



President - Walter Greene
Secretary - Dave Johnson

Vice President - Dave Frew
Treasurer - Carl Adams

Useful Links



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Club Reminders

Flight Times:

- SUNDAY - 12:00 Noon until dark.
- OTHER DAYS - 10:00 A.M. until dark
- For quiet electric park flyers or unpowered aircraft only: Permitted Flying Hours - 8:00 A.M. until dark, seven days a week.

MARCS Auction

Reminder of the Westminster Aero Modelers annual flea market in February. See their flyer on the following page.

New Membership Application

We will be voting on a potential new member at this month's meeting. He is Chris Fox from Natrona Heights, PA.

Dues Payment Reminder

*** 2024 dues are payable **now**, and you have two ways to pay!

If you haven't already renewed your 2024 membership, please do so soon. We'd like to have all renewals paid for before the end of January, to keep our AMA paperwork to a minimum.

#1) Club treasurer Carl Adams will be at the coming monthly club meetings to accept your dues payment, or

#2) You can mail it directly to him, and include the following:

- Check payable to MARCS in the amount of \$20 for an adult, \$10 for 15 years of age and under
- Proof of AMA membership (AMA membership card or receipt showing payment, and your AMA number, and expiration date)
- SASE would be appreciated for return of your membership card

Mail to: Carl Adams, 155 Pembroke Drive, Delmont, PA 15626.

January 1st

Our annual first fly of the year was held on January 1, 2024, and there were at least 10 members flying that day. The day was cold and snow lay on the ground, but that didn't stop many from flying. See photos on the following pages.

Next Monthly Meeting

When: **January 11th, 2024 @ 6:30 PM**

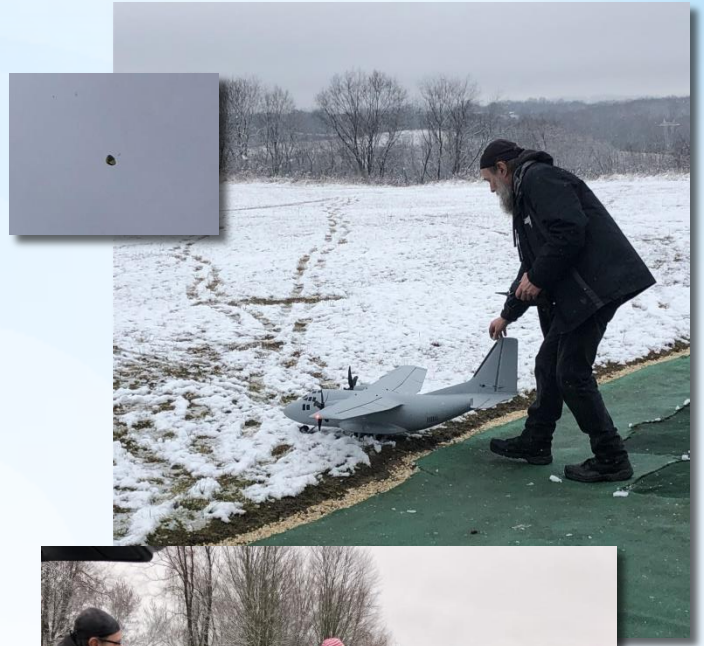
Where: **Monroeville Public Library**

*** Meetings held 2nd Thursday of each month ***

Photos from the Traditional January 1st New Year Fly



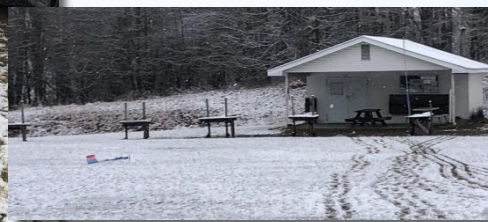
Field conditions on January 1st, 2024.



John's trusty Valiant.



Bill's cargo plane dropping the first chute of the year. The chute was plucked from the air by Mark before it touched the snow



Chris' Diamond Dust rocketship of an airplane

MARCS FLYING FIELD RULES:

**DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES OF ANY KIND ON THE RUNWAY IS FORBIDDEN.
VIOLATORS SHALL HAVE THEIR MEMBERSHIPS PERMANENTLY SUSPENDED.**

FLYING FIELD BOUNDARIES

- No flying East of Ridge Road
- No flying west of tree line (Visible as you look over the hill West of runway) except beyond the North end of the runway.
- No flying over Route 286.
- No flying behind the West flight line on Sunday except beyond the North end of the runway.

FLIGHT LINE USE

- SUNDAY and HOLIDAYS - West flight line all day.
- OTHER DAYS - East flight line until the sun is overhead, then move to the West flight line OR when a majority of those members present, vote to move to the West flight line. Members arriving after the vote may not ask for another vote to move back.

FLIGHT TIMES

- SUNDAY - 12:00 Noon start time, continuing past dark when safe to do so.
- OTHER DAYS - 10:00AM start time, continuing past dark when safe to do so.
- QUIET ELECTRIC PARK FLYERS OR UNPOWERED AIRCRAFT ONLY - Permitted Flying Hours - 8:00AM start time, continuing past dark
- when safe to do so. Seven days a week.

FULL SCALE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS ALWAYS HAVE PRIORITY.

1. Full-Scale Takeoff

1. The field owner's Super Cub as well as other aircraft flown from the field, before takeoff will taxi to the top of the hill (at the center of the runway), turn perpendicular to the runway and rev the engine.
2. **It is important to wave to them** to acknowledge that we are aware of their impending takeoff.
3. They will then taxi back to the South end of the field to prepare for takeoff.
4. **All model pilots flying at the time must land immediately.** There will be time to do so after the full- scale plane taxis away from the top of the hill.

2. Full-Scale Landing

1. Before landing at the field, the planes hangared there will make a pass over the runway at traffic altitude heading perpendicular to the runway above the windsock at the top of the hill.
2. **Again, we should wave to them** to acknowledge that we are aware of their impending landing.
3. They will then turn on to their downwind leg on the easterly side of the runway and land from the northern end.
4. **All model pilots flying at the time must land immediately.** The landing pattern is long enough to provide adequate time to do so.

3. Transient Aircraft

1. We fly on a full-scale airfield, and occasionally experience traffic from full-scale planes at low altitudes.
2. It is very important to be alert for full-scale aircraft landing, taking off or making passes over the field.
3. **Any member, seeing a full-scale aircraft in the vicinity of the field, is to immediately alert all model pilots.** The member should indicate the location and direction of the incoming aircraft and indicate any immediate action the model fliers should take.
4. **All model pilots must give right-of-way and avoid flying in the proximity of full-scale aircraft.**
5. **All model pilots flying at the time should land at the earliest safe opportunity.**

4. Frequency Control

1. Transmitters must be placed in the transmitter impound upon arrival at the field.
2. Transmitter not on 2.4GHz may not be turned on without removing the green pin corresponding to the transmitting frequency and affixing it to the transmitter.
3. To fly a frequency other than 2.4GHz, a pilot must possess both the green frequency pin and a red fly pin.
4. Frequency pin and fly pin must be returned to the frequency control board and transmitter placed back in the impound when not in use.

5. Other

1. Do not leave any garbage at the field or place garbage in the clubhouse stove.

Location of Downes Field:

Our flying field is a full-scale private airport, where we're allowed to fly our planes with permission of Dennis Downes, the owner.

In our Flying Rules available on our website, www.remarcs.org, you will find some special protocols needed to ensure your safety and most importantly, the safety of any full-scale aircraft which might be using the field or making a low pass over the field.

Parking is in the area just inside the gate. Ridge Road runs SSW to NNE roughly parallel to the grass runway. Model flying may be taking place from either side of the runway, depending on time of day. **Driving across the runway is prohibited.**

Should the pilots and flight stations be located across the runway (west side), it is important to wait until waved across. These model aircraft may be flying low at speeds ranging from 25 mph to over 100 mph. The pilots will be concentrating on the planes, and most likely will not see you. Crossing without permission leads to the possibility of being hit by a low-flying plane and must be avoided.

Below is a view of the gate off Ridge Road facing west along with the geographic coordinates.

