

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting August 8th at 7:00 PM Mammoth Park
Breakfast 8:30 AM, August 13th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM August 27th 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! Since our last general meeting on July 11, we held 4 scheduled club events: a float fly on July 12, a pylon race and the endurance contest on July 13 and the Snyder Cup Trials on July 20. The float fly was very well attended with the weather cooperating, BUT, much to my disappointment the other events were very poorly attended.

Perhaps it was the weather, perhaps we have scheduled too many events in succession, perhaps these events have become too routine and out of date, perhaps they are dull and boring, perhaps these events should be scheduled on Saturdays and not Sundays, perhaps these events are unimportant to you. However, we will be having the August picnic on Sunday, August 24 as scheduled and perhaps we will have a fun fly at the picnic if someone volunteers to be the contest director, perhaps..... (please see note)

In conclusion, we really need to discuss all our events before they are scheduled for 2009. I would appreciate your candid input into this.

There are a few remaining events – 3 float flies, a picnic and the annual flea market on Oct.19. Please make a super effort to attend these club-sponsored events. We have reserved Hoss's on Route 19 in South Greensburg for the banquet on Saturday, November 8, details to be discussed at the meeting.

The next scheduled float fly is Saturday, August 2. Attend a float fly to see how different and interesting they are, you do not need a plane, just come and enjoy. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, August 8 at the field at 7:00 PM.

Rene

NOTE: Chuck Zera has volunteered to be contest director for the picnic fun fly on Aug. 24, thanks a lot Chuck! However, I just received word that Jake Lobo will not be able to be in charge of the food for the picnic due to family obligations, therefore, we need a person or

persons to volunteer for this, PLEASE!

Minutes of the Meeting of July 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 31 members present. The minutes of the June meeting were approved, as published in the July newsletter. A new member, Mark Desantis, from Greensburg, was voted into the club. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flier for the National Competition Fun Fly Association National Championships, in DuBois, PA, August 9 & 10. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a B.H. Model YAK 54 .46 ARF, for glow or electric power. Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that the field is in good condition. He also stated that we need to be more attentive about announcing LOUDLY to other flyers when we are taking off, landing or going on the field. A suggestion was also made that we request Park Maintenance to spread sand on the parking lot to cover the melting tar on hot days. Webmasters Charley Zera and Rob Whalen reported that the LHMAC Website is running well, and are still requesting members to e-mail them more pictures to post. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that he is still getting "bounce backs" on e-mailing the newsletter. He requested that members keep him up to date on changes in their e-mail and mailing addresses, and anyone not receiving their newsletter to let him know.

Old Business:

(a) August Picnic: Sunday, August 24th. Still need a contest director for the fun fly.

(b) Awards Banquet: Hoss's, on Route 119 in South Greensburg, is still the possible venue. Ron Polcha will check availability for Saturday (evening), November 15th or 22nd.

(c) Thursday Student Attendance: Student attendance on Thursdays has improved in the past two weeks, since the weather has been better.

(d) Polo Shirts & Jackets: Can be ordered any time from TNT Embroidery and More. Items can be ordered in any number and style. No minimum order. Polo shirts with club logo only are \$20 each; cost is \$5 extra to have your name added. Jackets are fleece-lined and come in all sizes. Colors are lilac, brown, red, black and Atlantic blue. Cost is \$60 each. Contact Rene Marquis to order.

(e) Upcoming Events: Float flies on July 12th & August 2nd (Ron Gade graciously volunteered to fill in as "Rescue Officer" on July 12th, since Don can not be there. Thanks, Ron!); Pylon Races and Endurance Contest on July 13th; Snyder Cup Trials on July 20th; regular meeting at the field on August 8th. The Keystone Clippers are having a R/C air show on September 7th and/or 8th. We hope to set a date for our own air show (next year) at the August meeting.

(f) New Source: Ron Gade announced that Johnson's Hardware, in Norvelt, is now stocking Midwest Balsa. They will work with us toward stocking other items for aircraft modeling as demand dictates. Ron suggested that we try to support them, send them a newsletter and put them on our associate members list.

(g) Wings Over Lockhaven: Ron Gade also announced, for anyone interested, that the Wings Over Lockhaven full scale fly-in for Piper Cubs is to be held on August 1st through 4th.

New Business:

No new business was discussed, as the meeting was kept short to accommodate the pizza party.

Raffle:

The B.H. Model YAK 54 ARF was won by Mark Withrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

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