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Regular Meeting June 12th at 7:00 PM Flying field Mammoth

Breakfast 8:30 AM, June 10th Eat n' Park in Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM June 24th Eat n' Park in Greensburg

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

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Prez Says

GREETINGS! Hope all is well with everyone and looking forward to a pleasant and relaxing summer!

The 2009 flying season is underway with our annual official opening day picnic and fun-fly held on Sunday, May 24. The weather cooperated and the picnic was well attended. Thanks to all of you who were able to attend. A special thanks to Brian Moore for providing the food and beverages and their preparation and to Jeff Hails for chairing and organizing the fun fly. Also, a thank you to Jim Pennington for filling in for me while I was on vacation and finally a thank you to those of you who came to help tidy up the field.

I attended yesterday's (May 31st) pylon race with much anticipation hoping that the pylon races would again become a LHMAL traditional event. Thanks to Bob Bushmire and the pilots who flew, I feel that the races are back and here to stay. If you have never attended a race, come to one to witness the skill and ability of the pilots. It is truly amazing! The next pylon race is scheduled to be held on Sunday, June 14 at approximately 10:00 AM and to be followed by the first annual electric pylon race. Please make an effort to come to the field for these events.

While at field I closely examined the impound station and it is in need of paint. It needs to be scraped and painted. I believe the impound station should remain white but the metal trim should be of a contrasting color such as gray, red or blue. We should be able to do this job in several hours with a lot of help. We will discuss this further at the meeting.

We are still in need of a CD/ co-CD for the fun fly for the Aug. 30 picnic as well as the Endurance and Snyder Cup events. Please volunteer your services!

The Scale Contest has been changed from Sunday, June 28 to Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 PM. Please make a note of this!

Don't forget that the June, July and August meetings are held at the field at 7:00. In the event of inclement weather, a notice will be placed at the pavilion and impound station directing you to the pavilion at Mammoth Park. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, June 12 at 7:00.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of May 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members present. One new member, James E. Curry, of Scottdale, was voted into the club. There was one correction to the minutes of the April meeting: the torque of the servos recommended in Rob Whalen's electric pylon racers is 15.27 oz-in., NOT 55 oz-in. The minutes of the April meeting were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi again circulated flyers for (1) the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society (CORKS) Skydiver Rally, in Centerburg, OH, on July 18th & 19th, and (2) the Eastern Shore Aeromodelers Club "HeliFUN" heli event, in Hurlock, MD, May 15th through 17th. The Treasurers report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hobbico Quick Field Charger MKII, Pro Series. Field Control/Safety Officer Jeff Hails cautioned fliers about flight line safety by pointing out that a long time club member recently had a near accident when he laid his transmitter down to tweak his engine, and bumped the throttle. This revved the engine up and nearly caught his hand in the prop. Webmaster Rob Whalen reported that the website is up to date and working fine. If anyone has any corrections or anything they want posted, please contact him.

Old Business:

(a) Electric Pylon Races: Rob Whalen exhibited his newly designed Delta Demon electric foam pylon racer, using the model assembled by Doug Hagy, as one of the first prototypes flight tested. He reported that it was easy to set up and it flies great. He is planning to go with that design and will begin cutting out kits this weekend. Anyone wanting kits should get their orders in quickly. The cost of the kit is \$55 (airframe only). He also had copies of the starting regulations available for handout. They will be modified as needed. There will be a "test & tune" session on the day of the first Q-500 Pylon Races.

(b) Hats: The new club hats have been ordered. The color will be Millennium Blue.

(c) Float Flys: Still looking for a new site. Several possibilities were mentioned but will need to be checked out. Nothing highly encouraging yet for this year.

(d) Field Upkeep: Work day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th, with the following Saturday as a backup in case of rain. Recoating of the benches with wood preservative and repainting of the transmitter impound is postponed until some time in June.

(e) Chairmen Still Needed: Chairman are still needed for the August Picnic, Endurance Contest and Snyder Cup Speed Trials. These events can not happen without your help.

(f) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, June 12th at 7:00 PM, at the Mammoth Field Pavilion. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at Pavilion #13, across the lake.

New Business:

(a) Flea Market: A regular ad for the Flea Market will be placed in Model Aviation magazine for a cost of \$10. Thanks to John Hathaway for designing the flier that will be sent to local clubs and distributed locally.

(b) Hempfield Hunt Club: Leo Rodriguez is looking into arrangements with the hunt club for our Flea Market.

(c) Pylon Races: (Update) First race, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 24th, is now postponed until Sunday, May 31st. A “test & tune” session will also be held that same day for the electric pylon racers.

(e) Opening Day Picnic: Sunday, May 24th. Food Chairman: Brian Moore. Fun Fly Chairman: Jeff Hails. Food will be ready around Noon; fun fly will follow.

(f) Membership with Newsletter Ad: A motion was carried to include one free LHMACH membership with each advertisement in our newsletter, Wing Tips.

(g) Flying Safety: President Marquis cautioned everyone to PLEASE fly safely and observe all field boundaries.

Show & Tell:

Doug Hagy showed his electric foam racer, one of the first built from Rob Whalen’s newly designed Delta Demon kit. He said that the plane was well designed, goes together very nicely, flies very well, and looks really neat in the sky. It weighs about 14 oz. and the recommended brushless out-runner 20-20L motor has more than enough power. A well written and illustrated assembly manual accompanies the kit. The plane was assembled using foam safe CA, with which accelerator must be used.

Rick Swiderski showed his new Mini Show Time, powered by an Eflite Park 480 outrunner motor and uses HS-65 servos. He said it flies nice.

Rob Whalen showed the final version of his Juka Bipe for calm air or indoor flying. He said it can be built at very low cost. If anyone is interested, let him know, as he can help you get parts and materials

Bob Bushmire reported that this year the Joe Nall fly-in is going to attempt to have 100 T-28 models in the air all at one time. It should be worth seeing.

Raffle:

The Hobbico Quick Field Charger MKII was won by Colt Miller.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Scale Contest July 12th

Come out and fly whatever you have that might resemble a full sized aircraft. Super scale, kinda scale, all welcome. There will be judges and scoring but the emphasis will be on fun.

Bill Cechetti

Opening Day Picnic:

Although the turnout wasn't spectacular, it was a great day for food and flying. Many thanks to those that helped make it happen. Thanks to Brian Moore for providing top quality food, thanks to Steve Mickel for manning the grill. Thanks to all those that

brought side dishes (Mark I think the old man would love to taste your Korean dish)

The Fun Fly events didn't go off without a few problems.

The first event was a ground based slalom that required a zig zag run through obstacles and a race to the finish line. The competition was really close as there were only a few seconds covering the field. It was fun to watch the big planes trying to make a tight turn and the fast planes doing a power slide to make the turn.

Final Results:

1st Charley Zera 26.88 sec
2nd Doug Hagy 29.91 sec
3rd Brian Moore 31.13 sec
4th Jim Craig 31.54sec
5th Bob Bushmeir 31.72 sec
6th Chuck Zera 31.97 sec

Le Mans Race:

This was not well received and a flying balloon bust was offered. Note to anyone trying this, rubber/latex balloons don't hold their contents all that well. You only have a few hours before they can't lift their own weight. If you want to try it go with big mylar balloons, they can hold their gas for 5 days as opposed to 5 hours.

Thanks to Mark Yothers for at least giving it a shot.

Limbo: Now the fun begins! This was the most entertaining and challenging of events. More than a few people said " no big deal! It's just like landing just don't touch the ground"

Yea right!

The first rounds were easy and even the bigger glow planes could hit the mark. Unfortunately, Mark Yothers thought hitting the target included the pole for the Limbo ribbon.

He managed to hit a 3/4" pole with the spinner dead on. Glad to say the only major damage was ripping off the landing gear, the plane was out the next day at 100%.

The first few rounds were pretty much dead heats by giving a second try. When it got serious, the electrics had the advantage.

Rob Whalen took the gold with his foamy electric racer clearing a 2 foot pole at not exactly a slow speed. Not too bad considering it had been repaired with duct tape! Way to go Red Green!

Rob Craig came out next with his slo flyer electric, John Hathaway came in third with his electric powered glider.

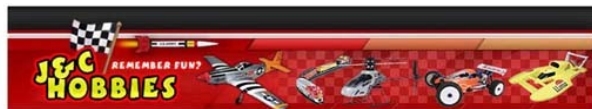
Doug Hagy and Charley Zera did well but were disadvantaged by flying 3D or glow planes. Charley should be honored for being the only one to make a clean pass inverted. After breaking the glow plane, they fell back to a shock flyer When it comes to up-close and precision flying, electric has distinct advantages.

Jeff

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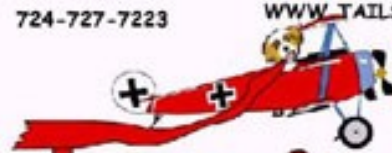


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