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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 flying his new jet at Waybright Field.

Upcoming Events

May 2024

May 19 @ 11:00 am - 1:30 pm

May Bloody Baron Combat
MARKS Waybright Field

May 19 @ 1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

CPR and First Aid Training
MARKS Waybright Field

May 19 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

May Membership Meeting
MARKS Waybright Field

June 2024

June 16 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

June Bloody Baron Combat
MARKS Waybright Field

June 16 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

June Membership Meeting
MARKS Waybright Field

July 2024

July 21 @ 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

July Bloody Baron Combat
MARKS Waybright Field

July 21 @ 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

July Membership Meeting
MARKS Waybright Field

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 04/29/2024, the following MARKS members have flown at least once a month:

Ray Bertrand
John Burnett
David Hess
Jeffrey Powers
Scott Richards
Shye Sarig
Harry Semenka

Jon Watson
Jim Waybright
Rick Witherow

Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2024

- MARKS April 2024 membership meeting
- SRS UAS Facility at Salisbury Airport
- 14 members present.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Jason Taylor.
- A motion was made to forgo reading the March 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, paint (for workday) and various mowing related expenses.
- Jon investigated the bad check and got it straightened out. There is an income amount of \$299.06, which covers the bad check amount plus the \$15 bank fee.
- Ten additional members have paid their dues this month. A total of 29 members have paid their dues so far this year.
- A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Field Report

- John Burnett serviced all the mowers.
- John Burnett been keeping the fields mowed again this season. Scott Richards has been doing the string trimming.
- The punch list Harry Semenko submitted in March was worked. Scott Richards prepped the tables for painting. John Burnett worked snag areas by the flag pole and fence. Steve Hallman donated a cone for the tripping hazard. Harry Semenko bought a new first aid kit. If anyone else helped, let us know.
- The work day was well supported, and Ray Carlson brought doughnuts. With little to do except painting, and rain expected later in the day, little work was done.
- An expense report was submitted for the following items:
 - Gas
 - Rope for the flag pole
 - Oil for the mowers
- The munchie stocks which were out of date have been discarded. The munchie fund has been closely monitored for the last few months, and Dave handed out a detailed summary for review at the meeting. Since February 1, there has been a deficit of \$21.70. This is likely due to theft, as it is too great for honest mistakes. After considering the cost of supplies, the theft level is 26% of the potential income.
- Keep in mind the munchie income is used for consumables such as paper towels, propane gas, bug spray, etc., with excess going in the club treasury. Due to the loss, the money box for munchies is now locked. This is an impact for those that need change at the field. If you ever need change at the field, please see David Hess.
- Website auto renews for domain on 07/24/24 and the hosting on 09/12/24. A mailer was received by Bill Young for a domain registration. It was a company trying to draw us away from our plan provider. Since the domain is registered in the name of David Hess, whoever sent this harvested the address from marksrc.com location.

Safety Report

- Jason Taylor added a new item to the minutes, a Safety Report from the Field Safety Officer, Harry Semenko.
- Harry reported that top of the fence railing needs to be chiseled down so it is even. Harry also was concerned that the clamps holding the wind sock pole to the fence need to be covered to protect someone from getting snagged on them. Harry said he would fix both of these items.

Membership Report

- Jason Taylor reported that we have two new members, Bill Waggoner and Chris Tyler. Chris was in attendance at the meeting and introduced himself to the members.
- Jason said he has been in contact with another person who is interested in becoming a member.

- Jason handed out “All Season Flyer” patches for 2023. The members and their associated years are as follows:
 - John Burnett – 15 years
 - Harry Semenko – 14 years
 - Jon Watson – 10 years
 - Jeffrey Powers – 1 year
 - Jim Waybright – “A lot”
 - Scott Richards – 2 years
 - Rick Witherow – 7 years
 - Shye Sarig – 6 years
- Dave Hess indicated we have a number of members that were members last year, but have not yet paid in 2024. He said someone should contact them to see if they are aware of the deadline for dues payment and are still interested in flying. Dave handed out a list of those members and Jason said he would call them to find out their interest.

Old Business

- Ray Carlson said there was an article in the latest edition of Model Aviation titled “As Serious As” which details a member’s adventure at his field after he had a heart attack. He survived, but indicates the ambulance couldn’t find the address of the field, which caused an eight-minute delay and someone had to stand at the end of the driveway to wave them down. Ray was concerned the same thing could happen at our field and wanted to make sure we update the CADs for the local EMS. Jason Taylor said he contacted both Wicomico and Worcester Counties EMS to update their CAD premises for MARKS RC. He said if you have to call 911 and they ask for the address, tell them MARKS RC. Jason Taylor said he is going to work with Wally Makuchal to come up with a sign at the field indicating for 911 calls, the address is MARKS RC.
- Ray Carlson asked for a show on hands on how many members know CPR. Five or six members raised their hands. Ray thought that it would be helpful if everyone knew CPR and first aid in case something happens at the field. Everyone thought that it was a good idea and Jason Taylor suggested moving up our May meeting time up a half an hour to allow for CPR and first aid training, which everyone agreed with.
- Jason Taylor said he is looking into what grants are available to help us purchase an AED for the field.
- Dave Hess said he will work on a better estimate of the costs associated with installing power in the trainer shed and hopefully have something for our next meeting.
- Dave Hess and Rick Witherow looked in the AMA liability insurance coverage and determined the club and property owner (Bill Young) are covered. The AMA insurance acts like an umbrella policy over top the member’s homeowner’s insurance.
- Jim Waybright said we had a good turnout for the Spring Workday, but unfortunately the weather didn’t cooperate and they weren’t able to get any of the painting done. After some discussion, it decided not to hold another workday, but ask for volunteers to do the work instead. Jason Taylor asked Scott Richards to send out an email requesting volunteers for the various painting tasks. Scott said he would get something out in the next day or two.

New Business

- After some discussion, a motion was made to hold the meetings for May through October at Waybright Field on the third Sunday of the month starting at 2:00 pm. The motion was seconded and approved. It was also decided to hold a Bloody Baron Combat Competition before the meetings and training for new pilots after the meetings. Note that the May meeting will start at 1:30 pm, to allow for CPR and first aid training.
- Jason Taylor asked whether we wanted to hold an airshow this year? After some discussion, a motion was made to hold an airshow on Sunday, October 6 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The motion was seconded and approved. Jason Taylor said he will be the event coordinator.
- Jason Taylor said the AMA is finalizing an agreement with the FAA to allow temporary FRIA for offsite events. In our case, something like flying at the Pocomoke Fair or at a school, where we could get a temporary FRIA and not have to use Remote ID in our planes. Jason also said the AMA is working with the FAA to extend the 400 ft. height limit for special events like soaring competitions.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.
- Next meeting Sunday, May 19, 2024 starting at 1:30 pm at Waybright Field. The meeting time is being moved up 30 minutes to allow for CPR and first aid training for those that are interested.
- There will be a Bloody Baron Combat competition before the meeting and training for new pilots after the meeting.

April at Waybright Field



