

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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104 Rocky Mt Court Latrobe, PA 15650

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**Regular Meeting July 11th at 7:00 PM Mammoth Park**

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

**Breakfast 8:30 AM July 23rd Eat n' Park in Greensburg**

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## Prez Says

Greetings! Hope all is well with everyone and also hope that you are enjoying these days of summer albeit wet and cool.

The July 11 meeting at the field will be brief. It will start promptly at 7:00. Pizza will be served around 7:30 – 7:45 and pop will also be provided. During this time, you will have the chance to purchase raffle tickets as well as order club T-shirts and a fall/winter jacket if you wish. But most of all please make an effort to come to the meeting and enjoy the food and your fellow club members.

I have been somewhat concerned by the lack of attendance at our events, Thursday instruction days and meetings. I was a bit more encouraged last Thursday (6/26) when there were a couple more students in attendance. There are several events scheduled between the July and August meetings; Float Flys on July 12 and Aug.2; Pylon races in the morning of Sunday, July 13 and the Endurance contest in the afternoon and finally the Snyder Cup Trials scheduled for Sunday, July 20 around 1:00. Let's make an effort to attend and participate in some of these events.

We are still in need of a contest director for the Aug. 24 picnic and funfly. Please consider volunteering for this event.

If you read Don's recent e-mail requesting for someone to take charge of the rescue boat for the July 12 float fly, again please consider doing this and contact Don or myself ASAP.

**We need you to make this club the best club in the area! See you at the meeting and I thank you in advance. Rene**

## Minutes of the Meeting of June 13, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 19 members present. The minutes of the May meeting were approved, as published in the June newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a Thank You note from the family of Bernie Cramer

for the flowers and kind expression of sympathy from the membership. Don also circulated fliers for the: (1) Mon Valley R/C Club Electric Fun Fly, Saturday & Sunday, June 21 & 22; (2) Airplanes of the World Scale Fly-In, Saturday, June 28; and (3) the National Competition Fun Fly Association National Championships, August 9 & 10. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Dremel-style tool kit. Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that the field looks good and is in good condition. Webmasters Charley Zera and Rob Whalen reported that the LHMACH Website is running well. They called attention to the pictures and video clip from the June 7<sup>th</sup> float fly that was sent in by Greg Lazarchik (thanks, Greg!). They are still looking for more pictures to post. Rob also stated that they are trying to get the newsletters posted within a day of receiving them, so that everyone would have a chance to read them before the meetings.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Passing Away of Dave and Bernie:** President Marquis called for a moment of silence in memory of our fallen members, Dave Kelley and Bernie Cramer.

**(b) Field Clean-Up Day:** President Marquis thanked all who participated in the field clean-up day on May 24<sup>th</sup>, and especially Vaun Hile, who came the day before and did nearly all of the weed-whacking.

**(c) Opening Day Picnic:** President Marquis thanked Brian Moore for a great job as Food Chairman and Chef, and Bob Bushmire for a great job as Fun Fly Chairman, for the Opening Day Picnic on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**(d) Windsock:** President Marquis also thanked Chuck Zera for moving the windsock to a more equitable position at the field.

**(e) Flea Market Ad:** John Hathaway reported that everything is good with the ad for the Flea Market. The print ad is in the current (July) issue of Model Aviation magazine and the display ad should appear in the September and October issues. It was also suggested later in the meeting that we should post fliers with maps, etc., at hobby shops and other public places.

**(f) Float Fly:** The June 7<sup>th</sup> float fly was sparsely attended, primarily because of the high wind and threat of rain. There were a few people from the Mon Valley and Mars clubs. There were a few stranded-plane rescues, but no crashes.

**(g) Scale Contest:** Both the weather and the attendance were poor. It was very windy. Only three airplanes participated. We need to look into the poor attendance issue on all of our competitive events.

**(g) Tax Exempt IRS Form:** The form is still in preparation, according to the AMA Website. The club officers will complete the form when it becomes available.

### **New Business:**

**(a) August Picnic & Fun Fly:** Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Chairmen and volunteers still needed for both food and fun fly.

**(b) Awards Banquet:** Hoss', on Route 119 in South Greensburg, was suggested as the venue. We can have a private room and order from the menu. Ron Polcha will check availability for Saturday (evening), November 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**(c) Thursday Student Attendance:** There has been some concern about low student attendance at

Thursday training sessions. We need to find out why students are not attending and what we can do to encourage attendance. One suggestion was to see if Bob Bushmire would be interested in teaching another aerobatics class on Thursdays, using a buddy box.

**(d) T-Shirts:** President Marquis announced that we are about ready to order a new batch of club T-shirts. Two sales representatives from TNT Embroidery and More were at the field prior to the meeting, to discuss their wares and terms. They stated that we do not need to order in any special quantities. We can place individual orders of any color and style on any item we want.

**(g) Other Upcoming Events:** The only event coming up before the next meeting is the Pylon Race on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Raffle:**

The Dremel-style tool kit was won by Mike Bossick.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Don Accorsi***

***Events:***

***Float Fly Sat July 12<sup>th</sup>***

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