

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting April 17th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church
Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 9th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM April 23rd Eat n' Park in Greensburg
All breakfasts to be at Eat n' Park until further notice*

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Prez Says

Greetings!

As usual, I hope this letter finds you well. As I write this letter, it is cold and snowing - so much for the global warming hoax. We did, however, manage to get several nice days in March for flying, hoping for the same in April.

Our first float fly is only about a month away. I hope that many of you are planning to participate in the float fly this year.

We still have several events which need contest directors. Most important directors are needed for the fun-flies for the May and August picnics. Please consider chairing or co-chairing one of these events.

I will be taking orders for club hats at the April meeting. The hats are lighter than the ones we have and will be available in 8 colors. The cost of the hats is \$10.00 and will be available in May.

We also need to plan the dates to paint the impound station and the reconditioning of the benches. We will set a date at the April meeting.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, April 17 at 7:30 at St. Paul's. Robby should have the prototype of the electric pylon racer ready for the meeting. Hope everyone had a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of March 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

There were 30 members and one guest present. Four new members were voted into the club: (1) Victor Adao, of Uniontown; (2) John J. Antoon, Jr., of Uniontown; (3) Adam Switzer, of Bovard; (4) Phillip G. Steele, of New Stanton. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the March, newsletter. (There was no February meeting because of a power outage.) Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flyer for the Central Penn Aeromodelers Flea Market in Lebanon, PA, on Saturday, March 14th. The Treasurers report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hobby Lobby Senior Telemaster .40 - .60 Kit (95" Wingspan). Webmaster Rob Whalen reported that the website has been updated, after having been on hold for 4 weeks due to his knee surgery. He reported that he now has a camcorder, so will have a lot more videos and pics. He still encourages everyone to send in their pictures also.

Old Business:

(a) Mammoth Park Maintenance Manager: There is still no word from the park office on any appointment of a new maintenance manager.

(b) Float Flies: May 9th, June 6th, July 11th, August 8th, September 12th & October 3rd (All Saturdays) at Acme Dam.

(c) Pylon Races: Chairman: Bob Bushmire. May 24th, June 14th (double), July 19th, August 16th (double), September 3rd.

(d) Opening Day Picnic: Sunday, May 24th. Food Chairman: Brian Moore. Fun Fly Chairman still needed.

(e) August Picnic: Sunday, August 30th (combined with Keystone Clippers, at Mammoth Field). Food Chairman: Jeff Hails. Fun Fly Chairman still needed.

(f) Field Upkeep: Transmitter Impound needs to be scraped and repainted, benches need recoated with wood preservative, field needs rolled. It was generally agreed that this would be done during the Spring Cleanup in May.

(g) April Meeting Date Change: A motion was carried to move the April meeting date from April 10th to April 17th, since April 10th is Good Friday.

New Business:

(a) By-Laws and County Park Rules & Regulations: President Marquis distributed copies of the club by-laws and the County Park Rules and Regulations to all members present. He also gave a big thanks to Greg Lazarchik for compiling the by-laws on CD.

(b) AMA Introductory Pilot instructors: Chuck and Charley Zera and Jeff Hails graciously agreed to be Introductory Pilot Instructors again for this year. They were joined by Rick Swiderski and Rob Whalen. (Thanks, guys, for volunteering for this important job.)

(c) Hats: President Marquis announced that the supply of hats is down to just a few. He will try to have the suppliers come to the next meeting and show us their selection of new hats.

(d) Electric Pylon Races: Rob Whalen proposed that we try a series of electric pylon races, similar to the Q-500 races. He proposes 3 heats of 10 laps each, to be run on the same day as the Q-500's. He has designed a foam electric model in the 16 oz. range, at a very reasonable cost, which should fly in the speed range of 90 to 100 mph, maximum. He expects to have all the details of the design at the next meeting.

(e) Scale Contest: Chairman: Bill Cecchetti. Sunday, June 28th.

(f) Endurance/Timed Flight Contest: Chairman still needed. Possible dates are July 12th, July 19th and July 26th.

(g) Snyder Cup Trials: Chairman still needed. Possible dates are August 2nd, August 9th, August 16th and August 23rd. It was suggested that we might want to consider opening this event up to other clubs and expand the categories, to increase participation. We really don't need a radar gun either.

(h) Flea Market: Sunday, October 18th (tentative). We apparently now don't need to be a member of the Hempfield Hunt Club to rent their hall. Rene Marquis will contact them for a price and possible date.

(i) Sail Plane: Kevin Thomas has graciously donated his beautiful Paragon (3 meter) sail plane for club members to use. (Thank you Kevin!) Bill Cecchetti said that he will donate a Transmitter and Receiver for it. (Thank you too, Bill!) The plane is available (see Mike Bossick) to any member who wishes to learn (or practice) soaring on thermals.

(j) Iron Bay Models: Ron Gade announced that John Craig, owner of Iron Bay Models, has parts for any Byron's model plane ever made. He has also extended an invitation for a group of 10 to 15 members to tour his factory in Wheeling.

(k) Other Announcements: RC Reports magazine has gone out of business. Also, Chris Gianelli, of Model Airplane News, passed away.

The Weak Signals R/C Show is April 3rd, 4th & 5th, in Toledo, OH.

Fuel cost is now \$12/ gal. Fuel committee members are Vaun Hile (chairman), Fred Dey and Brian Moore.

Show & Tell:

Tony Kistner and Dick Patrick showed their "bare bones" 40% J3 Piper Cub fuselage, built from scratch. It has a removable tail, so as to fit in the van. It will be powered by a 100 cc. twin gasoline engine. Beautiful job!

Rick Swiderski showed his Extreme Flight Edge 540T electric plane. Very nice!

Doug Hagy showed his 6 oz. Raging Madness indoor foamy. Really cool!

Rob Whalen showed his foamy biplane version of the Juka Pro 4 ½ oz. RTF for indoor flying. He will build them for club members, and plans to start a website business with it.

Rene Marquis showed his Hangar 9 Pulse 60, an easy ARF to assemble. It uses 60 to 70 oz. servos, a standard 17 oz. fuel tank, weighs 8 ½ lbs., and is powered by a Saito .91 engine.

Raffle:

The Hobby Lobby Senior Telemaster was won by Vaun Hile.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Scale Contest June 28th

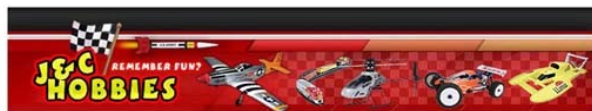
Come out and fly whatever you have that might resemble a full sized aircraft. Super scale, kinda scale, all welcome. There will be judges and scoring but the emphasis will be on fun.

Bill Cecchetti

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