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## *President's Corner*

The Cedar Creek Fun Fest was great with lots of spectators and beautiful weather. Joe (the barber) Parrinello, Bob Walter, Jeff Sumey and I brought airplanes and helicopters for display. Steve Denk and Jason Smerecz worked their magic arranging and preparing our display area. They roped off the area, hung our sign (thanks to George Wilson for a great looking sign) and prepared the booth with chairs, table and handouts. Joe and Jeff dazzled the spectators with their planes and Jeff actually flew his "Quad Flyer" with a camcorder taking photos. Mike Eiben gave us lots of help and support with safety and the spectators. AJ stopped in for added support. Let's all extend our thanks to them for promoting our club at the Park. The park director Greg McCloskey stopped by and expressed his gratitude for our work. Greg and his team have been doing a great job for our parks.

Summer months are soon ending and the temperatures are getting a little cooler. Coming fast is our family picnic, September 16. Picnic starts at 1:00 until 4:00. No flying during picnic hours. Don't forget to bring a covered dish/fruit/vegetables etc and some deserts. Here are some suggestions: Salads (green salads, pasta salads, potato salads, coleslaw, carrot salad, etc), green beans, baked beans, peas, corn, bananas, apples, peaches, watermelon, cookies, cakes, jelly, etc. [The club will provide fried chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments. The grill will be available for those who also want to use the grill.](#)

I would like to emphasize the following information about our club. During the past several meetings I have talked about how our club tries to get things done, resolve issues, purchase items,

upgrade our field, etc. I want to remind everyone that it's the EXCECTIVE COMMITTEE that provides this type of direction. Our bylaws state: A six (6) member Executive Committee shall meet monthly and act as a steering committee and make recommendations to the officers on club matters for the good and welfare of the organization. As president, I want you all to know that I follow our bylaws and want all of our members to follow them. I urge you to communicate with your executive committee members for all of these issues. Come to the monthly club meetings and present any of your issues and if you can't make the meetings send an email, make a phone call or see us at the field. The EC members includes: Jeff Sumey, Jim Hinson, Steve Denk, AJ Sweitzer, Jason Smereczniak and Mike Eiben. They are doing a great job and are currently working on a number of issues. It is one of the best EC teams I have seen, young & old, new member & old member, expert flyer & beginner flyer, fixed wing & heli, electric & nitro, etc.

Finally I would like to remind everyone about some important dates. The Family Picnic is Sept 16, the Heli Fun Fly is Sept 29 and the Xmas party is December 16. The September monthly club meeting will take place at the Family Picnic. The October and November Club meeting will be at the Rostraver Municipal Bldg, Oct 5 and Nov 2 at 7:30 and the last meeting of the year will be on the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at the Rostraver Muni Bldg.

Keep healthy, be safe, have fun flying !

Al Kozusko  
President, MVRC

# Treasurer's Report

Treasurer: Ron reported we are solvent.

Ron Doctorick,  
Treasurer, MVRC

*All that is necessary for the triumph of  
evil is for good men to do nothing.*

## Secretary's Report

Minutes August 3, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The officers in attendance were the President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Secretary.

The secretary was absent from the July meeting. No minutes were forwarded.

Treasurer: Ron reported we are solvent.

Correspondence: none

Executive Committee: Jeff reported there was a meeting last Saturday. The minutes were published in the newsletter. Director of Training position was discussed. Jeff put forth a motion to create the Director of Training position. Motion passed.

Field Report: Rick reported grass cutting is going fine. There are 10 folks that cut the grass. Please lend a hand when grass cutting is under way.

Old Business: Jeff discussed the Club Banner from a past meeting. Cost is \$75. Motion put forth to proceed and passed.

Rick and Walt will be doing our yearly audit.

Jeff discussed the club flying rules. Motion put forth and passed to proceed with the club rules as revised in the newsletter.

New Business Model Aviation magazine is going digital. The MVRC newsletter will be following suite. There will be a few printed copies available at the pin board each month in the event you don't receive email.

Our wind sock was struck by lightning. Jason is replacing the sock. Jeff replaced damaged shingles on the roof.

Jeff reported Heli fun fly is Sept 29. Proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish. Jeff has a signup sheet for volunteers. The first of 2 meeting will be Wed @ 6 pm.

AJ reported Sept 8 is work day. Rick Hamel donated pipe liners for the benches. Nick Carrozza donated the use of his power washer for cleaning. Al Kozusko is donating electric paint sprayer to the club.

Family Picnic is Sept 16. The meeting will be at the family picnic.

Nick Carrozza discussed a solar panel for keeping the club trainer on trickle charge. Opposition discussion occurred due to tractors with gasoline in the same building. The Executive Committee to review and recommend at a future meeting.

Thanks to Mike B for procuring the holders for the club cards. They will be available at future meetings.

New Members: Evan Hart

Safety Officer: absent

Publicity Chairman: Jason reported we have been getting hits with people looking at the web site and is going well.

Newsletter and Webmaster: Walt has taken over the newsletter.

Show and Tell: none

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Janet Poague

Secretary, MVRC

### !!"You are the club", by Jeff Sumey!!

The Mon Valley R/C Club is nothing... without its members; i.e. you! Just like any other club, this club exists for and of its membership. With that in mind and the primary task of the Executive Committee being "to act as a steering committee in making recommendations on club matters for the good and welfare of the organization", we'd like to engage you as club members to help decide the future direction of our club. EC committee members have fielded numerous verbal comments and suggestions and some of this input has helped guide EC actions over the past year. For this, we thank you. We have achieved a number of accomplishments this year and we desire to continue this positive, forward-looking effort. So, by way of this article, we'd like to invite all of you to consider standing up and contributing to the welfare of the club. What do you see as both immediate and long-term priorities for the club? What should we focus on the balance of this year? What should we strive to achieve next year? What expenditures would you suggest?

One hindrance to voicing your input is that depending on your schedule and when you are at the field, you may not have opportunity to meet with any of the EC members. But if you're reading this newsletter electronically, no doubt you have Internet access. Therefore, why not send out a quick email with your comments to either/both Al ([kozusko@comcast.net](mailto:kozusko@comcast.net)) or myself ([jsheli@yahoo.com](mailto:jsheli@yahoo.com))? We will carefully consider all member comments and use this input appropriately to continue improvements and making this club a club we can all be proud to be a part of. Happy flying!

# Executive Committee Meeting-Sept 1st

Minutes, Sept. 1, 2012

Attending: M. Eiben, J. Hinson, A. Kozusko, W. Severyn, J. Smereczniak, J. Sumey, AJ Sweitzer

Meeting called to order 8:40am by EC Chair J. Sumey

Discussion:

1. Priority list (AJ).  
The EC discussed how to survey the general membership for ideas of future work for the good of the club. See article in newsletter for further info.
2. Sep 8 work day (AJ).  
Painting of field benches is completed; however, the work day is still needed to clean out buildings, move one safety sign, and place concrete pads. Volunteers are still needed Sep 8 9:00 am at the field to complete this work and this will count towards earning your club hat. RSVP directly to AJ ([hydroram@yahoo.com](mailto:hydroram@yahoo.com)) if you plan to attend.
3. New signs (AJ).  
Discussion was had about placing two new signs on/near the pavilion reading "Spectator Area". Printed on cardstock and laminated would provide a quick, low-cost solution to the concern about spectators not

knowing about the recommended safe viewing area. Decision made to simply proceed with procuring and posting two such signs.

4. Items from the floor.
  - Jason repaired the lightning-struck windsock with new parachute material. Repaired windsock to be installed after EC meeting.
  - Plans for the 3<sup>rd</sup> "jsheli" Make-A-Wish Heli funfly to be held Sep 29 moving forward nicely. However, the previous volunteer for the field operations task coordinator had to withdraw due to medical reasons. Additional volunteers and task coordinators are still needed for field operations, food concessions, and field safety tasks. Contact Jeff ([jsheli@yahoo.com](mailto:jsheli@yahoo.com)) directly if you are able to help. You need not be a heli pilot! The last planning meeting will be held Wednesday Sep 12 7pm at the field pavilion.

Meeting concluded at 9:30am.

Jeff Sumey  
Chairman, Executive Committee

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## Schedule of Events



**Brief  
MVRC September Club Meeting at  
Family Picnic September 16<sup>th</sup>**

### SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday-----Work day to police field and sheds. Bob Walters donated fire extinguisher, which must be hung. Signs should be moved for better access of mowers. One table needs slabs, misc. work items. With enough volunteers, there should be plenty of time for flying.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday-----Family Picnic, this is considered the monthly meeting, also. Bring your family and a covered dish and enjoy a relaxed day at the field. See [President's Corner](#) for further details.

Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Saturday ----Heli Invitational benefiting The Make-A-Wish Fondation, with Jeff Sumey as CD. Special flyer was sent to the membership. Volunteers will be needed for the event.

### OCTOBER

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Friday-----MVRC Monthly meeting at the Rostraver Community Building at 7:30 PM. Dues can be paid (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012). After Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, a penalty applies. See insert below for information on paying dues.

**NOVEMBER**

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday-----MVRC Monthly meeting at the Rostraver Community Building at 7:30 PM.  
--Nominations of officers for 2013

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Friday-----MVRC Monthly meeting at the Rostraver Community Building at 7:30 PM.  
--Voting for officers for 2013

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday ----Christmas party at Ponderosa.

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday-----Annual New Years Day Flyin at Cedar Creek Park

***Activities***



Last outdoor meeting of the summer



Still looking for the glider?



“Up-up and away”



The large foam wheels solve high grass problems



Hal: From Corp. Jets to a Foamy RC Champ-!!!WOW!!!



JC Crumpleton, *chairman of the Board*, recovering from illness, gives his regards to all, as he takes in the RC activities at the field.

*(Photos submitted by Jeff Sumey)*



Mike Bunardzya: "What a great day"

*To be kind is more important than to be right..... Many times what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks, but a special heart that listens."*



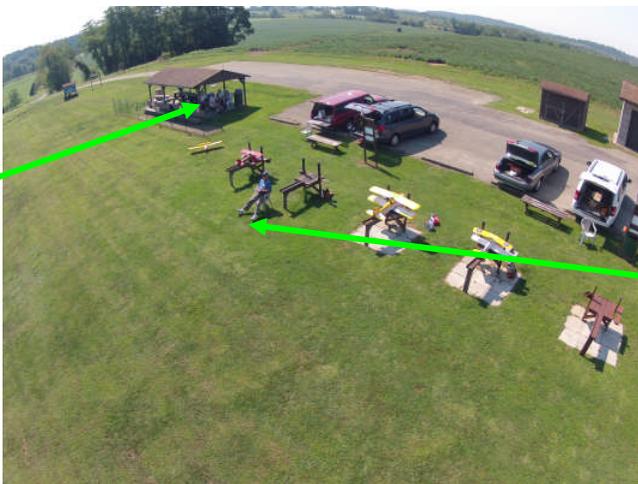
Jeff took the aerial picture with camera on the GPS-equipped “quadraporp” drone. It is a great view of our second home. (Note: Is he standing in proper pilot’s position!!? Just kidding)



Stereo MX2s with background air traffic



MX2 reunion; gas or electric?



Don W. chillin out, rest of senior committee Under pavilion

# Cedar Creek Park Funfest Photos

(Photos sent by Al Kuzosko & Jeff Sumej)



Handouts to spectators, AMA, & Newcomers



Airplane Display (Joe, Bob, & Al)



History of RC



Lots of Very Interested Spectators



MVRC Crew: Steve, Jason, Mike, Joe, Jeff, Al, & Bob



Al & Jeff Tiptoe through airplane display  
(Watch out for hanger rash)



Quad-rotor view of MVRC at Cedar Creek Park Fest



Our new banner put to good use at the funfest



**We all wish Keith Ackman a speedy recovery after his Ultra-lite accident.  
He has been transferred to Havencrest Nursing Center in Monongahela, Pa.**

**GET  
WELL!**

**Keith**

3rd annual "jsheli"  
**R/C Heli Funfly**  
Sponsored by  
**Mon-Valley R/C Club**  
AMA Charter #546



Join us for a fun-filled day of helicopter flying and camaraderie to be held at MVRC's R/C airfield.

New for 2012! Proceeds Benefit **MAKE-A-WISH**.

**When: Saturday Sep. 29, 2012**  
*Pilot/safety meeting at 9:00am*  
**Where: Cedar Creek Park**  
*just northeast of the I-70 / Rte. 51 intersection*  
*Yahoo maps search:*  
*598 Timms Lane Belle Vernon, PA 15012*



Event limited to R/C helis  
AMA sanctioned  
AMA required  
Pilot raffle  
Chinese auction  
50/50  
Event fee: \$20  
Food concessions available  
CD:  
Jeff Sumey  
jsheli@yahoo.com

\* A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0899. Registration does not imply endorsement.

**Remember the R/C Heli Funfly on  
Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Volunteers will be needed to make  
it a success.**

**Contact Jeff Sumey at  
[jsheli@yahoo.com](mailto:jsheli@yahoo.com)  
If you can help.**

**News Editor Note; This newsletter is being sent, by postal mail, to all members who do not have email addresses. The letter shows a complete list of important activities of the club for the rest of the year. Letters for the remaining months of 2012 will not be sent by postal mail. So, it behooves you to save this letter to keep track of club activities.**

**Walter Severyn, DDS  
MVRC News Editor**

