

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Regular Meeting January 8th at 7:30 PM St Paul's Church

Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 6th Eat'n'Park

Breakfast 8:30 AM January 20th Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30

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Prez Says

Greetings: We anticipate the arrival of Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year and in a flash they are gone. Hoping that you did have a peaceful and relaxing Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year. But fear not, 2010 has arrived and a new year for our club. Hope you are building yourself an ARF, a kit or a plane from plans. A nice way to show-off your treasure is to bring it to the meeting for show and tell which is always a nice addition to our meetings.

With the New Year, our first scheduled event to begin sharply at 10:00 AM on New Year's Day is the first in the air contest regardless of weather conditions. Hope to see many of you there!

We will begin to set-up the calendar of events for 2010 at the January 8th meeting. Your input, cooperation and your willingness to volunteer your talents are always needed and appreciated. We will also continue the discussion about field improvements particularly some sort of viewing area for the general public. I would also like to hold a new kind of event this year, I don't know what and am asking for some ideas at the January meeting.

I look forward to serving as your president again this year. I can't think of a better group of people to represent. I also look forward to working with your other dedicated officers, Jim, Don, Mike and Jeff.

Hoping all is well with you and hoping to see many of you at the January 8, 2010 meeting at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's in Trauger.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIRST IN THE AIR EVENT

The weather was frightful, but the crowd was delightful. The weather was cold, but the men were bold. The field was covered with snow, but the planes did not know. Who would be first in the air? Would it be fair? The anticipation grew as the time drew near. Approx. 32 men, a woman and a girl were there to witness the first in the air? Approx. 14 planes were also there and didn't care if they were first in the air.

A big thank you to all of you who came New Year's day, it was a lot of fun and nice to see so many of you. The winners are: first in the air electric was a tie between Robby Whalen and Rick Swiderski while Greg Lazarchik took honors for the glow engine division. Thank you gentlemen. Also thank you to our two official photographers, Mark Yothers and Doug Hagy, for taking the official New Year's Day club photo. Check out the website in a couple of days to see the pictures

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded the membership that club dues are due by December 31st, after which there will be a \$5 late charge. He also circulated an announcement of Tailspin Hobbies' new indoor electric fly-in events and related special deals, and a flier for 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 thanked all those who attended the annual Awards Banquet. He also announced the raffle prize: the traditional 50/50 raffle, with the proceeds going to Operation Santa Claus. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that all is going well with the newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is still in good shape. Although the neighboring cemetery was hit by vandals recently, they seem to have overlooked our field this time. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and running well.

Old Business:

(a) Banquet: Was held on Saturday, November 14th at Hoss' Steak and Sea House. The attendance was good (34) and all went well. President Marquis thanked all who attended, and especially Jim Pennington for a job well done as chairman and MC, and Ron Polcha for helping to organize the event.

(b) Congratulations: President Marquis congratulated Don Accorsi on his winning the Member of the Year award, and Mark Withrow for winning the Most Improved Flyer award.

(c) Trophies & Plaques: President Marquis also thanked all of the award recipients for their participation, as well as all the non-winning participants, and especially Jim Pennington for a job well done on the trophies and plaques.

(d) Rich Makovich's RADAR Gun: Bob Bushmire reported that the "purchase" of Rich's RADAR gun is still pending but looks pretty positive that it will go through.

(e) Hats: President Marquis announced that he still has club hats for sale at \$8/each.

New Business:

(a) Operation Santa Claus: President Marquis announced that the meeting would be adjourned early to accommodate the pizza party, with the Operation Santa Claus raffle and Show & Tell to take place during the pizza party.

(b) Holiday Greetings: On behalf of all of the officers, President Marquis wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. He also suggested that anyone who has any new business to be addressed at a future meeting to please call or e-mail him so he can put in on the meeting agenda.

(d) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 8th at 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trauger.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Show & Tell:

Tony Kistner showed his Fokker Triplane which he bought from a Nitro Planes Black Friday sale for \$180. He plans to go electric on the power, but had to do a lot of fitting and tweaking to get all the parts to fit together properly. It weighs 4 ¼ lbs. and will use standard servos and 5 to 7 LiPo cells.

Doug Hagy showed his "Juka Extreme" electric, built from a Rob Whalen kit. It is computer cut from very thin foam sheet, very light (4.8 oz.). It is very well designed and everything fits together nicely. The graphics are also very decorative.

Ron Gade announced, based on his last trip there, that "Tailspin Tommy" has bought out three hobby shops and is now well stocked.

Raffle:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Don Accorsi. The proceeds of the raffle will go to Operation Santa Claus.

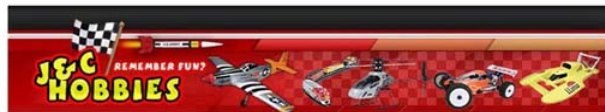
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