

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting May 8th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church
Breakfast 8:30 AM, May 13th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM May 27th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
All breakfasts to be at Eat n' Park until further notice*

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Prez Says

GREETINGS:

It is my hope that all is well with everyone! As we embark on another flying season, it is also my hope that it be a safe and fun flying season. Please make sure that all your equipment and planes have been thoroughly checked. Please observe all rules and regulations (of which you all have copies) and make sure to strictly observe all boundaries!

Much to my disappointment and I'm sure yours as well, the float flies have been canceled due to the new county rules prohibiting all motorized r/c boats, planes, fishing boats, etc. on all county lakes. This includes combustion engines and electric motors. If you know of any lake (privately owned) which is big enough to have a float fly, please contact me ASAP.

We are still in need of contest directors for the endurance and Snyder Cup events and the August picnic fun fly. Jeff Hails has graciously volunteered to chair the May 24th picnic fun fly. Jeff could use some help in this endeavor, please consider helping out.

There are still plans to have our annual spring clean-up for the May 24th picnic. We will set a definite date at the May 8th meeting. Hope to see many of at the May 8th meeting at St. Paul's at 7:30.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 29 members and one guest present. Two new members were voted into the club: John J. Curry, of Latrobe, and Elwyn Lyles Cranford, of Greensburg. There was one correction to the minutes of the March meeting: the date of the final Pylon Race this year is (Sunday) September 13th, NOT (Thursday) September 3rd. The minutes of the March meeting were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi 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 Super Tigre .90 engine, ringed w/muffler. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that postage rates will increase again next month, so in the interest of keeping mailing costs to a minimum, he asks that members receive their newsletters by e-mail wherever possible. As Field Control and Safety Officer, he reported that the field needs rolled (usually done by park maintenance), and that he has not heard any word yet on any appointment of a new park maintenance manager. Webmaster Rob Whalen reported that the website has been updated and is working fine. If anyone has any corrections or anything they want posted, please contact him.

Old Business:

- (a) Chuck Pusateri:** President Marquis reported that Chuck is on the mend from his bypass surgery, and should be back to 100% soon.
- (b) AMA Introductory Pilot Instructors:** Our Introductory Pilot Instructors for this year are Chuck & Charley Zera, Jeff Hails, Rob Whalen and Rick Swiderski. They have all been registered with the AMA and are now covered by insurance.
- (c) Club Hats:** A motion was carried and money appropriated for the club to purchase 10 new hats, at \$10 each, for awarding to newly qualified fliers. President Marquis also circulated a sign-up sheet on which members can order new hats for themselves (color to be decided later).
- (d) Event Chairmen Still Needed:** Chairmen are still needed for the following: Fun Flys for May 24th and August 30th picnics; Endurance Timed Flight and Snyder Cup events. Jeff Hails tentatively volunteered to chair the May 24th fun fly. (Please step up and volunteer. If we are to have these events, we must have people to run them.)
- (e) Pylon Race Date Change:** President Marquis reiterated, as a reminder, the date of the final Pylon Race is (Sunday) September 13th, NOT (Thursday) September 3rd. This is to correct a misprint in the March newsletter.
- (f) Float Flys:** The first float fly for this year was to be held on Saturday, May 9th. (**Update:** Since the April meeting, the Westmoreland County Parks Department has rescinded all of our float fly dates and has issued a new regulation which prohibits the use of ALL gasoline and electric motor powered vehicles and other devices on any of the county lakes. This eliminates all of our float flys on county park lakes. If anyone knows of a lake on which we might still conduct our float flys, please contact President Marquis.)
- (g) Flea Market:** Tentatively scheduled for Sunday, October 18th. Leo Rodriguez is checking with the Hempfield Hunt Club for scheduling of a definite date.

New Business:

- (a) Sail Plane:** Bill Cecchetti brought in the Transmitter and Receiver which he donated to equip the Paragon (3 meter) sail plane which Kevin Thomas has graciously donated for club members to use. The plane is available (see Mike Bossick) to any member who wishes to learn (or practice) soaring on thermals. (Thanks again, Kevin and Bill! We deeply appreciate this gracious gesture!)

(b) Field Upkeep: Our annual spring cleanup and work day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. This year, scraping and painting of the transmitter impound and recoating of the benches with wood preservative are included in the plans.

(c) Electric Pylon Races: Rob Whalen did an early show & tell presentation of his newly designed prototype foam electric model for his proposed electric pylon races. There are still a few details to be worked out, such as motor size, servo configurations, etc. The airplane itself appears to be well constructed. Some guidelines have already been established for the races: (1) 4-channel radio w/mixing for V-tail; (2) brushless outrunner motor only; (3) bolt-on props only, no rubber ring retainer types; (4) flags 150 ft. apart to start, may change later; (5) 3 heats of 10 laps each; (6) speed controller limited to 25 – 30 amps.; (7) 4 Hitech or equivalent servos of at least 55 oz-in.; (8) 3-cell LiPo battery packs; (9) must have full AMA membership. Estimated cost of the airframe is \$40 - \$50 (airframe only). Complete rules & requirements and list of suggested equipment will be available later.

(e) Next Meeting: Friday, May 8th.

(f) Found Airplane: A Park Zone “Typhoon 2” 3D (foam) park flyer was found in a tree at the Mammoth Park flying field. It was slightly damaged, but easily repairable, and had no ID on it. The finders, since unable to find the owner, donated it to the club to dispense as seen fit. The membership decided to place it in the raffle as a second drawing prize.

Show & Tell:

Phil Petrella showed his E-Flight SE-5, powered by a 55 outrunner motor, and a 21st Century Toys static 1/18 scale plastic P-51 Mustang. (Very nicely detailed!)

Raffle:

The Super Tigre .90 engine was won by Steve Mickel. The Typhoon 3D park flyer was won by Vaun Hile.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Scale Contest June 28th

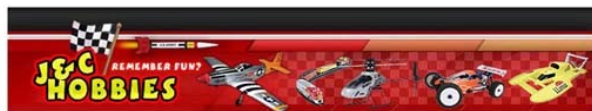
Come out and fly whatever you have that might resemble a full sized aircraft. Super scale, kinda scale, all welcome. There will be judges and scoring but the emphasis will be on fun.

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