

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting April 16th at 7:30 PM St Paul's Church*

*Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 14<sup>th</sup> Eat 'n Park*

*Breakfast 8:30 AM April 28 Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30*

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## Prez Says

GREETINGS! Hope you are all well and enjoying this warm April There have been several good flying days in spite of some wind here and there. Hope you had a chance to get some flying time.

As was announced at the March meeting, Keith Wilson's daughter and I presume some other people will be at the meeting on April 16 displaying and selling Keith's collection of RC equipment. I do not know exactly what there will be. I am sure, however, that you will consider paying a fair price for what may interest you. This sale will begin promptly at 7:00 with our regular meeting to begin at 7:30.

Thanks to all of you who volunteered at the last meeting to chair some of our annual events. We are still in need of few more volunteers. I would like to finalize the 2010 event calendar so it can be placed on our website.

Since we received approval for the construction of the new bench, I would like to set-up a time so that construction may commence. We will do this at the April meeting.

I hope you had the chance to read the e-mail which was sent to you a couple of weeks ago concerning the float flies, bench construction, etc. I will discuss these a bit more at the meeting. Again, please do come early for the sale of Keith's equipment at our April 16 meeting.

Thank You.

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of March 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 28 members and one guest present. It was a pleasure to welcome former member, Pat Greenwood, back as a guest. Pat was back in town to visit Bob Bushmire. One new member, Mark A.

Nease of Blairsville, was voted into the club. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers for the (1) Central Penn Aeromodelers Association 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Flea Market, Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Lebanon, PA; (2) Virginia's Pre Spring Fling Airshow, Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>, at Charlottesville, VA; and (3) the Maryland-West Virginia Model Railroad Association's Model Railroad and R/C Airplane Show in Cumberland, MD, Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize group: a SIG "Miniboss" Flight Box with power panel, donated by Vaun Hile (Thank you Vaun, that was very gracious and generous.), a Hangar 9 12v, 7Ah Sealed Battery, and an Mpi Gas & Glow Hand Fuel Pump. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are no current problems with the newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that most of the snow is gone from the field now, and the field appears to be in good shape. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and running well. He suggested that everyone check it often for new updates and announcements.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Spectator Bench:** Mark Withrow presented pictures of a "mock-up" chain link fence that he rigged up with yellow tape to show approximately how the planned arrangement would look. Mark stated that an anonymous contributor would pay for the cost of the chain link fence. The estimated cost of materials for another bench like the two that we have is \$380 to \$500. The main advantages would be spectator safety, especially children, and additional seating for events. There was some further discussion on where to put the fence. A motion was finally carried to build another bench like the other two with no particular designation at this time for its use.

**(b) Float Flies:** President Marquis circulated a petition for everyone to sign, requesting six specific dates for float flies at Acme Dam. His plans are to present it to the County Commissioners at their next meeting.

**(c) Electric Pylon Racer Kits:** Rob Whalen reported that he and Tom, at Tailspin Hobbies, worked out an arrangement for extra on-line distributors. They are offering the kits for \$75 with no servos, or a complete kit with servos for under \$100. He will have more exact prices at the next meeting.

**(d) Field Control Officers:** We still have three: Jeff Hails and two deputies, Mark Yothers and Rob Whalen.

**(e) Opening Day Picnic:** Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Chairmen: Food- Brian Moore; Fun Fly – Bob Bushmire.

**(f) August Picnic:** Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. Chairmen: Food – Steve Mickel; Fun Fly – Chuck Zera.

**(g) Pylon Races:** Chairman: Chuck Zera. Date to be announced. (NOTE: This event will be henceforth known as the Richard J. Makovich Memorial Pylon Races.)

**(h) Electric Pylon Races:** Chairman: Rob Whalen. Date: Same day (TBA) as the Richard J. Makovich Memorial Pylon Races, but later in the day.

**(i) Scale Contest:** Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Chairman: Bob Biushmire.

**(j) Endurance Contest:** Chairmn & date still needed.

**(k) Snyder Cup Trials:** Chairman & date still needed.

### **New Business:**

**(a) Certified Pilot Instructors:** Jeff Hails, Rob Whalen and Rick Swiderski graciously offered their services again (thanks guys). However, a dispute has arisen as to whether or not certified instructors are necessary. This will be investigated and taken up at the next meeting.

**(b) Keystone Invitational Picnic:** Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. President Marquis is in touch with the Keystone Clippers and will keep us informed as the information comes in.

**(c) April Meeting Date Change:** A motion was carried to move the date of the April meeting from April 9<sup>th</sup> to April 16<sup>th</sup>, because of the Toledo Show on April 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>.

**(d) Keith Wilson's Estate:** Keith's daughter will bring all of Keith's airplanes and equipment to our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, starting at 7:00 before the meeting, to sell as much of it as possible.

**(e) New Fuel Prices:** Fuel prices will increase to \$14/gal. for this year.

### **Show & Tell:**

Pat Greenwood showed his scratch built Kadet Senior which he sold to Dick Schmitz. He built it before SIG came out with their ARF model. It is powered by an O.S. 52 engine. He said it is great fun to fly.

Rene Marquis showed his modified SIG Kadet Senior. It is powered by a Surpass 70 engine and a 3-bladed prop. He converted it to a tail dragger and added ailerons and pull-pull tail wheel steering. He said it flies great.

### **Raffle:**

The SIG Flight Box and accessories were won by Lucas Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Don Accorsi*

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