

MON VALLEY R/C CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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2017

CEDAR CREEK PARK

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August 2017 President's Corner

The summer solstice has passed and we are now in prime flying season.

Soon we will have the convenience of electricity at our field. Progress has been slow, but it is certain.

We are having our Giant Scale Airshow earlier in the season this year. It is the July 29th. It is very important that we have a strong showing of club members to entertain the spectators with skillful flying, organize the demonstrations, guard for safety, and assist visiting pilots and spectators. Please offer a few hours of your time. Everybody wants some free time to enjoy the event.

At our June meeting we finalized some bylaw changes, the foremost change is that we no longer require that a junior member must have passed their 12th birthday to join the club, also requiring that any new members must have their character vouched for by their sponsors. One other change clarified how spending appropriations should be advertised to club members.

Our bylaws spell out how to handle most situations that arise while operating our club. Because of my inexperience in conducting these types of affairs, situations may not have always resolved precisely as they should have been. I assure all of you that I always have the best interest of the club and the future of the club at heart. Know that I always welcome your advise.

Sincerely,

Mike Eiben

Mon Valley RC Meeting Minutes: August 4, 2017

The meeting of the MVRC Club was called to order at 7:30 PM at the MVRC Airfield with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike announced we have a guest who would address the members, Greg McCloskey, Director of Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation Dept. Greg made the opportunity to speak at our meeting to share what the County is doing for us.

Greg said there is a good relationship with the airfield folks. He said he would like to propose having a club liaison who would communicate with him. If something needs to be done he would assign it to his people. He said the club is getting publicity and long term members have identified they wanted some changes. Greg said he was a big fan of our club and wants to get issues resolved. He said this shows him we have enough club involvement for him to make commitments to the club. He cares about "getting things done". Rick spoke about the great friend Greg has been to our club. He said he's never too busy to talk to us. Greg said the goal of having WIFI and cameras is still the goal. The plan is to have Internet at every park next year. He said we are about five years away from installing cameras.

Jeff Sumey expressed on behalf of all club members how much we deeply appreciate him and his efforts.

Minutes from the July 14 Meeting were read and approved on a motion by Rick Altomari and seconded by Rich Wojnar. All members approved the minutes as read.

Ron Doctorick read the Treasurer's report. A motion by Ken Monte and seconded by A J Sweitzer was made to accept the treasurer's report. All members approved the treasurer's report as read.

Executive Committee Chair, Rich Wojnar reported:

The EC Committee discussed:

1. The Giant Scale Event has been completed.
2. Electricity Update – We are glad to have issues with the electricity – at least we have electricity.
3. Walky Talkies worked great.
4. Pilot Instructor Program – Going well.
5. Lot more to discuss at the next meeting – We are taking on more tasks.

Mike announced:

- Next Fun Fly – September 23rd from 10-4
- A motion was made to invite other clubs to this event by Mike Eiben and seconded by Jerome Moran.

Giant Scale Contest Director, Jeff Sumey reported:

1. Rain cleared up by 10:30 am.
2. 22 Pilots registered
3. Zero incidents
4. At approx. 2:30 pm – 400-500 people were on-site. Everything went well.
5. Two 50/50 drawings were held.
6. Jeff recognized John Millard for his work with safety during the event.

Reminder: The Club Picnic is on August 26.

Old Business:

Mike expressed a thank you to Ray D'Andrea for the field rolling – As a result of the field rolling, planes go straighter on the field now.

Picnic is August 26. Linda asked members to sign up to let her know what each member plans to bring to the picnic so that we don't have everyone bringing the same item. Linda made a motion to spend \$200 for the picnic. It was seconded by Mike Eiben. All members approved the motion without opposition.

Mike said next week is the Cedar Creek Fun Fest. Mike Eiben and Jerome Moran are planning to present static displays of aircraft.

Rick Altomari explained how much the County workers have done for us – such as:

- Tents
- Picnic Benches
- Cooperation with the County was fantastic – They were always there when needed.
- Site- B - Looks really nice – Getting use of that area now.
- Without changing terrain –plant better grass.
- Rick made a motion to spend \$50 for pizza for these workers as a thank you for all of their work and cooperation. The motion was seconded by Rich Wojnar. Motion was passed by all members without opposition.

New Business:

New Club Members:

1. Jay Dougherty introduced himself to the members. Jay is a new – old pilot – He is a skilled pilot and has been away from the club for two years. All members approved Jay's membership into the club.
2. Arnie Dull introduced himself to the members. Fritz has known him for a long time. Arnie is a retired PA State Trooper who retired in 1990. All members approved Arnie's membership into the club without opposition.

Rick Altomari reported the electricity is in and is working.

8:42 PM – Meeting was adjourned on a motion by Rick Altomari and seconded by J.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wojnar



September 2017 President's Corner

Here it is September again. The Giant Scale Airshow was a success, the family picnic could not have been nicer, and the Labor Day weekend is here.

It is my experience that autumn is the nicest time of the year in our hobby.

At the end of the year there is much important business to handle.

Article II, Section V states that the annual dues rates are to be set at the October meeting of each calendar year for the following year.

Also in October, the President will appoint a three (3) person nominating committee who will recommend a slate of capable and willing candidates to serve as officers and executives during the succeeding calendar year.

Nominations will be brought to the floor during the November meeting.

In the December meeting, Officers and three (3) Executive Committee members will be elected from the Nominations made in the November meeting.

The survival of our club depends on the willingness of the members to serve in these positions.

Please consider volunteering to be an Officer or an Executive Committee member.

Thank you,

Mike Eiben

Thank You MVRC Members and Your Family Members/ Friends

A very special thank you is extended to everyone who assisted in the set up the day before the picnic, to those of you who helped with the set up just prior to the picnic, to those of you who called ahead of time to share what you were bringing so we didn't have a lot of duplication of items, and especially to those of you who brought these items to the picnic and shared your time with us!

Thank you for making this year's picnic a success!



In Case You Didn't Know.....

Officers Phone Numbers Can Be Located in two locations:

1. Back/Flip Side of Your MVRC Membership Card
2. At the Top of Each Newsletter



GIANT SCALE EVENT – JULY 29

Event Director...Jeff Sumey



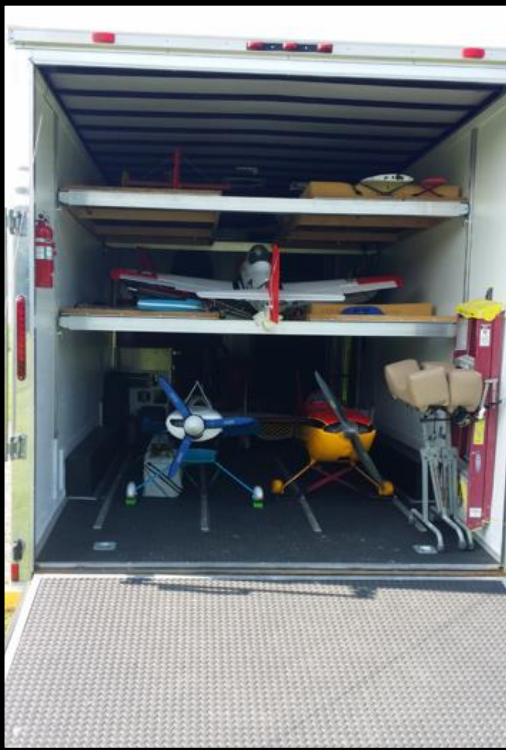


August 26 - MVRC Family PICNIC

Caution: Viewing these photos will make you hungry!















New Addition to the MVRC Website: [Under Events – Club Calendar](#)

Click the block of the date you wish to view to see more of the text within that box. We are limited with the amount of text that will fit within each block.

Click the arrows next to the month to view the other months.

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2016 ◀ 2017, October ▶ 2018						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6 1 Club Meeting (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 1 EC Meeting (9:30 AM - 11:00 AM)
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Site B - New Land Development Committee

Committee Members: *Allan Lesko, Director, Al Kozusko – Liaison with Westmoreland County Greg McCloskey, Rich Wojnar, Jeff Sumey, Nick Carozza, George Wilson, Mitch McFadden and Linda Wojnar.*



Al Kozusko, Allan Lesko, Mike Eiben, and Rich Wojnar performing a walk around at the MVRC Airfield following the New Land Development Committee Meeting on August 19.



If you haven't been to the airfield recently, it's worth your time and effort to do so. The County workers have cut the prior farm land on Site – B several times. The New Land Committee has had several productive meetings and plans for the new land utilization are moving forward.



Safety Officer Report 2017 – John Millard



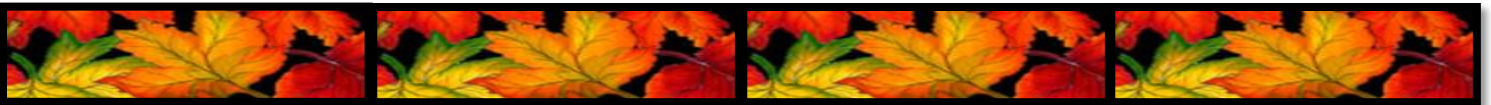
The Giant Scale safety was great. A few minor problems but nothing to write home about. I asked someone to get rid of the beer. A few were not in tune with when to fly but everyone was safety aware and went by the rules.

I have noticed people flying drones from the benches or from behind the safety line. This subject has been beaten up by the best of them and still we have drones being flown over the pit area. There is no difference between a drone, a heli, a bi plane or a single fixed wing. ALL flying will be done in front of the safety line.

Introductory Pilot Program Report 2017 – John Millard



The Introductory Pilot Program will resume in April. I may be conducting a ground school set of theory classes over a three week period this winter, and then these students will continue their practical training in the air in April.



**Greg McCloskey - Guest Speaker at August 4
MVRC Meeting**

**Director of Westmoreland County Parks and
Recreation Dept.**

**Thank you, Greg, for taking time out of your
busy schedule to speak with our members on a
Friday evening!**

GIANT SCALE EVENT Continued – JULY 29



Joe and Mary Fanala





So Rich, what day are you coming up to the field to fly? (Teacher-to-Student)



Cedar Creek Park FUN FEST

August 13, 2017



Welcome New MVRC Club Members



Arnie Dull



Jay Dougherty

Read more information about our newest members in the August 4 Meeting Minutes.

Meet our youngest member, Luke. Say “Hello” to him when you see him.



- Has been flying since Age 6
- Fifth Grader – Peters Twp – Mc Myurray
- Has 15 hrs. in a cub and piper cub airplanes – Aeronca Champ
- Wants to know – When is the asphalt coming?
- Hobbies: Flying Full Scale – Real Airplanes and X Box
- You are a “Role Model” for your peers! Congratulations!! Welcome Aboard from all of us!!!!!!

Our Members and Their Magnificent Flying Machines



Howard Robb





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 October 20.

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



FOR SALE **BALSA USA 1/3 Scale Super Cub.**

See the 'Show 'n Tell' of this plane in the Oct, 2015 MVRC Newsletter.

Also, see the attached pictures.

The plane has a new, Zenoah G-62 engine and Robart #691 main gear.

Solartex covering.

Scale ailerons and flaps.

Selling price is what I paid for the kit, engine and some extras.

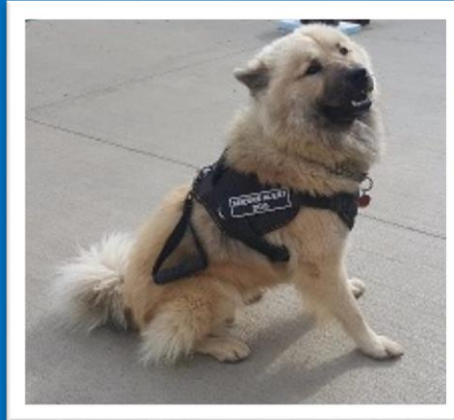
Jerry Kvederis 724-941-2426

Meet Harry, My "Accidental" Service Dog



Meet Lew Heifner (and AJ to his right)

Man's Best Friend...Service Dog "Harry"



Harry is a little over 3 years old.

Harry is my "accidental" service dog. He was a birthday gift from me to my wife Margaret. When he was about 6-8 months old, she noticed that he was very interested in me before I would have a seizure. He gives me about 10-15 minutes advanced notice and I am able to get myself in a safe location. If Margaret is not close at hand, Harry will bark to alert her. After discovering his abilities, we hired a professional trainer for him. Margaret did a lot of the training with the guidance of the pro. Service dog training is very expensive and time consuming.

Harry has never missed a seizure, not once. He has given me new confidence to leave our home, knowing that I will not hurt myself. He also seems to know when I am dizzy and will plant his paws as best he can and I can hold on to him to keep from falling. He is awesome on snow and ice. Generally, Harry sleeps at the foot of our bed, on the floor. If he sleeps on the bed next to me, I know I'm going to have a rough night and he is watching over me.

Harry is a Eurasier. The breed is much more common in Europe; they were developed in Germany in the early 1960s. The original stock came from the Wolfspitz {Keeshond}, Chow, and Samoyed. They have been selectively bred to be companion dogs, they have very little prey drive; they are not hunters. Harry and I were on a walk and he approached 3-4 baby birds that had apparently fledged too early and they seemed unable to fly. Mom was with the babies. Harry trotted up to them, merely sniffed them for a few seconds, and moved on, he had zero interest in harming the birds.

Eurasiers have little to no guard instincts, they will bark at strangers and are at first, wary. They are ideal family dogs since they become very fond of the entire household. They get along well with other household pets, including cats.

Thanks,
Lew



IMPORTANT DATES

October



6 –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.

28 – Executive Committee Meeting –
Eagles Landing Restaurant at 9:30 am.

31 – Happy Halloween

November



3 –MVRC Meeting –

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5 – Time Change – Turn clocks back one hour

11- Happy Veterans Day to our own MVRC Veterans

23 – Happy Thanksgiving

25 - Executive Committee Meeting
Eagle's Landing Restaurant 9:30 am.

Tentatively... MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

MVFC Christmas Party

December 9

Salvatores

West Mifflin, PA

Spaghetti Dinner Benefit



**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 21, 2017
4pm to 7pm**



**Central
Elizabeth Twp.
Lion's Club**

**Central Highlands Methodist Church
100 Timothy Drive
in Elizabeth Township**

**Take-Out Available
\$8.00 Adult - \$4.00 Children**

BENEFITS the family of Michelle Galloway Monte



Michelle was a 1985 graduate of Elizabeth Forward High School and a nurse manager for 28 years for Same Day Surgery and Recovery at Monongahela Valley Hospital.

In June 2017 she received a stem cell transplant for multiple myeloma which required a four to six week hospital stay.

Michelle passed away on July 17th leaving behind her husband, Ken, daughter, Gia and five siblings.

The Central Elizabeth Township Lions Club, EF High School Swim and Dive Team, Interact and Leo Clubs invite you to join us on Saturday, October 21, 2017 to celebrate Michelle.

Tickets available at Mt. Vernon Dairy or for info call 412-759-17

Leaving You Today with a Walk Down Memory Lane...Seems Just Like We Created These Memories Yesterday.

Thank you to members who have given us this great addition to the newsletter and for taking the time to provide us with these special memories. Please continue to send your photos and captions to us.



George and Lew in front of Glacier Girl, the P38 that was salvaged from under 240 feet of ice in Greenland. Gathering of Mustangs and Legends that took place at Rickenbacker Field, Ohio 2007



Lew's Tiger Moth



George, his son, grandson and Lew in front of Big Beautiful Doll in Ohio.



Rick's Dragon