

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

AMA CHARTER CLUB NO. 546

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President's Corner

Fellow MVRC Members:

Recently our club has approved a new standing location at our airfield for flying our aircraft. Our Safety Officer Mike Eiben, the Executive Committee, club officers and a number of pilots have been reviewing, analyzing and studying our safety items. During this process **Mike Eiben has assigned Bob Haden as his Deputy Officer**. Our MVRC Bylaws state that the Safety Officer can assign Deputy Officers (as many as he needs) to assist with his duties. Mike Eiben has been doing a great job wearing many hats for our club. He is also VP and was the Team Leader for The March For Parks event. Mike Eiben is working with Bob to transition Bob to the Safety Officer position. Mike and Bob have been working tirelessly to improve our safety at our airfield. They are fine tuning our safety at our airfield with refined standing locations for pilots, certification process for new members and beginner pilots, training and proficiency for pilots, airfield patterns, people in the pits, spectators, etc. Please give them your help and assistance to move towards our safety improvements.

Over the past 10 years our hobby has made significant changes. Aircraft, electronics, batteries and even our airfield has gone through extensive changes. We are moving more and more to the Northwest area of the pits at our airfield (from right to left). The county park team extended our runway and cut the trees which move us away from the ball fields. Our parking has been extended and more grass has been mowed to clear a larger area for us to do more with our airfield. Mike and Bob will be helping us change with all the improvements as we all move forward.

I congratulate everyone for acting in a professional and thoughtful manner to make the changes and improvements for everyone's safety. **We are all pilots with a desire to fly.** Please help each other and especially our new members with the same desire.

I want to take this time to recognize and thank those people that volunteer for our club!

Volunteers are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect our club's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and consideration for one another!!

Thank our volunteers:

Janet Poague	Jim Canon	Bob Walter	George Wilson
Mike Eiben	Jack Makepeace	Tony Ferraro	Bob Haden
Ron Doctorick	Mark Szemanski	Bill Hass	Rick Hamel
Rick Altomari	Erik Strauser	Rich Wojnar	Pete LaCava
Steve Novacek	AJ Sweitzer	Linda Wojnar	Allan Lesko
John Millard	Lew Marascalco	Nick Carrozza	Jerome Moran
Walt Severyn	Dave Herrington	Bill Kirkpatrick	Tom King
Dave Davison			

There are many people not on this list and even some that are not club members that volunteered in the past. Our special thanks and appreciation extends to you all!

The purpose of life is not to be happy - but to matter, to be productive, to be useful, and to have it make some difference that you have lived at all.

We need volunteers. Without volunteers our club would not be what it is today.

Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

AI



Executive Committee's Report

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM

Attendees: Al Kozusko, Mike Eiben, Steve Novacek, Jim Cannon, Jack Makepeace, Nick Carrozza, Mark Szymanski, Rich Wojnar and Linda Wojnar

Topic #1 – Safety - Where do pilots stand when flying?

To improve safety and consistency following AMA guidelines already established, which need to be reinforced where pilots should stand when flying at the MVRC Field, a drawing from the AMA, Radio Control (RC) Guidelines from the AMA, and Mon Valley Radio Control Club Field Rules (**Effective 3-August-2012**) were issued to all members present at the meeting. Discussion took place regarding the safety concern for new flyers who need to know where to stand and the importance of every member knowing and following the guidelines to set the right example for others to follow. **The primary concern is safety for everyone.** Discussion took place that aircraft are to taxi on the runway.

AMA guidelines state the pilot station is 25 feet from the runway's edge. To assist pilots, lines will be spray-painted (in the form of a box on the concrete pad) to designate where pilots are to stand. The executive committee is asking all members to step up and lead the way to follow safety guidelines already in place. It was stated several times the guidelines are not new, but need to be reinforced to provide safety for all.

Action – Members will look at the MVRC Field following the meeting to measure the field and view where to make the markings for pilots to stand.

Topic #2 – Results of Al's informal discussion with pilots regarding the need for benches and tables.

Al shared he had a survey and it showed there were three times the need for benches than tables. Due to other commitments, Steve is unable to make more benches this summer. The next step is to ask for volunteers to make the benches this summer or to make the benches in the winter.

Topic #3 – How to handle immediate, dire emergency situations, at the MVRC Field

Al stated he had a meeting with the Park police chief who stated for immediate, dire emergency situations (fighting on the field or someone acting irresponsibly needing an escort off the field), members should dial 911 – ask for the park police. The police chief will receive the call, assess the situation, and will send appropriate assistance to the field.

Topic #4 – Pilots Making Left-hand vs. right-hand turns

Discussion also took place that many pilots only make left-hand turns their whole life. It was suggested that an article be written for the next newsletter that will share tips how pilots can challenge themselves to make right turns.

Topic #5 -Suggestion – To check perception

Flybys should be done to check perception.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.



For amber waves of grain,



Secretary's Report

June 5, 1015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The officers in attendance were the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

There were no minutes read from the last meeting.

Treasurer: Ron reported the club is financially sound.

Executive Committee:

Field Report: Rick reported the grass is growing. The field had been rolled. If anyone has extra time at the field feel free to use the weed eater. We now have two.

Old Business: Al reported the financials for the Mark for Parks.

New Business: Bob Haden presented a power point and discussed our field in comparison to other fields in our area. Changing the flight line to a range of 0 to 25 feet from the edge of the end of the runway was presented. George discussed the history of the angled flight line. Several members presented comments.

Jeff put forth a motion to change the field rules for the flight line for pilots to stand between 0 to 25 feet. Motion passed.

Another motion was put and past to remove the current pilot station pads.

Discussion concerning the number of tables and starting benches took place.

Al reported the giant scale is moving along. The poster is on our web site and the county web site.

EAA newsletter will be posted on the website going forward.

Safety Officer: Bob Haden was appointed as a deputy safety officer.

Newsletter: Please send contributions to the newsletter.

Web Site:

Show'N Tell: George King discussed www.rcneighborhood.com.

Rick Hammel brought back his Rotan Q200 plane from a few months ago. He's still working on the molds. It is progressing nicely.

Tom King – Very nice electric bi-plane

New Members: Jonathan Burkett & Mark Lacks

The meeting adjourned 9:15 pm



For purple mountain majesties



Show 'N Tell.....Wright Brothers' Model

Tom King



Original Wright Brothers' Plane – Man's First Flight

Photo taken from Kitty Hawk, NC by Jeff Sumey



Notes from Tom's presentation:

- Original Wright Brothes' Plane - elevator was 5" closer to the wing (was unstable and wouldn't fly);
- Wright Brothers had extended the front elevator and rear ruggers and had 2 geared motors;
- This plane is just about "ready-to-fly" – and was put together from pictures.
- Framework - \$3 in glue, Silk \$3.50, Built from Scraps, and \$150 in electronics

Show 'N Tell.....Q200 – Project-in-Progress

Richard Hamel



Notes from Rick's presentation:

- Cut wings
- Installed wings in fuselage
- Block sanded with 150 grit – wet sand
- Next step is the mould
- DA 120 Motor – built plane around the motor (so no holes in plane)
- Bought full scale plans to build this – Quick Heads Club
- No one ever built a model
- Possible aerodynamics scares people off
- Next year – will have full flying model of it
- Don't like raw fiberglass – tends to tear
- Purpose of this prototype is to make moulds.
- This project will not fly; it will be cut up for moulds.

Safety Tips Column...From the Safety Officer



**Safety
First**

First, let me introduce myself to those of you who don't already know me. My name is Bob Haden. I've been a member of the MVRC Club for the past few years. I started flying RC Aircraft in 1964, at the age of 14, having been instructed by Glenn Charles at the Keystone Clippers Club. In addition to being a member of the MVRC Club, I am also a current member at the Keystone Clippers Radio Control Club (KCRC) and Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club (LHMAC). I fly a variety of aircraft, but I predominately fly helicopters. As Al Kozusko mentioned, I will soon be working with Mike Eiben to transition from Deputy Safety Coordinator to the position of Safety Coordinator as we implement some changes and improvements to our field rules.

I'd like to start out this first Safety Tips Column by restating probably the most impactful change adopted at the last club meeting and the rationale behind that change which I'm sure some of you missed. As Al stated, our hobby has undergone significant changes in recent years. And, as we have gained some new insight into what constitutes good field safety practices.

With regard to the most recent controversy over where pilots may stand while flying, the AMA guidance is From 0 to 25 feet from the edge of the runway or "Safety Line", behind which intentional flying is prohibited.

In a discussion with AMA Headquarters Flying Site Assistance Coordinator, Tony Stillman, he stated that Their recommendation is for pilots to stand near the safety line at the runway edge since that location offers the best visual perspective of the runway to the Safety pilot and it keeps the flying further from the pit and spectator areas.

At the last MVRC meeting, members voted to change where pilots stand to fly from the former 'pilot stations' to an area from the runway edge to 25 feet behind it. Now I know that this change will be unwelcome and difficult to accept for some, but I encourage you to give it a try. I think you'll find it to be a welcome change for the better.

The Westmoreland County Parks Department graciously provides us with one of the finest flying sites in the area. In the interest of keeping and maintaining this working relationship along with the continued use of our flying site, as organization, I think our best effort is to comply with and enforce the current safety guidance provided by the AMA.

I welcome any comments that you may have to this and future Safety Tips articles.

Feel free to email me at curvett@comcast.net, call me or send me a text on my cell phone at 724-312-4305.

Bob Haden



Safety
Always

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!



Above the fruited plain



Mark Your Calendar

MVRC Picnic: August 22 (Saturday)

Float Fly: June 27 (Rain Date for June 13)

August 8 (Rain Date August 27)

Acme Dam – Westmoreland County

Access the link below to see photos from the 2014 Float Fly at Acme Dam.

http://www.monvalleyrc.com/images/newsletters/JULY_2014_NEWSLETTER.pdf

Club Trivia Question:

You'll be seeing these shoes a lot at the field. Who is the proud owner of these shoes?



Answer is on the last page of the newsletter – Page 20.

America! America! God shed His grace on thee,



Where?

Indiana Flyer Club Field, located off Snyder Rd, Indiana, PA, GPS coordinates: N40° 33.192' W079° 06.069'

What?

This fun fly is open to all pilots with AMA membership, no landing fee, all types of aircraft and rotor craft are welcome. Come join us on the second longest day of the year for a day of open flying and fun. Hot dogs, hamburgers, snacks, and beverages will be provided by the club to all pilots and guest. Accommodations are primitive with no overnight camping

When?

June 20, 2015, Pilot meeting at 9:00 am, but come when you can, it's all about fun.

Who?

Sponsor: Indiana Flyer's Club, AMA Number 937, Contact Mark Diulus – CD; iPhone: 412 779-0245, Mark's Hobby Warehouse [412 687-2386](tel:4126872386); markshobby@aol.com; Bill (Chirps) Craig [412 848-7861](tel:4128487861); Tony Hallo [724 274-4164](tel:7242744164); tony.hallo365@gmail.com

★ *And crown thy good with brotherhood* ★



The RC Hobby is one of the most enjoyable hobbies out there today, not because I am interested in the hobby, because the satisfaction of researching, building, flying, and sharing what you know and have learned about the hobby with others is second to none. So much information is shared when you meet up with other club members at the field. For example, you learn about shared interests with others, prior work experiences/ careers, various fields of expertise, and you learn so much from their experiences which saves you countless hours of researching and making costly mistakes.

Dove tailing on the President's Corner, ***safety is paramount. While the hobby is extremely enjoyable; it is also extremely dangerous. We should never take safety lightly, believing accidents only apply or happen to the "other guy". No one ever expects that "other guy" to be himself or herself, but it's important to think that today you just may be that other guy!*** Now, this does not mean that we have to take the fun out of the hobby, but we do need to take safety seriously and consistently each time we set foot on the field with our aircraft.

While there are many areas to address regarding safety, here are just a few to review:

- While preparing your model for flight, *pay strict attention to what you are doing and do all that you can to avoid distractions;*
- Avoid wearing loose fitting clothing or other items that may interfere with spinning blades;
- Constantly be aware of your surroundings and of others in your area;
- Utilize a spotter;
- While flying, stand in areas that are reflective of club rules and regulations;
- Be courteous to others. We all want to enjoy the sport.
- If you encounter a dangerous situation, while using diplomacy, assure the situation is addressed immediately. If you feel that you cannot calmly and diplomatically address the person, ask another person at the field at that time for assistance and report the activity to our safety officers.
- **Safety is not only my job; safety is not only your job; safety is everyone's job!** We all want to have fun, so please do not over complicate the hobby.

A thank you extends this month (and months to come) to Bob Haden who has added a new column in the newsletter addressing safety tips. This column will be ongoing each month. I welcome any of you to contribute to the newsletter in your area of comfort.

Please share your expertise with everyone so we can all benefit from your expertise.

My email is: richardwojnar@yahoo.com and my cell phone number is 412-657-8420.

As always we support our troops.

Rich

Classified Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for inclusion in the next newsletter to richardwojnar@yahoo.com by **July 5**.

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

FOR SALE:

At last month's meeting, Rich Hammel stated that a very good friend of his, Bob Jones, is selling a large amount of wood-working equipment. I spoke with Bob on June 20. He said that all the equipment ranges from lightly used to never used and is in excellent condition.

The equipment descriptions are:

- Delta Midi Lathes
- Chisels
- Shopcraft Floor Press
- Heavy Duty Routers
- Tables
- Craftsman Support Stand with Roller
- Super Universal Scroll (Jig Saw) with numerous blades

ALL of the equipment listed above come with instruction manuals.

ALL of the equipment is priced to sell!!

If interested, please call Bob Jones at 412-370-0482

Education Section: Test and Expand Your RC Knowledge

You-Tube Video/ Internet Link Sections:

Do you have any online videos or Internet links that you found to be interesting and helpful to you – ones you would like to share? Please send your videos to the newsletter editor for publication in the next newsletter.

Note: If you click on a link and the link does not take you directly to the website, hold the **CTRL Key (Control Key)** on your computer with your left index finger while simultaneously clicking the highlighted link with your mouse.



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(Link from AMA Dist. III Website)	http://electrifly.com/
Academy of Model Aeronautics (Link from AMA Dist. III Website)	http://www.modelaircraft.org/
Select Your Course (Link from AMA Dist. III Website)	http://www.rcuniverse.com/university/

Dear Members – Help Requested:

If each member would contribute at least one item (in any form) for the newsletter, the newsletter would raise the interest and knowledge for all of our members.

Your contribution could be a: product review, You-Tube video that interested you, photo/photos, trivia question & answer, classified ad, Show 'N Tell at a meeting, project you are working on, etc.

My sincere thank you goes out to those of you who have already contributed to the newsletter in any of these forms.

Rich

Rich's Kitchen Shrimp Spring Rolls

Ingredients: Carrots, celery, green onions, shrimp, cabbage, bean sprouts, and Wonton wraps. After you try this recipe, try using other vegetables that you may want to substitute. The varieties are endless.

This recipe is very easy, but the preparation does take some time to complete. Begin with a fine julienne technique of all the vegetables. The amount of vegetables you use really depends on how many rolls you intend to make; however, do not worry as you can always refrigerate the remaining vegetables.



When you buy the shrimp, the bag will have a shrimp count marked on the bag. For example: 40/60 count per pound. The higher the count per pound, the smaller the shrimp will be. The lower the count, for example 15/20 -the larger the shrimp will be. Always shop for the best values. Prices will vary from store-to-store. Frozen shrimp is usually cheaper than the already cooked version.



Now that you have completed the tedious task preparing the vegetables, the rest is very easy. Take a wonton wrap. Brush the sides with an egg wash. The egg wash is an egg slightly whipped in the same manner you would make scrambled eggs. The egg wash will be the binding agent so that the wraps will stick together.



Now you are ready to wrap the shrimp rolls. Make sure you do not overfill the wraps. They will break open and they will be hard to keep closed. In this step, you can tailor the ingredients to your particular taste.



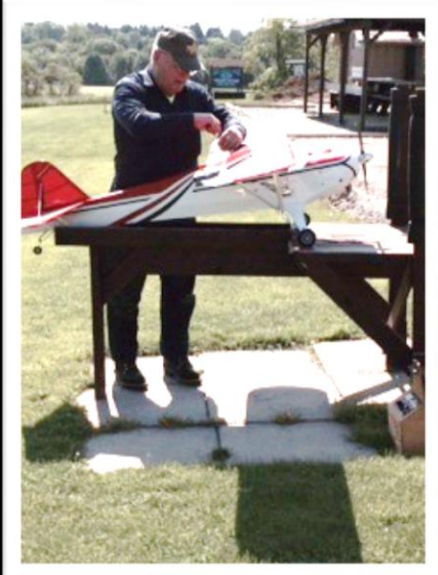
This is what the completed roll should look like. In the event your roll splits open, take another egg washed wrap and roll your split wrap in it while rolling in the opposite direction. Now you have your original roll rewrapped in another wrap.



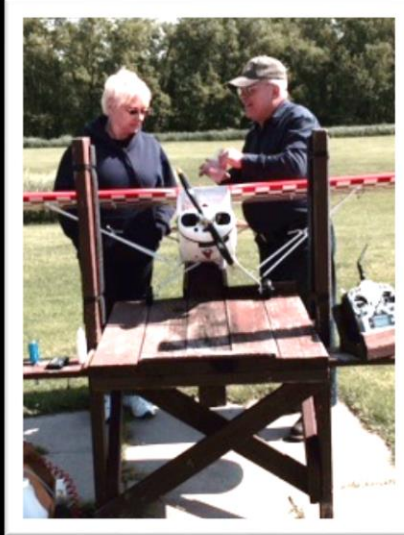
I usually fill a large frying pan about half full of oil. Heat the oil to about 220 degrees and add one roll at a time. Do not get the oil too hot or the rolls will fry too quickly and the internal ingredients will not cook all the way through. After a few times, you will be a pro!



MVRC Field



Joe's brand new Piper!



Mary is making sure that the work is done correctly.



Time to relax and get some sun!



A beautiful day for flying.



Let's start to unpack some gear.



Ok, who is going to go up first?



Now this is a real beauty!



No, this is not a take off ramp!



The aircraft's just keep getting better.



Now, THIS is a plane.



Walk softly and fly a Big Stik.



Ron's arsenal!



What a power plant!



We need a strategy.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan M. Burkett

Jonathan is a Mechanical Engineer who lives in Pittsburgh, (Highland Park area), PA. He has been flying helicopters and planes for approx. 15 years.

and

Mark A. Lacks

IMPORTANT DATES:

June



21 – Father's Day

**27 – Make-up Day for June 13 Float Fly
Acme Dam**

July



**3 – MVRC Meeting – Summer
Location** -If you can find time to attend
as many meetings as you can this year,
your input will better serve our club.
Meetings will now be held at 7:30 PM at
the MVRC Airfield.

4 – Independence Day

How do you like me now? MVRC Field



PRODUCT REVIEW

Have you used any products that you could share your favorable or unfavorable comments with other club members? We'd love to hear from you.

Enjoy the product reviews from the AMA District III Website Link:

<http://electrifly.com/prodrev.html>

Club Trivia Question:

You'll be seeing these shoes a lot at the field. Who is the proud owner of these shoes?



These shoes...belong to none other... than our own, "Safety Bob".

A PERPETUAL SALUTE
TO OUR MON VALLEY RC CLUB MILITARY MEMBERS
WE SALUTE YOU!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

This page will remain active in all of our newsletters in order to give our veterans enough time to locate photos from the time period when they served in the military. As we receive their photos, we will post them on this page.

To us, Veteran's Day is every day!!

July 4 – Independence Day

"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness"

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th/videos/bet-you-didnt-know-independence-day>

History Channel – Bet You Didn't Know

<http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th/videos/fourth-of-july-history>

History Channel – History of the Fourth of July

<http://www.watchknowlearn.org/Video.aspx?VideoID=31783&CategoryID=3155>

Today in History for July 4th.

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