

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

CEDAR CREEK PARK

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Jason

President's Corner

Fellow MVRC Members:

I will try to keep my messages to you brief and focused. I will focus on two top main items as president for our club

1. Our Members

2. Our Airfield. We have a great club and it's because of all our members! I will always try to think of our members' well-being, health, safety and having fun flying.

As for our field, it's coming along although we are always trying to improve. We have lots of action items for our field, grass cutting, surface preparation, parking area, benches, and shelter, restroom and long term future improvements as well. I will be working with the executive committee to help set priorities and provide any support.

Our Fun Fly has been postponed until May 20 because of weather and conflicting events. Hopefully the weather will swing to our favor.

As a health suggestion, try to remember to bring and wear sunglasses during bright sunny days. It's not only good for your eyes but good to keep excellent contact vision with your airplane. I can remember losing an airplane by mistakenly flying towards the sun and not wearing sun glasses that day.

Please remember that I am always open to suggestions for our club. I enjoy meeting with you and sharing club information. Send me emails or call me.

Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

Al

Treasurer's Report

We have a sound treasure

Secretary's Report

It is with great sadness that I bear the news that we lost a great friend , member and all around wonderful person Bennie Sanfillipo passed away he will be missed.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**MON VALLEY R/C CLUB
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
28-Apr-2012**

Attending: R. Altomari, S. Denk, A. Kozusko J. Smereczniak, J. Sumey, AJ Sweitzer

Meeting called to order 9:00am by EC Chair J. Sumey

Discussion:

1. New tables for field (Jeff).

Info from Vaughn Dennis: 2'x2'x1-7/8" pads are now available, 70# ea. at a club cost of \$6.75 ea.

EC recommendation 1: including the previously documented wood cost of \$75/table, the EC recommends proceeding with constructing/installing 4 additional tables with pads at approx. \$140 ea.

EC recommendation 2: the EC recommends purchasing/installing 9 pads per table for previously built tables at approx. \$61 per table.

2. Safety rules (Jeff).

In addition to the AMA Safety Code, 2 additional sets of safety rules apply to model aircraft activity at Cedar Creek Park:

1. *Westmorland County Dept. of Parks & Recreation Radio Controlled Airfield Flying Rules Field Rules and Regulations*, and
2. *Mon Valley Radio Control Club Field Rules*.

Upon review of these rule sets, a number of issues were identified – most notably the fact that most every flight at Cedar Creek over the past couple years is in violation of rules. Said issues include:

- Permitted hours of flying
- Frequency control, frequency pins, transmitter impounding, transmitter labeling/flagging
- Use of MVRC membership cards during flying activity
- “Spectrum” transmitters
- Pilot location during flight
- Use of spotter

Obviously, some of these issues relate to technology of 3 decades ago and are of limited or non-applicability today. The EC plans to develop a package of recommended updates to both rule sets. Possible changes to County rules will need to engage the Dept. of Parks & Recreation.

No recommendation at this time as this is an on-going action item.

3. Priority list (Al).

The club president made a request to the EC to formulate a “priority list” of action items for the club. EC will take up this issue at the next EC meeting.

4. Photo ID membership cards (Jason).

Photo ID printers cost \$1000-\$1300, which is not cost-effective as a club purchase. A better option is to outsource this by obtaining photo ID cards from a third party. Jason is continuing research. No recommendation at this time as this is an on-going action item.

5. Club banner (Steve).

A large (8') banner would be highly useful during Cedar Creek Days and club events to help promote a positive club image. Discussion recalled George Wilson's previous offer to produce/print such items.

EC recommendation 3: the EC recommends engaging club member George Wilson to produce/print a large (8') banner reading "Mon-Valley R/C Club" for the club.

Meeting concluded at 10:50am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by J. Sumey.

Rick Hamel our member and this year's Best in Show winner at Toledo was at Fridays meeting here are some pictures of his dragon







\Joke of the Month

Top Ten Reasons Why Men Favor an RC airplane Over a Wife

10. You can trade an old .61 for a new .25.
9. You can keep one plane at home and have another for when you're on the road.
8. If you admire a friend's plane and tell him so, he will probably let you try it out a few times.
7. Your primary airplane doesn't mind if you keep another airplane for a backup.
6. Your airplane will stay with you even if you run out of nitro or lipos.
5. An airplane doesn't take up a lot of closet space.
4. Airplanes function normally every day of the month.
3. An airplane doesn't ask , "Do these new wheels make me look fat?"
- 2... An airplane doesn't mind if you go to sleep after you use it.
1. YOU CAN BUY A MUFFLER FOR A PLANE 😊



Schedule of Events, Activities

May

May 19th 20th MVRC Work weekend Attendance will count towards your hat

June

June 1st MVRC monthly meeting at Cedar Creek Park at 7:00 PM hamburgers and hotdogs will be served at 5:30 pm

June 2nd Al's Funfly at the R/C field come have fun fly and win some great prizes

June 30th july 1st Tripoli Pittsburgh Rocket Launch directions can be found at <http://tripoli-pgh.org/>

July

Meeting date to be determined