

# North Georgia Model Aviators - RC Park

## Newsletter

January 31st, 2019

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### GMA Donations

Most of you all will have heard already the sad news that the GMA Board had decided to end the attempt to build out their new flying site and club and to dissolve GMA as an organization, this was indeed a shock to everyone concerned and we feel that this is an unfortunate situation for our hobby here in north Georgia.

While closing down their organization they chose to make donations to a number of local clubs to disperse equipment along with the distribution of remaining funds that they had.

We at NGMA were very fortunate and grateful to be considered as one of those clubs to benefit from the closure and we were therefore recently granted a donation of the following equipment to help expand our own facilities.

<b>Vending Machine</b>	<b>2 Roller Shutter Doors</b>	<b>Fire Extinguishers</b>
<b>8 Burner Gas Grill</b>	<b>Weather Station</b>	<b>Electric Furnace</b>
<b>Stainless Steel Table</b>	<b>Trash Can Cages</b>	<b>Refrigerator</b>
<b>Pit Tables</b>	<b>Misc Items</b>	<b>Chairs</b>

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## **In addition to these items we also received a check for \$4,000.**

We are very grateful to the GMA Board for their generosity and will find a way to honor the memory of the old club in some way.

## Open House Event

On Saturday, March 23rd 10am – 5pm. We will be hosting an open house event for current and past GMA members so that they can experience firsthand the great camaraderie and fun being enjoyed within our community here at NGMA. Please plan on attending this event.

## 2019 Membership Dues

Again, for those who are late paying for your 2019 dues please help us by making your payments as soon as possible. In order to be fair to the members who have already paid then we will need to restrict flying privileges until overdue membership fees are brought up to date.

Please make checks payable to “N.G.M.A.” and mail to ...

N.G.M.A.  
% Phil Cubin  
151 Mill Creek Road  
Dahlonega GA 30533

You can also handover your check or cash personally to one of the club officers at the field.

If you prefer to make your payment with PayPal then send money to [ngmarcboard@gmail.com](mailto:ngmarcboard@gmail.com) for your \$250 membership and add \$8.00 to cover the transaction fee or select family and friends option to avoid the fees.

Please also take this time to ensure your AMA membership is up to date.



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## Field Improvements

Runway extension work has been taking place since our last newsletter and this work will continue as and when the weather allows, they cannot move the dirt when it is as wet as we have recently been experiencing.

Currently we are also having to address a few permit issues with regard to the pavilion, electrical, land disturbance and soil erosion. These issues were unexpected but are manageable, we just have to carefully ensure that we comply with the various ordinances in future projects.

Once we resolve these issues then work will begin with a number of other new improvements.

1. Permanent Power.
2. Enclosed Shelter.
3. Handicap Restroom.
4. Water Retention
5. Grass/Sod
6. Additional Parking

We intend to have permanent power very soon to provide all the electrical needs for the field. These needs include outlets for battery charging, lighting, CCTV security, alarm system, internet service, vending, irrigation pumps, heating, A/C, weather station etc.

We also have plans to enclose three of the pavilion bays to provide a clubhouse for shelter, storage, security and social facility/events.

The clubhouse will include handicap restroom and hand washing facilities which will free us from the reliance of the portable restroom and the financial commitment related to the monthly service. Handicap restroom facilities are desired to provide for our handicapped members and visitors and will also provide a significantly improved facility for the benefit of everyone.

Two of the three bay will be equipped with roller shutter doors so that the space will still be available for pilot stations when necessary and will allow easy and quick access for people and



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planes when shelter from squalls is necessary.

The clubhouse will also include for refreshments, coffee, microwave, a TV with a simulator station.

Asphalt millings are to be spread as a raised surface for under the pavilion.

## Work Day Saturday 9th February

Help is needed on Saturday 9th February at 9am to install a drain pipe at the Northeast end of the runway. A trench already exists ready for the pipe and all we need to do is backfill the trench after laying the pipe which will be purchased and delivered ready for the work day.

Volunteers will need to be equipped with shovels and we expect we will be able to get the work done very quickly ready for final rolling.

Refreshments will be provided for all volunteers and work credits will be recorded for this task.

In the event of bad weather then Sunday will be our next alternative day.

More work days will be planned in the future and your assistance for this will be most appreciated.

## Finally

Remember, this is your club so please take an interest in how the club is run and also provide ideas and feedback wherever possible so that we can help maintain a positive interest from everyone involved.

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