

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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***Regular Meeting September 11th at 7:30 PM St Paul's Church
Breakfast 8:30 AM, September 9th Eat'n'Park
Breakfast 8:30 AM September 23rd Valley Dairy Eastgate Plaza Rt 30***

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Prez Says

GREETINGS! I am writing this letter on this second day of September, where have the summer months gone? If the past holds true we still should have a good couple of flying months ahead of us.

If you had the chance to attend the picnic/fun-fly on Sunday, August 30, I am sure you will agree that this event had to be the best ever with an attendance, I believe, that I have not seen in the 10 years or so that I have been a member of this fine club. A great, big thank you to Jeff Hails and Doug Hagy and all of you who contributed, helped and attended this event. Also, our thanks to the members of the Keystone Clippers who attended.

There are 2 club events scheduled for September. The first event on September 13 is the last pylon and electric pylon of the season. The endurance/timed flight contest will be held on Sunday, September 20 approximately at 1:00. Your attendance and participation at these events are most appreciated.

In the not too distant future is our annual flea market to be held on Sunday, October 18. The past two flea markets ended in a slight loss in 2007 and a slight profit in 2008. The flea market, I believe, is on shaky ground and will need to be re-evaluated after the results of this year's are in. The officers and I will be

mailing a flea market flyer to clubs within a 100 mile radius within the next week or so, a thank you to Keith Wilson for providing the address labels. We need to make every effort to make this flea market successful. Don't forget that the September 11 meeting will be held at Saint Paul's in Trauger at 7:30. As usual, I hope you are all well. Hope to see many of you at the meeting!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of August 14, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 31 members present. One new member, Donald L. Gilbert, of Greensburg, was voted into the club. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi again circulated flyers for the Keystone Clippers' Fly In on August 23rd, and also the Vienna Sky Sharks "Fly What You Brung" Fun Fly, on September 13th, at Wolf Run State Park, Ohio. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Cap 232 .60 ARF. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there were no problems with the issuing of the last newsletter. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in great shape. Webmaster, Rob Whalen reported that the website was updated for the final time by him. (See Webmaster Change below.)

Old Business:

(a) Flea Market: Sunday, October 18th at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Add now appears in the August & September issues of Model Aviation magazine.

(b) Airport Open House: President Marquis thanked all the attendees who participated in the "Wings and Wheels" open house at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport on Saturday & Sunday, August 8th & 9th. We had 35 model aircraft (including 2 helicopters) on static display on Saturday, and 17 on Sunday. Will Lipscomb maintained contact with the control tower (as "RC-1") for flying clearance on both days. We provided the aerial entertainment with approximately a dozen flights on Saturday and half a dozen on Sunday. The wind was rather prohibitive to model flying on Sunday, with a steady 22 knot velocity. Only two of our pilots ventured any flying: Will Lipscomb with his helicopter and Charley Zera with his dad's Katana. They both put on a great show, and Charley performed a great "Harrier landing" with the help of the strong headwind. The crowd was well pleased with all of the flying, as indicated by their enthusiastic applause. We had 3 tents, one of which was an information booth. Over 100 papers were handed out. The Secretary will write a letter of thanks to Airport Executive Director Gabe Monzo.

As a result of their outstanding performances during the open house, President Marquis awarded two new "honorary" positions in the club: (1) "Public Relations Officer" to Mark Withrow, for his cordial greeting and outreaching interaction with the public, and (2) "Recruiting Officer" to Bob Sanzi for managing the information booth, creating two great posters explaining model building & flying, and demonstrating the use of the "buddy box" for flight training. (Congratulations, guys, for jobs well done!)

(c) August Picnic & Fun Fly: Sunday August 30th. Food Chairman: Jeff Hails; Fun Fly Director: Doug Hagy. See field bulletin board for poster describing fun fly. Joint picnic with Keystone Clippers at our field. Word from Keystone is that they will have approximately 10 members attending.

(d) Q-500 Pylon Races: Sunday, August 16th (Double). Contest Director: Bob Bushmire.

(e) Electric Pylon Races: Sunday, August 16th, following the Q-500 Races. Contest Director: Rob

Whalen.

New Business:

(a) Webmaster Change: Because of new personal obligations, Rob Whalen and Charley Zera will no longer be able to maintain the club website. Doug Hagy has graciously agreed to assume the responsibility. (Thanks a million, Doug! We all greatly appreciate it!) Doug is planning some small changes, and is considering a “project watch”, which will enable the club to follow the progress of any project(s) which club members wish to share. The web address will remain the same: www.lhmac.org.

(b) Endurance Contest: Bill Cecchetti (Sr.) announced that he will run the Endurance Contest some time in September if there is enough interest in participating. A show of hands indicated that there are possibly 5 or 6 people interested.

(c) Elections: President Marquis reminded the members that club elections will be coming up soon, and everyone should be thinking about nominations.

(d) New Member Vote: A suggestion was made that the club eliminate the need to vote new member applicants into the club (i.e., admit them without a vote). There was some discussion about it, but it would require a change in the bylaws. No decision was reached.

(e) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 11th at 7:30 PM, at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Trauger.

Show & Tell:

Doug Hagy showed his new Aero Works Extra 260 .60-.90 ARF, powered by a Saito .91 engine. He said it was really well designed; everything fits together very well and it has received very good reviews. However, it is slightly heavy and the hardware supplied, especially the blind nuts, was of poor quality. So, he substituted his own hardware.

Raffle:

The Cap 232 .60 ARF was won by Rob Craig.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

**Next Event: Duration Contest September 20th 1:00 PM
any aircraft type**

Contest will be for longest duration from take off through a 45 second climb when you will cut power and glide to landing. Longest elapsed time will be the new duration champ.

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