

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

104 Rocky Mt Court Latrobe, PA 15650

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*Regular Meeting November 14th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church
Breakfast 8:30 AM, November 12th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM November 28th 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.

I would like to thank all of you for your expression of sympathy for the recent death my mother.

If you compare this year's flea market with last year's, we were successful in our endeavors and ended up in the black, the details of which will be given to you at the November meeting. A big thank you to all of you who helped in any way. I believe we have re-established our annual flea market as a viable one.

As you read this, the banquet scheduled for Saturday, November 8 will have taken place. Hope many of you were able to attend.

We will begin in January to evaluate all our events to determine their viability and ways to improve them. I would sincerely appreciate your honest input in this process. With all of us working towards this goal we will and can make these events more enjoyable for all.

And finally, I would like to thank Jim Pennington, V.P.; Don Accorsi, Secretary; Mike Bossick, Treasurer; Jeff Hails, Newsletter Editor and Chuck Zera, Field Control Officer for a job well done. Your dedication and work you do for our club is most appreciated.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of October 10, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Pennington with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved, as published in the October newsletter. One new member, Steve Mickel, of Everson, was voted into the club. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: the traditional AMA dues for the coming year, awarded at every October meeting. Webmasters Charley Zera and Rob Whalen stated that the website will be updated shortly with the newsletter and some new additions. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are still a few "bounce backs" on the e-mailed newsletters. Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that the field is in good condition, but there will be no flying at the field on Saturday, October 11th because of the Youth Day pheasant hunt.

Old Business:

(a) Names on Transmitters: Vice President Pennington reiterated, for emphasis, that all radio transmitters MUST be labeled with the owner's name and telephone number. This is not specifically stated, per se, in our club bylaws, but IS a requirement of the Westmoreland County Parks, and therefore automatically becomes a club rule.

(b) Flea Market Sign-Up: Sign-up sheets for help at the flea market, Sunday, October 19th, at the Hempfield Hunt Club, were passed around for members to volunteer their help.

(c) Set-Up for Flea Market: Scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at 7:00 P.M.

(d) Trophies: All perpetual trophies need to be returned to Vice President Pennington as soon as possible so that the names of the new awardees can be engraved on them in time for the Awards Banquet.

(e) Awards Banquet: Chairman: Ron Polcha. November 8th at Hoss's, on Route 119 in South Greensburg. Dinner is at 7:30 P.M. Individuals will order from the regular menu. Ron needs to know how many people will be attending the banquet, so please get your reservations in to him as soon as possible.

(f) Float Fly Report: The final float fly for this year was held at Acme Dam on Saturday, October 4th. The weather was perfect for flying, there was very little wind and the water was as smooth as glass. There were only five LHMALC planes there, but several from the Mon Valley club. There were also a few boats from both clubs. Except for three crashes, everyone had a great time. The Mon Valley club members expressed their appreciation for our hosting of the float flys this year.

New Business:

(a) Banquet Prizes: A motion was carried for allocation of funds for door prizes for the banquet.

(b) Nomination of Officers: The current executive officers were nominated by the nominating committee of past presidents to serve again for the coming year. Jeff Hails accepted a nomination for Field Control/Safety Officer. A motion was then carried to close the nominations.

(c) Hobbytown USA: Greg Lazarchik reported that he had visited Hobbytown USA, in Monroeville. He said that they have a good stock of most everything we want. He spoke with their owner, Mike Connors, who indicated that he would be interested in advertizing in our newsletter. An invitation letter and packet will be sent to him.

(d) 2009 Dues: After a short discussion, a motion was carried to keep all club dues the same as this year's for Y2009.

(e) Church Hall Rental: Because of increased expenses (mostly in the cost of electricity) a motion was carried to increase the club's donation to St. Paul's Church from \$25 to \$30 per meeting for the use of the hall, to begin in January of 2009.

Show & Tell

Greg Lazarchik showed his BG 1000 slope soaring glider, which is a scale model of a real 2-person glider. It is equipped with winglets for more aerobatic capability, and is powered by an AXI 2812 electric motor with a 3300 mAh LiPo battery.

Ron Gade showed his 1960 vintage transmitter. It contains no tubes, is powered by a lead-acid rechargeable battery, and cost \$549 new.

Raffle:

The AMA dues for 2009 were won by Colt Miller. Since Colt is only 12 years old (youth membership), a motion was carried to award him 50% of the raffle take.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Wanted: J-Tec 40P Pitts style muffler. Call Ron Gade 724 832-7896

My 2009 Annual Dues (PLEASE fill in ALL information.)

Membership Renewal is due by December 31, 2008. After January 1, 2009, a \$5.00 initiation fee will be charged, as with new members.

Name: _____
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Address: _____
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