



Charles County Radio Control Club Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

A meeting of Charles County Radio Control Club was held at the VFW, Waldorf MD, 15 Oct 2025 and was called to order at 7:07PM.

Attendees: There were 16 members at the meeting.

Officers (As of 10/14/25):

President: Donald Cloutier

Vice President: Chuck Russell

Treasurer: Bob Curran

Secretary: Vacant

Safety Officer: Dan Pattison

Field Manager: David Glass

Treasury Report

Bob C. read the report:

Beginning Balance: \$2,843.38.

Total Income: \$182.82 = Dues payments

Total Expenses: \$321.48 = Go Daddy website service

Ending Balance: \$2,704.82

Old Business

Don C. reminded members that we are looking for more flight instructors at the Flying Field, for both planes and drones. Volunteers should contact the CCRCC Officers to apply for the Instructor Card.

Note: Any paid-up club member can approve a new member's flying skill and educate them about the flying area.

Elections – All office terms expired in October. Nominations from the floor:

**President – Dan Pattison
Vice President – Chuck Russell
Treasurer – Bob Curran
Secretary – Pamela Humbert
Field Manager – Dave Glass
Safety Officer – Don Cloutier**

**Because all offices had only one nomination, all were accepted by show of hands. Officer updates will be sent to the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). For more information about AMA, visit:
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/>.**

Flying Field Report:

Don C. and Darryl Victoria built three new stands for the flying field. The materials cost \$35.00 for three stands, using pressure treated wood from Home Depot that sold for 70% off. As of 10/15/25, Darryl also has 16 foot pieces of 2x4 pressure treated wood that he will donate to the club, for use in building additional stands. Don C. will pick them up as his schedule permits.

Approval of Prior Charles County Radio Control Club Minutes

Approved, as corrected.

New Business

Broken Prop Awards: None this month

Activities Report - Please note that the events listed below were current, as of this report's meeting date (10/15/25). Updates and changes may be ongoing. Consult the website, <https://charlescounttyrc.com/>, for the latest information.

Saturday, October 18, 2025 – CCRCC Fall Fun Fly and Picnic – Flying Field, Brandywine - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Weather Permitting - In addition to flying and showing their RC craft to each other, members could also participate in a “Buy, Sell, or Swap Meet.” CCRCC will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, and serve ware. Members are welcome to provide other potluck items to share.

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – CCRCC In-Person Meeting – VFW, Waldorf – 7:00 PM

Pending Date - CCRCC Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 3, 2025 OR Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - Based on availability of Mexico Restaurant, White Plains. Start time - 6:00 PM - Details were pending, as of this meeting date.

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

Dues:

Annual dues can be paid now for 2026. The cost is \$60.00 per adult, if paid with check or cash, or \$63.00 per adult or \$13.00 per junior, if paid on the CCRCC website, via GoDaddy. For online payment details, visit: <https://charlescounttyrc.com/join%2Fdues>.

Retailer Suggestions:

RC Scale Builder, a subscription-based online community of scale modeling enthusiasts, offers free or paid memberships, with various levels of access to share and download building plans. Visit: <https://www.rcscalebuilder.com/> for details.

Callie Graphics sells pre-made graphics for RC aircraft, as well as custom designs. The website is: <https://callie-graphics.com/>.

Safety Reminder

Do not fly over pits area, if it is avoidable. We understand that sometimes the wind and other factors force the flight over pits and parking, but all efforts should be made to NOT fly over those areas.

When driving at dawn and dusk, pay attention to all of the deer around the Flying Field and on the road. Hunters will be out driving the herds!

RC History Tidbits

From the article: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Radio-controlled_aircraft

“The earliest examples of electronically guided model aircraft were hydrogen-filled model airships of the late 19th century. They were flown as a music hall act around theater auditoriums using a basic form of spark-emitted radio signal.”

“The British drone weapons in 1917 and 1918 evolved and their development continued through the work of the Royal Aircraft Establishment resulting in the fleet of over 400 Queen Bee UAV Target Aircraft in the 1930s.”

“During World War II, the U.S. Army and Navy used radio controlled planes called Radioplanes as artillery target drones.”

“The National Model Aviation Museum located in Muncie, Indiana hosts the world's largest collection of RC aviation history. They display models from every era of RC donated by the RC community around the world. They also have kit plans (aircraft blueprints) that RC pilots can purchase to build models from every era. The museum is located on the same grounds that the Academy of Model Aeronautics main office is located.”

Additional Information:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/welcome-national-model-aviation-museum>

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Q: What is a pirate's favorite constellation?

A: Peglegasus.

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM by Don C.

Meeting minutes submitted by Pamela Humbert, CCRCC Secretary

Daniel J. Pattison 11/22/2025
Dan Pattison
President