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**John "Dick" Thomas**

Dick, a long time member of MVRC, passed away on Friday, Feb. 14th at the age of 85. Due to illness, he had not been seen at the field in recent years even though he kept up his AMA and MVRC membership. He leaves a wife of 64 years, Joann, and children and grandchildren. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

**MVRC monthly meeting at the Rostraver  
Community Center  
Friday, March 7th, at 7:30 PM**

At the last MVRC monthly meeting, a motion was made to forward \$X,XXX to the March for Parks program. This was money from the Giant Scale event. Please attend this important meeting to vote on the motion.

**PLEASE READ THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER FOR IMPORTANT  
DETAILS CONCERNING "MARCH FOR PARKS"**

**President's Corner**

**Presidents Corner**

**Fellow MVRC Members:**

Finally March is here, although the weather is still very cold and still too much snow. Hopefully it will start warming up. This month we turn the clocks ahead and we gain more daylight. Don't forget this is the March For Parks event month. March 29 at Cedar Creek Park, the event is located at the Activity Centre, down at the bike trail near the boat ramp at the Youghiogheny River. Please remember that if you truly value our field, then plan on attending the March For Parks. This year's event not only benefits the park, but also directly benefits the air field.

The park has notified us that they are installing the permanent toilet this year at the field! This is great news. The toilet has been on their agenda for a couple of years. I know we have been talking about a number of improvements for our field and now that we have the C.A.B. and the March For Parks at Cedar Creek we should be able to move many of the improvements much faster. The Executive Committee has been working on listing the improvements needed for the airfield and will present them at our next meeting. In order for these improvements to take place we need to make

the March For Parks a great success. Here is what we need to do: Register on the Westmoreland County Web Site, click on the link to register, even if you're not sure that you can attend:

<http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/index.aspx?NID=761>

The link will take you directly to the following page... on the page you will find the next link which says "**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!**"

Fill in the form. Where it says "**TEAM NAME**", fill in "**Mon Valley RC**" and where it says "**TEAM CAPTAIN**" fill in "**Mike Eiben**". After form is filled out, click the "**SUBMIT**" button and you're done!!

Marchers can walk, jog or run any distance they wish, or even sit and have a cup of coffee with us. The way the March works is that ATTENDEES collect contributions (This year the club will be our contributor) If you can collect, please do. After you submit your completed form, a letter will be emailed or post mailed to you prior to the event. Bring them to the park on the day of the March. The park coordinators at the March For Parks will be setting up teams for the event. Mike Eiben is our team leader and will lead our team at the event. The top fundraising teams will receive a plaque engraved with their team name. All contributions collected will benefit the projects of the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Board (C.A.B.), specifically for a dog park and improvements to the RC Airplane Field at Cedar Creek Park. There will be many activities on the day of the event including prize giveaways, 50/50's, and a DJ providing music, among other things. We will have a static display of aircraft, flight simulators, quad flyers taking photos and an RPV demonstration.

**THE TEAM CAPTIAN FOR MVRC MARCH FOR PARKS IS MIKE EIBEN!! PLEASE CONTACT MIKE OR MYSELF FOR ANY DETAILS.**

Please remember that I am always open to suggestions for our club. I enjoy meeting with you and sharing club information. Meet with me at the field, at meetings, send me emails or call me. Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying !

Al Kozusko  
President, MVRC

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## *Secretary*

Minutes

February 7, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. The officers in attendance were the President and Secretary. The minutes from the December meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer:** Ron was called out for a flying trip. We have 96 paid members. Treasury is sound.

**Correspondence:** Cedar Creek permit has been received. Our AMA charter will be sent in the next few weeks. There has been a safety code change and we have new stickers for the pin board from the AMA.

**Executive Committee:** AJ reported the minutes were published in the newsletter. Honorary membership was discussed – criteria, tracking, determination, etc.... Executive committee to discuss further and make a recommendation at a future meeting. Dates for future events were discussed.

**Field Report:** Rick reported that we need 2 more folks to cut grass this year. Please volunteer.

**Old Business:** Al reported on the March for Parks. It is being handled by the CAB which has handled this event at Twin Lakes. Mike Eiben is the team leader for MVRC. Al handed out donation forms. The walk is March 29. It will be going on at 3 parks the same day. Discussion took place regarding corporate sponsorship. Motion put forth and seconded to donate \$1000 to the March for Parks to our team. Motion to be published in the newsletter and voted at the next meeting.

**New Business:** none

**Safety Officer:** absent

**Newsletter:** Walt reported he was challenged with Windows 8 but all is working now.

**Publicity Chair:** no report

**Web Site:** Dave reported the web site is ok. Cost for the year is \$86.19 for hosting and domain services.

**Show n Tell:** George Wilson – Storch Fieseler Fi 156, Bill Kirkpatrick – Club Patch

**New Members:** Scott Stiehl

The meeting adjourned 9:00 pm

Janet Poague  
Secretary, MVRC



George Wilson and  
Fieseler Fi 156 Storch

# Executive Committee

The MVRC EC met at 9 AM on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Eagle's Landing Restaurant. Attending the meeting were AJ Sweitzer, Rick Altomari, Bill Kirkpatrick, Steve Novacek, Al Kozusko, Walt Severyn, and Mike Eiben. We finalized the text for the by-law addition which reads as follows:

## Honorary Membership requirements:

*All members of the MVRC will be entitled to an Honorary Membership upon meeting the following requirements. The member must be a MVRC member in good standing for a minimum of 10 years and be at least 60 years of age. The Executive Committee must approve the Honorary Membership and the Executive Committee will have the ability to revoke the Honorary Membership at any time. The member will not have a vote in any club operations or elections and they will not be able to operate any model in any way. The member will be required to pay MVRC dues at a reduced rate of \$10.00, but not required to be a member of the AMA.*

Next we discussed a priority list for 2014. Al stated that the Park is building a permanent restroom for us this year which is priority one. After the meeting several members checked out the same type of restroom located next to the bike path. The EC decided the best placement for the restroom would be at the corner of the parking lot just off to the left as you come up the hill to our field. This is pending Park approval. The second priority was obtaining electric at the field. We were thinking if the March for Parks goes well there may be money for this. The third priority was a shelter and the placement of it. This is still in the very early stages and first we have to determine what the Park allows. Steve showed the members a very nice shelter at another flying field. Steve also added that he will be updating our emergency health kit by the pinboard. Another possibility is a small trailer for the club to use at the field. Next on the list was improvement to our parking lot such as having it paved or adding more chips. We will be asking the Park to cut more trees for us. Since we do not have many chairs we discussed the purchase of new chairs for the field this year. And lastly we continued to discuss different locations for a Christmas Party but have not found a good location yet.

AJ Sweitzer 3-1-2014)

Chairman, MVRC Executive Committee

## !!!THINK SPRING!!!!



### Airline Lines

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Ronald Reagan, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker. "WHOA, big fella, WHOA"

"Thanks for flying Delta. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride"

### Pilot's Prayer:

When my flying days are over  
And from this life I pass...  
I hope they bury me upside down  
So the FAA can kiss my \*\*\*\*.

# Club Activities

Photos of indoor winter flying at Cal U. Convocation Center  
(Site arranged by Jeff Sumey)





**!!Pilot to Passengers!!**

**"Attention: We've lost an engine, but it's alright. We'll just arrive one hour later."**

**"Attention!!! We've lost another engine. We'll be another hour late."**

**Women to her husband, "Gosh!! If we lose two more engines, we'll be up here forever"**



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