

Wing Tips

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Regular Meeting May 14th at 7:30 P.M. St Paul's Church

Breakfast 8:30 A.M. May 12th at Eat 'n Park

Breakfast 8:30 A.M. May 26th at Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt. 30

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Greetings: Hope this letter finds you well and enjoying this beautiful Spring weather. May is the month in which we begin our flying events. The first of these events is the Richard J. Makovich Memorial Pylon Races, scheduled to begin at approximately 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 23. And on the same day at approximately 1:00 PM are the electric pylon races. If you have never attended a pylon race, plan this year to attend these. You will be able to see some great model airplane flying as your fellow club members demonstrate their skills.

The third event this month is the Opening Day picnic and fun fly scheduled, for Sunday, May 30. Chef Brian Moore said that the food will be served around Noon and the fun fly to follow. There will be plenty of food and beverages. Please plan on attending. Let's have a super turnout for this annual event.

On Saturday, May 1st we held the first phase of the bench construction project. The weather cooperated and a great number of people were there. The camaraderie and cooperation among the members present attested to the strength of this club. It was also a lot of fun. Thanks to the following people who were able to help: Don Accorsi, Bill Cecchetti, Doug Hagy, Vaun Hile, Greg Lazarchik, Steve Mickel, Ron & Lucas Morgan, Brian Moore, Jim Pennington, Bob Sanzi, Bill Steiner, George Wampler, Mark Withrow, Dave & Crissy Ziegenfus. Special thanks to Mark Withrow who planned and had all the materials at the field for us and to Bill Steiner who shared his construction expertise. Phase 2 will be held in the very near future.

We are now in the flying season, the time we have been waiting for. If you are able, bring a plane and enjoy the hobby. If you feel unsure of yourself, there is always someone to lend a helping hand.

Thank you for your patience at the April meeting due to the power outage and also thanks for looking over and buying some of Keith Wilson's equipment. Sherri Wilson will return at the June meeting. Hope to see many of you at the May 14th meeting at 7:30 at St. Paul's.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of April 16, 2010

The members arriving at the meeting on April 16th were greeted by a power outage. However, thanks to the church and Vaun Hile, the meeting was held by candlelight. Also, ½ hour prior to the meeting, Keith Wilson's daughter, Sherri, and grandson, Andy, brought some of Keith's airplanes and equipment to sell. Their purpose is to raise enough money to pay for Keith's funeral. They will bring more of it for sale at our June meeting (at the field). In the meantime, it will be stored in a garage, and anyone who wants to purchase any of it can contact Sherri. (Rene has the phone number.) Rob Whalen will inventory what is left after tonight, for posting on our website.

The meeting was called to order at the usual time (7:30 PM) by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 27 members and two guests present. The minutes of the March 2010 meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter. Four new members were voted into the club: George Wampler, of Greensburg; Lawrence Mays, of Lake Lynn; Larry Mossburg, of Mt. Braddock; and Robert Geary, of Melcroft. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers for the (1) Maryland-West Virginia Model Railroad Association's Model Railroad and R/C Airplane Show, in Cumberland, MD, Saturday, May 1st, and (2) the Fork Union Cloud Kings United Pilots Society's 2nd Annual Big Bird Fly In, at Fork Union, VA, May 1st & 2nd. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize group: a collection of tools and accessories, consisting of a Hangar 9 Covering Iron, a Dave Brown Fuel Pump, a Dubro Prop Balancer and a 4-Way Wrench. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are no current problems with the newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field appears to be in good shape and was supposedly rolled. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date and running well, and suggested that everyone check it often for new updates and announcements.

Old Business:

- (a) **Richard J. Makovich Memorial Pylon Races:** Chairman: Chuck Zera. Date to be announced.
- (b) **Electric Pylon Races:** Chairman: Rob Whalen. Date: Same day (TBA) as the Richard J. Makovich Memorial Pylon Races, but later in the day.
- (c) **Endurance Contest:** Chairman and date to be determined. (Rene to contact Greg Lazarchik.)
- (d) **Snyder Cup:** Chairman and date still needed.
- (e) **Radar Gun:** Rich's dad delivered the RADAR gun to Don Accorsi. It is now in the possession of our club. Bob Bushmire has agreed to take charge of it. (Thanks, Bob!)
- (f) **Meeting with Richard Makovich (Rich's Dad):** President Marquis met with Richard and delivered the trophy plaque from the last speed trial that Rich had won, with the winning speed newly engraved on it. Richard was highly appreciative of it, and again thanked us for naming our Q-500 Pylon Races in honor of Rich.
- (g) **Electric Pylon Racer Kits:** Rob Whalen described and distributed copies of the final pricing schedule that he and Tom, at Tailspin Hobbies, worked out for Rob's Delta Demon Electric Pylon Racer Kits. The discount rate depends upon the number of kits purchased, assuming that the club would purchase a quantity of them and resell them to club members at cost. However, there did not appear to be much support for the club to subsidize the venture, apparently out of fear that the club might get stuck with unsold kits. Delta Demon Kits may still be purchased individually from Rob. Other accessories and pertinent supplies can be purchased from Tailspin Hobbies.

(h) Fuel Committee: Chairman: Vaun Hile. Other committee members are Brian Moore, Ron Gade and Jeff Hails. Current fuel cost is \$13/gal.

(i) Float Flys Shot Down (Again!): President Marquis made a trip to the County Court House to investigate the possibilities for petitioning the commissioners again for float flys for this year. He was met with another solid “stone wall” with no room for debate. He did manage to get a reason this time: the airplanes cause too much disturbance of the fishermen. Ron Gade and Mark Withrow suggested that the backwaters of the Loyalhanna Dam might be another possibility, and volunteered to check it out. Bob Bushmire also reported that Bill Steiner’s father-in-law would like for us to fly at his lake one time to see how it would go. Both alternatives will be investigated.

(k) New Spectator Bench: President Marquis presented our plans to Mr. Claude Petroy, Parks Maintenance Superintendent, and got full approval. Mr. Petroy suggested that we contact Mr. McCloskey, Maintenance Manager (Wayne Johnson’s replacement), to work out the details.

New Business:

(a) Bench Construction: A work party was scheduled for Saturday, May 1st, at 9:00 AM, to dig the post holes and set the posts for the new spectator bench. Mark Withrow plans to rent a 2-man gasoline powered post hole auger and purchase the Sakrete for setting the posts. Members were asked to bring the appurtenant tools and other equipment.

(b) Certified Pilot Instructors: After considerable discussion, continued from last month’s meeting, the general consensus was that Certified Pilot Instructors (per se) are not necessary. A motion was not supported to enroll any. However, any qualified pilot is authorized to instruct students who have their AMA memberships, and all are urged to step up and help with the training, especially on Thursdays.

(c) Chuck Pusateri: We received the sad news that Chuck Pusateri, of J & C Hobbies, fell and broke his hip. Our Secretary will send him a get well card on behalf of the club.

(d) U. S. Scale Team Raffle: The U. S. Scale Team is again holding a raffle to finance this year’s trip to the international scale team competition. They sent us 12 tickets at a cost of \$5/each, or 3 for \$10. One of our members purchased 3 of them personally. A motion was carried for the club to purchase the remaining 9, at a cost of \$30. If the club wins, we will pick a prize and raffle it off.

(e) Next Meeting: Our next meeting is on Friday, May 14th, at 7:30 PM, at St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Show & Tell:

There was no Show & Tell this month.

Raffle:

The collection of tools and accessories was won by Phil Petrella.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

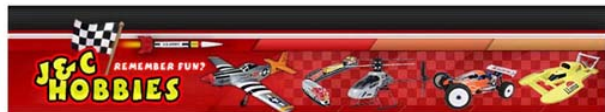
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