

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting October 8th at 7:30 PM St Paul's  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, October 13<sup>th</sup> Denny's Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM October 27<sup>th</sup> Valley Dairy*

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## Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hope all is well with you and enjoying the nice but somewhat windy weather. There are still many good flying days ahead, so, get out and enjoy this season of the year.

October brings our annual flea market scheduled for Sunday, October 24. We have a few tables already reserved but have many more remaining. If you are thinking of reserving a table please do so ASAP. Let's hope that this year's flea market is a successful one. There will be a financial report about the flea market at the November meeting.

Nominations from the floor will be taken at the October meeting for all elected positions. Please do not hesitate to run for an office and give some of your time and talents back to the club.

We will also be voting for the Most Improved Flyer and the Member of the Year at the meeting. It is imperative that ALL trophies be returned to Jim Pennington ASAP and at the latest by the October 8 meeting. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, October 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM.

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2010

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. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter. One new member Brian Hilgert, of Pittsburgh, was voted into the club. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Centaur Club Float Fly at Guilford Lake, in Lisbon, OH, on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, (2) the FCRCFC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House, in Palmyra, VA, on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, (3) the Mon Valley R/C Club Heli Fun Fly at Cedar Creek Park, on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and (4) the IMAC 3D AMA

Tag Event Raffle. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hangar 9 Super Stick 60 Sport ARF. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with the newsletter delivery. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is hard & dry from lack of rain, but otherwise in good shape.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Arnold Palmer Airport Open House:** Was held Saturday & Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. President Marquis thanked all who attended and participated. The spectators there were impressed with our displays and flying. Mr. Gabe Monzo, Airport Manager, also said that he was pleased with our performance and that next year they will do a special feature of our club with some demo flying for the spectators.

**(b) Endurance Contest:** Greg Lazarchik repeated the results which he had previously reported. Participants in order of finish were: Dick Patrick (4 min. 14.9 seconds) \$60 first prize; Tony Kistner (1 min. 2.9 seconds) \$40 second prize; Bob Haden (0 min. 38.2 seconds) \$25 third prize; Ron Gade (0 min. 26.7 sec.) \$5 fourth prize; Brian Moore (0 min. 5 sec.) \$5 fifth prize. In addition to the cash prize each participant was awarded an AMA pilots patch. There were 5 participants and 12 observers.

**(c) Pylon Races:** Races are over. There were no accidents. Someone stole the metal pole from one end of the field. Winning was mostly pilot skill; only 1 mph. difference in RADAR speeds. Brian Moore won the regular pylon races. Rob Whalen won the electric pylon races by 3 points. Bob Bushmire & Charley Zera tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the unlimited pylon races.

**(d) Scale Contest & Snyder Cup:** There were 7 or 8 entries in the scale contest. Rob Craig won first place, Jim Craig won second place, and Lucas Morgan won third place. Bob Bushmire won the speed trials.

**(e) August Picnic:** Was held Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The weather was perfect, and the turnout was great. Thanks to Chef Steve Mickel for a great job on the food, and to Brian Moore for supplying the grill. There was also an abundance of covered dishes. Thanks also to Chuck Zera for a well run and entertaining fun fly. The participation was excellent. There seems to be a preference for cash prizes over gift certificates. Thanks to everyone who participated.

**(f) Hats & Jackets:** President Marquis announced that our suppliers have five extra large jackets with our club logo for sale at \$20 each. The color is royal blue. They will bring them to our field next Thursday, along with a dozen hats that Rene had ordered. It will be first come first serve on the jackets. A question was raised about possible patches for our jackets. Rene said that he would talk to the suppliers and see what they can do.

### **New Business:**

**(a) 2.4 GHz Pins:** The need was brought up for establishing a solid rule for 2.4 GHz transmitter impound and pins on the frequency control board. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that it is not necessary to impound 2.4 GHz transmitters. However, 2.4 GHz pilots **must put up a pin, but only if flying**. If using 2.4 GHz transmitters for other purposes (i.e., tuning engines, etc.) it is not necessary to put a pin up. The rule for other frequency bands (i.e., 22, 50 & 72 MHz) remains the same: you **MUST** put up a pin at the channel number being used **BEFORE** turning the transmitter on.

**(b) Flea Market Date Change:** As a result of some miscommunication at the Hempfield Hunt Club, our original date of October 17<sup>th</sup> was given to another party. We therefore had to reschedule our flea market date for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Model Aviation Magazine will post the date change in their October issue. Thanks to John Hathaway for designing the flyer for the event.

**(c) Awards Banquet:** Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Hoss' Steak House. Arrangements are the same as last year. Order what you want from the menu at your own expense. Gratuity + \$1.00 for room rent will be added to the check.

**(d) Trophies:** All perpetual trophies must be returned to Vice President Jim Pennington by the next meeting (October 8<sup>th</sup>) to allow time for getting the new names engraved on them.

**(e) Voting:** Voting for Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer will take place at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Please be thinking about who you would like to vote for, and PLEASE VOTE!

**(f) Elections:** Nominations of candidates for club officers will be taken at the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. A meeting of past presidents will be held if the current officers decide not to run for another term. Please consider accepting a nomination if you are asked. Voting for officers will take place at the November meeting.

**(g) Website Administrator:** Doug Hagy has decided to relinquish his Webmaster position at the end of this year. Sean Sikora has graciously agreed to accept the position. He and Doug are currently in communication to facilitate the transition. (Thanks, Doug, for your gracious service and a great job as Webmaster. Sean, thank you also for your willingness to accept this important position.)

**(h) Archival CD Videos:** Dick Patrick has loaned his collection of CD videos from past activities (25 years ago) for anyone who would like to borrow them. (Thanks, Dick. That was very gracious of you!) If interested, see Rene and sign out for each CD you borrow.

**(i) Thursday Training:** Attendance is good and training is going well. We could use more instructors. Please come and help if you can.

**(j) Next Meeting:** Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

### **Show & Tell:**

Mark Yothers showed his "Dirty Birdy", built from plans. Weighs 7 ½ lbs. Has special arrangement for split elevator control rods. Some problems with the paint job. Has red, black, yellow, orange & white bands on bottoms of wings for easy visibility.

Mark Nease showed his new "Dolphin" ARF from Tower Hobbies. It has a 2.4 GHz radio, Magnum engine and "Frankenstein" weights in the nose.

Rob Whalen showed his newest design, LASER cut china special. Not 3-D, but fun to fly. Interlocking parts snap together. Roll plans, full scale. Two wing options: with or without ailerons. Two different firewalls: electric or glow option. Electric version uses a 400 motor, 150 watts. Battery: 3-cell LiPo, 1350 mAh. The glow option calls for a 0.05 to 0.09 cu. in. engine. Wing span is 37 ¼ inches, constant cord. Flies well and lands well. \$60/kit with landing gear; \$55/kit without landing gear. Also has new custom designed servo arms. He will do custom LASER cutting for a fee. Talk to him about what you want to do.

### **Raffle:**

The Hangar 9 Super Stick 60 Sport ARF was won by Mark Nease.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Don Accorsi***

***Reminder to all: Youth Hunt Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> Field will be closed for flying***

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## Annual Awards Ballot

1. Most Improved Flyer \_\_\_\_\_

2. Member of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2011 Annual Dues **(PLEASE fill in ALL information.)**

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