and lengthen the battery life. Jason Taylor said he would look into the requirements for applying for the grant.
- Rick Witherow said the pavilion ceiling needs to be repainted as part of the Spring Workday. He said details of the paint used to originally paint the ceiling are located in the black cabinet in the shed. Dave Hess said that he would buy the necessary paint.

**New Business**

- Jason Taylor sent in the paperwork and fees to renew our club's charter with the AMA. Jason checked with the AMA and the paperwork has been received and is currently being processed.
- Rick Witherow commented on how the same people are attending the meetings every month and we need to look into some way of getting more and different members to attend. Rick thought a letter of encouragement could be sent along with the monthly meeting notice. He also thought that including different activities such as RC car and motorcycle demonstrations, technical sessions and model displays as part of the meeting agenda would help the attendance.
- Ray Carlson suggested putting a sign in the pavilion of what needs to be done in case of an emergency. As part of that procedure, we need to require someone to be stationed at the end of the driveway to direct EMS personnel back to the field. Jason Taylor he would call Worcester County and Wicomico County EMS to add directions to the field in their Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) notes. Dave Hess indicated the By-Laws require the Field Safety Officer (Harry Semenko) to also contact the AMA in case of an accident. Dave said the language in the By-Laws about safety and the Field Safety Officer's duties are based on the AMA documents. Harry said he would look at the By-Laws and AMA documents to see what signage is needed.
- Rick Witherow asked about the fire extinguishers at the field and whether they are in working condition. Harry Semenko said he would check their condition and report if anything needs to be updated.

**Elections (2024 – 2025 Terms)**

- Jason Taylor sent an email to the Executive Committee on February 3 listing the current club officers and proposed Executive Committee members from the membership. Jason indicated that all the current club officers and Executive Committee members wished to remain in their current positions and no other members were offered up as candidates.
- Jason went over each club officer position and asked whether there were any other nominations:
  - President – Jason Taylor
  - Vice President – Ray Carlson
  - Treasurer – Jon Watson
  - Secretary – Scott Richards
  - No other nominations were offered up from the membership. A motion was made to accept the candidates. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Jason went over the candidates from the membership for the Executive Committee. The candidates are Jim Waybright, Dave Hess and Harry Semenko. It was pointed out that Dave Hess is already a member of the Executive Committee due to his position as past secretary, so we need someone from the membership to replace Dave. Steve Hallman was nominated as to be a member of the Executive Committee. A motion was made to accept the Executive Committee candidates (Jim, Harry and Steve). The motion was seconded and approved.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.
- Next meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024 starting at 7:00 pm at the SRS UAS Facility at the Salisbury Airport.

# February at Waybright Field

These and more photos are available at: <https://marksrc.com/february-2024-photos>







