

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

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President's Corner

The season we have all been waiting for is here, it's Flying Season.

Tomorrow, May 12, we are having a field work day. We will be conducting an overall (general) clean-up and area maintenance. We will also be moving one set of concrete pads from in front of the handicapped walkway to the opposite end of the pits.

Training will also be given on how to operate and most importantly clean up the line painting equipment. We need a small group of volunteers to keep the lines bright this year.

The lines are to be painted in this fashion:

- (1) The Flight Safety Line/ Pilot Line will be painted directly behind the High Grass Barriers. Pilots are to stand or sit in the area behind the Pilot Line – back to – but not including – in the Pits.

The Pit Area includes the area around the tables, starting benches, and open areas that are being used to assemble, work on, and start aircraft from the ground.

When you choose where you are going to stand when flying, please demonstrate respect for the pilots who are already flying.

If someone is currently flying and someone else wants to fly, he or she should stand or sit at a similar distance back from the Safety Line/ Pilot Line or wait until the other pilot lands.

- (2) Dashed Line painted 25 feet out on the runway from the Flight Safety Line/ Pilot Line. This line represents how far out away from other pilots standing on the Flight Line you need to be in order to be in compliance with the AMA Safety Code. (For example, I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual except myself or my helper(s) located at the Flight Line, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's competition regulation.

For everyone's safety, it is recommended that all maneuvers be performed out beyond the Dashed Line.

I am looking forward to an awesome season for all members. Hope to see you in the morning at the airfield. We need as many members as possible to help us.

Thank you in advance,
Mike Eiben



EAA Coordinator– Lew Marascalco

No Report for the EAA.

Lew Marascalco



Club Aircraft Coordinator – A J Sweitzer

The electric club trainer is ready for our new pilots to use. I have noticed lately that new members have already purchased a plane and want to learn using their own equipment. I think we can use the club trainer to get someone who already has some interest in flying to join the club after navigating a few flights.

A J Sweitzer



Auxiliary Airfield Director – Al Kozusko

Aux Airfield report

The contractor at the dog park has delivered 12 truck loads of earth to our RC airfield. The earth has been dumped off the runway edge and allocated properly. More earth is being considered for our field to help further improve the runway edge. We are trying to get the extra earth from a project that is underway just outside of the park entrance. I spoke with the home builder and they are considering the request. I will continue to follow-up.

We also received two contour drawings of our airfield from Jeff Richards, County Park Engineer, who is working with us to improve the entire RC area, Alan Lesko is also working with us to grade the area. We continue to work towards these improvements.

Al Kozusko



March For Parks Director – Al Kozusko

We, MVRC, have been presented a plaque for raising money for the 2017 March For Parks. The plaque will be delivered and presented at the June club meeting. We raised a total of \$1847.00.

Thanks,

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

Night Flying Report

The County Parks Office has approved night flying on the following dates:

Friday, June 1st.

Saturday, June 23rd.

Friday, July 6th.

Saturday, July 28, after the Giant Scale Funfly

Friday, August 3rd.

Saturday, August 18th.

Friday, September 7th.

Saturday, September 22nd.

Please join us for a good time to be had by all,
Mike Eiben



Safety Officer Report – John Millard

It looks like the weather has finally broken and there will be more flying being done. Let's us keep in mind that safety is everyone's job. I have been at the field a few times and **I am still seeing people taxiing back to the benches from the runway. This is a major "no-no"**. We are all adults and know the rules, let's follow them. With Westmoreland County having park managers more visible in each and every park, we are well within eye sight of the said manager. We also have no idea how these managers are going to look at our club, so let's not give them a reason to turn our runway into a soccer field.

John Millard



Introductory Pilot Program Report – John Millard

No Report

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.

Rich Wojnar



Newsletter Editor – Rich Wojnar

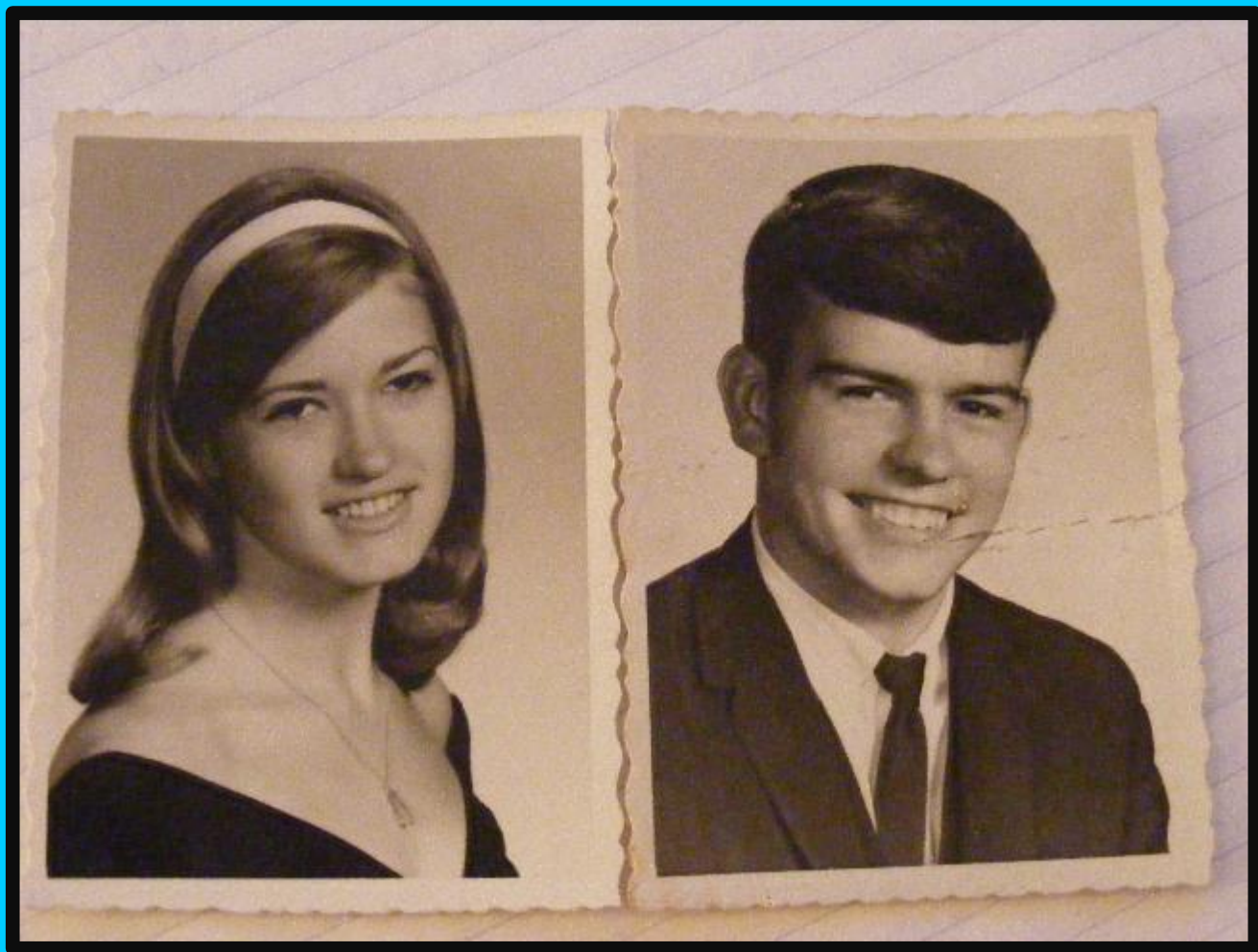
We really need your input to make the newsletter a valuable source of information. Please send in photos, articles or work-in-progress. We enjoy hearing about the new aircraft and accessories you've already purchased or are currently working on. Your contributions to the newsletter will make the newsletter a success and worth reading.

As always,
We support our troops.

Rich Wojnar

MVRC Trivia

Can you identify the couple in the photos? Look for the answer on Page 16.



MVRC 2018 Work Day

Thank You to All of the Volunteers Who Worked That Day!





Roving Reporter

LEW MARASCALCO



Ray's New Ride



I was checking out Ray d'Andrea's new MXS-R available from General Hobbies in the Breitling color scheme. It is very nice! Some particulars – it is 75" wingspan, has DLE 30cc gas engine for power, JETI receiver and HD Power and Hi-Tec digital servos for control. He has several flights with it and really likes the way it flies!!

Ray's New Ride

The MXS-R has nice clean lines and stance!!

About 10 lbs. flying weight.



Very light plywood construction. Can be converted to electric power.



Roving Reporter

LEW MARASCALCO



Heavy Life Drone



During participation the past couple months in the Boeing GoFly man carrying drone competition project, I came across information of this rather unique new heavy lift drone. It overcomes basic limitations of existing vertical lift drones such as low payload and low flight time by use of a hybrid primary propulsion and control stabilization system. An internal combustion engine drives the two main rotors (each about 7foot diameter) for lift up to 400 pounds. Smaller electric motors and props located at each corner of the drone frame provide control stabilization like a conventional quad copter. They claim up to eight hours operation. The video at the second link shows that the drone can be collapsed and placed in a short cargo container for transport.

MVRC Photo Gallery





MVRC Pilots In the Spotlight

Joe Fanala – ME 109 Messerschmidt



Joe is the only pilot at Cedar Creek that owns and flies a ME 109 Messerschmidt.



Check out the 20 millimeter cannons.



The narrow undercarriage landing gear was something I had to get used to, but I got it Down now. Throttle up fast. Get the tail in the Air. Then Firewall it!

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](#)

TRIVIA ANSWER:

The couple in the Trivia Question is none other than **George and Iris Wilson**. George took Iris to the Frazier Prom in Perryopolis – 1968...and as you know...the rest is history!!!!!!!!!!

IMPORANT DATES:

June



1– MVRC Meeting – MVRC Airfield 7:00 PM

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 7:00 PM at the MVRC Airfield.

17 – Father’s Day – We hope you have a very special day!

July



4 – Independence Day – Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

6 – 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 7:00 PM at the MVRC Airfield.

MVRC FAMILY PICNIC – September 8, 2018

Please mark this date on your calendar. In August, we will be asking you to RSVP what food item you would like to add to our selection of food the club will provide.



MVRC CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 8, 2018

Please mark this date on your calendar. In October we will be asking you to RSVP if you plan to attend the event. We have tentatively held this date from 12:30-3:30 PM at Salvatore’s Events and Catering. We need to guarantee them that 40 people will attend. We had a really great time last year and hope you will return again this year.

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.



Flying a blimp at Pricedale.



Tri-motor.



George Wilson with magnificent scratch built Wichawk at Rostraver, mid 1970's. (No, he didn't build it.) It's a three-seat biplane. Two in front, one back seat.



Lew Marascalco with beautiful scratch built foamy.

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Chuck and Mikie - 2004



Wichawk and builder Bill. (MGRHS) 2009



Bob Violett making a low pass at the Heart of Ohio Jet Scramble with a "borrowed" full scale F100 Super Sabre. YeeeeHaaaaa! ;}



George and Lew New Year's Eve 1999 flew at the MVRC field from 11:57 PM until 12:04 AM. First flight of the new year and of the millennium. The surprise was that fireworks lit the sky around the field 360 degrees at the stroke of midnight. Does anyone remember Light Sticks?