

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting February 9th at 7:30 PM St Paul's  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, February 11<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM February 23rd Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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## Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hope all is well with you and that you are patiently enduring this not too pleasant weather! It seems that winter's grip will never cease. Except for wintering in a warmer climate, there are not too many choices. However, this is a good time to finish up a project, do needed repairs or start a new kit. The days are getting a bit longer, hope we can do some flying in March.

At the January meeting, I glossed over the 2011 calendar of events and mentioned a few more possible events. We need to get somewhat more decisive in the coming months and need you to volunteer your time and talents.

There are still many slots available to volunteer for our monthly food and beverage service. Please seriously consider volunteering for this.

Club and AMA dues should have been paid by now. If you haven't, please do so ASAP. Club and County rules require these in order to fly.

Hope to see many of you at the February 11 meeting! We need your attendance and participation as well as your input. Thank You! Rene

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of January 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 24 members present. One new member, Bob Stuckert, returning from several years ago, was voted back into the club. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the MARS Annual Winter Swap Meet on Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, in Mars, PA, and (2) the Murrysville Area RC Society Auction and Flea Market, Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at Export, PA. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hobby Lobby Senior

Telemaster .40 - .60 Kit with a 95" wingspan. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with the newsletter delivery. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is "still there" with lots of snow. President Marquis reported that Sean Sekora is doing a great job as our new webmaster, and encouraged everyone to check the website often for news and pictures. The pics from the January 1<sup>st</sup> fun fly are currently there.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Operation Santa Claus:** President Marquis reported that the proceeds from the December Christmas meeting raffle have been sent to Operation Santa Claus, and he thanked all those who supported it.

**(b) Refreshments at Meetings:** President Marquis circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sign up for monthly handling the meeting refreshments. Refreshments will only be provided at meetings for which there is a volunteer.

**(c) Club Dues:** President Marquis reminded the members that there is now a \$5 late fee on payment of club dues.

**(d) New Year's Day:** President Marquis reported that the turnout for the First in the Air Contest on New Years Day was very good, considering the rainy weather. There were approximately 35 members in attendance. First in the air for combustion engines was Jeff Hails. Rob Whalen was first with the electrics.

**(e) Lifetime Membership:** Bob Bushmire reported that the review committee for awarding a lifetime membership to Rene Marquis has completed their review and recommends that the process be advanced to the next step. It will be placed on next month's meeting agenda, as required in the bylaws.

### **New Business:**

**(a) Opening Day Picnic:** Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. Chairpersons needed for both food and fun fly.

**(b) August Picnic:** Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Keystone Clippers to be invited. Chairpersons needed for both food and fun fly.

**(c) Endurance Contest:** Chairperson and date needed.

**(d) Scale Contest:** Chairperson- Rob Craig; date needed.

**(e) Snyder Cup:** Chairperson and date needed.

**(f) Pylon Races:** Chairperson needed.

**(g) Electric Pylon Races:** Chairman – Rob Whalen.

**(h) New Events:** President Marquis is requesting ideas for new events for this year. Some ideas suggested so far are: a Warbird Sunday, a fun fly to honor founders & old timers, a Tuesday flying get-together with no students, a tailgate/flea market party at the field with flying, a Tuesday Telemaster pylon race, a Warbird pylon race. A more complete list will be discussed at the February meeting.

**(i) Field Improvements:** President Marquis is also requesting ideas for field improvements this year. Some of the suggestions so far are: replacing the stones at the pilots stations and adding one more at the right end; filling the ditch at the east end of the field; clearing the heavy brush at the east end landing approach; trimming back the hedges behind the benches to give more clearance behind them; killing the poison ivy around the bench areas.

**(j) Field Control Officers:** Jeff Hails is our present Field Control/Safety Officer. It is hoped that his two deputies, Mark Yothers and Rob Whalen will continue their services with him for this year.

**(k) In-bound Flying:** President Marquis reminded the members that we had two out-of-bounds flying incidents last October, thereby stressing the need for us to pay more attention to flying in-bounds.

**(l) Float Flies:** President Marquis indicated a continued interest finding a venue to continue our float flies. He plans to make another appeal to the park authority for Acme Dam. He would also like to investigate further the feasibilities at Steiner's Lake and Loyalhanna Dam.

**(m) T-Shirts & Jackets:** President Marquis reported that he has attempted to contact T & T Enterprises about new club T-shirts and jackets, but they have not returned any of his calls.

**(n) Airport Open House:** Bob Bushmire offered to chair the Airport Open House if he gets cooperation from the club members. He was referring specifically to the portion of the program in which our club will supposedly be performing demo flights for the spectators. If he approaches a specific member and invites him to perform, he expects that person to accept.

**Show & Tell:**

There was no show & tell this month.

**Raffle:**

The Hobby Lobby Senior Telemaster Kit was won by Bob Sanzi.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

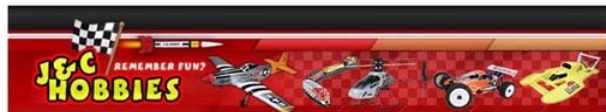
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