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Make-A-Wish Heli Fun Fly



At present, there are 121 registered members. To have an active club, all must participate and do their part----volunteer for events, grass mowing, officer duty, attend monthly meetings, policing the field, keeping it clean, etc. Officers are up for nomination on Friday, Nov. 2nd. Show up and take a part in the process.

This is a first for Mon Valley Radio Control Club-Section A and Section B. (but no comics or advertisements.) Jeff Sumey has worked tirelessly to coordinate the helifly event and should be thanked for an exceptional job. He has also compiled the following article and photos, which is being produced verbatim and sent via email. Possibly, there will be a Section C after the MAKE-A-WISH presentation.

Lets' Begin



MVRC/"jsHeli" 3rd Annual Make-A-Wish Heli Funfly Sept. 29, 2012

2012 MVRC/"jsHeli" Helicopter FunFly

For the third year in a row, Cedar Creek Park and the Mon Valley R/C club was host to an exciting R/C Helicopter funfly on September 29, 2012. R/C pilots from as far away as Rochester, NY convened on MVRC's home field and enjoyed a day-long event of flying and camaraderie. Over 100 flights were logged without incident by some twenty-nine pilots in attendance with their 62 electric, nitro and gas-powered helis. As a new feature, proceeds from this year's event were to benefit the Pittsburgh chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A total donation of \$750 was raised and presented to Make-A-Wish.

The event featured demonstrations from sponsored and non-sponsored pilots including Kyle Stacy flying the SAB Goblin, Rob Geary flying the Synergy E7, and Joe Dantonio launching a unique free-flight "monorotor". Some \$500 of R/C-related products were distributed during the pilot raffle and a Chinese Auction featured a gift basket from Hoss's Belle Vernon, a \$50 dinner basket from Red Lobster and Bob Evans, and a \$50 lottery basket donated by the J. Sumey family. The event also featured a surprise birthday cake for Dave Davison who volunteered as pilot registration and ticket sales coordinator on his actual birthday. Ernie Scavinky took an incredible number of photos and assembled a "group" page with over 200 photos and 9 videos on Facebook (look for "JSHeli Annual Make A Wish Helicopter Funfly").

As organizer and conductor of this event, I have many people to thank for their support in making this funfly successful. This includes:

- Dave Davison for main tent operations
- Bill Haas and his wife Audrey, and Jack Makepeace for running the food concessions
- David Herrington for setup and use of his PA system
- Erik Strauser for field operations
- Jeff Dzikowski for serving as field safety marshal
- Ernie Scavinky for photos and P/R work
- Walt Severyn for field mowing
- Mike Bynardza and Lew Marascalco for field prep and cleaning
- Mike Bynardza for the T-shirts
- Stephanie Pugliese for all the Make-A-Wish support
- Todd Trozzo for his event appearance representing Make-A-Wish
- Hobbico for the Realflight donation
- J&C Hobbies for donating \$150 of gift certificates and heli items
- Ron's Heliproz South for a \$50 gift certificate
- Heliproz for a \$25 gift certificate
- Custom Heli Parts for "heli swag" donations
- Red Lobster, Bob Evans, Eat N Park, and Hoss's for food & gift certificate donations
- and of course Make-A-Wish kid Sara for picking all the winning tickets!

Following photos by Jeff Sumey.



The early morning fog was slow to dissipate.



Club member David Herrington was an expert sound technician with his impressive PA system setup.



Feature guest pilot Kyle Stacy brought enough electric heli power to run a small African village...



...and he put on numerous impressive flights with his "Angry Birds" Goblin 700 e-Heli.



North end of the flight line at 10:30am.



Club members Bill Haas (and wife) and Jack Makepeace did an excellent job running concessions.



Dave Davison smoothly ran registration & ticket sales while Bob “the crutch” Haden provided moral support.



Dr. Rick Kutchman came up from Oakland MD and expertly flew his scale Hughes 500...



...while club member Ernie Scavinky provides great photo coverage.



Joe Dantonio was on-hand to represent J&C Hobbies and put on two demos of his free-flight “monorotor” – the 1st attempt drilled itself to the ground while the 2nd went up 150’!



Jim "Doc" Bumbaugh attending with his T-Rex 700.



Military scale at its best.



A busy mid-afternoon flight line.

Following photos by Ernie Scavinky.



Goblins galore.



Todd Dudek from Pittsburgh mid-flight with Rob Geary looking on.



Lew Marascalco saying “my heli is about thiiis big”.



AMA rep Leo Rodriguez attends another MVRC jsHeli funfly.



Yours truly trying to run a great event.



The pits also serve as a field workshop for Nathaniel Rice.



Big fun can also come in small packages!



The pilot raffle included some \$500 worth of prizes.



Make-A-Wish rep Todd Trozzo with our on-site Make-A-Wish kid Sara...



...who did a great job drawing all the winning tickets.



The Chinese Auction was a big hit – thanks to donors Red Lobster, Bob Evans and Eat N Park.



On top of everything else, we also celebrated Dave Davison's 20th 39th birthday (I think).



The new MVRC future pilot program in action.



A big thank-you to extreme-3D guest pilot Kyle Stacy and his father Ray who came down from New York.