

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Regular Meeting March 12th at 7:30 PM St Paul's Church

Breakfast 8:30 AM, March 10th Eat 'n Park

Breakfast 8:30 AM March Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30

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Prez Says

GREETINGS: I hope all is well with everyone and you are not suffering too much from cabin fever. The snow is melting, however, slowly, the days are getting a bit longer each day, John Hathaway has returned from Florida, can spring be far away? I hope your winter project(s) are nearing completion, think of bringing it (them) to our meetings for show and tell.

We went over many items during the February meeting. It is time to get serious about these. First on the list is the visitor's viewing area. We need to make a decision about this important matter at the March meeting. Next, we need to fill-in names for the 2010 club events. We need your help. Please consider chairing one of these events and giving a little bit of your time for the club!

Hopefully we will have some information about the float flies at the meeting. We plan on going to the court house a couple of days before the meeting. I look forward to our monthly meetings. If you have any ideas to make the meetings better in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other officers. We will certainly take your recommendations under consideration. Hope to see many of you at the March 12, 2010 meeting at 7:30 at St. Paul's in Trauger

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Keith Wilson, who passed away on February 5th. There were 22 members and one guest present. One new member, Robert Donley of Greensburg, was voted into the club. The minutes of the December meeting were approved as published in the January newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers for the (1) West Virginia R/C Hobbies & Modeling Exposition, Saturday, February 27th, at Charleston, WV; (2) Central Penn Aeromodelers Association 30th Annual Flea Market, Saturday, March 13th, at Lebanon, PA; and (3) Virginia's Pre Spring Fling Airshow, Saturday March 13th, at Charlottesville, VA. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Du-Bro "Fillin Station" Flight Line Fuel Caddy. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that all is going well with the newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the service road and parking lot at the field have been snow plowed. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and running well. New pictures have been posted from the New Year's Day Fun Fly and the Electric Indoor Flying.

Old Business:

(a) Operation Santa Claus: The proceeds from the December meeting 50/50 raffle were \$77, which was donated to Operation Santa Claus.

(b) New Year's Day Fun Fly: The first electric planes in the air were a tie between Rob Whalen and Rick Swiderski. Greg Lazarchik was first in the air for the glow

Engines. Thanks to all who showed up and participated. A special thanks also to our two official photographers, Mark Yothers and Doug Hagy, for taking the official New Year's Day club photo as well as many other pictures. Check out the pictures on the website: www.lhmac.org.

(c) Spectator Bench: Discussion was continued on the subject from the previous meeting. No decision can be made on the issue until the design, cost, location, etc., are determined. It was also pointed out that there are liability concerns on the issue as well. Mark Withrow and Jeff Hails volunteered to head the project, and will report on it at a future meeting.

(d) Rich Makovich's RADAR Gun: President Marquis reported that Rich's father does not want any money for the RADAR gun. He will donate it to the club if we name one of our events in Rich's honor. It was suggested that we name our "Quickie 500" the "Rich Makovich Memorial Pylon Races". It was also suggested that we keep the RADAR gun under lock and key, and designate a custodian for it.

New Business:

(a) January Meeting: The January 2010 meeting was cancelled as a result of the snow storm.

(b) Death of Keith Wilson: Sadly, we mourn the loss of Keith Wilson. He was a member of the Mon Valley club as well as our club, and directed their annual electric fun fly, which was well attended by many people from other states as well as ours. We recognize and appreciate his many contributions to both of our clubs, and especially his service to our country as an F-86 Sabre Jet pilot in the Korean War. We will all miss him.

(c) Electric Pylon Racer Kits: Rob Whalen announced a special offer that he and Tailspin Hobbies are contemplating for selling Rob Whalen Electric Foam Pylon Racer kits (to our club members only) *at cost*. He also proposed a plan whereby our club could subsidize the cost of the kits and further reduce the cost per member, depending on the number purchased, and help to promote the electric pylon races. The kits were on display at the meeting. A motion was carried to table the issue until more pricing information is available.

(d) YMCA Indoor Electric Flying: A possible deal with electric fun flies at the YMCA fell through, as the YMCA Director decided to keep the facility available for member activities.

(e) More Field Control Officers: A need for additional field control officers has been recognized for some time, as one man can not be there all of the time. The appointment of additional (“deputy”) officers would increase the amount of time that the field would be covered. Mark Yothers and Rob Whalen graciously offered to serve in that capacity. (Thanks, guys! Jeff will surely appreciate the help!) Any other members who are interested, please contact President Marquis.

(f) Opening Day Picnic: Sunday, May 30th. Need chairmen for both food and fun fly.

(g) August Picnic: Sunday, August 29th. Need chairmen for both food and fun fly.

(h) Float Flies: We will apply again this year and hope to get approval. A club delegation will also appeal to the County Commissioners.

(i) Pylon Races: Chairman needed and date to be set.

(j) Electric Pylon Races: Chairman: Rob Whalen. Date to be set later.

(k) Scale Contest: Chairman: Bob Bushmire. Date: Some time in August.

(l) Endurance Contest: Chairman & date needed.

(m) Snyder Cup Trials: Chairman & date needed.

(n) Any New Event(s)?: Looking for ideas. A night fly with glow sticks was suggested (would need special park permission). Also suggested was a trash can fly (i.e. any plane you no longer want). Any other suggestions, see President Marquis. Still open for discussion.

(o) Next Meeting: Friday, March 12th at St. Paul’s Church.

Show & Tell:

Bob Bushmire showed his new Park Zone Electric P-51 Mustang. It has a 15” wingspan, 4 channels, lithium battery, but printed circuit boards instead of servos. He said it flies well, but not slow or in confined areas. It doesn’t make landings; just “arrivals”. It is very sensitive on the controls. It loops & rolls, but no snap rolls or inverted flying. He said he has been having a “blast” with it.

Doug Hagy showed his new Christmas present: a West Mountain Computer Battery Analyzer. It plugs into a computer USB port, and has adapters for various battery packs. It will test batteries under load and gives a discharge graph which can be overlaid with other graphs. It allows one to keep a good check on the condition of a battery and to predict when it is no longer performing acceptably. He assigns each battery a number and keeps track of its history on his computer.

Mark Yothers showed his new Gas RC Aero 28 cc. (JC 28 EVO) engine. Although it has some parts that he does not like, and will replace them with parts of his own preference, he says that it is a good quality engine. It turns 8,000 rpm. on an 18/6 propeller.

Raffle:

The Du-Bro “Fillin Station” Flight Line Fuel Caddy was won by Vaun Hile.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

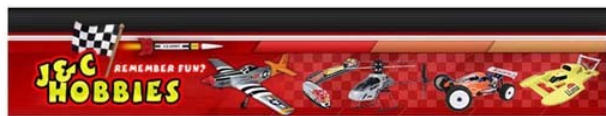
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