

# *Wing Tips*

**Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club**

**AMA #557**

**104 Rocky Mt Court Latrobe, PA 15650**

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***Regular Meeting August 13th at 7:00 PM Mammoth  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, August 11<sup>th</sup> Denny's Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM August 25th Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30***

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## **Prez Says**

**GREETINGS:** I hope this letter finds you well and keeping cool. Although it is hot, at least you don't have to shovel it!

It seems that August is jammed packed with activities. We begin with the Endurance Contest on Aug. 8. Greg has well publicized the event and what to expect. I hope you are planning to attend and participate!. Next is the meeting on August 13 at 7:00 at the field. Then, on August 14 and 15 is the Arnold Palmer Airport Open House. There are packets of information which detail the event and will be distributed as we see members and at the meeting. Please do make an attempt to attend and bring a plane to at least one of the days and preferably both. Then on August 22 is a triple event: the pylon races in the morning followed by the scale contest at 1:00 followed by the Snyder Cup Trials. What a nice day to spend at the field! Finally on Sunday, August 29 is the family picnic. Food to be served at approx. 12:00 followed by the fun fly. Steve Mickel has graciously volunteered for the food and has promised a nice menu. Chuck Zera is in charge of the fun fly.

What a great month of activities! I will be away the first couple weeks of August. Your other most dedicated officers will be in charge! Thank you in advance for this!

Several of us met on July 20 to discuss and plan the Open House scheduled for Sept. 11. We have some good ideas which will be discussed at the August 13 meeting. The next planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 PM at the field.

Please plan on attending the August activities. They have been planned for you!

Rene

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**Minutes of the Meeting of July 9, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 24 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Two new members were voted into the club: Len Cunningham, of Griffithsville, WV, and Lester Faroux, of Manor, PA. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flier for the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (CORKS) 2010 R/C Sky Diving Rally, July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, at Centerburg, OH, and a thank you card from Mrs. Sarah Decker for our contribution in memory of John. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a 50/50 raffle plus two \$10 gift certificates from J & C Hobbies, each to be drawn separately. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails announced that his newsletter e-mail and postal mail lists are now current. Anyone not getting their newsletter should let him know. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in good shape and the weather has been hot. President Marquis reported on behalf of Webmaster Doug Hagy that the website is up to date and running well.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Arnold Palmer Airport Open House:** Saturday & Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. President Marquis announced that there will be an organizational meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by an e-mail and packets of information about the arrangements. Plans will be essentially the same as last year, except that the car show will be on Sunday instead of Saturday, and our static display area will be at the front of Taxiway A. Will Lipscomb will be contacted about communication with the control tower.

**(b) Club Hats:** The new hats were delivered at the meeting. Available colors are dark blue and red. Price is \$8/each.

**(c) LHMACH Open House:** Planned for Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. An organizational meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, at the field. The intention is to keep it simple; flight demos and information about the club. A reminder will be sent out. All members are urged to attend if possible. Your input is needed.

**(d) Snyder Cup Speed Trials:** Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM. Anyone interested in operating the RADAR gun please contact Rene Marquis.

**(e) Pylon Races:** Double S & P 500 and double Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races will be held on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**(f) No Taxiing Into Pits:** Mark Yothers described a few bad incidents which resulted from people taxiing into the pits. He strongly reminded everyone that ALL taxiing must stop at the flight line. No one is permitted to taxi into the pits.

### **New Business:**

**(a) Naming of Pylon Races:** Attention was called recently to the fact that the naming of our S & P 500 (Q-500) pylon races in honor of Richard J. Makovich was a violation of the names (Snyder & Patrick) to which these events had already been dedicated. Since the club had been nonchalantly calling these the Q-500 pylon races instead of their proper name, most of the more recent members were not aware of the official name, and no one pointed this out at the meeting during which the naming of the events in memory of Richard J. Makovich was proposed. This resulted in an unintended and embarrassing error. Fortunately, Rob Whalen pointed out that the Electric Pylon Races had not yet been dedicated. A motion was then carried to name the Electric Pylon Races in memory of Richard J. Makovich.

**(b) Flea Market:** Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Ron Polcha to take reservations, etc. John Hathaway to design the flyer and enter the ad in Model Aviation.

**(c) Recording Device for the Secretary:** A motion was carried for Jeff Hails, who proposed the idea, to locate and purchase a suitable recording device for the secretary to use as an aid to taking the minutes at meetings. The secretary expressed (and still maintains) his deep appreciation.

**(d) Anniversary Breakfast:** John Hathaway announced that the July 14<sup>th</sup> breakfast will be held at Kings Willow Crossing to celebrate the anniversary of their beginning at that location. He also announced that Don Friedberg is selling his house, and therefore has all of his building equipment and some airplanes, etc., up for sale. Anyone interested should give him a call.

**(e) Next Meeting:** Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, at the **Mammoth Field Pavilion**. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at Pavilion #13, across the lake.

**Show & Tell:**

Rob Whalen described an incident in which a Castle Creations 25 amp. EMT caught fire in flight and caused his airplane to actually crash in flames. The circumstances around the incident urged him to think about fire safety in general at the field. He suggested that the club might want to consider investing in more sand buckets and possible fire extinguishers. He said that Halon fire extinguishers are good because they don't damage wiring and are inexpensive. Other members, however, pointed out that everyone who flies electric or gasoline should have their own fire extinguishers.

**Raffle:**

The 50/50 raffle was won by John Hathaway. The \$10 J & C gift certificates were each won by Rob Whalen and John Marshall..

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM, after which a pizza party took place.

Respectfully submitted,

***Don Accorsi***

**Editors Note**

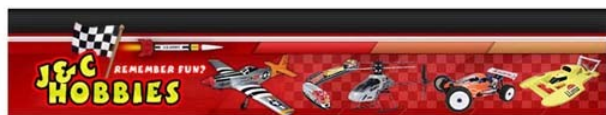
**Tony Kistner will be bring all of John Deckers planes and supplies to the August meeeting. All items will be sold to the highest bidder. He intends to leave with nothing. Proceeds will be donated to the club. Be sure to load your wallets before the meeting.**

**Jeff**

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