



# PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

The January meeting was full of information so without further delay I will present the topics.

We will be voting on a lawn service contract at the February meeting.

The Joint Services Open House at Andrews Air Force Base. We are looking for volunteers to help out for one, two, or even all three days. The Air Force has already been notified that we want to attend the Air Show again this year, and we are just waiting on their reply as to where we will be placed. Once we know that we are on the schedule we will be asking those members who are willing to help for some basic information. Mr. Vic Carden will be the person collecting everyone's information, he will then give that information to the Investigations Office at Andrews Air Force Base. This is a necessary step so you can have access to the base.

The War Bird fly-in that takes place two weeks after the Andrews Air Show at our flying field. I'm not going to be real descriptive since Mr. Dave Heil is heading up this event, and I'm sure he will be putting out a flyer that contains all the information about this event. In addition, I want to remind everyone that during the May meeting we will be viewing and voting on the winter building projects. If you haven't already started your project you might want to get going, time is flying by and summer will be here again before you know it.

Doug's Hobby Shop in Waldorf, Maryland closed its doors on January 28, 2006. The stock that wasn't sold prior to the closing was transferred to Doug's II which is located in Hollywood, Maryland. A landmark has been removed from Waldorf, but congratulations to Jim and looking forward to a much larger selection in Hollywood.

If you haven't already renewed your dues there is a \$20.00 dollar penalty attached to the \$50.00 dollars. Until next time keep your dirty side down and please stay out of the trees. Most of all just have fun

CHARLES COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CLUB

# The Insiders Edge

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# VICE PRESIDENT'S RUNWAY



## Thoughts From The Second Banana

*Dave Fromme* Vice President

As I sit down to write this column I am quite sad, almost in mourning you might say. Today was the last day of operation for the Waldorf Doug's Hobby Shop. For 20 years I have been a customer/employee of this fine establishment and it's hard to believe that it's gone. Doug Moran is one of the nicest folks I have met in my lifetime and he has provided myself, and *thousands* of folks just like me, with a pastime of pleasure and enjoyment that we all value and treasure.

I wanted to thank Doug for putting up with all of us pain in the butt airplane customers for all these years. I was always one of those customers (and employees) that when he had the store busting at the seams with merchandise, I needed/wanted something he didn't have. I was the guy who was always looking for something off the wall that nobody else would think about buying.

Doug, myself and the countless numbers of customers you have served over the years all thank you for your kindness and willingness to share your skills and experience with us. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your team and giving me a place to step away from my full time job and let me perform a service that made people happy and smile. It is this, that I will really miss the most. I will miss all of the interesting people that came in and out of that little store and the conversations and laughs that we all had. It was the one place where almost everyone who came in, had the same interests I have, and we all seemed to speak the same language. I have met some of the best friends I have ever had in that store, and wonder what will ever be able to take its place.

Well, anyway.....Doug, thanks for all your hard work and for the fun and good times you have given to all of us. Thanks for making my world a less stressful place and giving me a hobby that I will enjoy until my last day.

## **JR's New Spektrum Radios**

Written by Dave Fromme

If you haven't seen these advertised, JR has introduced these radios to target park flying enthusiasts. They operate on 2.4GHz and allow the user a much cleaner signal to fly with. Because these radios, when turned on, automatically scan 80 available 2.4GHz channels and lock on to two to transmit on, there is no channel number assigned to the transmitter. It's capable of transmitting on all 80

channels and the transmitter selects the channels, not the user.

I realized that this new radio may cause some concern at our flying site because this radio cannot comply with our frequency control board. I have taken the liberty of fixing the problem before it occurs. If you have purchased one of these new radios, you certainly may fly with it at CCRCC. We will designate several of the empty spaces on the frequency board to be marked "2.4 GHz Spektrum". When you are ready to fly, just place your current AMA card in one of the marked slots and go fly. When you are done, simply remove your AMA card just like you would with any other radio.

I am asking that if you have one of these radios that you please comply with the above requirement. This will prevent unnecessary concern (and panic) from members who may not be familiar with this new technology. The placing of the AMA card on the board also serves as the clubs safeguard to ensure all active pilots have current AMA membership.

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

### Treasurer's Report

As of January 26, 2006 the financial status of the club is as follows:

Previous balance (12/20/05)	\$4,481.77	
Expenditures (since 12/20/05)	\$112.14	
<b>Total Income (since 12/20/05)</b>		<b>\$1,280.00</b>
Ending Balance	\$5,649.63	

Expenditures included \$95.92 for sanitation at the field, and \$16.22 for stamps and newsletter copies. Income was \$1,280.00 in membership dues.

Reminder, all club dues for 2006 that have not been paid are now considered late. All dues

payments should now include a \$20.00 late fee. Dues for 2006 are \$50 for regular membership, and \$10 for a junior (under 19 years of age) membership. Proof of a current AMA membership is also required at the time of renewal. Dues are collected at club meetings, or can be sent to the treasurer at the following address:

David Fuller

6074 Sirenia Place

Waldorf MD 20603

Please ensure that all checks are made payable to: Charles County Radio Control Club. If you mail your dues, please include a photocopy of your 2006 AMA membership, or proof of payment if you have not yet received your current card. In addition, a self addressed stamped envelope is appreciated so that a sticker showing proof of club membership can be sent to you. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the treasurer at 301-885-1545, or by email: [streakeagle2000@hotmail.com](mailto:streakeagle2000@hotmail.com)

## NOTES FROM THE WEBMASTER

Please use your club website to obtain important club information. Don't forget the building contest at the May club meeting and the Armed Forces Day event at Andrews AFB the third weekend in May. See Vic Carden to sign up to help! The club will host a Giant Scale Fly-In on June 2-3, 2006 and I need volunteers to assist with the following:

Transmitter Impound

Concessions

Parking Control

It is going to be a Friday – Saturday event and the field will be closed for normal flying during the hours of 9am—5pm. After those hours it is open flying for all. Please see me or drop me a note and let me know if you can help either or both days!

David

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**The Charles County RC Club  
and the Giant Scale Warbirds Association Present**

***WARBIRDS OVER MARYLAND***  
**GIANT SCALE FLY-IN**  
**JUNE 2-3**

**NEW EVENT!**

**RESTRICTED TO WARBIRDS\* ONLY, PRODUCED  
1911 TO 1950 IN MILITARY OR CIVILIAN PAINT**  
(\*must be a replica of a full-scale warbird!)

**80" MONO, 60" BIPLANE MINIMUMS**

**\$15 ENTRY FEE**

**AMA REQUIRED**

**FLYING HOURS 9AM - 5 PM EDT both days**

**RV PARKING & CAMPING; no hook-ups**

**TURF RUNWAY**

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[www.charlescountyrcc.org](http://www.charlescountyrcc.org) or [www.giantwarbirds.org/Events.htm](http://www.giantwarbirds.org/Events.htm)



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**Club Meeting Wednesday February 1, 2006  
at 7:30 pm location Mattawoman Middle School**



**Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm**

**Sunday Noon-4pm**

**301-843-7774 metro or**

**301-932-9495 local**