

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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

Breakfast 8:30 AM, November 11th Eat'n'Park

Breakfast 8:30 AM November 25th Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30

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Prez Says

Greetings! I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the holiday season which is fast approaching. I would like to thank Jim, Don and Mike for taking over during my absence last month, it is most appreciated.

As the year is drawing to a close we still have an important scheduled event. It is the annual banquet to be held on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00 at Hoss's restaurant on Route 119 in South Greensburg. You can order from the regular Hoss's menu. Checks will be made out individually with an 18% gratuity added as well as \$1.00 per meal to cover the cost of the dining room which will be exclusively ours for the evening. Door prizes will be awarded.

This information was sent via e-mail a couple of weeks ago and was also posted on our website. If you haven't viewed our website recently take a look at it, you will be impressed. Doug Hagy has done a super job in making it attractive, informative and user friendly.

At the meeting we will be voting for the member of the year and the most improved flyer. Ballots will be available and the trophies awarded at the December meeting. The scale contest trophy and endurance contest trophy will be awarded at the banquet.

I was pleasantly surprised and happy about this year's flea market. There were a good number of tables rented as well as a good attendance. A full report will be given at the meeting.

I guess we can count the number of decent flying days in the months to come, but ours is a year long hobby. Buy yourself a kit or build a plane from plans, it certainly helps pass the time and cold days of winter.

Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, November 13 at 7:30 at Saint Paul's in Trauger.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of October 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Pennington with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 17 members and 2 guests present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi announced that Bob Sanzi collapsed at the field yesterday (apparently some sort of heart failure), and is in ICU at Westmoreland Hospital. He requested that everyone remember Bob in their prayers. Don also circulated a flyer for the Murrysville RC Society Flea Market and Auction, in Export, PA, on November 1st, and a thank you card from Rich Makovich's Family for our donation in his memory. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: 2010 AMA Dues for the winner, or 50% of the ticket sales if there is not enough to cover the AMA Dues. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that he needs to update the membership list for newsletter distribution. (The Secretary should help with that.) As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in good shape. Webmaster Doug Hagy reported that the website is up to date. Bob Bushmire wanted to clarify a statement in last month's newsletter, in the Endurance Contest Results: in the comment regarding Dick Schmitz's, "I gotta beat Bush" Vagabond, "Bush" refers to Bushmire, not George Bush.

Old Business:

(a) Electric Pylon Races: Rob Whalen reported that Chuck Zera is the winner for the year by 4 points. He said that the attrition rate was very high (99%).

(b) Endurance Contest: Was held on Sunday, September 20th at 1:00 PM. CD was Bill Cecchetti (Sr.). Eight flyers participated. The weather was nice. The results were:

1st Place: Greg Lazarcheck, with a time of 3:27.26, flying his Gentle Lady.

2nd Place: Bob Bushmire, with a time of 2:49.01, flying his Ultra Stik.

3rd Place: Dick Schmitz, with a time of 1:55.27 flying the "I gotta beat Bush(mire)" Vagabond. Special thanks to Doug Hagy for assistance with timing.

(c) FAA Flying Ban: As a security measure for the G-20 Summit in Pittsburgh, the FAA issued a ban (NOTAM/TFR) on all model (and other) aircraft operations for Thursday 9/24 and Friday, 9/25 within a 30 mile radius of the Point in Pittsburgh. This included our field at Mammoth Park. The ban was later extended to include Saturday, 9/26. Hence, our field was CLOSED for those three days. Jeff Hails posted a notice to this effect at the field.

(d) Spectator Bench: Discussion was continued from last month's meeting on the proposal by Mark Withrow that that the club consider some kind of protected area, with benches or bleachers, be designated for spectators at the field. After considerable further discussion, it was still generally agreed that we need a designated area for spectators, but exactly what is needed is still unclear. Mark Withrow estimated that the cost of materials would be in the vicinity of \$370. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the location should be at the East end of the field, and possibly bounded by a hedge instead of a fence, but still no definite decision was made. Bob Bushmire reported that the opinions he gleaned from RC Universe indicated that there is no easy answer to the problem. Further discussions will be ongoing.

(e) Rich Makovich Airplanes: Bob Bushmire reported that the disposal of Rich's airplanes and

equipment is now in the hands of a Mon Valley club member. However Rich's father said that the RADAR gun would be ours if we wanted it. A motion was carried for the club to donate \$150 for the RADAR gun.

New Business:

(a) Elections: After some discussion, all of the current club officers were nominated for reelection, and all officers accepted the nominations. A motion was then carried to close the nominations. Official elections will be held at the November 13th meeting, as well as elections of Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer. Please show up and VOTE!

(b) Flea Market: Sunday, October 18th at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Add now appears in the August, September & October issues of Model Aviation magazine. Flyers were also mailed out to clubs within 100 miles of ours. Setup of tables, etc., will take place on Saturday evening at 6:30. Attendance at this year's flea market will determine the fate of our future flea markets.

(c) Banquet: A discussion was held as to whether to have this year's banquet at Hoss' again or to have a catered dinner in the church hall at the December meeting. A vote was taken and was nearly unanimous in favor of Hoss'. A motion was carried to that effect.

(Later update: The desired date of November 21st was not available at Hoss', so the banquet is now set for Saturday, November 14th, at 7:00 PM, at Hoss' Steak and Sea House. See also the announcement on the website. www.lhmac.org)

(d) Club Dues: A motion was carried to keep all dues the same for the coming year.

(e) Trophies: Vice President Pennington requested that all trophies be returned to him as soon as possible, and at least by the next meeting.

(f) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 13th at 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Trauger.

Show & Tell:

Dave Kolk showed his new Thunder Tiger Neptune Diving Submarine (ARF). It has full controls, including diving fins, a standard radio antenna, and a lead-acid battery for greater ballast weight. He runs it in indoor swimming pools during the winter. It is priced very reasonably at \$600. A really neat ship!

Raffle:

The raffle was won by Lucas Morgan. Since the ticket sales amounted to less than the cost of an adult AMA membership, the money was split 50/50 with him. However, since Lucas is only 11 years old, there was more than enough to cover his junior membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Annual Awards Ballot

1. Most Improved Flyer _____

2. Member of the Year _____

My 2010 Annual Dues **(PLEASE fill in ALL information.)**

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