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## Mid-Atlantic Radio Kontrol Society

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Charter Club #333.

MARKS maintains a flying field located at:

1918 Saint Lukes Road  
Salisbury, MD 21804

On the cover:  
Father and son Yoder's spend the first day  
of the new year at the field

All pictures in this edition were taken by  
Geren Mortensen

## Upcoming Events

January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Club Meeting 7:30 Gander Mountain
February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Newport News VA Swap Meet
February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2010	Westminster, MD Aero Modelers Annual RC Flea Market
February 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2010	Club Meeting 7:30 Gander Mountain
March 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	Earl Filippelli BBQ

## All Season Flyer

The final list of people making the  
entire year for 2009 was:

John Burnett  
Robert English  
David Hess  
Kenneth Ludka  
Dale Martin  
Lester Morris  
David Kruger  
Reggie Sterling  
Jim Waybright  
Jason Yoder  
Jay Yoder  
James Culp

For 2010 a page of notebook paper was posted,  
please clearly write your name as you put in a flight  
for January and a printed version to check off will  
be posted in February.

## Please Send Money

Memberships expired December 31 2009. If you haven't paid for 2010 please  
pay by Pay Pal with the link on our Website. If you can't use pay pal then  
please submit payment to:


John Lord  
PO Box 106  
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## December 8th, 2009 Minutes

Meeting at Dayton's Restaurant, Holiday Party

- 7:15 -Meeting was called to order by Robert English.
- 48 people in attendance (members and families)
- Awards for first Solo's in 2009 handed out to Steve Bourgeois and Tom LiPuma
- Minutes from October were read and accepted
- Treasurer's report was read and accepted
- Reggie Sterling discussed buying bulk fuel (50 gallon drum) and anyone interested should contact him, the more people the better. (Contact info 410-546-4316 [snowz57@comcast.net](mailto:snowz57@comcast.net) )
- Rich Suggested No BBQ December - February, motion was made and passed to make next BBQ in March, Earl Filippelli agreed to do the March BBQ
- Reminder of January 1<sup>st</sup> Funfly announced
- Meeting adjourned

Fun Fly New Years day



Robert English  
Many thanks for your services  
as club President the past few  
years!



Fun Fly New Years Day



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Can I get some more consultants please.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COCKPIT



by Gerren Mortensen

The year is new, the decade is new, and if Santa was good to you, lots of R/C goodies will be new as well.

MARKS begins the New Year with something new, too - two new officers and a new board of directors member. Jeff McCarter takes over as secretary and newsletter editor, Kenny Ludka joins the board and John Lord continues as treasurer. These gentlemen are long standing members and are well known to most of the membership.

However, although I'm your new president, I'm a comparative newcomer to the club and have not been as active as I hoped I would be. The first year I was sidelined by a serious automobile accident and this past year has been dominated by a demanding job. But I'm feeling fine now and on December 31 I retired - so I'm ready, willing and eager to become an active MARKSman!

While I'm new to the club, I'm no stranger to model airplanes. I've been building and flying them for more

than 60 years, beginning with stick and tissue rubber powered planes from companies like Megow, Berkeley and Comet. Then, in high school I discovered U-control and glow engines - my favorite was a Junior Ringmaster from Sterling Models powered by an O.K. Cub .15. The Air Force, college and marriage distracted me for awhile, but when my son was 10 or so we picked up where we left off with U-control, this time with a series of 1/2A stunt planes and finally a big Ringmaster with a McCoy .29 (I still have the engine).

As fate would have it, a neighbor also flew model airplanes - only he was into R/C and it wasn't long before he had us hooked. So we joined a nearby club - the Meade Modelers at Fort Meade - and I acquired our first radio, a World Engines 4-channel AM kit. What an adventure that was with untold hours of tedious soldering. But it worked (and still does; it's just not legal anymore)! Next came a Falcon 56 with an O.S. 35 and I learned how to fly. Lots of other planes and engines were to follow and it wasn't long before I became one of the club's instructors. Along the way I flew gliders, novice pattern, Quickee 200 and 500 and a variety of scale planes - all kits or built from plans.

Unfortunately, it wasn't long before my son discovered girls and job transfers preempted my flying activities for a few years. Only after semi-retiring and moving from the western to the eastern shore have I been able to rekindle my interest in R/C. I have no intention of becoming distracted again, and I look forward to getting to know - and flying with - all of you.

Before I climb out of the cockpit for this issue, I would be remiss if I didn't extend sincere thanks and appreciation to our outgoing officers for a job exceedingly well done.

So please join me in a round of applause for president Robert English, secretary Dave Hess and board member Reggie Sterling.

Until next month - Happy New Year and Happy Flying!