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Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Prez Says

GREETINGS: It is with much sadness that I begin this letter with the passing of Dave Hails, friend and longtime member of LHMALC. May he rest in peace!

I hope you are well and looking forward to some better weather in the weeks ahead. A thorough check of your planes and equipment should be a priority before flying this season. With daylight savings time only a couple weeks away, the flying season is on the horizon.

We still need to fill-in several names for some summer events particularly the Snyder Cup Trials and the August picnic and fun fly. I would also like to see some of the other events take place this summer such as the warbird fly-in, Telemaster fun fly, the Tailgate flea market, etc.

I hope you had the chance to read the article in the March 2011 issue of Model Aviation concerning the FAA and model aeronautics. We need to do all we can to make our political representatives aware of this important issue. There was a general e-mail and letter sent to you to submit to our two PA senators as well as your local representative. I sincerely hope you did this. If you did not receive the e-mail you may contact one of the officers and we will forward it to you.

We still need several volunteers for our monthly food and beverage service. Your help is needed. I have been to the field recently to locate several possible sites to build two more work stations. We will discuss this more at the March meeting. A letter has also been sent to the County commissioners requesting the reinstatement of the float flies at Acme dam. Hope to have a response by the March meeting.

Please make an effort to attend our monthly meetings! See you at the March 11, 2011 meeting.

Thank You!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of February 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 23 members present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February

newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a copy of the e-mail notice regarding AMA and LHMAL dues payment, which was sent to all members who have e-mail access. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a collection of building and flight line accessories including a Great Planes AccuThrow Deflection Meter; Slow Cure (30 min.) TailSpin Hobbies Epoxy; XTM Glow Starter w/meter, NiCd battery & charger; ¼ lb. of #64 Rubber Bands; 1 oz. TailSpin Insta Cure CA Cement; 2 oz. TailSpin Maxi Cure CA Cement.

Old Business:

(a) Opening Day Picnic: Sunday, May 29th. Food Chairman: Brian Moore; Fun Fly Chairmen: Ron & Lucas Morgan.

(b) August Picnic: Sunday, August 28th. We will host the Keystone Clippers. Still need food and fun fly chairmen.

(c) Endurance Contest: Sunday, July 17th at 11:00 AM. Chairman: Dick Patrick.

(d) Scale Contest: Chairman: Rob Craig. Date still needed.

(e) Snyder Cup: Chairman: Bob Bushmire. Date still needed.

(f) S & P Q-500 Pylon Races: Chairman: Brian Moore. Dates still needed.

(g) Ricard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races: Chairman: Rob Whalen. Same dates as S & P Q-500 Pylon Races (TBA).

(h) Field Improvements: President Marquis is still requesting ideas for field improvements this year, to be discussed and decided at a later meeting. Some of the suggestions so far are: replacing the stones at the pilots stations and adding one more at the right end; one or two additional work stations and where to put them; filling the ditch at the east end of the field; clearing the heavy brush at the east end landing approach; trimming back the hedges behind the benches to give more clearance behind them; killing the poison ivy around the bench areas.

(i) AMA and LHMAL Dues: President Marquis called attention to the letter that was sent to all members who have e-mail, and which was being circulated at the meeting. The letter stated that the county park commission requires any person who wishes to fly at Mammoth Park Flying Field to be a current member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) **and** either a current member of the LHMAL or obtain a special permit from a county park official. The AMA sends us an annual print out in January, listing those LHMAL members who have and have NOT paid their AMA dues for the coming year. Since many members wait until just before the flying season to renew their AMA memberships, we will need to check whether they have renewed their memberships before they can fly. They may be asked to present their current AMA card to a LHMAL officer and/or field control officer prior to flying this year. LHMAL dues must also be paid if a member wishes to fly. AMA and LHMAL dues forms are available on our website (www.lhmal.org , on the Club Info page), at club meetings and by e-mail if requested from the secretary.

(j) New Events: President Marquis is still requesting ideas for new events to be considered for this year. Some ideas suggested so far are: a Warbird Sunday; a fun fly to honor founders & old timers; a Tuesday flying get-together with no students; a tailgate/flea market party at the field with flying; a Tuesday Telemaster pylon race; a Warbird pylon race. It was suggested that there are a great many park flyer electric Warbirds available (19 from Hobby Lobby; 6 from Hobby King) and could be held to a 3-cell battery limit for pylon races.

(k) Food Sign-Up: President Marquis reminded the members of the sign-up sheet to provide refreshments at meetings.

(k) Lifetime Membership: As the final step in the process of awarding a lifetime membership to Rene Marquis, Bob Bushmire called for a membership vote. The vote was unanimously in favor. Congratulations Rene! It is well deserved.

New Business:

(a) Combat Event: Rob Craig called attention to an article on combat competition in the January 2011 issue of Model Aviation, and wondered if there is any interest? After some discussion, it was decided to investigate the issue further and discuss it next month.

(b) T-Shirts & Jackets: President Marquis reported that he has sent T & T Enterprises an e-mail regarding new club T-shirts and jackets, and is still awaiting a reply.

(c) Float Flies: President Marquis stated that he intends to send a letter to the county commissioners, asking them to reconsider letting us fly at Acme Dam this year. Possibilities at other locations were discussed and will be investigated.

(d) New Work Benches: The possibility was discussed of adding two new workbenches at the field. The suggested locations were: (1) behind the new cabana, and (2) between the west cabana and the water fountain, behind the spectator line. Decision will be made at a future meeting.

(e) Air Show: President Marquis called attention to the recent article in the Tribune- Review, regarding a scaled down air show planned by the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport for the weekend of either August 20th or August 27th. The question is whether or not our club is included. Is this what they had in mind last year when they said that we would have a “block of time” in which to fly?

(f) Possible Bus Trip: President Marquis told about a recent trip that he made to the Udvar Hazy Air Museum and asked if anyone would be interested in a trip (private cars or bus) to visit there. After some discussion he agreed to look into it further and report on it next month.

Show & Tell:

Ron Gade showed his new Extra 300L by Ohio RC, which he bought for \$110 at a flea market and finished. It has a 2.18 MDS glow engine, and all servos have metal gears. It weighs 15 lbs. and the original kit cost \$269.99.

Bob Bushmire told his story and showed some of the items and accessories that he was lured into purchasing while “going insane” on electric airplanes. It was humorous and entertaining, but had some good informative advice on the “insanity of going electric”.

Raffle:

The collection of building and flight line accessories was won by Vaun Hile.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

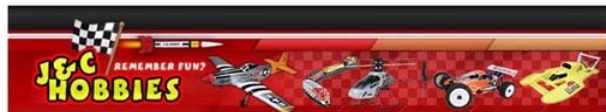
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