

# MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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# CEDAR CREEK PARK

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## February 2017 President's Corner

Now is the time when we get the ball rolling in preparation for the up-coming flying season.

**John Millard** has accepted my request that he serves as Safety Officer for 2017. He has also agreed to organize a Spring Fun Fly.

**Rich Wojnar** will serve as the Chairperson for the Executive Committee and News Letter Editor.

**Al Kozusko** will serve as the Publicity Director and County Park Ambassador.

**Allan Lesko** and **Doug Dyer** have agreed to lead in the development of the New Property.

**Mitch McFadden** will engineer the distribution of electricity throughout the site.

**Rick Altomari** will serve as Field Director and New Pilot Shelter Director.

**Bob Haden** will serve as the Line Painting Director.

**Jeff Sumey** will be the Contest Director for the Giant Scale Air Show.

**Linda Wojnar** will serve as the Family Picnic Director and the Christmas Party Director.

**Dave Herrington** will serve as the Webmaster.

**Lew Marascalco** will serve as the EAA Coordinator and Roving Reporter for the Club

**A J Sweitzer** will serve as the Club Aircraft Coordinator

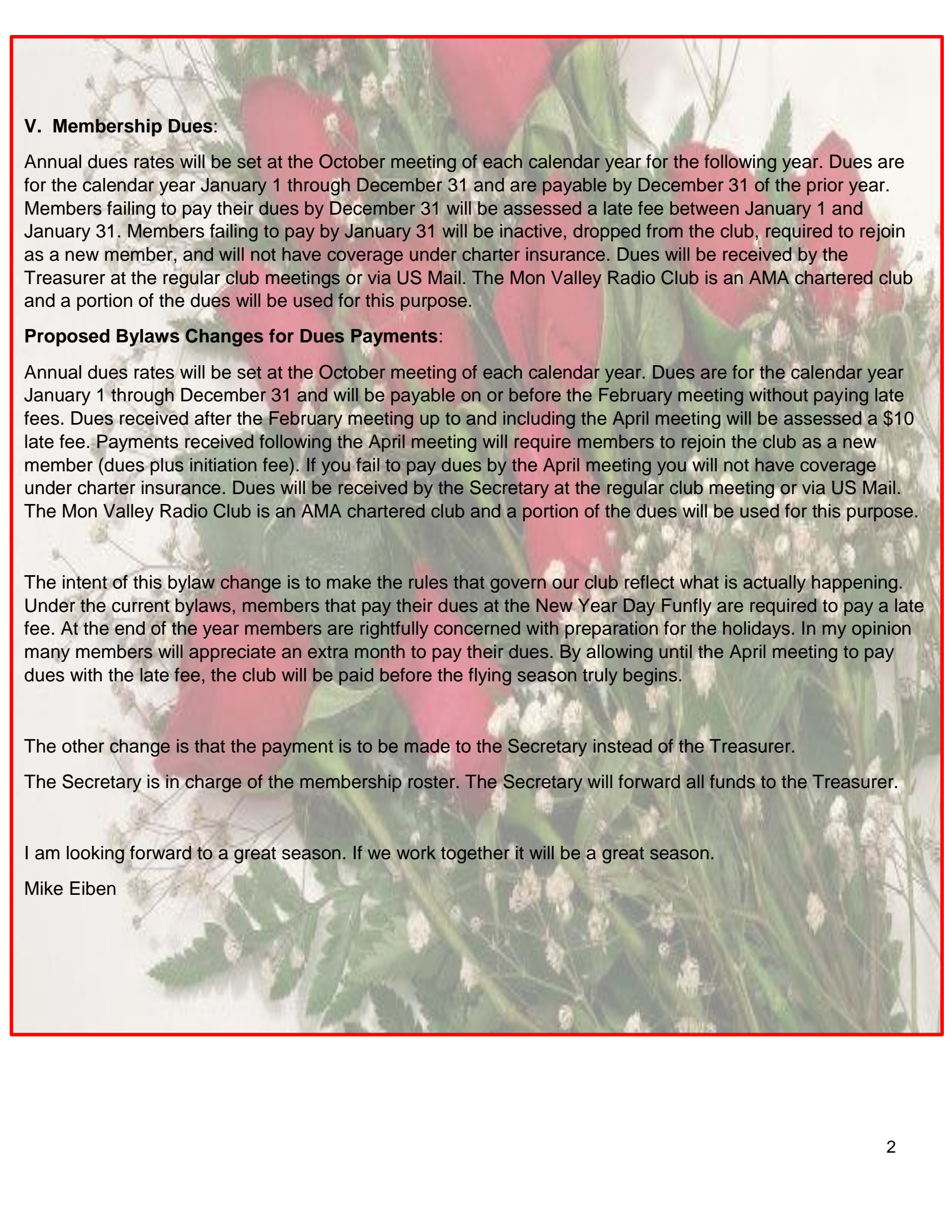
**I (Mike Eiben)** will serve as Night Fly Director.

Last spring there was discussion about amending the bylaws concerning membership dues.

Current bylaws read,

### Article II – Membership





## **V. Membership Dues:**

Annual dues rates will be set at the October meeting of each calendar year for the following year. Dues are for the calendar year January 1 through December 31 and are payable by December 31 of the prior year. Members failing to pay their dues by December 31 will be assessed a late fee between January 1 and January 31. Members failing to pay by January 31 will be inactive, dropped from the club, required to rejoin as a new member, and will not have coverage under charter insurance. Dues will be received by the Treasurer at the regular club meetings or via US Mail. The Mon Valley Radio Club is an AMA chartered club and a portion of the dues will be used for this purpose.

### **Proposed Bylaws Changes for Dues Payments:**

Annual dues rates will be set at the October meeting of each calendar year. Dues are for the calendar year January 1 through December 31 and will be payable on or before the February meeting without paying late fees. Dues received after the February meeting up to and including the April meeting will be assessed a \$10 late fee. Payments received following the April meeting will require members to rejoin the club as a new member (dues plus initiation fee). If you fail to pay dues by the April meeting you will not have coverage under charter insurance. Dues will be received by the Secretary at the regular club meeting or via US Mail. The Mon Valley Radio Club is an AMA chartered club and a portion of the dues will be used for this purpose.

The intent of this bylaw change is to make the rules that govern our club reflect what is actually happening. Under the current bylaws, members that pay their dues at the New Year Day Funfly are required to pay a late fee. At the end of the year members are rightfully concerned with preparation for the holidays. In my opinion many members will appreciate an extra month to pay their dues. By allowing until the April meeting to pay dues with the late fee, the club will be paid before the flying season truly begins.

The other change is that the payment is to be made to the Secretary instead of the Treasurer.

The Secretary is in charge of the membership roster. The Secretary will forward all funds to the Treasurer.

I am looking forward to a great season. If we work together it will be a great season.

Mike Eiben

# Mon Valley RC Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2017

**Attendance: 24 Members** plus two new members (Tim Green and Gary Coddington)

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 January 1 Meeting were read and approved on a motion by John Millard and seconded by Jerome Moran. All members approved the minutes as read.

There was no treasurer's report.

**Executive Committee Chair, Rich Wojnar** reported:

- The EC met a couple weeks ago. He said the committee is putting together a wealth of activities and advertisements for the 2017 Season. Rich said part of the advertisement will address drones – “If you aren't sure how to fly them, we have the experts here at the club.” He mentioned the vast knowledge gained through the Show' n Tells at our meetings, the beautiful field, and what a great club we have. He said the newsletter reaches other clubs and the public. Today is Rick Altomari and Jim Cannon's birthdays. The members in attendance wished them well.

**Safety Director, John Millard** reported:

- Safety is everybody's job. If you have ideas, write them down, call him or if you see something unsafe report it. He said, “Be safe flying.”

**Field Director, Rick Altomari** reported:

- Rick discussed the tractor that was kept in the shelter had two blown head gaskets. He resealed valves. The roller will be brought out in March.

**Newsletter, Richard Wojnar** reported:

- There are great Show' n Tell reports and meaty articles in the newsletter. He said he welcomes your input in the newsletter and your photos as well. Rich asked for anyone presenting his project at the Show 'n Tell to please send a write up to him for addition to the newsletter. He'll include the photos.

**New Property - Allan Lesko**

**Giant Scale Contest Director, Jeff Sumey**, reported:

- He's looking at the end of July to schedule the Giant Scale Event this year. It looks like there will be a combination of a Fun Fly and an Air Show. We are going to get together and have some great flying at that event. Jeff asked for your input and support and hopefully we'll have good weather. He said there will be a lot of pilots and a lot of activities.
- Al Kozusko said he has been the CD for this event, but now Jeff is the new CD. Al said the tents, parking, and reservation of the ball park and pavilions have been taken care of and approved.

**Vice President, Al Kozusko** reported:

- **March For Parks** – Al reported March for Parks is a fundraising event. Al has already visited several businesses recruiting for donations for the event. Al said he has received a Letter of

Authenticity from the Penguins Donated Team Shirt signed by Marc Fluery. This shirts is being raffled off and proceeds will go to the March for Parks.

- Al reported he will be at the Shop N Save across from Bill's Golf Course from 9-2 PM tomorrow. He welcomes any members who can join him there. The proceeds of the fund is for March for Parks which benefits our air field.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- **George King** – Brought up the idea of having a Trainer Program and a Guest Pilot Program to get people interested in the hobby. He suggested we waive the \$5 fee. He said these flyers should have an indestructible foam plane to fly.
- **Al Kozusko** - Offered a suggestion to sell T-Shirts with a club logo. The club could approve 20-40 T-shirts. Discussion took place to offer T-shirts to volunteers and hand them out to members who attend meetings. He asked for thoughts from the members. Jeff Sumey liked the idea. He said it was a good idea, modest cause and shows involvement. Discussion took place regarding the type of shirts (T-Shirts, Polo Shirts, etc.). Al asked for a motion to explore the shirts further. A motion was made by Mike Eiben to explore the club shirts further and seconded by Bob Hayden.
- **John Millard** – Announced the Fun Fly will be on May 6. Jeff Sumey suggested that John should look further into this date as it may conflict with college graduations. John asked whether the events should be limited to only our club members or whether they should be open for other club members to attend. Rick Altomari asked if we receive invitations to attend events at other clubs. Rich Wojnar said we do receive invitations to attend events from other clubs and are advertised in the newsletter when he receives them. Jeff Sumey recommended we should have three events: one for other clubs to attend as well as our members and two events for our club members.
- **Al Kozusko** – Reported he met with the new maintenance director of the County Parks, Arron Siko. He said the field people at Cedar Creek reports to him. Allan Lesko and Aaron are working together for Allan to work with the homeowner involved in the final stages of the electricity contract. Al mentioned Mitch McFadden is the Electricity Director for the field.
- **Mike Eiben** – Reported he would like to change the ByLaws to reflect what is actually taking place with membership dues. Mike read a handout of proposed and current ByLaws regarding club dues. George King made a modified motion to leave the ByLaws the way they are currently written with the exception to substitute the word secretary for treasurer in these ByLaws. Jeff Sumey seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposition. Mike Eiben reminded the members they cannot fly at the field if their dues are not paid for this year. He also said, "You can't be a member of the club without having a current AMA Membership."
- **Bob Haden** – Stated FAA Registration is encouraged, but not enforced. He said FPV has a somewhat related item. Operating a video from aircraft with transmitter power with video frequency greater than 25 miliwatts requires an FCC License. Bob had a discussion whether the club wants to take on enforcement or oversight of the FAA Registration. Discussion took place and the outcome was that Jeff and Bob will come to the next meeting with the proper wording to change the field rules.

**New Club Members:**

Sponsor Jeff Sumey introduced his new club member, Tim Green. A motion was made by Bob Walter to accept Tim as a new member into the club. The motion was seconded by Jim Cannon. Motion passed with no opposition.



Sponsor George King introduced his new club member, Gary Coddington. A motion was made by Bob Haden to accept Gary as a new member into the club. The motion was seconded by John Millard. Motion passed with no opposition.

**Show 'N Tell Presenters:**

George King, John Millard, Bob Haden, Lew Marascalco, and Dan Lewis. See the newsletter for more information on their presentations.

Toledo Expo is on April 7. The April meeting will take place on March 31.

9:03 PM – Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Bob Haden and seconded by John Millard.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Wojnar

## March 2017 President's Corner

We are only a few weeks away from the start of spring and we have already had several nice days worthy of making the drive to the field.

Thanks to Allan Lesko, a hurdle has been cleared that was holding up the installation of electric service to our field. Hopefully we will soon see the power company getting to work.

Sign up for March for Parks- We are asking all of our club members to sign up. Their website is:

<http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/index.aspx?nid=2456>

Our team name is, Mon Valley RC

We are asking our members to wear their MVRC ID Cards when you are using our field. This will discourage non-members from using our field unless they are a guest of one of our members. Guest will be asked to show their valid AMA card when flying at our field.

We are also asking that new members are presented at the monthly meeting by their sponsors. The sponsors are expected to vouch for the character of the applicant for membership. If someone applies for membership and does not have a sponsor, we will accept their dues and initiation but they will only have probationary membership until they develop at least two relationships with members who are willing to stand as sponsors for them at a meeting. In the event of rejection their dues and initiation will be refunded.

We are considering recruiting a small group of pilots to participate in the AMA Introductory Pilot Program. If you are interested in becoming an instructor and having the "Intro Pilot" classification on your AMA card, contact a club officer. We are still in the process of learning the rules of the program so please be patient.

I am looking forward to fair weather, calm winds, and seeing my friends at the field,

Mike Eiben



## Safety Officer Report 2016 – Al Kozusko

Although the “Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code” gives us a detail list of criteria to fly safely I thought it would be good to high lite some of the following items:

1. **All pilots shall avoid flying directly over unprotected people, vessels, vehicles or structures and shall avoid endangerment of life and property of others.**
2. **At all flyings sites a safety line(s) must be established in front of which all flying takes place.**
3. **No powered model may be flown outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for the pilot's helper(s) located at the flightline.**

MVRC airfield safety line is 15 feet in front of the grass barrier. The pilot line is 25 feet behind the safety line. All pilots flying should stand behind the grass barriers.

Below is an aerial view of the MonValley RC Airfield.



Don't forget everyone is a safety officer at our airfield!!

BE HEALTHY, BE SAFE, AND HAVE FUN FLYING.

## Safety Officer Report 2017 – John Millard



### **Safety is everyone's responsibility.**

The year started off well, with no problems on the first. Nothing has happened since that I know of.

It's a new year with a new safety officer, so let's start off fresh. **Keep it simple, safe and fun**. My task as safety officer has a few different paths.

**My first**, and foremost **task**, is to **keep everyone and everything safe**. This can be met with lots of constructive conversation between members and myself. If you see something that needs addressed, address it. If it's something that needs to be changed or adjusted, please bring it to my attention so we can look into it.

**My second task** is to make and **keep it fun**. This can be accomplished by keeping it safe, communicate with other members and helping others.

**My final task** is to report unsafe activity to the members.

Let's all have fun this flying season.

**John Millard**  
**Safety Director**

## Executive Committee Report 2017 – Rich Wojnar



The Executive Committee met on 2/25/17 and an array of subjects were discussed. I will not go into too much detail as these topics were discussed at our March 3 meeting. One of the topics discussed was who can attend our Executive Meetings? Those members who volunteered to accept additional duties are encouraged to attend; however, any member of the club in good standing can be present. All I ask is that if you plan to attend, please let me know. I reserve tables at the Eagles Landing where we hold our meeting and I would need ask for a different table set-up other than what we currently have. The only members who can vote at this meeting are the six members of the Executive Committee.

Another topic that was discussed was whether we wanted to change the age limit for youths who want to join our club. Not going into too much detail, we really want to open the doors to youths of all ages who have adult supervision. They will be the future members of our club.

FAA Certification was next on the agenda. Sponsorship of new members was discussed. Safety Officer, John Millard, discussed some of the materials he down-loaded from the AMA site regarding a new Pilot Orientation Program the club may want to explore.

The last item discussed was the ever important March For Parks Event that was also given special attention, since we have an exceptional relationship with the County folks who allow us to have the opportunity to enjoy our hobby as well as to share our hobby with the open public!





## Club Aircraft Coordinator – A J Sweitzer

When the weather improves I plan on getting our two club planes ready to fly. Hopefully the planes will not need any major repairs. One is a glow and one is electric. I remember that the glow one had two transmitters and can easily be used for instruction. If anyone has a plane they would like to donate to the cause please let me know when I am at the field.



AJ Sweitzer - Club Aircraft Coordinator



## Night Fly Director – Mike Eiben

I am intending to obtain after hours permits to start having night fly events beginning in May. I plan to have two (2) night fly dates per month until September. One will be on **Friday night** after the monthly meeting. The other will be two (2) weeks later on **Saturday night**. I look forward to any input that club members can offer to make this a popular event series.

Thanks,  
Mike Eiben  
Night Fly Director





## Giant Scale Events Corner – Jeff Sumey, CD

The concept is simple: each month I plan to prepare a short blurb on the upcoming Giant Scale event for inclusion in the club newsletter. At this time, the only thing we know for sure is the date – July 29/30, 2017. As this year's CD for the event, I envision this being primarily an open-format fun-fly event with possibly more of an airshow format between noon and 2pm. The airshow portion would be targeted more towards the public while the rest of the time would target pilots' enjoyment. What do you think? I would like input from you, the club membership, on anything regarding this event. Some example issues:

- preferred format for the event?
- limit to just giant scale models, no limits, something between?
- special events? (contests, FPV demos, etc.)
- fund raising opportunities?
- concessions: caterer or in-house?
- volunteers?

I welcome input from any club member either via club meetings or email ([isheli@yahoo.com](mailto:isheli@yahoo.com)).



## Field Director Report – Rick Altomari

The main responsibility of the Field Director is to coordinate the maintenance of the field which includes mowing, trimming and general maintenance of our equipment. We are always looking for members to help with these tasks.



## New Pilot Shelter Director – Rick Altomari

This position requires coordination from members for placement of our new shelter. Location, electricity, and how it will blend into our field will be the most important items to be considered as well as Club financial support if necessary.



## Line Painting Director – Bob Haden

This position requires painting the lines on the field. I will paint the lines and keep them in good condition as best I am able.

# JANUARY 1 2017 FUN FLY

First MVRC Pilot to Fly in 2017.....Congratulations Ron Doctorick



RON DOCTORICK





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As we were told in Northern Ireland....

“There’s no such thing as bad weather....only bad clothes.”



## Registering Your Aircraft with FAA

### A MUST READ

- ✓ Do I need to register my Unmanned Aircraft?
- ✓ To answer this question, access the link below:

<https://registermyuas.faa.gov/>

What is my personal responsibility?

## TRAIN AUCTION – March 11, 2017

Rittenhouse Auction Company is holding an auction this Saturday at their auction center of some 500 model railroad related items in O27, HO and N scale. More info at:

<http://www.rittenhouseauction.com/>



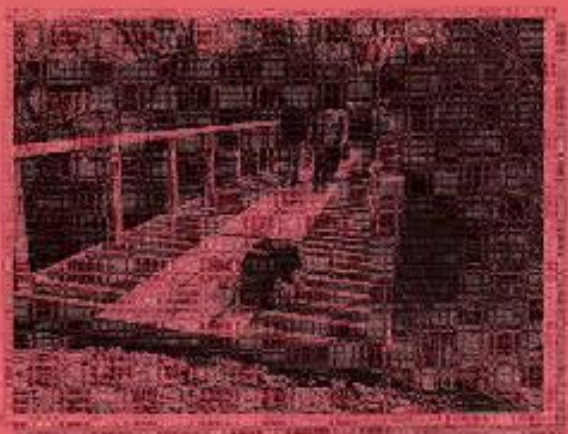
# Why is the March for Parks so important?

Money from the March for Parks helps to fund exciting new projects in Westmoreland County!

## **Your March for Parks donations:**

- Provide matching grants for state agencies and private foundations
- Show the grassroots support for our Parks & Trails—funded by your generosity & enthusiasm!
- Help close the gap on remaining project funds—your donations are the icing on the cake!
- We can spend the money fluidly with “no strings attached” – more bang for your buck!

These facilities and projects were funded with the help of March for Parks donations and sponsorships:



Turtle Creek Extension  
of the Westmoreland Heritage Trail  
Trafford to Export

Brian T. Rusnock  
Amphitheater  
Twin Lakes Park  
Expansion Area



Boundless Playground  
Twin Lakes Park Expansion Area





☑ Save The Date! ☑

# MARCH FOR PARKS

Saturday, March 25, 2017



Twin Lakes Park, Cedar Creek Park,  
and Murrysville



## *What is the March for Parks?*

The March for Parks is a fun event to raise money for new park & trail projects in Westmoreland County, *without* spending tax dollars.

Marchers can collect contributions (donations) individually or as a team of 3 or more. Organize friends & family, coworkers, and churchgoers, and march for your company, school, community organization, or in memory of a loved one. Turn in all donations the day of the March and be eligible for great prizes! Even if you prefer not to march, there will be lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy—booths & exhibits, kids activities, raffle items, music, games, snacks, and more!



## Fundraise for exciting new projects in our Westmoreland County Parks:

- **Mammoth Park:** Giant Slide upgrade, Disc Golf Course, rehabilitate & dredge Mammoth Lake
- **Cedar Creek Park:** Dog Park, Boundless Accessible Playground, Winter Sports Area
- **Turtle Creek Extension of Westmoreland Heritage Trail:** Construction of next 3.5 miles from Murrysville to Export and bridge renovations along the trail
- **Northmoreland Park:** BMX Track lighting and athletic field improvements
- **ALL PARKS:** Improvements to restrooms, parking lots, roads, walkways, facilities



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[www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks](http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks)

Registration forms will be available January 2017

# IMPORTANT DATES:

## February



2 – Groundhog Day – Phil, no shadows – please! We need more flying time.

3 – MVRC Meeting –  
Make a New Year's resolution to attend more club meetings which are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building.

12 – **Lincoln's Birthday**

14 – **Happy Valentine's Day**

20 – **President's Day**

## March



3 –MVRC Meeting –  
Make a New Year's resolution to attend more club meetings which are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building.

12 – **Daylight Saving Time Starts**

17 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

25 – **March For Parks** – Come out and support our Club – See Pink Sheets – Pages 10 & 11 of this newsletter.

31 –MVRC Meeting –  
Make a New Year's resolution to attend more club meetings which are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building.



## “What’s on your bucket list?” – by Jeff Sumey



Over the years, I’ve been to many hobby shops in many states – like about 14 of them, but one shop that has always stood out is Hobby Hangar in Chantilly, VA. Back in the 80s and 90s when Dave Davison and I used to go to the Maryland Helicopter Funfly each June, we found this place out of the need to replace a broken helicopter part during a weekend event. Since then, I return to this shop when the opportunity presents itself. Although I do miss those years Dave and I would make the trip to the MHA event as if it were an annual pilgrimage, I now have one of my daughters living in DC, and it just so happens that she invited our family to her house for New Year’s Eve. Hobby Hangar sits just 5 miles south of Dulles (right under the approach glide path!), but the extra 20 miles of travel home is not out-of-way at all ☺. On this visit, I snapped a few photos subconsciously thinking about Rich and Linda – “we need input for the newsletter!”

This hobby shop is pretty huge and they have it all – planes, jets, helis, multirotors, cars/trucks, boats, rockets, die cast and a LOT of the accessories that go with. Spending 1.5 hours in this shop is about right for a brief visit. If you’ve never seen this place and you find yourself in the area, I would certainly recommend this to be a place you add to your bucket list. Oh, and the new Smithsonian Air & Space Museum location #2 (across from Dulles) is also only about 5 miles away. The following photos give a glimpse of how packed this shop is; I will let them tell the rest of the story.



Enter front door, view to the left



View straight ahead, down 1 of 4 isles



View to the right, heli / multirotor / radio department



Don't forget to look up, ceiling is full too



3 racks of Monokote, 3 racks of Ultracoat; yep – found what I was looking for





A different "feature project" on display each time you visit



## Photo and Caption.... Jeff Sumey



Some February Zagi combat



## Photos and Captions.... Jeff Sumey



"I think this plugs in there"



Jet time on a 60 degree February day, and a miniature Lew

## Photo and Caption....Jeff Sumey



Fresh coat of wax on the wing

### For MVRC Field Emergencies:

- ★ **Dial** - YOU NEED TO DIAL 911
- ★ **Describe the Type of Emergency** - (fire, health, vandalism, etc.)
- ★ **Tell your Location** – **Timms Lane** (road to the airfield at Cedar Creek Park)
- ★ **Time and Personnel Permitting** – When possible and available, ask one club member to wait at the Rt. 51S turn off area (until help arrives) to direct emergency vehicles (ambulance, fire truck, etc.) to Timms Lane.
- ★ Depending upon the emergency, car 4-way flashers may be of assistance to narrow down exact location of the emergency
- ★ **Notify a Safety Officer – Mike Eiben or Bob Haden.**
- ★ For any questions or suggestions, please contact Mike or Bob.

**Keep this information in a location where it can be easily accessed in a time of need.**  
**Don't solely rely on your memory in any emergency!**



# ***Welcome New MVRC Club Members***

**February Meeting**



**Tim Green**



**Gary Coddington**

# ***Welcome New MVRC Club Member***

March Meeting



Albert McCall



# Show 'N Tell.....(COB) Chips on Board LED LIGHTS

## George Wilson



These are referred to as COB\* (Chips-On-Board) LED's. They are actually lots of LEDs on a single or a flex circuit board. The reason that they are good for our hobby is that they are light weight, run cool and are easily powered. You can buy them locally at Rural King, across from the Connellsville Airport or you can get them online at Amazon or Walmart. They \$5.00 each, \$20 in a four pack at Amazon or \$10 in a two pack at Walmart. Each switch light features two COB elements. If you go with A or W you'd have to disassemble and rewire them for NAV lights. You can also order them from BANGOOD for \$1.39 each.

<http://www.banggood.com/Mini-3W-COB-LED-Lamp-Strip-Light-Bar-Warm-White-White-300LM-10-11V-p-1029125.html?rmmds=search>

## Show 'N Tell.....Eflite Opterra

**Bob Haden**

This is a 2 meter flying wing designed for aerial video/photography/FPV. It has numerous camera possibilities and is a very stable platform with exceptional high and low speed characteristics. It comes in a PNP and BNF version. For full details visit:

<http://www.eflitterc.com/Products/Default.aspx?ProdID=EFL11150#quickFeatures>

**SAB Goblin Urukay Competition:**

This is the three bladed competition version of the SAB Goblin Urukay helicopter. It's a 800 size machine designed for F3C (formerly known as FAI) precision aerobatic maneuvers although it is fully capable of performing all of the 3D maneuvers. For full details visit:

[http://www.goblin-helicopter.com/shop/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=26464](http://www.goblin-helicopter.com/shop/product_info.php?products_id=26464)

**Jeti Duplex DC-24 Carbon Transmitter:**

This is an absolutely amazing radio system with unlimited programming potential. It has all metal gimbals, hall effect sensors, and both voice feedback and voice commands. The DC version is a tray radio but it is also available in a more conventional configuration as the DS-24. All 24 channels are assignable to sticks, switches, logical switches, and knobs. For full details visit:

<http://www.espritmodel.com/jeti-duplex-dc-24-carbon-red-wine-2-4ghz-900mhz-w-telemetry-transmitter-only-radio.aspx>





# Roving Reporter

**LEW MARASCALCO**



## Ron's Shrike

New Year's Day 2017 Ron Doctorick flew his newly constructed 40 size Shrike aircraft. The Shrike design, a great flyer known for speed, has been around for many years and is based loosely on the small German Me 163 Komet rocket engine powered interceptor of WW2. Essentially a flying wing but with a minimum fuselage and a single vertical stabilizer. Like the Me 163, Ron's Shrike uses a drop away wheeled dolly for take off. It all worked well. Nice job Ron!!



Ron's Shrike with 40 size equivalent electric motor with 12x6 prop and 4s 3300 LiPo pack. Sitting on the wheeled dolly ready for action.

Wingspan is 42 inches and weight is about 3 lbs without LiPo pack.



View of wheeled dolly used during take off of the Shrike. Ron's custom design.



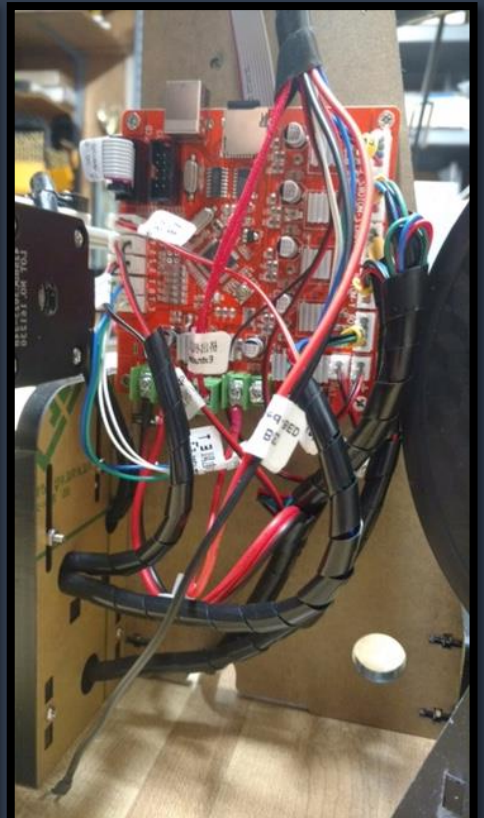
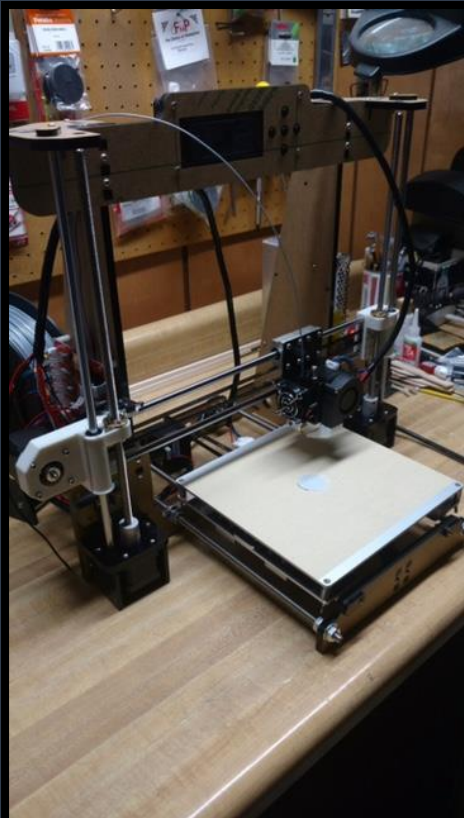
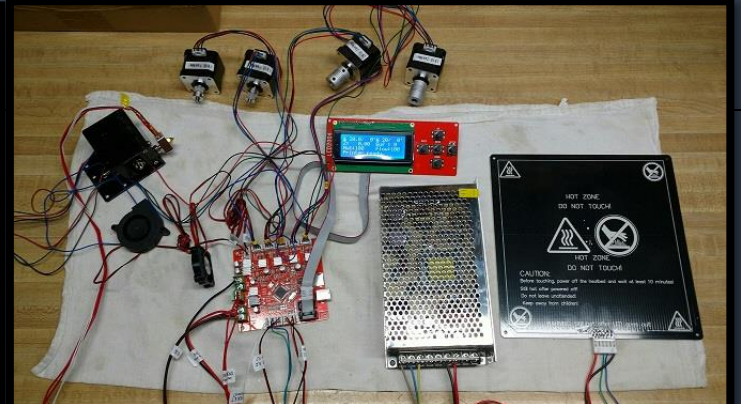
An ME 163 preserved in the Smithsonian museum. Note the separately displayed small, highly effective liquid fuel (infamous "T" stock and "C" stock) rocket engine that propelled the Komet to over 600mph.



# Jeff's Christmas Gift.....3-D PRINTER

Thank you, Santa!!!!

Jeff Sumey



## Classified Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for inclusion in the next newsletter to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com) by March 20.

You might also desire to attach a photo of your item(s) and your contact information as well.

**Tom Kresak**  
**(412) 452-2705**  
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FreeWing Pandora 4-in-1 Blue 1400mm (55")  
Wingspan PNP, new, original box, not  
opened. Flying Weight: 53oz / 11 x 6 - 3 blade  
prop / EPO Foam / Flaps - optional (cut outs) /  
3S 2200mah 25C Lipo / \$165 / addtl info:  
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<https://www.motionrc.com/products/freewing-pandora-4-in-1-blue-1400mm-55-wingspan-pnp>

Yellow Balsa wood CUB: Completely built, flies  
nice, ready to fly: Brushed motor, Electrify C-12  
micro ESC, HX15178 Servos, 34" wingspan,  
(uses 2S 370mah 25C lipo w/JST) / \$45

Night Vapor: w/lights, 1s 150mah lipo, flies slow,  
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# 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 flightline 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, 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](http://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](mailto: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. **AM**

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