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MVRC regular monthly meeting at Rostraver Municipal Building on Friday, March 1st, at 7:30 PM *President's Corner*

Fellow MVRC Members:

The weather is starting to slowly change while the days are getting longer. We turn the clocks ahead March 10 and will have an extra hour of daylight. Always remember that the runway is rough and takeoffs and landings can be a challenge.

I would like to remind everyone that the March For Parks is right around the corner. We march at Twin Lakes Park March 23, Saturday. The march begins at 10:30 am and concludes at noon. We are meeting at the IHOP located in Greensburg on route 30, just pass the Westmoreland Mall at 7:30 AM although we will leave from the IHOP at 9:00 am to go to Twin Lakes Park for the March For Parks. I encourage everyone to attend even if you don't have the \$25 donation. You are not required to have the donation to march. Please register at the web site listed below. If you cannot register not to worry, just come to March and we will register you at the park. Our team name is: MonValley RC. The team captain is Steve Denk. This is the link for the registration:
<http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/parks/lib/parks/Search/ParksReservations/MarchForParks.aspx>

Many of us will have more than the \$25 which gets you a tee shirt. Let's show the county how large of a club we are and how much we appreciate their work at the parks. You can bring your family, kids, and pets and enjoy the march together. Please contact Steve for any questions and additional details. Steve can be reached at sjdenk@comcast.net

We will be focusing on runway maintenance and improvement in early spring. The major part of the trees at the west end of the runway has been cut and only a few remain. The remaining trees will be discussed with park maintenance. We are planning to extend the runway barrier edge on the northern part of the runway edge. We are also planning to manicure the field with extra rolling since we now have our own roller. If you have any thoughts about recommendations for our field please bring them to Rick

Altomari, field director and the Executive Committee. The county parks have been doing an excellent job helping us with the runway so again don't forget about the March For Parks event.

As another reminder our Executive Committee is the compass for our club! Let them know what you want and suggest for our club. The EC includes AJ Switzer, Jim Hinson, Erik Strauser, Ron Novak, Steve Denk and Jason Smereczaniak. The EC continually meet once a month to make recommendations on club matters for the good and welfare of the organization.

We are planning a lot of events this year which will include float fly's, MVRC fun fly, heli fun fly, giant scale airshow, family picnic, Christmas Party, etc. . Walt Severyn has reminded me that we used to publish in the newsletter all the events at the beginning of the year so that we could all make better plans to attend them. Please check the newsletter for the events.

I will continue to use the internet as much as possible to communicate with our members. Please let me know if you have any suggestions, questions, items of concern or anything you would like to discuss or bring up at our meetings. My email is Kozusko@comcast.net. If you do not have email access, please call me at 724-872-4030. We want to make sure we have everyone's email and phone number to keep you aware of what our club is doing and what we can do for our club.

Don't forget about our open subject discussions during the meetings, which gives everyone an opportunity to express themselves about any subject. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying!

Al Kozusko
 President, MVRC

Treasurer

Ron explained financial situation (Sound) and stated that 113 members have signed for 2013, so far.

Secretary

MVRC MEETING|_Feb. 1, 2013

(In Janet Poague's absence, minutes recorded by Mike Eiben)

Call to order 7:40PM

Officers Present: President; Vice-President, Treasurer

Executive Committee report:

- Met at 6:30 PM prior to regular meeting.
- Mike Eiben resigned from E.C...

Safety:

- Flight line extends infinitely. Do not fly over other pilots. Field is slippery and muddy. Be careful at this time.

Web Page:

- David Herrington explained advantages of ".com" or ".org". Motion passed to transfer to Godaddy.com

Field Report:

1. Rick discussed grass barrier extension.
2. Al explained the spending of more that \$300 by a single meeting vote (without going through process of advertising in newsletter, etc.). It was considered an "emergency" as the club did not want to miss out on a good deal.

Open Floor Meeting:

1. Discussed substituting of E.C. member
 - Can president assign substitutes for absent members?
 - Eric Strauser is next in line according to votes taken in December. He was not present at meeting. By text, Eric said that he will accept position.
 - Should E.C. members resign if they cannot participate? And should there be a new election?
 - Rick Altomari's suggested amendment; *If any elected office becomes vacant, advertise in newsletter. Nominate and vote at the next meeting.*

Open Floor Meeting: (continued)

- Question: If someone resigns and then, two months later says that they do not resign, are they still in office?
- 2. Laurel Highlands will sponsor one float fly. MVRC will sponsor the other.
- 3. Nick Carrozza discussed advertising the Giant Scale Meet.
- 4. Jeff Sumey discussed the Heli Fly. More information in April-May.

New Business:

1. Mike presented costs of possible asset insurance for MVRC equipment.
2. Possible electronic recording of meetings was discussed.
3. Jeff Sumey; should we cap membership?
4. Al Kozusko: Helis are here to stay.
5. Jeff Dzikowski: Helis are made to be banged around.
6. Bill Kirkpatrick has accepted the Safety Officer position.

New Member: Gary Shaffer

Show & Tell:

1. Nick Carrozza's new electric Heli 770
2. Tony; T-45 Jet
3. Jeff Sumey's toy Quad Rotor from Troy-built Models
4. Rob Geary's UMX Carbon Cub.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.



Executive Committee

Attending Meeting: AJ Sweitzer, Jason Smereczaniak, Al Kozusko, Mike Eiben, and Walt Severyn

- Vote on possible \$100 donation to the 2013 March for Parks.
- Extension of grass barrier (Rick Altomari to determine and layout on runway).
- Discuss where pilot flight stations should be located- more research is needed.
- Discuss possible 3D flying by fixed wing and helicopters kept to the left of the pin board- more research is needed.
- Remind members that one does not need a personal donation to the 2013 March for Parks if you would like to walk-please register on-line.
- Need volunteers to support Float Fly and Giant Scale Airshow.
- Learn more details of the Giant Scale Airshow..

- Discussion about keeping safety first and abide by all safety rules. Discuss what steps take place if an accident occurs.
- *Developed addition to bylaws to include voting in members when an EC or officer position becomes vacant. Present suggestion to members and discuss further at the following General Membership Meeting.*

AJ Sweitzer
Chairman. E.C.

If it were not for electricity, we would all be watching TV by candlelight

Everyone is entitled to be stupid, but some abuse the privilege

War doesn't determine who's right. War determines who's left.

Anyone who uses the phrase "easy as taking candy from a baby" has never tried taking candy from a baby.

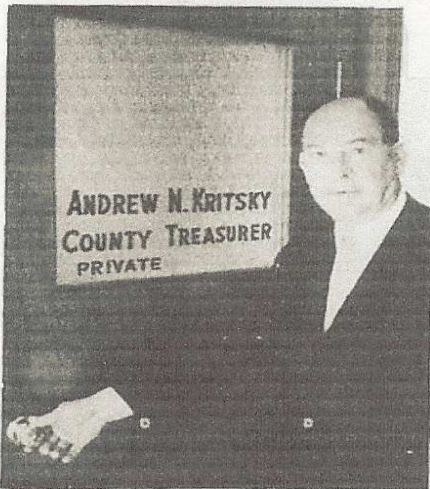


IN MEMORIAM Francis Barch



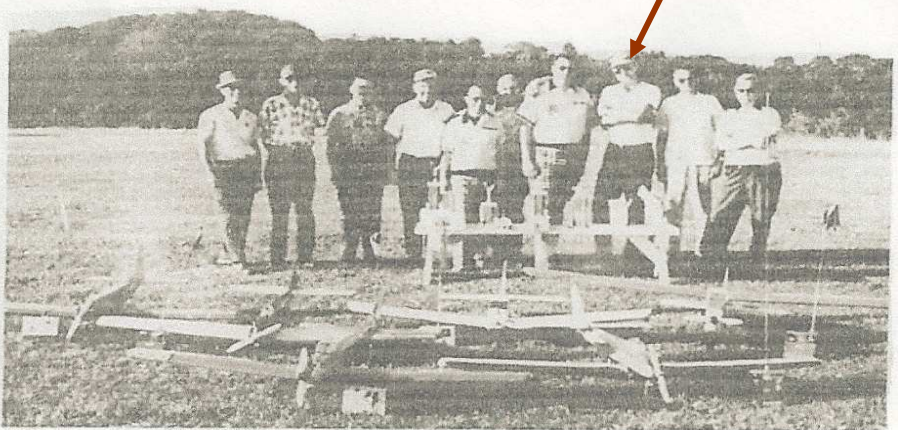
On Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013 Francis Barch, a charter member of MVRC, passed away. We mourn his death and wish his wife and family the best. Frank was most instrumental in securing our presence in Cedar Creek Park. The magazine article, printed below, was first printed in RC Magazine in 1969 and later printed in an earlier MVRC Newsletter. It was originally written by Keith Ackman, one of four remaining charter members and previous members. The others are Joe Parrinello, Joe Stanish and "Jiggs" Taylor. As a tribute to Frank, it is fitting that the article is reprinted for the new members who know little of our history and to note the part Frank played in obtaining our RC field.

Mr. Andrew Kritsky, Westmoreland County Treasurer, whose efforts made Mon-Valley flying site possible.



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Mon-Valley R/C members, Joe Parrinello, Bill Pocky, Frank Parrinello, Sam Pope, Keith Ackman, Howard Williams, Henry Holesapple, Francis Barch, Ted Lengyel, and Fred Collins.



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THE MON-VALLEY R/C CLUB

WESTMORELAND COUNTY PARK COMMISSION SETS NATIONAL PRECEDENT AS PENNSYLVANIA R/C CLUB BECOMES FIRST IN NATION TO OBTAIN FLYING SITE UNDER FEDERAL "PROJECT 70."

BY KEITH ACKMAN

PHOTOS BY LEE HIXENBAUGH

This article is written in behalf of the thousands of radio control modelers who may be experiencing the problems of locating a suitable flying site. If this problem confronts your club, read on, and discover how the MON-VALLEY RADIO CONTROL CLUB conquered this problem and, through its efforts, may well have "paved the way" for future developments on flying site locations.

Before uncovering the solution to this somewhat archaic problem, a brief club history is interjected so the reader may visualize the inception and growth of an organization from its modest beginning to the present form.

In the late '40's control line flying captured the interests of local modelers throughout the valley. Through the dedication and efforts of Sam and Jack Poole, Michael Nogy, Francis Maguire, Wilfred Taylor, Steve Miller, and William Pocky, a club was born. Throughout the years, interest and enthusiasm for model flying remained at a peak, but many flying sites were lost due to noise or housing developments; however, these dedicated men flew wherever, and whenever, an opportunity was present.

In 1951, when radio control came into existence, there emerged a new problem of locating flying areas which

required a rather different type of site than did its predecessor, control line. During the ensuing years, flying sites were discovered, but were lost shortly thereafter due primarily to land and housing developments.

One autumn Sunday, Mike Nogy informed the club president, Francis Barch, that he had located a beautiful field which was very flat, contained about six acres, and was free of obstacles. Upon making an inquiry the club discovered the property to be part of Westmoreland County's Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania. In October, 1967, Francis Barch, Henry Holesapple, and Michael Nogy

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Club Activities



Kids and their toys



Tony Ferraro's T-45 Jet



Nick Carrozza's new electric Heli 770



Jeff Sumeys Quad Rotor from Troy-built models Mod



Rob Geary's UMX Carbon Cub



Nick Speaks up. Democracy in Action



Another future member



THIS WEEKEND I WENT TO THE LAKE AT TUTTEL'S POINT. PYMATUNING LAKE. THE TEMP WAS 16 DEGREES; WINDS WERE 15 TO 25 MPH. THE T REX 500 DID GOOD. IT TOOK THE WIND WELL. I WAS SUPPRISED THAT IT DID. I HAD MY RAPTOR 50. IT DID NOT TURN OVER BECAUSED I LEFT IT IN THE CAR OVER NIGHT. THE ELECTRIC T REX RAN GOOD. I ENJOYED IT. HAD TWO 8 MIN FLIGHTS. THE FISHERMEN ENJOYED IT. (By Robert Buchignani)

Going by the information in this newsletter, we should all look forward to an exciting year in MVRC. It will be that only if everyone contributes to the club.



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