

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

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President's Corner

Fellow MVRC Members:

We have entered the heart of the flying season. The sun stays up until after 8 pm. The winds are calming and the grass is growing.

I would like to thank members that have volunteered their time to cut the grass this year. Your effort is greatly appreciated. We still need a few more volunteers to fill the schedule this season. If you would like to be on the grass cutting schedule, contact Rick Altomari.

Mon Valley RC is a club. Although we have officers, an executive committee, field director, safety officer, etc. who take a lead role in steering the club, the members who come to the meetings make the final decisions. When you are choosing which side of an issue you are going to stand on, listen intently to the both sides. Changes can be good if they are well thought out and everyone understands the principle of the change. Some proposed changes or rules, although with good intent, do not return the desired result or can cause unnecessary division within the club. That is why the membership should debate and vote on these issues. If the membership desires to reverse a decision, it can do so only if more members vote to reverse the decision than voted to enact the decision in the first place.

I am putting forth an effort to maintain better order at our meetings. When a business is discussed, I (the chairman of the meeting) will designate a time limit for discussion. After that time is up I will ask if there is a motion to close the debate and vote or extend the time of debate. The discussion can also be postponed to the next meeting or postponed indefinitely.

Safety is the most important issue concerning our club. The first order of safety is that we do not cause injury to people or property that are not even at our flying site. Properly maintaining our equipment and flying within our boundaries will go a great length preventing injury.

The second order of safety is not to fly our aircraft behind the safety line, over the pits, over spectators or over parked vehicles.

The third order of safety is the safety of the pilots and spotters. Pilots and spotters are the closest to the action. Please be considerate to other pilots and spotters in the "pilot's box." The idea of the center line on the runway is that is where the flying is supposed to be. Example, if you are going to do a knife edge the length of the runway, do it over the center line, not the safety line.

This brings me to the issue of where we stand when we fly. Inquiries were made last year to the AMA about where they recommend pilots stand when they fly. They recommended between right at the safety line back to 25 feet behind the safety line. They also stated that most pilots stand about 10 feet behind the safety line. I know that for many years the pilot line was 35 feet behind the safety line. I always would stand on the pads when I flew because it was the rule. I did not like when other pilots would step up to the safety line because it blocked my view and it violated a rule. By a large majority the club voted to change the rule. In my opinion it was a good change because you have a better perspective of the safety line. This protects all people that are behind the safety line. In my opinion the pilots are safer if they are all close to the same distance from the line and flying takes place over the center line.

Respect each other,
Mike Eiben

Mon Valley RC April 8 Meeting Minutes.

2016 MVRC Secretary

Michael Bunardzys

22 members in attendance

MikeE: Call to order 7:35pm

RonD: Treasurer Report - the treasury is sound.

MikeB: Mins. read/ approved. 22/ 0

BobH: Executive committee report.

BobH: Safety report

RichW: Newsletter report

AIK: Gave field report from RickA

New Business:

MikeE: Discussed adding a proposed article that would establish a fixed quorum number as a guideline to do regular monthly business. Currently majority rules with no set minimum attendance required.

A discussion took place and item was tabled.

AIK: Gave update about "Sky's the Limit" event at our field on 5/12/2016

MikeB: Inquired about the total amount MVRC raised for March for Parks.

MikeE and AIK both stated that there was an inaccurate count of funds raised by MVRC, they are looking into it, present count is only the \$1500 the club donated?

BillK: Asked about clarification of the purpose of the orange cones... a long discussion took place with both pro and con opinions expressed by members. BobH stated that the cones are a vertical visual reminder of the safety line where pilots could be standing. Safety line represents a wall that extends skyward that should not be crossed for everyone's safety.

Some members were concerned about hitting the cones and damaging their aircraft.

Discussion was tabled by MikeE.

MikeB: Demonstrated a 3' flag stick with a foam noodle to be set behind the high grass to replace the cones and provide wind direction without having to look behind at the windsock while flying.

The flag stick was magnetically attached and breaks away if anything strikes it.

A discussion took place.

JeffS: Displayed many of Dave Davisons' models for sale.

Meet adjourned: 9:47pm



I would like to begin this newsletter by thanking everyone for keeping our Safety Officer, Bob Haden, in your thoughts and prayers regarding his recent surgery. I am happy to report that all went well and Bob will be out there flyin' very shortly!

Our club is unique in the fact that while we have numerous members, we are still a closely knit family. Recently the weather has really been cooperating with us and the past few weekends have proved that theory as the flyers are out! It is great to see everyone having a good time, helping others, exchanging ideas, and teaching us new guys the enjoyment of the hobby.

There is a great deal going on in our hobby as it exists today that we all must be aware of. As the saying goes, "This ain't your grandfather's Oldsmobile anymore!". Since the quadcopters have made the scene a lot of interest from outside parties has been shown and the spill over is affecting all of us. Before listening to everything out there, it may be best to visit the field on a weekend and speak to one of our experts in order to seek an interpretation. The ever-changing rules and regulations seem to be making our hobby more complex.

There are some really exciting things going on all around us as we speak with one being electricity at the field. We are getting closer and closer to this being implemented - not just talk anymore.

Also, if anyone has the time it is extremely crucial that we all attend the "Sky's the Limit" event on May 12. See the poster we included in this newsletter for more information. Now that the County Parks has acquired the land behind our facilities, it is imperative that we ALL show support for our club and hobby with our attendance at this event. How the land will be subdivided remains to be discussed, but it is our duty to show that we are just as important a tenant and neighbor as is anyone.

It does not seem like it to us but our hobby is both as complex as it is interesting. We have the experts in the field and one thing we have that most fall short is ***we have the friendliest and most helpful pilots anywhere.***

I have mentioned this over and over but we do have a field that is the envy of others, however, we do not have to stop there! Thinking outside of the box, there is no reason we cannot start thinking of ideas regarding the possibilities for expanding the uses of future areas adjoining our field should the opportunity arise. "The Sky is the Limit!"

For those of you that are too young to understand that Grandfather's Oldsmobile comment – check with your grandfather or see me at the field!

As always, we support our troops!

Rich

IMPORTANT DATES:

May



6 – MVRC Meeting – Location Change -
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 – weather permitting.

7- Kentucky Derby

8 – Mother’s Day

**12-The Sky’s The Limit –
Cedar Creek Park 4-7 PM**

30 – Memorial Day

Honor Dave in one of your flights this year.

You will be missed, Dave!



A sincere thank you is extended to Dave Davidson's family for allowing the MVRC Club to have a flea market sale at the April 1 MVRC Meeting that included Dave's flying equipment. Rest assured any equipment purchased by our club members will be cared for to the best of our ability.

Some of the items at the flea market were as follows:



Ray's Eurosport



This is Ray's custom painted Eurosport. What a beauty! There's over 100 hours in the painting alone!

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 May 10.

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



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- MikeB
- 412-818-2643



We missed your ad this month!

MVRC Field - Members Enjoying Their Hobby



The Jets are getting fired up!



John M. can really build a mean bench?



Where did you find that Mike?

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Contact Director: Al Kozusko



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Saturday, July 9, 2016 - Rain Date: Sunday, July 10, 2016

-Featuring-

2,500' Asphalt Runway!

Free! Everyone Welcome! 2.4 ghz only!

The SKY'S the LIMIT

Celebrating the addition of 28 acres to Cedar Creek Park

Thursday MAY 12 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Cedar Creek Park

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