

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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CEDAR CREEK PARK

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Fall Offers Us Perfect Weather for Flying.

## President's Corner

October is near. The days are getting shorter and cooler. Most of our annual club events have passed. In my experience, autumn has proven to be the most enjoyable season for flying RC Aircraft.

It is now time to turn our attention to the future. The most immediate item for discussion is to decide where we want to have the new shelter built. The shelter will have power and a charging station. In the event the county asks, we want to be able to provide an answer right away. Our delay in freeing up March for Parks money to start the installing of electrical service held up the project.

The current idea as to where the shelter should be built is in the center of the pit area, in line with the existing shelter. Please share your ideas with members of the Executive Committee or express them at the meeting.

The time has also come to begin the process of choosing the leadership of the club for next year. I hope to see that many members are willing to serve as elected officers and executive committee members. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Executive Committee are all elected positions. Field Marshall/Safety Officer, Audit Committee, Publicity Chairman, Volunteer Coordinator, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, and Field Director are positions appointed by the President.

In October the President will appoint a 3 person Nominating Committee. It will recommend a slate of capable and willing candidates to serve as officers and executives for the next calendar year.

Nominations for officer and executive candidates will be brought to the floor from the nominating committee and general membership during the regular November meeting.

In December during the regular meeting officers and executive committee members will be elected by secret ballot from the nominations made at the November meeting.

These are all important duties that must be performed for our club to function. Please consider serving this coming year.

Thank you,

Mike Eiben

# Mon Valley RC Meeting Minutes: August 26, 2016

## Attendance: 25 Members + 2 Guests

The meeting of the MVRC Club was called to order at 7:03 PM at the club field with the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from the August 5 Meeting were read and approved.

Al Kozusko read the treasurer's report. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report was approved as read.

### Executive Committee:

- Rick Altomari discussed the executive committee would like the club's input into the proposed club's pilot station -pavilion's direction and location. The location needs to consider adding electricity. The existing pin board will be moved with a change in stations. Rick asked members to speak with members of the executive committee as they plan to acquire manpower & money to formulate concrete plans.
- Rick mentioned the men cut grass at the end of the runway to smooth over the bumpy areas. He said there is a grass cutting chart, but if any member would like to cut grass for another member listed to cut grass on that day, all he asks is if you would call and notify that person to improve communication and to prevent someone from coming to the field when the work was already done.
- Rick stated the old, old roller in the wooden shed didn't do the job well – it was not heavy enough. He asked members for their input whether he could call the county to see if they were interested in this equipment or whether he could dispose of it if the county declines. He said he had no takers to buy this roller. Al Kozusko made a motion to call the county or have Rick dispose of the equipment. The outcome was to call the county. No vote was obtained to pass the motion. No further discussion took place.

### Safety Officer:

- Al Kozusko reported he met last week with Bob Haden, Rick Altomari, and Mike Eiben to discuss the field lines and the auxiliary air field. Bob Haden will do graphics on the auxiliary field area since they are moving more toward allocating the area within the auxiliary air field.
- Bob Haden said he took several photos of the field. He said there are basic safety rules in the newsletter. He said what is important is when multiple pilots are flying, they should all be in the same line. This is significant to improve communication and so that no one is blocking the sight of the other pilots.
- Bob said following tonight's meeting, he will have a written handout for the pilots' meeting tomorrow. Bob is the Safety Coordinator for tomorrow's event – Giant Scale Airshow.
- Al extended a thank you to Mark Radcliffe and Tony Stillman for attending today's meeting.

### Giant Scale:

- Al Kozusko expressed a thank you to John Millard, Marge and Vern for supplying all of the food and beverages tomorrow. He said county tents were up, picnic benches were in the tents, and spectator benches were set up. He said spectator control will be in effect. Al said David Herrington will set up the audio for tomorrow. Our vendor is Tail Spin. There will be night flying tomorrow night.

## Guest Speakers: Mark Radcliffe and Tony Stillman

- Mark Radcliffe is the AMA District III Vice President. His districts are PA, WV, and Ohio. He said he attends club meetings and listens to voiced concerns. He mentioned he flew aircraft at the MVRC Field in 2001. He said he saw a lot of improvement since then and said we have a beautiful facility.
- Tony Stillman works at the AMA Headquarters. He is the Flying Site Coordinator and the Competitions' Director. He works with state parks, counties and the government. He said his main job is to acquire and retain flying sites and to assist us in making decisions to make modeling fun and safe for everyone. He said the AMA makes suggestions. He said clubs establish the flight line and that each club is different with regards to topography and aircraft. He said his job is to assist, not to dictate. He recognized we have a nice flying site and that this field is a model for what others should be doing.

## Questions for Mark Radcliffe and Tony Stillman:

- Looking at pictures of layouts 0-25 feet is where pilots should stand when hand launching if the safety line was on the other side of the high grass. He said personally follow the safety code. Treat launching model like a dead stick over air space forward of the safety line in air space and alert others you are going to air launch. He said communication is the big deal and that being on the same line improves communication. You want a clear view of the flight line at all times. He said for us to decide on options that are best for the club.
- Tony said hearing sounds behind you is unnerving. He said you have to get used to it when you fly on both field areas. He said we have a lot of options. Decide on what works best for the club.
- Tony said when you have two separate flying fields (back-to-back) keep the lines straight.
- Bob Haden discussed the proposed arrangement for the second site (1/3 East end for quads, FPV's, and an obstacle course) and (2/3 for 3D flying, foamies, helis, and a practice area). They do not foresee conflict of air space. Bob said the purpose of this proposal is to give the vision of active use of the land.
- Mark Radcliffe said we need to "use it" or the land can be taken away. He said we have a perfect situation. He also said we could possibly create a geotextile runway for smaller aircraft.
- Bob said a new thought for us which will take time to comply is not taxiing back beyond the pilot line – stop at the grass barrier and bring it back. It's OK to taxi out, but not in – for safety reasons where injuries can occur.
- Jeff Sumey asked whether the position of safety officer should be appointed or a voted position. Tony said the safety officer doesn't have to be the sheriff because "everyone is a safety officer". We should remind others of safety practices and club or field rules. Tony said it's up to the club whether this is a voted or an appointed position. He said the bottom line is to submit the most up-to-date set of club By-Laws. When there are differences between officers and club members, the AMA goes back to the By-Laws on file. Tony said we also need to be sure the AMA has a current list of officers. Tony said the AMA website has a tab for media and publications – click on newsletters – and we'll receive the latest information in an email. He said information changes rapidly and emphasized the importance of staying current with this information.
- Al asked about quad and heli take off positions. Tony said not to get closer than 25 feet to yourself or to another pilot. The recommendation was to put the quad on the outside of the safety line to take off.

- Steve Novak discussed the precedence when a heli and a large plane has to land at the same time. Tony said if you declare an emergency, you can go up – altitude – get on the ground, or go to the end of the field. He said you can go up if the other person is going down.
- Jeff Sumey formally thanked Tony Stillman and Mark Radcliffe for coming to our field and attending tonight’s meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

7:58 PM – Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Wojnar  
MVRC Secretary

## Safety Officers’ Report

Everyone has been diligent following the latest fine tuning of our safety lines at the airfield. We adjusted the safety lines with the recommendations from our AMA guests Mark Radcliff and Tony Stillman during our last club meeting. Let’s keep up the good work helping fellow pilots fly safely at the airfield. Common Sense Prevails!!! Our attitude is “EVER PILOT IS A SAFETY OFFICER”

BE HEALTHY, BE SAFE, HAVE FUN FLYING



# IMPORTANT DATES:

## October



**7 – October MVRC Meeting –**  
If you can find time to attend as many meetings as you can this year, your input will better serve our club. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at the Rostraver Municipal Building.

**8- Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - Golf Fun Fly**  
(See poster on P. 8.)

**31 – Happy Halloween**



## November



**4 – November MVRC Meeting –**  
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**11- Happy Veterans' Day to all Veterans, especially our MVRC Veterans.**

**24 – Happy Thanksgiving Day –** We would like to thank all of our members for their support throughout the year.



## From the secretary...2017 MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Please consider renewing your MVRC Club dues before the upcoming holidays.
- Please let the secretary know if you have a change of address, phone number, or email so that our records contain the most updated roster at all times.
- We would greatly appreciate if you would pay your dues by check. The check would serve as your receipt. Please be sure to include your current phone number on your check.
- Please be sure your AMA Membership is up-to-date.

# Roving Reporter

**LEW MARASCALCO**



Dan Kessler's Turboprop Powered Aircraft

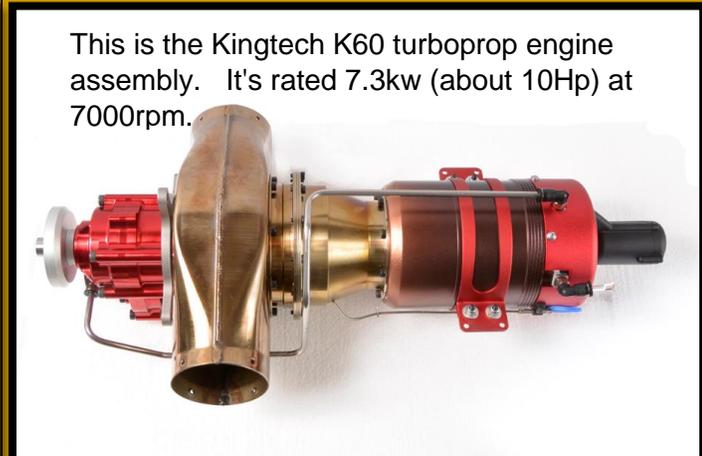
## UNIQUE RC TURBOPROP



This is a view of the turboprop engine installation. In effect the turbine exhaust is viscous coupled to the prop drive



Full scale PC-21



This is the Kingtech K60 turboprop engine assembly. It's rated 7.3kw (about 10Hp) at 7000rpm.

It was exciting to see Dan Kessler's turboprop powered aircraft in action at the MVRC Giant Scale fly-in. It is a scale model of the Pilatus PC-21 advanced trainer used by air forces of various countries. The model airframe is a Skymaster kit. Length is 112", span is 90" and completed dry weight is 37 pounds. The turboprop provides excellent speed and overall performance and a truly unique sound. Thanks to Dan for sharing this neat model. It is a pleasure to have Dan and his two sons attend our fly-in's. They are excellent pilots and always contribute to the fun!!

## From the Editor



Well believe it or not autumn is here and everyone knows what comes after autumn! While it is not time to get out the shovels and snow blowers it might be a good idea to see where you put them at the end of last winter, just kidding, well maybe not! While we had some great events over this past year, and other years, the Land Trust event and the Giant Scale event have to rate right up there as some of the most successful. I addressed the Land Trust event a few months ago but now I will focus on the Giant Scale event. Where do I start? I ask where do I start as there were so many highlights from the event! I first need to begin with the presence of our AMA Representatives Tony Stillman and Mark Radcliff. Mark and Tony took time out of their busy schedules to attend our monthly meeting as well as joining in the fun at the Giant Scale Event. Their expertise was invaluable and they were very easy to talk to as well as very knowledgeable. They offered numerous suggestions regarding the current and future planning of our field. They clearly stated that they are suggestions and suggestions only as every field has their own personalities. They stressed safety as well as keeping fun in the hobby. Of their many ideas and statements there is one that will stay with me and that one has to do with safety. Tony stated that there should be, if you will, a sheriff and his deputy's to watch the safety of our daily flying activities. Those deputies are every one of us! If you see something that may tend to be repeatedly borderline unsafe it is our obligation to diplomatically mention the action, or, if you are not comfortable approaching someone, which is understandable, report it to a club officer. One thing we have in our favor is that our pilots are well aware of our field safety regulations and fly accordingly.

Another exciting part of our club is the Director of Parks Greg McCloskey. I had the opportunity to speak with Greg at length and it is obvious why he is the Director of Public Works for the Westmoreland Parks as he has a futuristic vision regarding the future and mission for Cedar Park. He does not only deal with everyday activities but has a long range plan and that plan includes us! We are so fortunate to have a man of his caliber in our corner and we will not let him down!

I will be devoting major part of next month's newsletter to the Giant Scale Event and to Greg McCloskey. As always we support our troops.

Rich

## Product Review Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for the next newsletter to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com) by October 15. You may choose to write a review or submit a link from other websites that conducted the review.

## Classified Section

Please send the information you would like to post in this section for inclusion in the next newsletter to [richardwojnar@yahoo.com](mailto:richardwojnar@yahoo.com) by October 15. You might also desire to attach a photo of your item(s) and your contact information as well.



# LAUREL HIGHLANDS MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB



## *Ridgeview Golf Club*



## *Fall Golf & Fun Fly*



A day of Model Aircraft Flying  
Swap Meet Flea Market.  
at Ridgeview Golf Club

1076 Gravel Hill Road, Ligonier, PA

## October 8, 2016

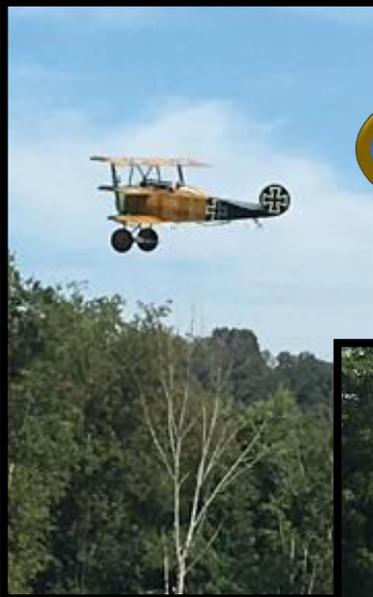
Golf Course opens at 8:30 am. (9 holes with cart - \$7)  
Flying to begin anytime after 10:00 am.

Lunch at 1:00 pm. (Donations will be accepted)  
AMA insured event. 3/4" grass runways.  
All aircraft, golfers, and spectators invited.

RSVP to - Don Gilbert @ 724 - 433 - 9119  
so we may prepare food & for any additional info  
Latitude: 40-14'57" N Longitude: 079-12'08" W

# MVRC Annual Giant Scale Event

*Bringing Modelers Together*





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# Bringing Modelers Together







# MVRC PICNIC - Time For Family Fun





## August MVRC Meeting with AMA Guests



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