

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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Regular Meeting April 11th at 7:30 PM St. Pauls Trauger

Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 9th Eat n' Park in Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM April 23rd Kings Willow Crossing

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PREZ SAYS

GREETINGS! Hope all is well with everyone! April has arrived and hopefully it will not be a too windy or wet April. Perhaps we can begin our Thursday instruction days soon. Make an effort to come out and fly this season even though you may not have flown in a while. There is always someone available to lend a helping hand.

The RC Fun Fly and Fly-in scheduled for June 14 is progressing quite well. More details will be given at the April meeting. We ask that you participate in this event and assist when and if necessary. Several area clubs have also been invited to participate. Remember, the objective is to promote this fine and wonderful hobby.

An important item which we will need to discuss during the April meeting concerns the article which appeared in the AMA Model Aviation magazine on page 11. It concerns filing a form with the IRS. We need to determine if this applies to us. Hope to see you at the meeting on April 11.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of March 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 23 members and 2 guests present. The minutes of the February meeting, as published in the March newsletter, were read to the membership by Secretary Don Accorsi, as many members did not receive their e-mail copies of the newsletter due to some technical problems. The minutes were subsequently approved. Don also circulated fliers and pertinent literature for (1) the Mon Valley 5th Electric Fun Fly Festival, on June 21st & 22nd, (2) Airplanes of the World Scale Fly-In, on June 28th, at Laurel, MD, and (3) the National Competition Fun Fly Association's 2008 National Championship, August 9th & 10th, at DuBois, PA. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: another Super Tigre .61 Engine, Ringed

with Muffler. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that the technical difficulties he experienced in e-mailing the March newsletter were the result of his moving to his parents' house. He hopes to have them corrected for next month's issue. Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that he is still trying to contact the park office about getting the field rolled. Fred Dey reported that he and Mark Withrow were there earlier today and found it to be in good shape. President Marquis introduced two guests, Nate Walch and his father, Dave Walch, who were looking for help with their airplanes and checking out our club. They reported that Rob Whalen was giving them lots of help.

Old Business:

(a) Windsock: Chuck Zera reported that he had purchased the large AMA windsock, and it is ready to be put up at the field. He brought it in to show the club. Jeff Hails also reconfirmed that repairs on our old airplane weather vane are complete and it is also ready to be put back up.

(b) Card for Bob Bushmire: President Marquis announced that he has a get well card for Bob, who had recently had a heart attack and undergone bypass surgery. All members were invited to sign the card.

(c) Bob Bushmire's Condition: Brian Moore reported that Bob was recovering well from his surgery and is facing some serious lifestyle changes.

(d) August Picnic & Fun Fly: Sunday, August 24th. Food Chairman: Jake Lobo. Still need chairman for fun fly.

(e) Flea Market: Sunday, October 19th at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Co-chairmen: Ron Polcha & Rene Marquis. Still need many volunteers.

(f) AMA Insurance Certificates: Certificates for both the field and float flies at Acme Dam have been received from AMA and submitted to the park office.

(g) Refreshments at Meetings: Many thanks to Ron Polcha and Phil Petrella for volunteering to continue handling the refreshments at our meetings. Many thanks also to Mike Bossick for handling them until now in addition to his duties as Treasurer.

(h) Website Newsletter: The website was one of the technical difficulty victims in the distribution of the March newsletter. The March newsletter will be posted on the website as soon as Charley and/or Rob receives it from Jeff.

New Business:

(a) AMA Park Pilot Program: President Marquis met with Bob Bushmire prior to the March meeting, and they drafted a proposed amendment to the LHMACH Constitution and Bylaws to define our manner of handling new members under the AMA Park Pilot Membership Program. Copies of the proposed amendment were distributed to the members to be read during the recess break and discussed after the break.

(b) Proposed Amendment: The proposed amendment to the LHMACH Constitution and Bylaws is as follows:

[ARTICLE VIII: Field Rules & Regulations](#)

[SECTION IV: Flight Qualifications](#)

[Letter B: Persons wishing to fly under the AMA Park Pilot membership program must join the Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club, pass the qualification test as outlined in Letter A of Section IV, Article VIII and obey all club and park rules and regulations before they can fly a Park Flyer airplane without a club member being present. If said person\(s\) wishes to fly a glow and/or gas engine airplane, the person\(s\) must join the regular membership of the AMA and re-qualify with a glow and/or gas engine airplane.](#)

(c) Procedure to Adopt an Amendment: The procedure for adopting an amendment was read from our bylaws to the members by President Marquis. The proposed amendment was discussed and it was suggested that reference to the AMA Park Pilot Program in the amendment be specified as “defined by the AMA”. President Marquis stated that a statement to that effect would be incorporated and a new draft would be presented at the next meeting.

(d) Conflict with June Pylon Race: A discussion was held regarding a conflict between the Cedar Creek Electric Fun Fly and our June 22nd Pylon Race. It was decided that no change would be made on the date and time of our Pylon race.

(e) June R/C Airshow: President Marquis reported that he and Ron Polcha went to the Mt. Pleasant/Scottsdale Airport on Tuesday March 11th and made arrangements for our club to hold a R/C Model Airshow there on Saturday, June 14th, with a rain date for Sunday June 15th. Plans will include a specific schedule of events, including some hands-on events, refreshments at a minimum charge, a possible monetary donation from the club to the airport, and possible Stearman rides by Phil Petrella’s cousin. Many volunteers will be needed to make this event a success.

(f) Keystone Invitational Picnic & Fun Fly: Sunday, August 17th, at Keystone. Our club is officially invited.

Show & Tell:

Rob Whalen showed his indoors electric “Brio”, which he plans to fly at the Robert Morris Island Sports Center, on Neville Island. It is made from 3mm. Depron with carbon rod supports, and air brush painted. It weighs 6 oz. or less. All LHM MAC members are invited to join this indoor flying club. Anyone interested may contact Rob, or Charley Zera.

Doug Hagy showed his experiments with air brush painting on Depron, intended for use on airplanes such as those by Airfoilz, instead of the decals that they supply. He is looking for the best water based paint to use and the best technique for applying it.

Raffle:

The Super Tigre .61 engine was won by Vaun Hile.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

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