



## PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT

The month of November is closing and has brought with it much needed rain not only for our region but in particular for our new runway and the original runway. Unfortunately, the grass growing season, for the remaining crabgrass, has ended. Hopefully, when we add some top soil and reseed in the spring things will improve.

November was also a time to renew our family ties and friendships over the years. I hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

At our last club meeting the subject of safety dominated our discussions, and rightfully so. Safety should be everyone's concern for the continued enjoyment of all club members and guests. Even though we have designated field marshals, everyone should be aware of unsafe acts that could possibly hurt a person or cause damage to other planes or parked cars. Should you observe unsafe acts, take initiative and remind the pilot of what you think is an unsafe act. We should approach our fellow pilots with respect and with the good intension of maintaining a safe environment. I find most people who are approached in this manner will respond in a likewise manner. Disputes can be taken up with the field marshals or club officers. Individuals who continue to fly in an unsafe manner or disrespect for others safety will be subject to disciplinary measures including disbarment from the club. The following safety topics were discussed at length and agreed by all attending;

Helicopters are to perform their preflight checkouts and hovering maneuvers to the right side of the canopy shelter. Flight patterns are to be conducted using the active runway established by wind direction and predetermined by existing pilots. Flying 3D maneuvers are to be conducted at least 50 feet beyond and parallel to the active runway.

Fixed wing aircraft shall also perform their 3D maneuvers at least 50 feet beyond and parallel to the active runway.

Fixed wing aircraft shall also perform their low altitude speed passes in the same manner and pull up before they approach the canopy shelter if they are using the new runway approaching from the east to the west. Some pilots have been observed pulling up at the roadway which is unsafe for other pilots, spectators, cars, deer and other critters. Pulling at the temporary orange cones at the end of the new runway next to the ditch along the road is still too late. Bye the way, I like the smoke – it

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helps me locate the plane!

And one more thing. Pilots are not to stand or sit in their chairs in the runway while performing any maneuvers. They should stand or sit behind the white PVC pilot stands. Pilots may go out into the runway only to retrieve their aircraft and after notifying others who may be currently flying.

The above were the few more serious topics discussed at the last meeting. I don't want to make the newsletter a bunch of rules, regulations and do's and don'ts. But, I want to raise the safety awareness for the club. This is a wonderful sport and speed and performance add to the thrills, excitement and appreciation of the skills of our members. The speed and power of our flying machines have a great potential to seriously hurt fellow participants and guests. Please observe our safety rules.

Now I'll get off the heavy stuff and talk about some lighter upcoming activities.

Our annual **Christmas Party** will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2007 at the Mattawoman Middle School at 7:30 PM. We will have a turkey dinner with the traditional fixings, ice tea and we ask members to bring their favorite deserts. The party will be hosted by Apple Spice Junction from La Plata who will begin setting up at 7PM and be ready for you at 7:30 PM. By the way, we are having the dinner in the cafeteria instead of the carpentry shop where we usually conduct the monthly club meetings. So instead of coming in the side door, just come into the front door of the school and you'll see us there.

We've had fifty members and guests sign up and the cost of the party will be paid from our club dues. The annual club gift exchange will be conducted by those members willing to bring a gift valued from \$15 to \$20. We ask individuals to put their names on the gift and not to use this holiday event as an opportunity to clean out their garage. This is a fun event where participating individuals are given a ticket and are chosen by ticket number. Once the member chooses a gift, they in turn can be approached by another subsequent participant which can claim their gift. The rules and number of exchanges will be discussed at the holiday meeting. This is a fun event !!!

Another future event will be the **Annual Andrews Air Force Base Open House** which will be held in the spring of 2008. It's an opportunity for the club to display our craftwork, explain our hobby to the public and perhaps recruit some new members. It's also a great opportunity for club members to get up front views of aerial displays and take tours inside static displays. Participating members get to park close to the flight lines and avoid parking hassles. Dave Fuller has been gracious to volunteer and organize this year's 2008 event. See Dave if you would like to help and participate.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party and have a happy and safe Christmas Holiday.

Ken Stout

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (12/01/07)	\$ 3,174.98
Income:	\$ 200.00
Expenditures:	\$ 239.82
Ending Balance:	\$ 3,135.16

Club dues for the flying year 2008 are now being accepted. Dues are \$50 for regular membership, and \$10 for a junior (under 19years of age) membership. Proof of a current AMA membership is also required at the time of renewal. Dues are also collected at club meetings, or can be sent to the treasurer at the following address:

Steve Maxwell  
3269 Captain Dement Dr.  
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 2008 AMA membership or proof of payment if you have not 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 questions, please feel free to contact the treasurer at 240-412-0386, or by email:

[madmax3269@comcast.net](mailto:madmax3269@comcast.net)

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# SECRETARIES MINUTES

I apologize for this being so late. I have started a new job in DC and the schedule has not been conducive to having much free time. I am hoping to have the newsletters out mid month starting next month.

The minutes of the meeting earlier this month have already been discussed by our President Ken Stout and Secretary Steve Maxwell, so I will not bore you with repeating them.

My family and I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and hope your Thanksgiving was as happy as it could be.

Sincerely,

Steve Rose



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## MISCELLANEOUS

The December 5th meeting is at the school and is a very important one as it is the annual Christmas Party. Hope to see you there.

Please send any write ups, stories, or announcement of events to Steve Rose; cpnzot@aol.com for inclusion in our newsletter. Please mark the subject block "CCRCC Newsletter" so my filter does not block it. If you do not have email, please send them to:

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**Club Meeting Wednesday December 5th, 2007  
at 7:30 pm location Mattawoman Middle School**



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

**Sunday 12pm-4pm**

**301-373-6674 local**