



Charles County Radio Control Club Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

A meeting of Charles County Radio Control Club (CCRCC) was held at the VFW, Waldorf MD, 18 February 2026, and was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Attendees: There were 12 members at the meeting.

Officers:

President: Dan Pattison - excused absence
Vice President: Chuck Russell - excused absence
Treasurer: Bob Curran – excused absence
Secretary: Pamela Humbert - present
Safety Officer: Donald Cloutier - present
Field Manager: David Glass – excused absence

Treasury Report: Presented by Pam, on behalf of Bob:

Beginning balance: \$3687.90
Income: \$426.23 (Membership Renewals)
Expenditures: \$320.60, including \$100.60 for the Porta Potty monthly payment, and \$220.00 for the AMA Charter Renewal
Ending balance: \$3793.53

Neil made a motion to accept the Treasury Report. It was seconded by Dalton, and passed unanimously.

January Minutes: Ron made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Don, and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

RC Expo – Pam reminded members that the 45th Annual RC Expo would be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Lebanon Valley Exposition Center and Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA. Event hours: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Event details, including seller and attendance prices: Central Penn Aeromodelers Association:

<https://www.centralpennaeromodelers.club/>. Members discussed plans to carpool to the event on the morning of March 14.

CCRCC Christmas Party – Per the discussion at the January meeting, regarding restaurants alternative to Mexico Restaurant in White Plains, Pam suggested Mama Stella's Italian Restaurant in Clinton as another option.

New Business:

Flying Field Report - Runway Maintenance Discussion - Don reported he has built more flat tables with convertible cradles that will hold both large and medium planes.

Member Highlights – In Memoriam: It was with the greatest sadness that we learned three of our beloved CCRCC members had died since January 2026: George "Bob" Rigsby, Russell "Russ" S. Levin, and Vincent R. Janes, Jr. a.k.a. "Colonel." Visit <https://charlescountync.com/> to see the full tributes to each of these men who shared so much of themselves with their fellow club members, in the field, in friendship, and in the sky.

Ron hosted an estate sale of Bob R.'s RC items on February 8, 2026. Multiple CCRCC members attended the event, and shared stories about Bob from his many years in the club.

The Colonel's funeral would be scheduled for March 5, 2026 at Raymond Funeral Home, La Plata.

Correction: The interment is now scheduled for March 30, 2026 at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, instead of March 27, 2026, as previously reported.

CCRCC Celebration of Life Event for Bob R. and the "Colonel" – Details are pending, but we discussed scheduling an event at the Flying Field in May, or early summer. In addition to the event, Ron suggested that we accept donations from CCRCC members, and pass them on to the Rigsby and Janes families.

Don C. reported that he saw the Colonel's very large collection of planes, trains, automobiles, boats, etc. We will plan an estate sale of the RC items, with details pending. Don explained that the models range from the 1950's to modern craft, with WWII planes as the Colonel's specialty. Don said his modeling skills were impressive, noting the crafts' finishes were "smooth as silk."

Activities Report - Please note that the events listed below were current, as of this report's meeting date (2/18/26). Updates and changes may be ongoing. Consult the website, <https://charlescountync.com/>, for the latest information.

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 – CCRCC In-Person Meeting – VFW, Waldorf – 7:00 PM

Friday, March 27, 2026 - Space in the Community (SITC) Event - James E. Richmond Science Center, (in the St. Charles High School), 5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf, MD 20602. The SITC Event is 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. Setups can begin as early as 1:00 PM, because there is early dismissal at the school.

CCRCC received an invitation to SITC directly from the sponsor, The Space Foundation, <https://www.spacefoundation.org/>. The annual event typically sees 100 to 150 attendees of all ages. It is an open house style event with various hands-on STEM activities. This year will also feature NASA astronaut Dr. Kathryn Thornton as the guest speaker. CCRCC members plan to set up a flight simulator and static displays of RC craft, plus "Meet and Greet" the guests to talk about the club, and RC in general.

Saturday, April 11, 2026 – STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) Fest at the Velocity Center, Indian Head – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Setups begin about 8:30 AM. CCRCC will once again participate in this annual event, which sees over 300 children and adults during the open house style activities. Members are encouraged to share indoor static displays of their RC craft, discuss membership benefits with guests, and help them use flight simulators.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 – CCRCC In-Person Meeting – VFW, Waldorf – 7:00 PM

Saturday, June 20 – Sunday, June 21, 2026 – NAS Pax River Air Show – Don reported that Chuck received an invitation from Salvatore Fischetti to give demonstration flights of his jet at the airshow. Because CCRCC was specifically invited to participate, the vendor or presenter booth fee might be waived. The Blue Angels are also scheduled to fly at the event. Visit: <https://www.paxriverairshow.com/> for event details. CCRCC presentation and demonstration plans are pending.

RC History Tidbits - The AMA Foundation continues its Flightline Founders video series with Episode 2, which highlights Carl Goldberg, also known as "Mr. Modeling," by the "American Modeler Magazine." Presented by Clarissa Poston, AMA Foundation Chief Communications Officer and Steve Haston, AMA Foundation Chief Executive Director, this 4.5 minute video features a brief history of Mr. Goldberg, from his first models at the age of 13, to his lifelong passion for learning how to improve his aircraft. He was proud to share his knowledge with others, so that modeling would continue for generations to come. He also founded Carl Goldberg Models, Inc. To see the new Flightline Founders video, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-YDXPI64Og>. Below the video are additional links, including an 8-page document of Mr. Goldberg's biography.

Consumer Corner Report - Jeff H. got a tip from Don C., regarding a lightweight RC plane stand. It is the ERNST Ultra Stand. It is plastic with rubber padding on the cradles, easy to assemble and disassemble for home use or transporting to and from the flying field, includes a storage tray for small items and tools, and the cradle will fit fuselages of various sizes. Jeff has purchased three of them, and they have proven to be sturdy and

useful. Currently priced (as of 3/15/26) at \$26.99, they come in Red, Orange, Hi-Viz Yellow, and Green. For more information, visit:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08TPBTW3J?ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_fed_asin_title&th=1

Broken Prop Award - The resident gremlin and his family were hibernating, so there is no award this month. Please note, however, that they will officially awaken on National Gremlin Day, April 28, so flyers beware. Also note that gremlins are not known to play by the rules, and may reappear at any time before that date. Visit:

<https://whatnationaldayisit.com/day/gremlin/> for more information.

Swap Meets - Members discussed the Perry, GA Swap Meet, which was scheduled for February 27 and 28, 2026. Mark your calendars early for 2027, as the next Perry Swap Meet is scheduled for March 5 and 6, 2027. It is described as "the Largest R/C Aircraft Swap-Meet/Sale in the US." Ticket sales will open on October 1, 2026. Hosted by the Georgia Aircraft Modelers Association, Inc., visit <https://www.gamarc.com/smsshow> for more information.

A motion was made by Dalton and seconded by George to adjourn the meeting. It was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Don.

And Finally:

Q: What do you call an RC plane rolling toward the runway?

A: Taxi!

Meeting minutes submitted by Pamela Humbert, CCRCC Secretary.



Dan Pattison, CCRCC President