

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

104 Rocky Mt Court Latrobe, PA 15650

www.lhmac.org

*Regular Meeting December 12th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church
Breakfast 8:30 AM, December 10th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM December 24th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
All breakfasts to be at Eat n' Park until further notice*

Officers for 2009

President: Rene Marquis
724-523-3320

V. Pres. Jim Pennington
724 832-0207

Treasurer: Mike Bossick
724 834-7904

Secretary: Don Accorsi
724 537-7577

Field Control: Jeff Hails
724 423-3149

Editor: Jeff Hails
724 423-3149

Prez Says

Greetings! Hope all is well with everyone!

As was announced at the November meeting, we will have a brief business meeting to begin promptly at 7:30. Pizza will be served at approximately 8:00, soda pop will also be provided. If you would like to bring some "goodies" as well, please do so. Don't forget that the December raffle is a 50/50 with proceeds donated to Operation Santa Claus so please be generous.

As I reflect over the past year, I would like to thank all of you for your help and support. The officers and I look forward to serving you again in 2009. On behalf of the officers, we wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah and a Happy, Healthy and Blessed New Year. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on December 12, 2008.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 22 members present. The minutes of the October meeting were approved, as published in the November newsletter. Two new members, (Mr. & Mrs.) Jim and Angela Pecori, of Latrobe, were voted into the club. Secretary Don Accorsi reported that sympathy cards were sent to the families of Wayne Johnson and Roger Hutchinson, following their recent passing away, and acknowledged a gracious donation of \$25 from Founding Father and Lifetime Member, J. Robert Cline. He also circulated a flyer for the M.A.R.S. Winter Swap Meet, on Sunday, January 18, 2009. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a collection of building and flight line tools and accessories: Great Planes Easy Touch Sander with Sandpaper, Hobbico Ball Driver Set, Great Planes CG Machine, Hobbico Soldering Iron, Hobbico Master Mask Liquid Masking Film, Hobbico 4-Way Prop Wrench, and a Great Planes Accu-Throw

Deflection Meter. Webmaster Rob Whalen stated that the website has been updated with some new pictures, including Spc. Matthew Accorsi's departure to active duty with the National Guard. Rob said that he and Charley are still looking for more pictures to post. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are still a few "bounce backs" on the e-mailed newsletters, but he is also having some computer problems and asked that we bear with him until he gets them fixed. Bob Bushmire, filling in for Field Control/Safety Officer, reported that people have been throwing debris of various kinds on the flying field, creating hazards to takeoffs and landings. He suggested that the first person(s) at the field each day inspect the field before flying and remove any debris that is found.

Old Business:

(a) Flea Market: Treasurer Mike Bossick reported that the flea market made about \$230 after all expenses were paid, which is better than last year. Attendance and table rentals were better, and people bought more. The results are encouraging. Thanks to all who volunteered and participated.

(b) Awards Banquet: The turnout was good; 27 people attended. The food was very good and the only club expense was for the prizes. The award winners were as follows: Member of the Year – Rene Marquis; Most Improved Flyer – Mark Withrow; Pylon Races – Chuck Zera; Snyder Cup Speed Trials – Charley Zera (167.4 mph); Scale Contest – Bill Cecchetti, Sr. Thanks to Ron Polcha and Rene Marquis for a great job on organizing the banquet.

(c) AMA ID Labels: A new supply of AMA ID labels for our aircraft is available from Rene Marquis at \$1.25 for a package of 10.

(d) Club Dues: Remember to pay your club dues by December 31st. A form for dues payment appears in the November and December newsletters. **Please use it.** A late fee of \$5.00 will be charged for dues paid after December 31st.

(e) Indoor Flying: Rob Whalen announced that the first indoor flying event of this season will be held on Saturday, November 15th at the RMU Sports Dome on Neville Island, from 6:45 to 9:45 PM. Anyone interested can contact Rob, or Charley Zera. They may have room for anyone who needs a ride. Please refer to our website, www.lhmac.org, for more details.

New Business:

(a) Election of Officers: Since all nominations were closed at the October meeting after the nomination of the current executive officers for reelection, and Jeff Hails for Field Control/Safety Officer, Secretary Don Accorsi cast the official vote confirming election of the nominees, according to standard Parliamentary Procedure.

(b) Deaths: President Marquis again announced the deaths of county parks maintenance manager, Wayne Johnson, and former club member, Roger Hutchinson, and reconfirmed that sympathy cards were sent to their families from the club.

(c) Maintenance Manager Replacement: Jeff Hails will check with the county parks management to find out if a replacement for Wayne Johnson has been chosen yet.

(d) 2009 Events: President Marquis announced that he plans to review each event for the coming year with the membership at future meetings and determine whether or not the event should be continued and what changes, if any, should be made. He also suggested that a construction project should be considered for improvement of the field. It was also pointed out by members that the impound station could stand some maintenance and updating, and the benches need retreated with wood sealer.

(e) December Meeting: After a short discussion, it was generally agreed that we will have pizza and soda pop, provided by the club, at the December meeting. If anyone wishes to bring anything else to share it would be much appreciated. Of course, the traditional 50/50 raffle will also be held, the proceeds of which will go to "Operation Santa Claus."

(f) Possible Mall Show: Leo Rodriguez will contact the Westmoreland Mall management to see if they will change their current policy and let us have a mall show (at no charge) on whatever date we can get.

(g) IRS Tax Exempt Filing: IRS Form 990-N, otherwise known as the "E-Postcard Form," has been filed by President Marquis.

Show & Tell

Bob Bushmire showed his Great Planes "Reactor" ARF. It is designed like the old pattern planes, with a fuselage/wing ratio of 0.85, large wing area (light wing loading), large control surfaces and very light construction. With its Bryson 52 engine, it has unlimited vertical climb. It has all metal gears in the servos and only weighs 16 lbs. It is very stable, almost to the point of being a trainer.

Mark Yothers showed his "Skeeter" profile electric, which he scratch built from wood that he had on hand. He said that the plans were very good, everything fit well and it was a very easy build.

Doug Hagy showed his Precision Aerobatics "Electric Shock" profile model. He said it was an easy assembly and weighs about 14 oz.

Raffle:

The collection of building and flight line tools and accessories was won by Rene Marquis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Wanted: J-Tec 40P Pitts style muffler. Call Ron Gade 724 832-7896

For Sale:

The time has come for me to retire my trusty Paragon (too big for me to handle these days) and I would like to offer it to club members first.

Details are as follows:

Paragon 3 meter sailplane built from Skybench kit;

Motor: Model Electronics Turbo 10 + overhauled with new 6:1 gearbox

ESC: Jeti 35 A

Battery: 8 cell Sanyo CP2400 SCR _ Brand new

Prop: Sonictronics 13x7.5 folder

Connectors: Sermos

Spoilers with dual servos

Elev. & Rud., servos

Total Value \$217

\$200 will clinch the deal.

This bird has been flown a lot but the airframe is good. The equipment is in tiptop condition.

Thanks,

Kevin Thomas

724-238-3723

My 2009 Annual Dues **(PLEASE fill in ALL information.)**

Membership Renewal is due by December 31, 2008. After January 1, 2009, a \$5.00 initiation fee will be charged, as with new members.

Name: _____

AMA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dues:

Family \$31.00

Open \$30.00

Retiree \$15.00

Jr. (Under 19 yrs.) \$15.00

Other Family Fliers: _____

Send Newsletter by E-mail? Yes No **Mail this form to:** Don Accorsi, LHM
104 Rocky Mountain Court
Latrobe, PA 15650-2409

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