

# *Wing Tips*

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting October 10th at 7:30 PM St Pauls Church  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, October 8th Eat n' Park in Greensburg  
Breakfast 8:30 AM October 22nd 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 during these uncertain times. I spoke with Mike and he said that we are still solvent!!!.

We have several items of importance to discuss at the meeting. 1) All trophies MUST be returned to Jim Pennington no later than Oct. 10; 2) a ballot will be available for voting for the most improved flyer, member of the year and plugger/perseverance award; 3) we will be taking nominations for officers for 2009, if you cannot make the meeting and you would like to be placed on the ballot, please contact an officer ASAP. Please do consider running for an office!

I spoke with Ron Polcha and he indicated that 8 or 9 tables were reserved for the flea market on October 19 which is a bit more encouraging. We still need a couple of people to help take money etc. at the door. Information about the November 8 awards banquet will be discussed at the meeting.

Our last float fly is scheduled for this Saturday, October 4, hope the weather cooperates. Hope many of you can attend the meeting on October 10.

Thank You and God Bless!

Rene

## **Minutes of the Meeting of September 12, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 31 members and one guest present. The minutes of the August meeting were approved, as published in the September newsletter, with the clarification that the requirement for having the owner's name, address and phone number on all transmitters is not a requirement of the AMA, but is a

club rule and a requirement of the county parks. Two new members, Colt Miller, of Connellsville, and Curt McFadden, of Mt. Pleasant, were voted into the club. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated copies of the campaign statements of the AMA District III Vice Presidential candidates, a Boca Bearing Co. ad and a flyer for the Fly What U Brung Fun Fly-In on September 14<sup>th</sup>, in Belle Valley, OH. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Senior Telemaster 60 Kit. Webmasters Charley Zera and Rob Whalen urged everyone to watch the website for lots of good pictures to come. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are no severe problems with the newsletter, and there was only one "bounce back" on the e-mails this time.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) August Picnic:** President Rene Marquis reported that the picnic was a big success. The weather was great and there was a big turnout. He thanked Pat Stefano and Jeff Hails for their great job on the food service, Chuck Zera for a great fun fly and all who participated in the picnic.

**(b) Float Fly:** September 6<sup>th</sup>. Well attended by our club and Mon Valley club. Good weather, no wind, smooth water. Water was so smooth it was difficult to break loose from the surface. No major mishaps.

**(c) Shirts & Jackets:** Shirts & jackets that were ordered from TNT Embroidery and More were distributed by Rene Marquis.

**(d) Joint Picnic with Keystone Clippers:** Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Keystone this year. Chuck Pusateri was their CD. Nice event. Not well attended by our club, but well attended by their own.

**(e) Names on Transmitters:** Members were reminded that it is a club rule (and park requirement) that owners' names addresses and phone numbers be placed on all transmitters.

### **New Business:**

**(a) Trophies for Awards:** The question was brought up as to what we should do about trophies and awards. There are currently four contests (Scale, Endurance, Snyder cup & Pylon Races) and three awards (Member of the Year, Most Improved Flyer and the recently eliminated Plugger). After considerable discussion, it was generally agreed to keep the trophies and plaques for the coming year, but take a closer look next year at all aspects of the issue to decide the best way to handle it. Bob Bushmire volunteered to chair the Pylon Races next year, since there was no winner this year. It was also suggested by John Hathaway that the Pylon Races be "strictly stock" next year, which might bring better participation.

**(b) Awards Banquet:** Saturday (evening), November 8<sup>th</sup> at Hoss's, on Route 119 in South Greensburg. Chairman: Ron Polcha. Each individual can order whatever they want from the menu. More details to be determined at the October meeting.

**(c) Flea Market:** Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Co-chairmen: Ron Polcha & Rene Marquis. Sign-up sheets for volunteers were circulated. More details at the October meeting.

**(d) Elections:** Nomination from members will take place at the October meeting. Voting will be done at the November meeting.

**(e) Indoor Flying:** Rob Whalen announced that the indoor flying season is about to begin for this year. If anyone is interested in participating in or learning more about the sport they can contact him or

Charley Zera. They are willing to meet with interested people and help them get started.

**Show & Tell**

Doug Hagy showed his Precision Aerobatic “Electric Shock”. It is made with exotic carbon fiber parts all through the plane. It comes in a really neat ARF package featuring laser cut parts. He stated that it is a cleverly designed and very capable plane.

**Raffle:**

The Senior Telemaster Kit was won by Curt McFadden.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Don Accorsi***

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