

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Regular Meeting December 11th at 7:30 PM St Paul's Church

Breakfast 8:30 AM, December 9th Eat'n'Park

Breakfast 8:30 AM December 23rd Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30

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Prez Says

GREETINGS: The holiday season is here and winter on the horizon. I can't think of a better time to start building a kit. I find this rewarding, relaxing and a nice way to pass the cold and snowy days ahead of us. Buy yourself a kit or build a plane from plans, I am sure you will find it a rewarding challenge.

The banquet held on Saturday, November 14 was well attended. I hope you had an enjoyable evening. It was nice to see many of you there.

The December 11 meeting will be short. Pizza and beverages will be served around 8:00. If you wish to bring some goodies as well, please do so! The traditional raffle at the December meeting is a 50/50 with proceeds donated to Operation Santa Claus so please be generous.

Please mark your calendars for the January 1 first in the air event. Rain, sleet, snow, etc. will not deter this event. The event begins sharply at 10:00 AM. See you there!

On behalf of the officers, I would like to extend to all of you a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, December 11 at 7:30, Saint Paul's, Trauger.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of November 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members and 1 guest present. Four new members were voted into the club: Brandon Zeunges, of Donegal, and Mike Driscoll and his two sons, Nicholas Driscoll and Nicolas Shelley, of North Versailles. There was one correction to the October meeting minutes: under Old Business, the Electric Pylon Races should have been listed as the Q-500 races, and the report of the race results was given by Bob Bushmire, not Rob Whalen. The minutes of the October meeting were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi reported that Bob Sanzi has improved almost miraculously, is currently residing at the Latrobe Regional Health and Rehabilitation Center, in Youngstown, PA, and is expected to go home soon. Don also circulated a thank you card from Fred Snyder's family for our donation in his wife's memory. He also announced the Rochester Institute of Technology's Indoor R/C Fly-In on Sunday, November 15th, in Rochester, NY, and the M.A.R.S. Winter Swap Meet, at the Mars VFW, on Sunday, January 17, 2010. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a SIG Kavalier 40 Kit. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that he has been informed that there are still some members who are not getting the newsletter, and he is reviewing the membership list for newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in good shape, and reminded the members that there is still some good flying weather coming. Mark Yothers made the point that there are many people, some of whom are guests, who are not returning their transmitters to the impound when they are not flying. He emphasized the need for more diligence on everyone's part to make sure that these people are made aware and reminded of the rules. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and there are no current issues.

Old Business:

(a) Flea Market: Was held on Sunday, October 18th at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Attendance appeared to be better than the last 2 years, but some members still feel that it is not worth the work and effort for the small turnout and profit. Discussion will continue regarding the fate of future flea markets.

(b) Banquet: To be held on Saturday, November 14th, at 7:00 PM, at Hoss' Steak and Sea House. No reservations are needed. Everyone will order from the regular menu. An 18% gratuity plus \$1.00 per person (for the use of the room) will be added to each check. Annual awards will be given or announced, and drawings will be held for door prizes.

(c) Election of Officers: Since nominations were closed at the October meeting after all of the current club officers had accepted nominations for reelection, and no motion was made to reopen them for additional nominations at the November meeting, The Secretary then cast the official vote to reelect the current officers for the coming year. Members were then reminded that the ballot box and extra ballots were available on the display table to vote for Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer.

(d) Electric Pylon Races: Rob Whalen reported the final results of the 2009 Electric Pylon Races: 1st Place – Rob Whalen; 2nd Place – Brian Moore; 3rd Place – Doug Hagy; 4th Place – Bill Steiner; 5th Place – Bill Cecchetti, Sr.; 6th Place – Rene Marquis.

(e) Rich Makovich Airplanes: Bob Bushmire reported that most of Rich's airplanes have allegedly been sold (cheap!), presumably to members of the Mon Valley club. He has not had any recent word from Rich's father regarding the RADAR gun.

(f) Delta Demon Raffle: Rob Whalen announced that during the break he would be selling more raffle

tickets for the Delta Demon Electric Pylon Racer, which will be raffled off at the end of the meeting.

New Business:

(a) Award Plaques: Vice President asked the membership for their preference as to whether or not to continue giving out individual engraved plaques to award winners along with the perpetual trophies. Each plaque costs approximately \$30. A motion was carried to continue awarding the plaques.

1. **(b) Gerry Snyder:** Treasurer Mike Bossick announced that he sent a contribution to Excelsa Hospice in memory of Fred Snyder's wife, Gerry (as also acknowledged by the thank you note being circulated).

(c) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 11th at 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trauger. The raffle will be the traditional 50/50 drawing, with the proceeds going to Operation Santa Claus. Pizza and beverages will be provided by the club. Members are welcome to bring other goodies if they wish.

(d) Emergency Directions: Doug Hagy suggested that we post a sign or placard at the field with directions that someone could give to emergency responders when calling 9-1-1. Everyone agreed that it is a great idea. Further discussion will continue at a future meeting.

(e) CPR Class: Mark Yothers proposed that the club consider having a qualified person conduct a class on CPR for club members, so that chances would be increased that qualified persons would be available at the field in case of a cardiac emergency. The idea was well accepted, and Mark volunteered to investigate the possibilities.

Show & Tell:

Bob Bushmire showed his new Model Tech "Remedy" free style 2-meter pattern plane. (The "2-meter" means that it will fit into a 2-meter square box.) It is powered by an RCS 140 engine and controlled by a 2.4 GHz Spectrum radio using Nylon geared 150 in-oz. servos on 6 volts. It weighs less than 11 lbs. and features a Pull-Pull control system, gap seal hinges to eliminate flutter, cotter pins to hold the wings in, and a channel for a tuned pipe. He feels that it is generally over engineered and has a phenomenal roll rate, but its disadvantages are inadequate climb rate, below par hardware, and the covering cracks easily. He is still experimenting to determine the best prop to use. He said that the plane normally sells for \$350, but he bought it on sale for \$199.

Doug Hagy used one of his indoor electric "foamies" as a prop to announce that the indoor flying season is just beginning and provides a great deal of fun for the winter months. He said that there is some amazing flying with both airplanes and helicopters at these events. He recommends it highly and has the events listed on the website, www.lhmac.org.

Rob Whalen showed a new power supply box that he constructed, which will charge many batteries at one time. It will handle almost any type of battery, and is particularly useful at indoor flying meets, where many people are charging many batteries all at the same time. He said it took a lot of work and over \$200 in parts. He does not plan to build any others like it.

Raffle:

The SIG Kavalier 40 Kit was won by Doug Hagy, who immediately donated it back to the club to be given as a door prize at the upcoming banquet. The Delta Demon Electric Pylon Racer was also won by Doug Hagy (WOW! How often does THAT happen!?), who immediately (again!) donated it back to the club for another drawing. It was won the second time by Colt Miller. (Thank you, Doug, and many KUDOS for donating both prizes back to the club for redistribution. That was very gracious of you!)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

My 2010 Annual Dues (PLEASE fill in ALL information.)

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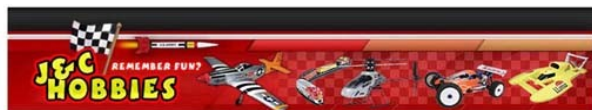
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