## **MON VALLEY R/C CLUB**

## **CEDAR CREEK PARK**

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## President's Corner

#### **Fellow MVRC Members:**

Hopefully February weather will be much kinder to us than January. This is a good time to build and do maintenance on our flying equipment. It's also a great time to fly indoors. There is an extremely large facility used primarily as a golf driving range. That's right, I said driving range. I could not believe how big this facility is for these activities. It is located on Neville Island. Neville Island is located on the Ohio River with I-79 passing over and through it. From downtown Pittsburgh Neville Island is about 12 miles down the Ohio River.

Soon we will be flying at our field and this means getting our field in shape for us. We have lots of action items for our field, lawn mowers preparation, grass cutting, surface preparation, parking area, benches, and shelter, storage shed, restroom, etc. All volunteers are welcome to help provide any support.

Members of the club if you truly value our field plan on attending the March For Parks. This year's event not only benefits the park but also directly benefits the air field. Cedar Creek Park is hosting the event this year. Come out and show your support for our field.

Marchers can walk, jog or run any distance they wish, or even sit and have a cup of coffee with us. The way the March works is ATTENDEES collect contributions (forms and letters will be emailed to you) prior to the event and bring them to the park on the day of the March. We will be setting up teams for the event. A team leader will contact you to help with the March. Some marchers collect \$25, some collect \$500 or more! Collect \$25 and you will receive a March For Parks T-Shirt and Lunch. Collect \$100 or more and you will win a gift card to a local business. The top fundraising teams will receive a plaque engraved with their team name. All contributions collected will benefit the projects of the **Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory** Board, specifically for a dog park and improvements to the RC Airplane Field at Cedar Creek Park. There will be many activities on the day of the event including prize giveaways, 50/50's, and a DJ providing music among other things. We will have a static display of aircraft, flight simulators, quad flyers taking photos and an RPV demonstration.

See the County's website for more details

## **March For Parks**

## Saturday March 29, 2014

Twin Lakes Park, Greensburg Cedar Creek Park, Belle Vernon Turtle Creek Rail-Trail, Murrysville

The March For Parks will be THREE times the fun! We're expanding the March to 3 locations in 2014: Twin Lakes Park, Cedar Creek Park, and the Turtle Creek Rail-Trail at the Murrysville SportZone.

When registering, check which March you'll be attending! (CONTACT MIKE EIBEN)
You will turn in all contributions at the March!

#### **Download 2014 March for Parks materials:**

- Contribution Form
- Team Captain's Handbook
- Registration Brochure
- March for Parks flyer

#### Get Started!

To march, you must collect contributions (donations) to support parks and recreation in Westmoreland County. You can collect donations individually or as a team. 3 or more people are needed to form a team; organize your friends, family, school, place of worship, or business. Get as many people to register on your team as possible, and set a fundraising goal for each team member. The team competition is a lot of fun! We will be honoring the Top 10 teams from all three events.

INDIVIDUALS who raise \$25 or more will get an official March For Parks t-shirt. Individuals, who raise \$150 or more, will get a gift card. You must turn in all contributions at the March to be eligible for all prizes. You may turn in cash or make checks payable to "CAB Growth Fund."

Gift Cards and T-Shirts are based on INDIVIDUAL contributions. If you have raised team money and wish to have it credited accordingly, please fill out a contribution form for each team member!

Where does the money go?

You can designate your funds raised to these exciting new projects:

- Completion of the Twin Lakes Park Expansion to include a deck hockey rink, outdoor amphitheater, and additional restrooms and parking
- Dog Park and other projects at Cedar Creek Park
- Acquisition of the Turtle Creek Railroad to construct a walking/hiking/biking trail
- Wherever most needed

THANK YOU to last year's Marchers and Sponsors! Wrapping up its 11th year, the March For Parks event at Twin Lakes Park was another great success! Over 550 Marchers, 43 teams and 35 business sponsors came out to raise over \$64,000 to support Westmoreland County's parks, trails and recreation programs!

If you cannot attend the March, but would still like to contribute, please send a check made payable to "CAB Growth Fund" to: March For Parks / 194 Donohoe Road / Greensburg, PA 15601

## THE TEAM CAPTIAN FOR MVRC MARCH FOR PARKS IS MIKE EIBEN!! PLEASE CONTACT MIKE OR ME FOR ANY DETAILS.

Please remember that I am always open to suggestions for our club. I enjoy meeting with you and sharing club information. Meet with me at the field, at meetings, send me emails or call me.

Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

Al Kozusko, president

## Schedule of Events for 2014

### **February:**

2-(Sun)-- Export Flea Market (See AMA magazine for details.)

7-(Fri)--MVRC meeting at the Rostraver Municipal Building, 7:30 PM.

### March:

29-(Sat)MARCH FOR PARKS at Cedar Creek Park

7-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Rostraver Municipal Building, 7:30 PM.

## April:

4, 5--Toledo SeaGate Centre (See AMA magazine for details.)

11-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Municipal Building, 7:30 PM.

### May:

2-(Fri)-- MVRC Meeting at the Municipal Building, 7:30 PM.

#### June:

6-(Fri)--MVRC meeting at the Field, 7:00 PM

July:

11-(Fri)-- MVRC Meeting at the Field, 7:00 PM.

### August:

1-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Field, 7:00 PM.

### **September:**

5-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Field, 7:00 PM.

6th, 7<sup>th--</sup>MVRC Giant Scale Flyin, NickCarozza CD.

### October:

3-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Municipal Building, 7:30 PM

#### **November:**

7-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Municipal Building, 7:30 PM.

#### December:

?? The Family Picnic a& the Annual Club Christmas Party/ Meeting has not been set yet.



(No Report)

## Executive Committee

[New Years Day-2014-Funfly-Photos by Al Kozusko]

#### **MVRC**

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes Eagle's Landing February 1, 2014

Attending Meeting: AJ Sweitzer, Bill Kilpatrick, Al Kozusko, Mike Eiben, Walt Severyn, Rick Altomari, Steve Novacek, Ron Novak, Dave Herrington

The following issues were discussed at the meeting...

- 1. Possible dates for a helicopter fly-in
- 2. Giant Scale fly-in scheduled for September 6-7
- 3. March for Parks (March 29<sup>th</sup>) that will be held this year at Cedar Creek Park and selected Mike Eiben to head the project
- 4. We have around 100 members so far for 2014
- 5. Possible locations for indoor flying

- 6. Having our picnic earlier in the summer, maybe July
- 7. Different locations for the Christmas Party
- 8. A social membership was discussed but it was thought an honorary membership would probably be a better solution for members who no longer fly but want to belong to the MVRC and do not have AMA Membership.
- 9. Renewal of our MVRC website
- 10. Indoor flying at California University of PA this coming Saturday, February 8, from 9 to noon

## Club Activities

[New Years Day-2014-Funfly-Photos by Al Kozusko]



























## Some diehards taking advantage of January 5<sup>th</sup> thaw before the Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Freeze







Editorial Comment: It's snowing, *again*, as I prepare the newsletter. By now, if you have reached this page in glancing through the letter, you can see that there are officers, etc. still planning and organizing the 2014 season at MVRC. You are all asked to get involved to the best of your health and ability. Have a great flying season.



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