

**NEWSLETTER
AMA CHARTER CLUB NO. 546**



Al Kozusko, *President*----- (412) 445-0614
 Mike Eiben, *Vice-President*----- (412) 672-5953
 Ron Doctorick, *Treasurer*----- (412) 655-8362
 Janet Poague, *Secretary*----- (412) 531-4924

News Editor
 Walt Severyn, DDS
wasev@comcast.net

JANUARY 2014

Webmaster
 David Herrington
www.monvalleyrc.com



MVRC Officers for 2014

PRESIDENT



Al Kozusko

VICE-PRESIDENT



Mike Eiben

SECRETARY



Janet Poague

TREASURER



Ron Doctorick

LAST CALL-2014 DUES

(After Dec 31, 2013, penalties will occur)

- Dues are \$35.00 for open membership (19 yrs and older). Junior dues (12 yrs to 18 yrs) are \$6.00.
- Family dues are \$12.00 for each additional member at the **SAME ADDRESS**. Renewals are due *before* Dec. 31st, 2013.
- There is a \$10.00 late payment fee for renewals received after January 1st thru January 31st.
- After Jan. 31st, 2014, you must reapply for membership-no exceptions-by following item 4.**

1. Photocopy current AMA card
2. Write check for amount and thoroughly explain membership status (family, junior, etc.)
3. Mail to MVRC, c/o Ron Doctorick, 212 Broadway Dr. Pgh., Pa. 15236 or submit at monthly meeting prior to Jan. 1st.
4. **New member's dues are \$35.00 plus \$35.00 initiation fee--total \$70.00. Complete MVRC application and submit as per item 3. New member must present themselves at meeting for membership vote. !!Please do not send cash. Also it is requested that you present a check if paying at the club monthly meeting!!**

President's Corner

Fellow MVRC Members:

We had a great Christmas Party with lots of prizes and of course sharing flying stories with our fellow pilots. I enjoyed talking with everyone and seeing some of you that don't make it to the field that often. Our club is so great because of our members and especially those members that give so much of their time to the club. During the past year Mike Eiben, Janet Pogue and Ron Doctorick served as VP, Secretary and Treasurer. AJ Sweitzer, Rick Altomari, Jim Hinson, Ron Novak, Erik Strauser, Jason Smereczniak and Steve Denk served on the Executive Committee. Lew Marascalco served as

liaison with the EAA, Dave Herrington served as our webmaster, Rick Altomari as our field director together with the grass cutting team: Walt Severyn, AJ Sweitzer, Jerome Moran, Jason Smereczniak, Mike Bunardzya, Lew Marascalco, Mike Eiben, Jim Hinson and Bill Kirkpatrick, our safety office Mike Eiben, Steve Denk as volunteer coordinator and March For Parks organizer, Jason Smereczniak as Publicity Chairman, Mike Bunardzya pulled together the Heli Fun Fly, Nick Carrozza as the Giant Scale Contest Director, Walt Severyn as the Editor for our newsletter, Bob Walter for ordering, picking up and delivering the fruit baskets and all the people that

help with events, and those that contribute their time during the work field work day and those that keep our field, facilities and equipment in great shape.

Thank you all for a great job and I can assure you that all of our club members thank you as well. We will be starting the New Year (2014) with our FUN FLY January 1. The 2014 Club Officers include: President Al Kozusko, VP Mike Eiben, Secretary Janet Pogue, and Treasurer Ron Doctorick. The New Executive Committee include: AJ Sweitzer, Ron Novak, Rick Altomari, Eric Strauser, Steve Novacek and Bill Kirkpatrick. Rick Altomari is Field Director, Dave Herrington is Webmaster and Walt Sevryn is the newsletter Editor. We will need others to help with many more of our activities. I will be checking with you to volunteer and help your club.

As with the AMA the Mon-Valley RC Club continues to undergo changes. Our changes over the years include large scale aircraft, jets, electrics and heli's. The up-coming new technologies include: first-person view flight (FPV) and multi-rotor semi-autonomous platforms. Our challenge is safety, consideration and respect for our fellow pilots. The New Year will present several challenges to our club.

Our executive committee is always in the process of considering updating our bylaws, staying on top of our field rules and planning for 2014 events. Please get in touch with the executive committee for any item you would like to consider for our club. The EC work hard to develop answers and options for our club members. No single person or special interest group makes a decision for our club. It is **ONLY** the majority of members that make the decisions.

We have over 100 members and continue to grow. Our club thanks each of its members who stepped up to the plate in 2013 and got involved when needed. This year is already headed for a spectacular time. The C.A.B. is having the "March For Parks" at Cedar Creek Park and funding is focused for our park. LET'S GET INVOLVED!!

Please let me know if you have any questions, comments or items to discuss!! Email me at Kozusko@comcast.net or call me at 412-445-0614. Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

Al Kozusko
President, MVRC

Secretary

December 13, 2013

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

The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: Ron reported on club treasury.

Correspondence: none

Executive Committee: no report

Field Report: Rick was absent. Al reported our tractors in the maintenance shed for the winter.

Old Business: Christmas Party is Sunday. We have around 60 people attending. Tailspin Hobbies is providing gifts. Thank you Tailspin Hobbies!

The Executive Committee offices for 2014-2015 elected at the meeting were Bill Kirkpatrick, Erik Strauser, & Steve Novacek.

New Business: Al attended a meeting for March for parks for 2014 yesterday. As a point of interest the corporate sponsorship levels were discussed. The proceeds are for a dog park and the airfield improvements.

A discussion took place regarding associate membership to the club. Voting rights, dues costs, & communications were discussed.

Safety Officer: no report

Newsletter: Walt reported not a lot of activity.

Show n Tell: Tom King – Completed Balsa USA biplane kit. Lew Marascalca – quadcopter. Mike B – free plastic case. Please take it home.

New Members: none

Janet Poague
Secretary, MVRC

Executive Committee

(No meeting)

Club Activities

Photos of Christmas Gathering at CedarBrook-2013



A smart - alec rookie pilot, fresh out of training, was on his first solo approach to the airstrip during a night time landing, and thought he'd try to be cool and amusing in his contact with the tower.

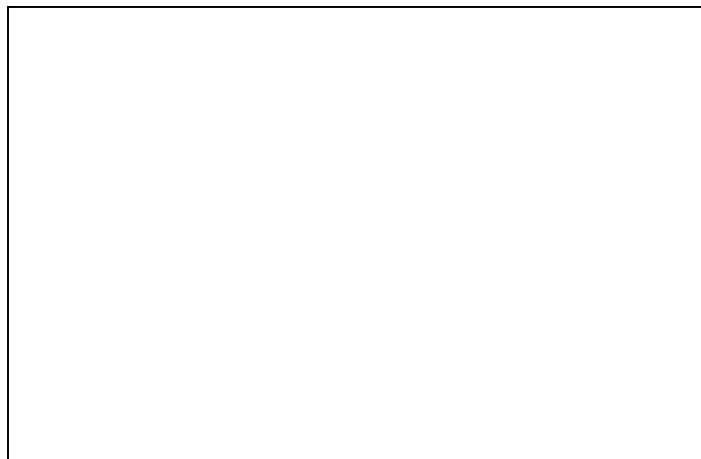
Instead of making the standard official call, he said "GUESS WHO?"

The air traffic controller switched the field lights off and replied "GUESS WHERE?!"



People who smoke on airplanes...should be asked to step outside.

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asks, "What was your last known position?" The reply: "When I was number one for takeoff".



Schedule of Events for 2013

Jan 1st, 2014-club funfly at Cedar Creek Park RC Field--be the first to fly in 2014!!!!

Jan 3rd, 2014 monthly meeting postponed



Walt Severyn, DDS
MVRC News Editor
wasev@comcast.net

