

**NEWSLETTER
AMA CHARTER CLUB NO. 546**



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**MVRC Monthly Meeting on Friday, May 2nd
 at the Municipal Buiding at 7:30 PM**

President's Corner

**Presidents Corner
 Fellow MVRC Members:**

I am excited and pleased to report to you that the March For Parks was a great success. The total amount raised for Cedar Creek was 14,332. The total amount raised for the three parks was 108,399. There were close to 300 people attending the Cedar Creek event. We have more information about the event to be discussed during the upcoming meeting May 2 at the Rostraver Municipal Bldg. Special thanks to everyone who participated.

We are finally looking forward to much better flying weather! Everyone can't wait to fly with great weather coming and that means more pilots at the field. I would like to remind everyone about being understanding and considerate of other pilots. We must understand that there is a wide range of pilot experience and aircraft knowledge of those flying at our field. There are pilots learning as well as beginners to the more advanced and highly experienced flyers. Because of the wide range of experience, the various types of aircraft and our large membership, we need to keep a diligent eye on each other at the field. We discussed this at length at our meetings and for those that did not attend I would like to review with you the key items: Fixed wing, Heli's and multi flyers must remember that when you fly 3D or simply hover the runway you essentially fully occupy the runway and no one else can fly. If there are only a few pilots (around 2 to 5) at the field and you want to occupy the runway it is your obligation to communicate with those pilots and see if they agree to share the runway with you. If there are more pilots at the field you should then use the open area next to the pilot's tables (North West of the tables) for 3D or hover type flying. It is also necessary to stand on the existing pilot stations (the concrete pads in front of the pilot tables) when there are many pilots flying. I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THE MEANING OF CONSIDERATION AND RESPECT FOR OTHER PILOTS FLYING AT THE FIELD!

During our last club meeting we talked about (FPV), First Person View. The AMA describes FPV: as the operation of a radio controlled (R/C) model aircraft using an onboard camera's cockpit view to orient and control the aircraft. FPV is an up and coming flying sport. Leo Rodriguez talked about FPV and brought some literature during the meeting. FPV flying is a team sport. There need to be at least two qualified pilots on the ground while the aircraft is in the air: the pilot, who is operating the aircraft via the FPV system, and the spotter, whose job is to alert the pilot to unseen hazards and be ready to take control of the aircraft in case of an FPV system failure. The spotter has a critical role to play in maintaining the pilot's situational awareness. Although the pilot can see what lies directly ahead, he or she may not detect a hazard off to one side or behind, or when there is a risk of putting an obstruction between the pilot and the aircraft. The wide field-of-view lenses typically used for FPV can make it difficult to spot small, but potentially show-stopping obstacles such as a bare tree branch or a power line.

When conducted within the guidelines established by the AMA, flying FPV is as safe as conventional model aviation. It's also a tremendous amount of fun, and becoming involved will put you at the forefront of revolution

that will ultimately change the world. We talked about updating our bylaws to include FPV. The AMA has Document 550, available on the AMA website to learn more about FPV.

In the years ahead, unmanned aircraft and our hobby will probably assist first responders save lives, give farmers the ability to increase crop yields, and maybe even deliver goods as AMAZON described.

It's going to be an exciting next couple of decades. Our sport keeps evolving.
Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

AL Kozusko, MVRC President

PS – Walt Severyn wrote a special to us at the end of the newsletter. He wrote this before he was admitted to the hospital for 5 heart bypasses and a repair to a heart micro valve. Walt is currently in ICU at the Jefferson Hospital. I know that we all have Walt in our thoughts and prayers.

Secretary

Minutes

April 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The officers in attendance were the President, Vice President, and Secretary.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: Ron is working. Treasury is sound..

Correspondence: none

Executive Committee: Associate Membership requirements:

All members of the MVRC will be entitled to an Associate Membership upon meeting the following requirements. The member must be a MVRC member in good standing. The Executive Committee must approve the Associate Membership and the Executive Committee will have the ability to revoke the Associate Membership at any time. The member will not have a vote in any club operations or elections and will not be permitted any solo operation of RC models in any way. The member will not be required to be a member of the AMA but will be required to pay a MVRC Club fee of \$10.

Field Report: Rick reported the field has been rolled. There's more to roll. Both machines have been serviced. We are ready to cut grass. We have received 2 more grass cutters.

Old Business: Al reported on the March for Parks. Preliminary amounts raised at all three parks is over \$100K this year. The past years raised 60K. This was the best year ever. MVRC raised a total \$2430. There is \$4230 going to the flying field. We are still seeking electrical.

Giant Scale – Nick is working registering.

New Business: Nick was contacted by someone, moving from Houston, PA to Houston, Texas, who wanted to donate club trainer planes. The club decided we should pursue.

Leo reported on Toledo FPV (First Person View) and several documents he brought back with him.

Acme Dam Float Fly - June 14 is the first float fly and August 2 is the second float fly.

Safety Officer: absent

Newsletter: Walt was absent

Publicity Chair: no report

Web Site: no report

Show-n-Tell: George discussed Tundra tires Lew found at Toledo.

New Members: Emilio Scalese

The meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Janet Poague
Secretary, MVRC

Executive committee

Attending Meeting: Ron N, Al K, Bill K, Steve N, AJ S

- possibility of applying a finish to the flat tables
- discussed several members that did not renew membership for 2014
- Al K. stated that he met with Park as to placement of new restroom
- Steve N. resupplied the emergency kit with many items
- need a new emergency kit box because the current one can't be closed (maybe use pinboard?)
- possibility of selling tickets when we need to raise money
- March for Parks total was a little under 10K for Cedar Creek
- if you see someone flying you do not know ask if they are a member and have the AMA
- will purchase 10 chairs (stronger ones) to add to the 23 (some in poor shape) that we have
- club's position on FPV is to go with AMA regulations
- discussed an activity building at the field
- Al said Park will be adding smaller stones to the parking lot and electricity a possibility in future
- will remove the impound area and replace with a bench

Scheduled Events for 2014

NOTE THE ADDITION: Two dates have been confirmed by the County for our annual float fly's at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). There will again be a \$3.00 landing fee to help defray the permit and insurance costs. LHMAC is again coordinating the events.

1. Saturday, June 14, 2014, with a rain date for Saturday, June 21,
2. Saturday, August 2, 2014, with a rain date for Saturday, August 9.

May:

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

June:

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

14-(Sat)-Float Fly at Acme Dam. Details later. Rain date-June 21.

July:

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

August:

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

2-(Sat)-Float Fly at Acme Dam. Details later. 00 PM. Rain date-Aug. 9.

September:

5-(Fri)--MVRC Meeting at the Field, 7:00 PM.
6th, 7th--MVRC Giant Scale Flyin, Nick Carozza-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 & the Annual Club Christmas Party/ Meeting has not been determined yet.??

Club Activities

George Wilson MFParks video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lr-br4FGuYo>

**Arial view of March for Parks
 (Photos by Jeff Sumey)**





Editor's note; Having published the MVRC Newsletter for six years, I have decided that it is time for new younger blood to enter the arena. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter, but medical conditions have made it impossible for me to continue as your news editor. It is hoped that a member will step forward to continue the publication that was begun ten years ago. Thank you.



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