

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting January 14th at 7:30 PM St Paul's
Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 12th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East
Breakfast 8:30 AM January 26th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hope your holidays were enjoyable and restful. It is the New Year already, how time flies! Our first event of the year is history – Rain, rain go away. There's a bunch of guys who want to fly! And flying they did at 10:00 AM sharp just to see who would be first in the air in the New Year. The 35 brave souls in their rain clothes saw what would be a spectacle in the air. The planes were aglow with fuel to go, the Lipo's were warm and ready to go. So be it and off they went with Jeff Hails in glow and Robby Whalen with Lipo's to be first in the air on this first day of the year. But alas, a new competitor was at the scene with a heli by all means. Young Lucas Morgan in a class of his own, would be first in the air without compare!!!

I would like to thank all of you who came to the New Year's event, brought food, took pictures etc. I am always impressed by your enthusiasm for the hobby and club.

We will begin to set up the calendar of events for 2011. I hope you have some ideas on some new events, field improvement, club improvement, etc. I would still like to pursue the float flies again this year either at Acme Dam or another site. We will also have at the January meeting a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the snacks and beverages. The sign-up will be on a monthly basis. Please consider volunteering for this!

I look forward to another year as your president to work with you as well as with your fine officers, Jim, Don, Mike and Jeff.
See you at the meeting on Friday, January 14, 2011 at 7:30.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 20 members and one guest present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi acknowledged a gracious and generous gift of \$50.00 from J. Robert Cline, one of the founders and a lifetime member of our club. Don also circulated (1) a flyer for the MARS Annual Winter Swap Meet on Sunday, January 16th, in Mars, PA, and (2) the specifications (supplied by Jeff Hails) for the DMS47014MG Magnetic Induction Large Digital 760 Precision High-Speed Servo. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a 50/50 drawing, the proceeds of which will go to Operation Santa Claus. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with the newsletter delivery. There were a few "bounce-backs", but no complaints. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is "still there" and in good shape. President Marquis reported that Sean Sekora is now officially our new webmaster and doing a great job.

Old Business:

(a) Raffle: President Marquis reminded the members to buy as many raffle tickets as possible to help Operation Santa Claus.

(b) Refreshments at Meetings: President Marquis announced that a sign-up sheet will be started next month for monthly volunteers to sign up for handling the meeting refreshments. He also thanked Phil Petrella for an excellent job in his past service in this capacity, and the membership confirmed it with applause.

(c) Club Dues: President Marquis reminded the members to pay their club dues by the end of the year to avoid the \$5 late fee.

(d) Trophies: President Marquis reported that all trophies except one have been distributed to their respective recipients. The remaining one will be distributed shortly.

New Business:

(a) New Year's Day: President Marquis reminded the members of the First-in-the-Air contest on New Year's Day, beginning at 10:00 AM sharp. It will take place regardless of the weather.

(b) Plans for Y2011: President Marquis announced that he is looking for ideas for projects and activities for next year. Please bring your ideas to the January 14th meeting. One idea that he proposed for consideration is filling in the low spot at the east end of the landing approach with topsoil.

(c) Club Patch: A question was raised about the possible club patch that was proposed some time ago. President Marquis said he had not heard anything more about it from the suppliers, but would contact them.

Show & Tell:

Tony Kistner showed the B-25 Mitchell electric bomber that he and Dick Patrick bought for \$299 from Hobby Lobby. It comes complete with retractable landing gears, 10 servos, navigation lights, counter rotating props, two 30 amp. ESC's and a single battery pack. It has a 53 1/4" wingspan, weighs 3.8 lbs. and flies & lands nicely at scale speeds. Spare parts are available. All it needs is a 6-channel

transmitter & receiver. He demonstrated the retracts operation.

Bob Bushmire showed his new 36% Sbach 342. It is a scale model of the newest aerobatic airplane available. Only two of the full scale airplanes were made. They were made by a man named Steinbach, in Germany. Bob's model is a scale of the first one, and looks exactly like it. It has a 107" wingspan, is 101" long, weighs approximately 27 lbs., is covered with UltraCote and powered by a 100 cc. DA engine.

Raffle:

The 50/50 drawing was won by Rob Whalen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

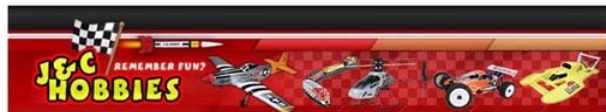
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