

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

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President's Corner

Looking forward to the coming year, one of the main improvements that I am excited about is the expansion of our power distribution throughout the facility. The first and easiest step is to install outlets on the outside of the block building. This will be of use to the members flying at site B. The next step will be to have more wide-spread outlets at site A to reduce the amount of tripping hazards due to extension cords.

We will be receiving several truckloads of fill from construction of the dog park that will be used to straighten the opposite edge of the runway.

We have so much going for us this coming year due to our fantastic membership, and strong support from park staff and county officials.

As we begin 2018, I want to remind all of our current members that dues for the 2018 flying season were to be paid by December 31, 2017. If you still have not payed your dues, there is a \$10 penalty on top of the \$35 dues. If you do not pay your dues by January 31st, 2018, you must rejoin as a new member if you wish to use our flying field. To join as a new member, there is a \$35 initiation fee plus \$35 dues.

This was added to our bylaws several years ago because members were renewing their membership later and later every year. We must file for our insurance charter with the AMA in February and they need to know who our members are.

Also, your AMA insurance must be current for 2018 before we will send out your membership card. If your AMA expired on or before December 31st, 2017, and you do not renew before January 31st 2018, we will return your dues to you and you will have to rejoin, pay the initiation fee, and pay dues if you want to be a member.

Please remember that I made a motion at last February's meeting to relax these rules. After long discussion and for good reason the members at the meeting voted that these rules as stated in the bylaws (and all the bylaws) should be enforced as written.

The Bylaws to our club is as the Constitution is to the United States of America. It is my job as President of Mon Valley RC to apply it equally and fairly to all our members.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of this first class club. I have personally grown from the experience,

Mike Eiben

Mon Valley RC Meeting Minutes: January 1, 2018

The meeting of the MVRC Club was called to order at 10:03 AM at the MVRC Airfield with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the December 1 meeting were read and approved on a motion by Al Kozusko and seconded by John Millard. All members approved the minutes as read.

Mike Eiben thanked Ken Monte for externally insulating the shelter for the meeting.

Treasurer, Ron Doctorick, read the treasurer's report. Ken Monte made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read and Bob Walter seconded the motion. All members approved the treasurer's report as read.

Vice President, Al Kozusko, reported:

Al is working with the County to negotiate the cost of moving extra earth from the Dog Park at Cedar Creek Park to the end of the runway. The truckloads of earth would be delivered to the end of the runway of the new land. The trucks would not drive on the runway itself. Work is set to begin this week.

Al reported on progress of the March for Parks:

The Pittsburgh Penguins donated a team jersey from Patric Hornqvist, and two free March 25 Penguin game tickets. The club will hold a raffle within the club of these donated items.

Field Director, Rick Altomari – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Mike made a motion to have the club donate \$1000 to the March for Parks as we have done in prior years with Al Kozusko seconding the motion. There was no volunteered discussion. All members approved this motion without opposition.

New Business:

Mike explained there is no category provision at this time in the bylaws to accommodate members who permanently cannot fly. Discussion of Honorary Member status vs. an Associate Membership status occurred. No decisions were made. Mike mentioned we want to think through and handle this decision right and not to hurry to reach a decision. This item was tabled to be discussed at a later date.

David Long suggested purchasing patio stones for use by members with smaller planes to give them a smoother surface for take-offs and landings. He said rubber mats could be used. Discussion took place. No decisions were made. This item was tabled to be discussed at a later date.

A new member, Kerry Shawn Trout, introduced himself. His sponsor is David Herrington. He said he picked up an interest in flying last year. All members

10:19 AM – Meeting was adjourned on a motion by John Millard and seconded by Ron Doctorick.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wojnar
MVRC Secretary



EAA Coordinator– Lew Marascalco

For the past three years we have exchanged monthly newsletters with local EAA Chapter 45 at Rostraver Airport to help share and promote our common interest in aviation. The EAA newsletters are posted at our website and our members are encouraged to read them. EAA members are always welcome to our flying events and meetings. Likewise we have an open invitation to theirs. For 2018 we will continue to interact as in past and present and if any members have any specific requests or suggestions regarding EAA interactions please make them known at one of our upcoming meetings for further discussion.

Lew Marascalco



Club Aircraft Coordinator – A J Sweitzer

I am hoping we can use the club trainer more in 2018. At the end of 2017 both trainers were in operating condition. Other than some new batteries for the transmitters and glow fuel we should be good to go this year. It might also be a good idea for the club to purchase another battery for the electric trainer. The buddy box can be used with both trainers. The electric trainer, transmitter case, and supplies are normally kept in our small storage building. The glow trainer is hanging in the large storage building.

A J Sweitzer



New Auxiliary Field Director – Al Kozusko

New Aux Airfield report

Working with Jeff Richards at Parks office. He has instructed the Cedar Creek new dog park project contractors to coordinate with me to move earth from the dog park to our airfield. I met with the contractor and drove from the dog park project to the RC airfield. We confirmed the driving path (not crossing the runway) of the trucks to the northeast side of the runway. No driving across the runway and no dumping of earth on the runway. We exchanged cell phone numbers and he will phone me when they begin to transfer earth. It's been bitter cold and nothing is being done yet.

Al Kozusko



March For Parks Director – Al Kozusko

Meeting is scheduled Jan 11, 2018 to discuss details for the MFP. The Pens have donated a team jersey and two Pens game tickets. We plan to raffle them. More to be discussed at February club meeting.

Al Kozusko



Field Director Report – Rick Altomari

We are always looking for members to help out with the mowing of the field. Specifically, a member is paired up with another member and they are scheduled for one week per month during the cutting season. The field director will review with the member various procedures needed for the safe operation of the equipment. The mowing schedule is set up at the beginning of the season to accommodate special needs.

Rick Altomari



Night Flying Director – Mike Eiben

I am planning to request 10 dates again this year. Some will again be after summer meetings at the field, others will be on Saturday nights. I will also request one the weekend during the Giant Scale Airshow.

If anyone can commit to be there to put up the chain at the gate after everyone leaves, I am willing to request additional dates.

Mike Eiben



Safety Officer Report – John Millard

Not much happened this past flying season and I'm hoping for the same thing this year with a few changes. It seems as though people forget we are at the field to have fun, but in a safe and manner. That is fun for everyone. The bad habit some pilots have, of taking off from behind the flight line, will have to stop. In helping with that, I will make sure there is a good, visible line for everyone to see. I will also be inviting other pilots for their help in making this a safe flying season.

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility.

John Millard



Introductory Pilot Program Report – John Millard

I am trying to get a ground school class together soon. I am in search of a location to hold a 2 hour class on Saturday afternoons for about 3 weeks. This will give the students some advanced time learning the basics of flight before trying their luck at actual flight when the weather brakes this spring. If you are interested in attending these classes or if you know of anyone else who may be interested in these classes, please let me know. Once I have a location identified, I will announce the dates of the classes.

John Millard



Chair – Executive Committee – Rich Wojnar

The EC Committee, as all of our committees, are planning a very busy and robust new flying season. We are thankful to have a really caring and knowledgeable group of EC members that bring a wide range of experience to the table. The positive and professional interaction among the group members works extremely well because we all share the same goals.

We did not conduct a December EC meeting since the date would have taken place two days before Christmas or New Years. With that being said, we are ready to tackle a variety of topics at our February meeting. We are extremely blessed to have members who set aside one Saturday each month, taking time out of their very busy schedules, to devote to the betterment of the club. I think WQED, Channel 13, says it best, "We do it for you, but we can't do it without you".

Rich Wojnar



Newsletter Editor – Rich Wojnar

The saying that time waits for no-one is as true as it may be hard to believe, but we are already in 2018. We all have a great deal to be thankful for in every way. We also can enjoy all the great memories we have all had in the past year both with our families as well as the hobby that we all enjoy. Our last season was action packed from the January 1st, 2017 season opener all the way until our December banquet with a whole bunch of flying fun in-between!

We can claim bragging rights for several MVRC events that took place in 2017. Our 2017 annual Giant Scale event drew a record setting crowd of approximately 400 to 500 folks - not bad, huh? We can also brag a bit regarding our Fun-Flys, annual picnic, and the daily flying of our club members.

I have heard comments from new member stating how cordially they were treated by our members since the first time they came to our field. Another great accomplishment of 2017 was the introduction of electricity to our field. It did not take long for everyone to take advantage of this new addition. It is great to see all the extension cords charging batteries along the field.

The saying that time waits for no one can also be said about today's technology. There are technological breakthroughs unleashed everyday regarding all phases of our hobby. We are truly blessed to have some of the best airframe builders in the country and it is remarkable to see how their talents harness today's innovations.

There is a wealth of various types of RTF and ARF kits available for purchase, which are truly amazing, but it still almost a lost art that those few "built from scratch" pilots bring to the table. Each year outshines the past season's accomplishments and I am sure 2018 will be no different. Another very successful accomplishment we can now add is the progress that is being made regarding the additional field acreage we acquired from the Westmoreland County Parks. Heavy equipment will be scheduled early this season to begin the task of leveling portions of our newly acquired land and relocating this earth to various parts of our existing field. While we already can boast of having one of the best flying fields around, it is only going to get better.

We constantly remind members to attend our monthly meetings. It is crucial that everyone attend future meetings. Your input is extremely important and valued. Your experience and expertise helps to guide the club regarding how to best get the most usage out of our new field plans.

Well, I think it is now time for me to get back to my simulator. I am planning to get a plane in the air this year. A lot of our members diplomatically remind me that I am way overdue, and I really appreciate their constant support!

As always,
We support our troops.

Rich Wojnar

AL KOZUSKO

FIRST MVRC PILOT TO FLY IN 2018

Congratulations, Al!



Al Kozusko
Vice President



This is the house that Ken (Monte) built!



our events!

1/1/18 - FUN FLY and MVRC Meeting - MVRC Airfield



John Millard is on his way to the Fun Fly/ Meeting 1/1/18.



MVRC Pilots and Their Magnificent Flying Machines



New Member
Kerry Trout's
Newly Organized
Hangar



Ron Doctorick's
Awesome New
Jet



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FAA Registration

Presently, the MVRC Club recommends its flying members should register with the FAA in line with the AMA position.

AMA clubs are not required to police registration.

This responsibility lies solely with each member.

[Getting started with the FAA](#)

[FAA registration site](#)

[Here is the most recent information regarding FAA registration from the AMA](#)



Did Santa receive the letter Jeff Sumey wrote to him this year?

Believe!



Of course, he did. Santa Claus is getting craftier. Better check the trunk of your car if your gifts are not under your tree.



What did you get from Santa this year, Jeff?

Welcome New MVRC Club Member



Kerry Shawn Trout

Welcome Aboard!!!!



Calling Officers



Do you know you have the phone numbers for the club's officers at your fingertips?

1. The flip side of your membership card lists the phone numbers; and
2. On the top of every newsletter you'll notice this area contains phone numbers as well.

IMPORANT DATES:

February



2 – MVRC Meeting/ Groundhog Day – Good luck, Phil!

If you can find time to attend as meetings as you can this year, your input will better serve our club. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building.

14 – Valentine’s Day - A special thanks to our families and friends for understanding and accepting how important it is **for us to have the time to fly. Your support means so much to us!**

19 – President’s Day

March



2 – MVRC Meeting – If you can find time to attend as many meetings as you can this year, your input will better serve our club. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building. Members will be voting on two separate items during this meeting.

11 – Daylight Savings Time Starts (move clocks ahead 1 hour)

17 – St. Patrick’s Day

30 – Good Friday

2018 Officers

President – Mike Eiben

Vice President – Al Kozusko

Secretary – Linda Wojnar

Treasurer – Ron Doctorick

2018 Executive Committee Members

Rich Wojnar – Chair

Rick Altomari

Mark Szemanski

Jerome Moran

John Millard

Jim Cannon

From John Millard:

16th Annual Wings Over Piper Fun Fly August 3rd, 4th, and 5th

The 2018 Wings Over Piper R/C model plane fun fly will be held at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, PA on August 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Hours for the event are: Friday and Saturday from 10-5, and Sunday from 10-2.

August 2018 marks the 16th Edition of Wings Over Piper. The event honors the role Lock Haven and the Piper Aircraft Corporation played in creating our country's general aviation industry. It also gives model plane enthusiasts the opportunity to fly their planes at an historic venue. -ALL PLANES ARE WELCOME, NOT JUST CUBS AND OTHER PIPER AIRCRAFT!

Important Pilot Information:

1. AMA membership required.
2. The "landing fee" for participants is \$25 for the entire event.
3. Camping Information
 - *Electricity is available on a 1st come, 1st served basis.
 - *Hot showers will be available.
 - *\$10 will cover you and your party for the three days.

PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR PICTURES, VIDEOS, PILOT REGISTRATION AND OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION!!

<http://wingsoverpiper.com/>

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Leaving You Today with a Walk Down Memory Lane...Seems Just Like We Created These Memories Yesterday.

Thank you to members who have given us this great addition to the newsletter and for taking the time to provide us with these special memories. Please continue to send your photos and captions to us.



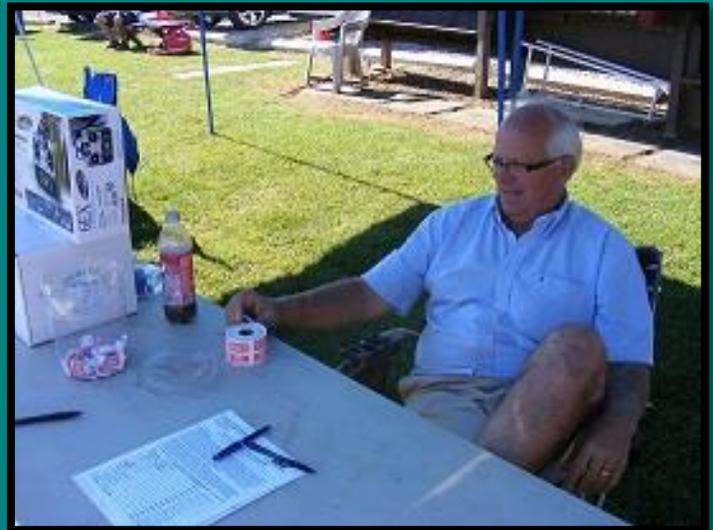
Beautiful Jet Trainer.



Stunning F18 Hornet.



Jim Hinson (R) helping a fellow modeler, as he so often does.



Dave Darr manning the sign-in and raffle booth.

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Vaughn arriving. The grin says it all.



Left to Right: Lew, Ron, Master Rick and Bill, sunning himself.



A couple of nice biplanes.



Lafe starting his Mustang. It flew as well as it looks. At least with Lafe on the sticks!