

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Regular Meeting January 16th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church

Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 14th Eat n' Park in Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM January 23rd Eat n' Park in Greensburg

All breakfasts to be at Eat n' Park until further notice

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Prez Says

Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you!

Our first flying event, the annual, regardless of weather conditions, first to fly took place on a beautiful, crisp, calm and lightly snow covered field precisely at 10:00 AM. First in the air with an electric was Robbie Whalen, congratulations, and first in glow powered was yours truly but also first to land rather hard shearing off the main gear but an easy fix. Approximately 25 members witnessed the event. A special thanks to Mark Yothers, our official LHMALC photographer for the group picture and to those of you who brought some cookies. Thanks for coming to this traditional event!

Our first monthly meeting of '09 will be held on Friday, January 9 at 7:30. I would like to begin scheduling our annual events during this meeting and to conclude it during the February meeting. We need your input, cooperation and volunteering to make these events more worthwhile for the membership. Please give some thought to these as well as your time and talent. These club activities are vital to the health of this organization. Some just need to be tweaked and advertised more completely informing members in advance of the details of the event. I look forward to your input! Hope to see many of you at the meeting on the 9th.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members and one guest (Donna Pifer, guest of Phil Petrella) present. The minutes of the

November meeting were approved, as published in the December newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded members to get their dues paid by December 31st, as there will be a late charge of \$5.00 after that. He also circulated a flyer for the M.A.R.S. Winter Swap Meet on Sunday, January 18th and a Thank You card from the Hutchinson Family. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prizes: (1) the traditional 50/50 drawing, the proceeds of which go to "Operation Santa Claus", (2) a SIG Hog Bipe 60 Kit, and (3) a beautiful necklace and earrings set, donated by Mrs. Timi Pennington. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there was one "bounce back" on the e-mailed newsletters, and requested confirmation as to whether or not the person is still a club member. Bob Bushmire announced that, beginning with the next newsletter, he will add a new informative column each month on some phase of aero modeling. Field Control/Safety Officer Jeff Hails reported that the field has been in good shape, except for a few recent snowfalls.

Old Business:

(a) Wayne Johnson Replacement: Jeff Hails reported that there has not been any news from the park office as yet about a replacement for Wayne Johnson as maintenance manager.

(b) Mall Show: District AVP Leo Rodriguez reported that Westmoreland Mall management has not changed their policy on mall shows. They want to charge \$500, and they gave him a hard time as well. Monroeville Mall (under the same management) wants \$200 for a mall show. Pittsburgh Mills Mall (Tarentum, PA) is quite eager for us to have a mall show there at no charge, possibly around the first week of March. They will handle the advertising, but they want a full scale aircraft included. Leo is sure that he can have a Light Sport Aircraft (LSA) there. Chuck Zera said that he would be glad to do an electric flight demo in the parking lot. Leo also suggested that we could invite other clubs to participate, as well as vendors, Air Force Reserves, Civil Air Patrol and other aviation groups, and make it an "Aviation Expo". President Marquis and a few other members suggested that we support Leo's efforts and pursue the idea. A decision on it will be made at the January meeting.

(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 reported that the first indoor flying event of this season was held on Saturday, November 15th at the RMU Sports Dome on Neville Island. It was a fun-filled event and the turnout was great. They had a combat session ("demolition derby"?) at the end of the evening and the damage was heavy. The next event will be on Saturday, December 13th. Please refer to our website, www.lhmac.org, for more details.

(f) 2009 Events: President Marquis stated that he wants to get the events calendar for 2009 established and planned as soon as possible. Everyone please consider chairing, volunteering and/or participating in as many events as possible.

(g) IRS Form 990-N: President Marquis reported that he received an e-mail receipt from the IRS, confirming that our Status, as e-filed on Form 990-N (otherwise known as the "E-Postcard Form"), has been accepted.

During the intermission break, everyone enjoyed a pizza party (furnished by the club) and some cookies brought in by a few members, as our annual Christmas Party.

New Business:

(a) R/C Air Show: President Marquis will be scheduling a meeting in early January to plan an air show for next summer.

(b) Calendar of Events: The calendar of events for 2009 will be discussed during the January and February meetings.

(c) New Year's Day Fun Fly: The First-in-the-Air Contest will be held as usual on New Year's Day. Bring airplanes, cookies and other goodies for a fun time. Start engines at 10:00 AM sharp.

(d) Ailing Members: Fred Dey is still in the hospital but doing better. He is very weak, but improving. Mark Withrow had some nose surgery and is healing well. Rob Whalen is recovering satisfactorily from a knee injury sustained in an icy road accident in which his van was totaled.

Show & Tell

Ron Gade showed a Nitro Models Electric PBY RTF, which he purchased for \$89, with everything included.

Mark Yothers showed his profile electric "Skeeter" in the "bare bones" stage. He is attempting to scratch build an ultra light version from wood that he had on hand. It features a stick frame fuselage and lightening holes in the wing ribs. The bare bones portion weighs 3.9 oz. He expects the whole airplane to weigh less than 10 oz. when completed. He also cautioned builders to watch for unseen micro fractures in light balsa, which can result in unexpected structure failures during flight.

Leo Rodriguez told the story of the famous B-17 "Piggyback Flight" as portrayed by one of the pictures that Phil Petrella had on exhibit

Raffle:

The 50/50 Raffle prize of \$54 (half of \$108) was won by Jim Pennington. The other half (\$54) will be donated to "Project Santa Claus". The SIG Hog Bipe Kit was won by Curt McFadden. The Necklace and Earrings Set was won by Bob Burns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

WORKS FOR ME

First off I want every to know that some one some were will disagree with what i say here. My aim isn't to say this is the law of the land, but it is something I have success with. Feel free to disregard (at your own risk) . The subject this month is GLOW PLUGS:

There are a lot of reasons why some plugs work different in some engines than others. I don't want to bore you with tech stuff. So here goes my recommendations, you will have a better chance of success if you follow these guidelines.

1. Two stroke engines under .90 an O.S. no. 8 is your best choice. Over .90 use a glow plug made for a 4 stroke the reason is the heat range and the size of the element wire.

2. Four stroke, I have found that 2 types work well. An O.S. type F and A Merlin no.2009. The merlin is cheaper than the O S but they aren't carried in your local hobby shops but they can be sent for at www.merlinglowplugs.biz

3. for pylon racing use a cold plug you will gain top end RPM but will lose a reliable idle. a Mccoy no. 9 is cold.

Well there you have WHAT WORKS FOR ME, you will have a better chance of a good running engine if you follow these recommendations.

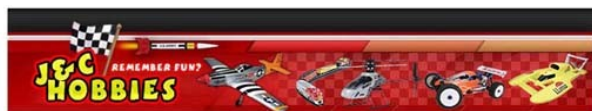
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