

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting July 9th at 7:00 PM Mammoth
Breakfast 8:30 AM, July 14th Kings at Willow Crossing
Breakfast 8:30 AM July 28th Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30*

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Prez Says

Greetings!

Hope you are well and enjoying this nice weather. I also hope you have had the chance to do some flying. This is the time we wait for, so let's take advantage of it.

Again, this month, I begin this letter with a note of sadness at the passing of long time member, John Decker. May he rest in Peace!

The July 9th meeting will again be held at the field beginning promptly at 7:00. It will be a short meeting. Pizza and beverages will be available at approx. 7:45. I will also have new club hats available for \$8.00 in the choice of two colors.

I would like to take some time at the meeting to further discuss the Open House we began to talk about at the June meeting. Perhaps a Saturday in September is best as not to conflict with a Steeler football game. We will need to schedule an organizational meeting to begin planning this event. However, we must keep it simple!

We do have a couple of events scheduled for July. The pylon and electric pylon races are scheduled for Sunday, July 18. The pylon races have gotten off to a slow start, but I am sure they will get better. There will be an unlimited class race this time! So come and see speed and skill being demonstrated. Also scheduled for Sunday, July 25 are the Snyder Cup Trials. We need someone to handle the radar gun. So please contact me ASAP. I should also have some more information about the Arnold Palmer Airport Open House event to be held on August 14 and 15. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of June 11, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 31 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers for the (1) Centaur R/C Club IMAA District III 2-Day Fly In, June 12th & 13th, a Lisbon, OH; (2) Butler Aircraft Modelers Society (BAMS) Fly for Fun Charity Fundraiser, on Saturday, June 19th; (3) Free State Aeromodelers Airplanes of the World VI Fly-In., Saturday, June 26th, at Laurel, MD; and (4) Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (CORKS) 2010 R/C Sky Diving Rally, July 17th & 18th, at Centerburg, OH. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hangar 9 Ultra Stick 40 ARF. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails announced that, because of a computer "crash" he is not sure that he has all members in his address list correctly. So, if anyone is not getting their newsletter, please let him know. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the gas line construction is finished and the field is in good shape. Other members reported that many people have been flying over and toward the pits. This should be better controlled. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and running well.

Old Business:

(a) Spectator Bench: President Marquis thanked Mark Withrow and John Marshall for their hard work in finishing the spectator bench, and Greg Lazarchik for furnishing and applying the weatherproof coating. This was followed by a round of applause.

(b) Clean-up Day: President Marquis commented that the clean-up day went very well on Saturday, May 29th, and the field looks good. He thanked all who helped with the work. Bob Bushmire pointed out that there is still some brush growing on the East end approach way that should be cut down before it gets too big.

(c) Opening Day Picnic: President Marquis reported that the weather was great and both the picnic and fun fly went very well. He thanked Brian Moore and Steve Mickel for a great job on the food, and Bob Bushmire for a great fun fly. He also thanked all who helped and participated.

(d) Pylon Races: Bob Bushmire reported that there were no fuel powered races on May 23rd, as apparently no one had any planes ready to fly. There were two planes in the electric pylon races. The next races will be on Sunday, June 27th.

(e) Float Fly: Rene Marquis and Bill Steiner will visit Bill's father-in-law's lake to check it out for a possible trial float fly. They will have a report on it at the July meeting.

(f) Snyder Cup Trials: July 11th or July 25th. Chairman & date still needed.

New Business:

(a) Arnold Palmer Airport Open House: Our club is invited again this year to participate as we did last year. It is scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, August 14th & 15th. A motion was carried to OK our participation. More details will be available at the July meeting.

(b) LHMACH Open House: President Marquis proposed a possible open house at Mammoth Flying Field, possibly on Sunday, September 12th or Sunday, September 19th, keeping it simple. A show of hands indicated that a Saturday would be preferable. Discussion will be continued at the July meeting.

(c) Upcoming Events: Pylon Races, Sunday, June 27th, 10:00 AM (Q-500) and 1:00 PM (Electric).

(d) Hats: President Marquis announced that he had only six club hats left. A motion was carried to purchase another dozen.

(e) Next Meeting: Friday, July 9th, at the **Mammoth Field Pavilion**. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at Pavilion #13, across the lake.

Show & Tell:

Jeff Hails and Mark Yothers showed a DIY Corona 72 MHz to 2.4 GHz Conversion Kit that they installed in a Futaba 6EXA transmitter and used to fly a “Skeeter” that Mark built from scratch. The conversion kit only cost \$29 and was a very simple conversion, and a buddy box can still be used with it in the transmitter. The transmitter can easily be converted back to 72 MHz by plugging in a crystal and changing back to the 72 MHz antenna.

Raffle:

The Hangar 9 Ultra Stick 40 was won by Jim Pavick.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

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