

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

CEDAR CREEK PARK

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President's Corner

Hi ALL

We got off to a good start for 2012, we presented the lease agreement to the club and the club made the motion for the club officers to sign the lease.

For the meetings this year, we will have a time limit of 3 minutes on the topic that is being talked about. If we cannot find a solution to that problem in that time period it will go to the Exec Board for further discussion.

The Park has been busy removing the trees at the end of the field, cutting them down between the weather systems.

We are still moving to the new center of the field, we are talking to the Park about the new pavilion

The Executive Board is hard at work for 2012. The web site will be up for February.

We need all club members to register on the web site. The Forum side is up and we can post items up on it.

We have a new Safety plan for 2012.

We have a new grass cutting plan for 2012.

The big tree is gone, I have the pictures of it down on the ground. It is a wonder that this tree didn't eat more planes.

We will be calling for a work day in late March or April depending on the weather and there is a lot of work to be done.

We might have 2 days in a row or 2 separate work days we will see.

Painting is on top of the list, benches, tables, brown buildings, fix and repair starting benches. Moving the starting benches to the left. Does anybody have a sod cutter?

Don't worry if you cannot do heavy work, there is painting, running for stuff or clip board or cook duty or sweeping the buildings out, there is work to do.

Work on the new grass areas, line the new Grass barriers with stakes and heavy string and any other prep for the flying season. More to come on this. Put up new Safety signs with all the contact info.

Build 1 or 2 more Heli tables ?.

The 2 big change for this year is going to be the Pit Area and the Grass Barriers, No more taxing out from the pit area on to the field and no more taxing up into Pit Area. This is a Big Safety Item, and we will be watching it and reminding you about this also. Standing at the flight stations is another one for this year there will be more info to come in the next few months before the flight season starts.

These new changes that are coming in the near future are good safe changes and they are not hard ones to follow but they are easy ones. If you have a problem with following these simple changes and you get some warnings about them, than you will be asked to speak to the Exec Board about what you are doing wrong, and what you should do to make things right. If you follow them no problem but if you do not follow the Exec Board recommendation than you will be under disciplinary action from them.

If there is any questions at all, bring them to us, any Club Officer or Exec Board member and we will get you the answer within a couple of days.

I would like to say a big Thank to all who make this club run

Tim

Treasurer's Report

We have a sound treasury

Secretary's Report

Minutes January 6, 2012

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

The minutes from November were read and approved.

Treasurer: Ron presented the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: none

Executive Committee: Jason S. reported the committee met and agreed to sign the lease. Jason read the lease to the club. Discussion took place. Motion put forth and passed to accept the lease.

Field Report: Rick reported a roller has been purchased. The small trees are down. They were handled by the park. The larger trees are being handled by an outside company. They are scheduled for termination next week.

Old Business: Motion took place and passed for the following bylaw change:

"The Executive Committee will remediate all situations that occur at the field in a timely manor" will be added to Article III Section I Item 5.

New Business: George Wilson is looking for presenters for future club meetings. Any RC related subject is welcome. Please contact George.

New Members: John Trisch & Dave Darr

Program: Lew M. presented electric motors. Handouts will be available on the web site. Next month's presentation will be Dave Darr with sail planes.

Show and Tell: Tim Stanish – Trainer Helicopter
Tom King – Balsa USA - Sopwith Pub
Dave Long – P51

Rob – Trex 700 Helicopter

Raffle: George Blum \$30 J&C gift certificate 50/50 Raffle – Doc Severyn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

The Website is up please check it out also please register for the forum once registered please email me or Tim so we can activate you. Make sure to read the forum rules

Any Articles pictures or guides that you would like to see on the website please email me at smereczj@comcast.net

Those that have attended January's meeting but have not paid their annual dues will not have their January attendance counted towards the hats. Also this year's work weekend will get credit for attendance

Effective March 1, 2012 we will be using the suggested safety distances as per AMA field lay out with a few modifications to fit our field. During the period of March and all of April if you are seen violating these distances you will be given a friendly verbal reminder that you need to follow the new safety rules as of May 1, 2012 these rules will be enforced

Below is a diagram of the site layout and distances suggested by the AMA we are going to have slightly different distances than suggested as our field is not the ideal field as per AMA layout plan

Introduction:

The AMA has determined that most modelers and model clubs are careful in their selection of flying sites, site layout, and operational practices.

The suggested specifications detailed below have been developed to promote improved field management and provide added margins of safety for the ever-increasing numbers of fliers and spectators. Most clubs should be able, with reasonable effort, to comply with

this suggested layout for general field arrangement and conditions for sport flying.

The suggested specifications are not mandatory requirements, and compliance with these suggestions does not, of course, guarantee

that no accident will occur. The AMA recommends that individual clubs design their flying sites based not only on geographic area

available but also on sound sensitivity, obstructions, proximity of neighbors, etc., while incorporating the recommendations presented

below. The types of aircraft the site is anticipated to accommodate, such as Giant Scale or small electrics, may effect an increase or

decrease of the overfly area. (See FIGURE 2.) When designing or redesigning any flying site the AMA should be contacted with any

questions, comments, or concerns regarding specifications, layout, and safety.

The official AMA Safety Code remains the governing factor. All members and clubs should conduct their field operations in

accordance with the Code.

Taxi Area:

No landings or takeoffs from this area.

—Provides additional open space between pilots and aircraft during the time when most out-of-control accidents happen.

—Allows taxi room in front of other pilots with less chance of other frequencies interfering with taxiing aircraft.

Barrier:

Designed to stop taxiing models from veering into pilots' and/or spectators' positions. (Includes plastic or chainlink fencing, hay bales, shrubbery, etc.)

Pilot Line:

Set back from runway edge to keep pilots away from aircraft.

B. Personnel Side of Flight Area:

Locations Distance Factor (measured perpendicular from edge at runway safety line)

Runway edge is the basic Safety line or 0

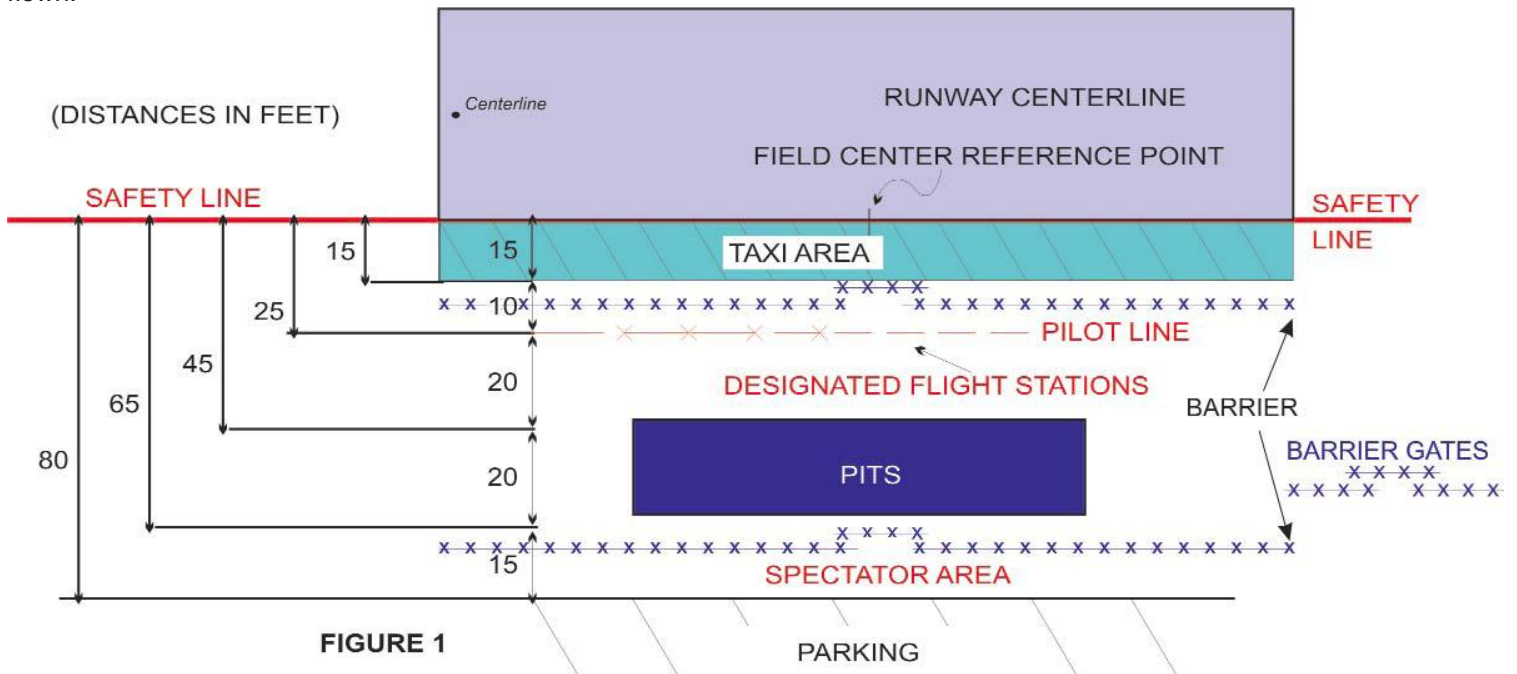
Pilot line a minimum of 25 feet from safety line

Pit line a minimum of 45 feet from safety line

Spectator line a minimum of 65 feet from safety line

Parking lot a minimum of 80 feet from safety line

Safety Zone: An additional 250-foot safety zone, added to the OVERFLY AREA, is desirable if any major roads, buildings, or outdoor personnel activities are in the general area or if high-speed or high-performance aircraft are flown.



The Central Penn Aeromodelers Association is pleased to announce its 32nd Annual Radio Control Flea Market. It will be held a gain at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, Pa on Saturday, March 10th, 2012. A flyer is enclosed which provides all the vital information you and your members will need. We ask you to pass this information about the flea market along to your members so they can plan for and enjoy this truly unique event. With over 600 tables this event has grown to one of the largest in the country with a huge selection of new and used R/C aircraft and accessories. R/C enthusiasts from around the country tell us it is an event they look forward to every year. We have also found it attracts newcomers to the hobby, and further inspires them to join a club. All of us will benefit (CPAA, Clubs and our Hobby) by getting this information out to as many people as possible. This event will expose attendees to the wonders of R/C and hopefully grow our hobby. We hope to continue this popular event for all to enjoy in the years ahead.

For more information see www.cpa.us.

Remember we are now selling Advanced General Admission tickets (8:30 a.m.). See the website for more information and ticket order forms.

We hope to see you at the flea market on March 10th, 2012.

Thank you,

The Central Penn Aeromodelers Association

Schedule of Events, Activities

March 2012

Mar 1st – New Safety Standards are in effect

Mar 2nd – Meeting at Rostraver municipal building at 7:30 P.M.

Mar 10th -- 32nd Annual Radio Control Flea Market Lebanon

April

Apr 6th – Meeting at Rostraver municipal building at 7:30 P.M.

**Apr 28th 29th – Tripoli Pittsburgh Launch located in Brownsville pa
Directions can be found here <http://tripoli-pgh.org/>**

May

May 4th -- Meeting at Rostraver municipal building at 7:30 P.M.

May 19th & 20th ? Annual Work part at the fling field working here will count as attendance towards your hat

Joke Of the Month

A man takes the day off work and decides to go out golfing. He is on the second hole when he notices a frog sitting next to the green. He thinks nothing of it and is about to shoot when he hears, "Ribbit. 9 iron." The man looks around and doesn't see anyone so he tries again. "Ribbit. 9 iron." He looks at the frog and decides to prove the frog wrong, puts his other club away, and grabs a 9 iron. Boom! He hits a birdie. He is shocked. He says to the frog, "Wow, that's amazing. You must be a luck frog, eh?" The frog reply's "Ribbit. Lucky frog. Lucky frog."

The man decides to take the frog with him to the next hole. "What do you think, frog?", the man asks. "Ribbit. wood." was the reply. The guy takes out a wood and - Boom! - a hole in one. The man is befuddled and doesn't know what to say. By the end of the day, the man golfed the best game of golf in his life and asks the frog, "OK...where to next?" The frog replies, "Ribbit Las vegas".

They go to Las Vegas and the guy says, "OK frog, now what?" The frog says "Ribbit roulette." Upon approaching the table the man asks. "What do you think I should bet?" The frog replies, "Ribbit \$3000 black 6." Now, this is a million to one shot that this would win but after the golf game. the man figures what the heck. Boom! Tons of cash come sliding back across the table. The man takes his winnings and buys the best room in the hotel. He sits the frog down and says, "Frog, I don't know how to repay you. You win me all this money and I am forever grateful." The frog replies, "Ribbit Kiss me." The man figures why not, since after all the frog did for him he deserves it. All of a sudden the frog turns into the most gorgeous girl in the world.

"And that, your honor, is how the girl ended up in my room, and not at the snack bar!".