

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

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April 2017 President's Corner

Last summer a committee was formed concerning the development of "Flying Site B." The committee has 11 members on it. A variety of good ideas were expressed on how to best utilize the land and airspace. A First Person View Racecourse could be combined with a RC Truck Racecourse. They could also be in 2 separate places.

The top of the hill is a prime area for a 3D Helicopter area. The advantage for the helicopter pilots being on top of the hill is that they can fly at eye level, but the ground drops away. We are not looking to force helicopter pilots to go on top the hill, rather we are looking to develop the top of the hill into an area that pilots will want to be. This includes parking, electricity, and a shelter.

Developing this new area could attract many new members to our club. The nearest RC Truck racecourse is in Ohio. Many of our current members are interested in all 3 of these fields of remote control.

Anyone who has interest in being involved in the planning and development of the new land should contact Allan Lesko. Allan has accepted my request to be the Director of the Development of the New Property.

May the days be mild and the winds calm,

Mike Eiben

NIGHT FLYING DATES.....Mike Eiben, Night Fly Director

FRIDAYS	
May 5	after our monthly meeting
June 2	after our monthly meeting
July 7	after our monthly meeting
August 4	after our monthly meeting
September 1	after our monthly meeting

SATURDAYS	
May 20	
June 17	
July 29	Giant Scale Airshow Event
August 19	
September 16	

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Mon Valley RC Meeting Minutes: March 31, 2017

- **Attendance: 16 Members** no new members – **No Quorum**
- The meeting of the MVRC Club was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the March 3 Meeting were read (by Al Kozusko) and approved on a motion by John Millard and seconded by Lew Marascalco. All members approved the minutes as read.
- Mike Eiben read the treasurer's report. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Jerome Moran and seconded by Rick Altomari. All members approved the Treasurer's Report as read.

Vice President, Al Kozusko:

- Presented a report on the March for Parks. MVRC had a poor attendance and it was reported the many personal issues occurred and therefore members could not attend. Brandon Simpson, Cedar Creek Park committee lead was not present to provide the results report for the March For Parks at a county meeting for the event. As information becomes available it will be presented to the club.

Field Director, Rick Altomari reported:

- Performed maintenance, sharpened blades, changed oil and filter, etc. moved mowers to the building
- Rolled runway, long time to roll, pits will also be rolled
- Electricity, Aaron Siko the county maintenance lead for Cedar Creek Park explained that the equipment such as the panel, meter, etc. is at the maintenance building and should be installed in the field storage building. Panels need to be installed before the electricity is installed. There is a question about electricity exiting the panel, what is going to happen? Greg McCloskey will get more input.

Executive Committee Chair, Rich Wojnar (Al Kozusko) reported:

- Rich Wojnar, Linda Wojnar, John Millard, Mike Eiben and Al Kozusko attended and discussed field rules and bylaw modifications.
- The EC Committee also discussed:
 1. Fun Fly Event.
 2. Giant Scale Event.
 3. FAA Registration
 4. Orientation to MVRC Club – John Millard is working on this project.
 5. Safety Officer – AMA Orientation
 6. Sponsors for new members
 7. March for Parks

Safety Director, John Millard reported:

- Discussed General Safety

Newsletter, Richard Wojnar reported:

- A lot of good feedback from members.

New Property, Allan Lesko, not present:

Giant Scale Contest Director, not present:

EAA Coordinator, Lew Marascalco, reported:

- Great to be coordinated with EAA

Old Business: Mike Eiben presented the members with voting on the \$1000 donation to the March For Parks. It was presented during the last meeting and requires a vote during the current meeting. Voting took place and was unanimously approved.

Field rules #3 and #6 discussed

Hand launching discussed Bob Hayden. Mike Eiben read rule for hand launching. Discussion resulted about pilot line and safety line. George Wilson discussed on hand launching, Scott Stiehl said launch towards river but what about wind direction, resulted in lead rules wording as is.

Item #10, flying over the entrance road, discussed, Bob Hayden, Tony Stillman, do not fly over the entrance road. People are not following the rules, follow the rules and you will not fly over the entrance road. John Millard, it's important to follow the rules, hand written rules handed to pilots. member Mike Eiben, do rules need to include entrance with other items like the pits, homes, cars, etc., Rick Altomari, discussion leave rules as is they cover the issues

New Business:

- **Mike Eiben** – Proposed bylaw change, Youth 12 – 18 junior, eliminate 12 and like AMA Youth includes (1 through 18) (article 2 section 7 removed,,, change cannot be approved since we don't have a quorum.
- **Bill Kirkpatrick** – Need new wind sock. Jim Hinson will check on wind sock. AMA also sells wind socks

No New Members

Show 'N Tell Presenters:

Bob Hayden – Work in progress for a launch buggy, not complete, self-propelled, discussion.

George Wilson,- band saw blade folding target for drones and helis

Bob Hayden – DJI pro drone folds up, 27 minute flying time, 5 cameras, facial recognition, glo nav locations, Small hand held transmitter, Android and IOS interface with IPad, 12 mega pixel, very clear resolution, \$999 For aircraft, Kit is battery, transmitter, drone, \$1200

Mike Gianortsos to follow up with FPV with club

8:40 PM – Meeting was adjourned on a motion by John Millard and seconded by Rich Altomari.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Kozusko. Vice President

2017
Executive Committee Members
Chair - Rich Wojnar
Rick Altomari
James Cannon
Mark Szemanski
John Millard
Jerome Moran

Showcasing Other Fields: **Florida RC Airfield**

Thank you, Al Kozusko















MARCH FOR PARKS 2017

John Millard..... MVRC TEAM CAPTAIN

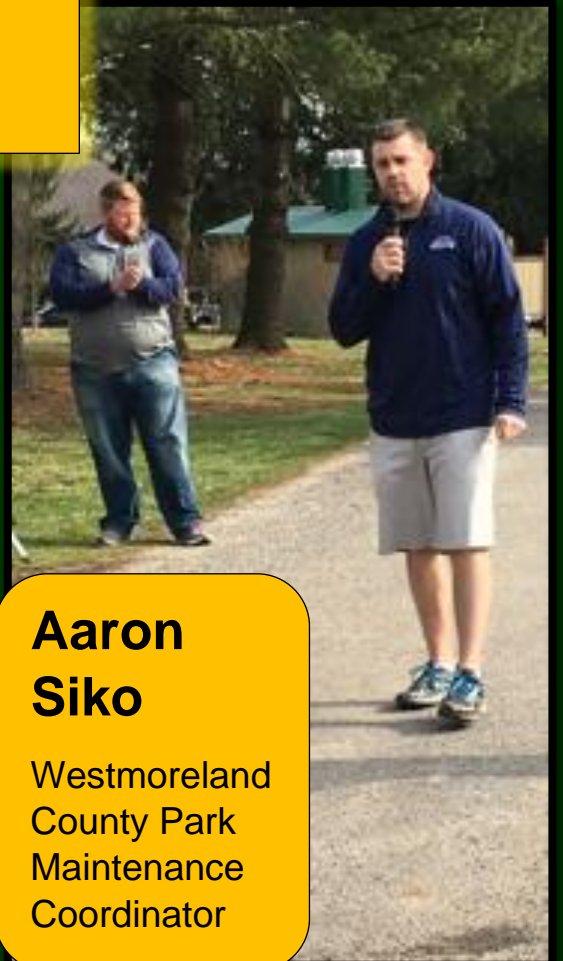


John Millard





***Preparing for
the Walk/
Run – some
more than
others***



**Aaron
Siko**

Westmoreland
County Park
Maintenance
Coordinator

*Flying entails combining your flying skills with an even stronger desire to have a **LOT of FUN!***



MARCH 25, 2017



Pete LaCava and 2017 Junior Flyers

MVRC PICNIC ----- SAVE THIS DATE



AUGUST 26

APRIL MVRC FLYERS



Scott's maiden flight with his new aircraft.



Ray D'Andrea's new jet.

THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS AIRSHIP TEAM

The Only Penguins That Fly



Take a minute to think about what you have done so far this year that has made a difference to you. I'd like to share something that has been the highlight of my year. Al Kozusko, MVRC Vice President, invited me to accompany him to the PPG Paints Arena as a guest of the Pittsburgh Penguins Airship Team so I could get a lesson on the flying skills needed to fly the blimps over the packed crowds during the intermissions at a live Pittsburgh Penguins game.

I accompanied Al to the arena and was taken to the area where the blimps are stored. First, and foremost, I was greeted by the warm hospitality of the team members. They took me under their wing (not a bird joke) and took the time to walk me through every step of the process.

After a verbal review of the entire process, they led me through each stage in the process step-by-step. In the first stage, they topped off the correct amount of helium for the aircraft and then corrected the aircraft's center of balance with weighted washers.

I observed some team members flying one of the blimps – two team members per blimp. One person releases the blimp on center ice and the other member mans the pre-programmed radio controlled transmitter. They fly the blimp through various paces to assure it is airworthy and that they will not experience any issues while flying.

Learning the basics of flying the blimp requires 40 hours of intensive training; however, but to become an experienced pilot takes approximately two years. Flying the blimp is not as easy as it looks because it is filled with helium and the blimp reacts differently when flying close to the ice. Constant control must be utilized when the blimp reaches "high over" the seated fans as the huge HVAC Systems sends out large wind gusts in all directions which could possibly make the blimp uncontrollable.

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Al Kozusko
MVRC Vice President



Al launching one of the blimps on center ice.



I accompanied the team out on the ice with a special pair of rubber spiked slip on ice shoes that fly over my regular shoes so that I could walk on the ice without falling, The team then allowed me to fly the blimp under their constant supervision. What an experience that was !!!!!!!

All of the above activities takes place before the general public is admitted into the arena.

Then the team returned the blimps to their original staging area.

One of the blimps was then loaded with envelopes filled with fliers onto a corkscrew mechanism in order to be dropped one at a time over various seating sections. These fliers contained advertisements/ sales and discounts from various businesses in the greater Pittsburgh area.

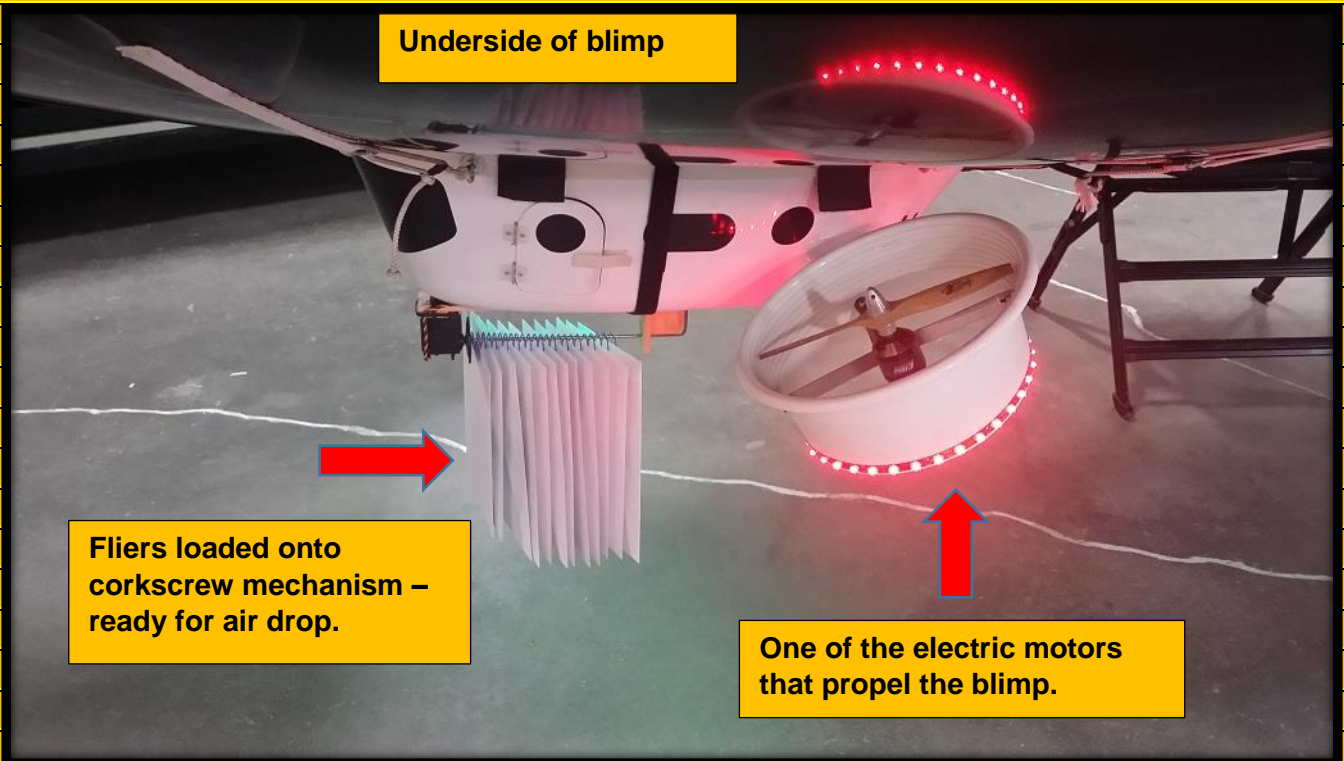
The technical expertise along with the precision flying skills in such a confined area with so many obstacles is mind boggling.

When we see our club members flying at our airfield, we really don't know the true extent of their knowledge and dedication to flying. It's times like these that make you take a step back and really hope you get an opportunity to put things into perspective and appreciate why we all became interested in flying. Many times we get bogged down in minutia, losing site of the big picture – honing our skills – trying to challenge ourselves to become better pilots and just plain enjoying being with other pilots and sharing what we know.

You really have to see Al and the entire Pittsburgh Penguins Flying Team in action at a Penguins game in order to appreciate their knowledge, superior flying skills, dedication, and love of the job they do,



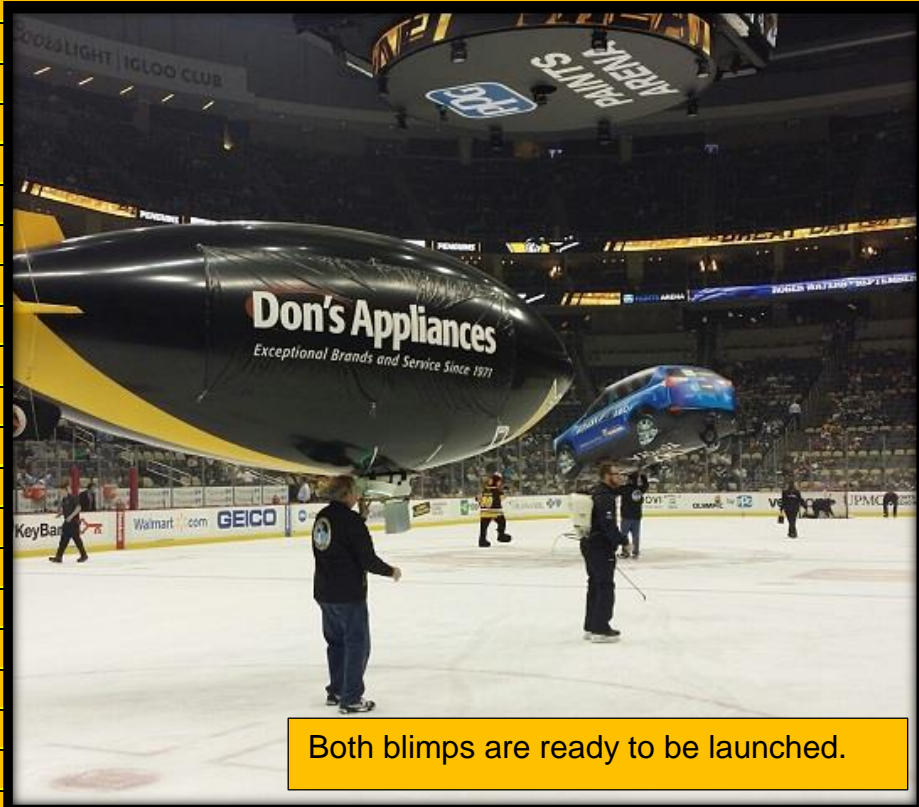
Topping off the blimp with helium.



Underside of blimp

Fliers loaded onto corkscrew mechanism – ready for air drop.

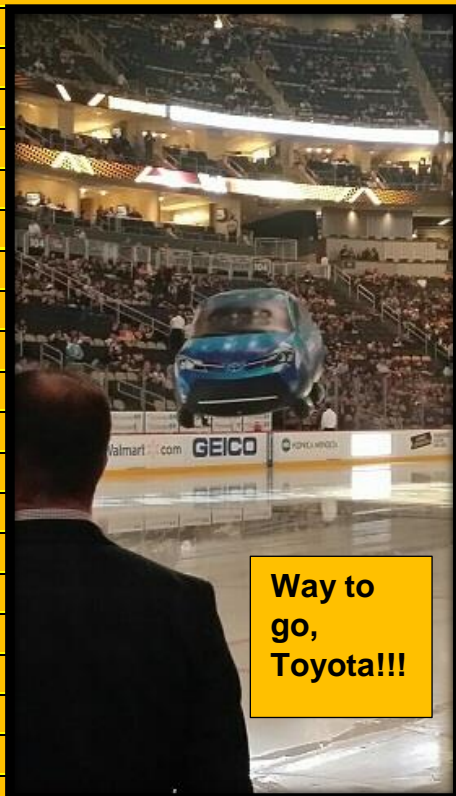
One of the electric motors that propel the blimp.



Both blimps are ready to be launched.

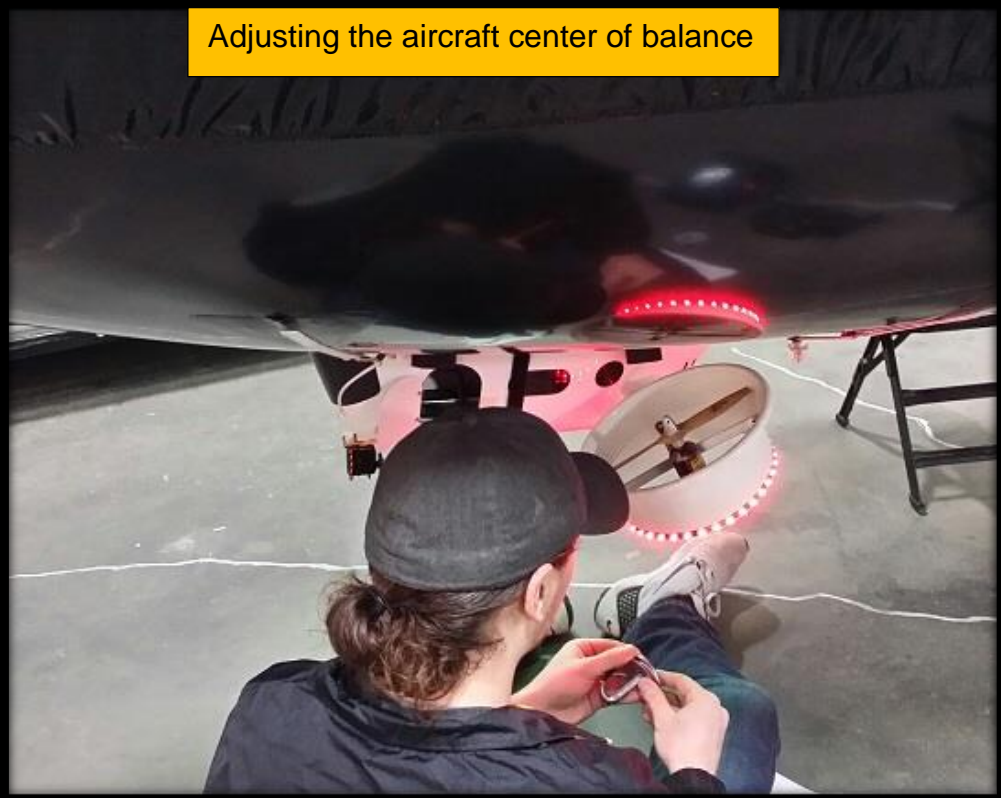


Special ice-spiked shoe covers



Way to go, Toyota!!!

Adjusting the aircraft center of balance



THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS AIRSHIP TEAM



Left to right – Al Kozusko, Jordan Hudzicki, Chris Soltesz, and Bill Garman



Rich Wojnar, MVRC Newsletter Editor



Iceberg and Rich wish to thank Al Kozusko and the entire Pittsburgh Penguins Airship Team for a remarkable night to remember. GO PENS!!!!!!

Although we wish all the best to Betty and her family at J & C Hobbies a Happy Retirement and Best Wishes, her family store will be deeply missed. Over the years, her store and her knowledge has helped us to grow both individually and as a club. You, your family, your knowledge, and your store will be deeply missed.

Your MVRC Club Members



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ARE HERE !!!**



NO ONE IS SAFE...



Mon Valley RC Club Pride Thank you Mark Radcliff for the Awesome Article!

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As your AMA District III vice president, I am honored to visit and fly with many model clubs in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. One thing I have learned is that many clubs in the district have flying fields that are provided by city, county, state, and national parks.

The Mon Valley RC Club flies at Cedar Creek Park in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. The club held its annual Giant Scale air show on August 27-28, 2016. This event has been going strong for many years in western Pennsylvania.

AMA Flying Site Assistance Coordinator Tony Stillman and I arrived Friday afternoon to get set up and were greeted by club president Mike Eiben and contest director (CD) Al Kozusko.

The club members invited Tony and me to attend their meeting Friday evening to discuss current AMA business and flying field safety. Also discussed was how to integrate a new flying area the park had given them into their current flying site.

After some discussion, it was concluded that the additional land would be a great place to set up an FPV racing course and could also be utilized for smaller park-flyer-type aircraft. What a good problem to have for a club to be given more land to fly



This beautiful sign and planter greets visitors as they arrive at the Mon Valley RC field.



A view down the flight line of some of the aircraft that flew during the Mon Valley air show.

models!

The Mon Valley club is blessed that the county park works proactively with it to address anything the club wants to do to enhance its presence in the park. This excellent relationship did not happen overnight. The club has been flying at this park and promoting model aviation there since 1967.

On Saturday afternoon, Westmoreland County Public Works Director Greg McCloskey arrived and was pleased with the attendance at the event and thanked the club for doing such a great job of utilizing the park.

The Mon Valley RC Club is an excellent example of how working with the county park system has not only benefited the club, but also helped the county to better utilize the




Club vice president and CD Al Kozusko (L), and Greg McCloskey, director of Public Works for Westmoreland County, express their approval of the annual event.



This pavilion, used for club meetings and more, is just one of the amenities provided by the county park.

park facilities for the citizens of the surrounding counties. For additional information about Mon Valley, visit the club's website at www.monvalleyrc.com.

Congratulations Mon Valley RC Club and Cedar Creek Park on a great partnership. If you would like additional information about establishing a flying field within a county or city park, please contact Tony (tsac@modelaircraft.org) at AMA Headquarters. He works with park officials throughout the country to help clubs obtain flying sites.

Until next month, fly safely—fly AMA. 

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