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*Regular Meeting June 8th at 7:00 PM Mammoth
Breakfast 8:30 AM, June 13th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM June 27th The Coop in Norvelt,*

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I have a few Items I'd like to comment on this month. First off is I was very upset with the way some of our members are conducting themselves at the meetings. There is a total lack of respect and consideration that *MUST* end! That being said, I have a lot of people e-mail and call me with concerns and opinions, lately the buzz has been about the web-site issue, but when it comes time to address them at the meeting they are not present. Member participation is the only way to make a difference so come out, vote, and be heard. I cannot emphasize this enough!

Secondly, this and the following two meeting will be held at the field or in case of rain we will meet at our traditional pavilion #13 across the lake.

Lastly, to end on a good note, there was a good turnout for the work-party and much was accomplished. The following day showed another good turnout of friends and family for the opening day picnic. Thanks again to Brian Moore, his fiance Linda, Bob Bushmire, and all others who helped out!

Robby

Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Whalen with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 29 members and one guest present. The minutes of the April 13th meeting were approved as published in the May newsletter. One new member, Jackson Raimondo (12), of Greensburg, was voted into the club. Secretary Don Accorsi introduced the guest, Ms. Peg Schmidt, Pittsburgh Local Coordinator for the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), who would speak later in the meeting. He also circulated a flyer for the Mon-Valley Electric Fun Fly, June 23 & 24, at Cedar Creek Park, and some literature, a DVD and Instructors' manuals for Hangar 9's new F-22 Raptor ARF

Progressive Training System. The Treasurers report was approved, as read by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Magnum .61 XLS 2-stroke Engine. Field Control/Safety Officer Brian Moore reported that the grass at the field was too long when cut last, and there were many large clumps of it all over the field. This presented somewhat of a hazard to takeoffs and landings. He also announced a work day to be held on Saturday, May 26th @ 10:00 AM, for field cleanup and maintenance.

Old Business:

Float Fly: Bob Bushmire reported that the first float fly at Acme Dam was a great success, and that Acme Dam was found to be an excellent place for float flies. There were quite a few members there from the Mon Valley Club and there were more boats than planes. He recommended that in future float flies the boats should stay out of the main flyway channel when there are planes in the air, and we should try to get more planes and LHMACH members to attend. The addition of a Port-a-John would be a great improvement to the facilities, as indicated by the general public's heavy use of the "woods" as restroom facilities. A reporter was there from the Trafford newspaper, interviewing participants and taking photographs. She is supposed to notify the club when the article is to appear in the newspaper. Everything went smoothly overall, and Bob thanked all who participated and helped, especially Jeff Hails for the excellent job on providing a portable frequency control board. The next float fly is scheduled for Saturday, June 2nd.

Pylon Races: Chairman: Rich Makovich. The first set of Pylon Races were held on Sunday, May 6th. Starting this year, two classes are being run: The Unlimited Class and the Stock (Q500) Class. The Unlimited Class was a lot faster than the Stock Class. There was a mid-air collision in the Stock Class between Charley Zera's & Rich Makovich's planes. Bob Bushmire's plane also lost a wheel in flight. The next Pylon Races will be Sunday, June 10th @ 10:30 AM.

New Website: President Whalen referred the membership to his correction in the newsletter of the information on the cost of the new website. The cost would be only ~\$60, instead of ~\$150. In answer to questions as to why the website was suspended, he said that Charley thinks the allotted trial time had expired, but that Charley thinks he can get it renewed. There was a great deal of discussion as to whether to adopt the new website or keep the current one, but since Charley could not be present to answer some of the key questions, the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business:

Exchange Student: Ms. Peg Schmidt, Pittsburgh Local Coordinator for the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), spoke to the club about a 17 year old exchange student from Slovakia who is very interested in R/C model aeronautics. He has been flying model planes since 1999, and in 2002 won a Championship in the Czech Republic in R/C air combat. He is very interested in building and flying model airplanes and in all things having to do with aviation. Because of his interest in this area, Ms. Schmidt is contacting AMA clubs to see whether a member might be interested in hosting him for the coming school year. She provided his application and profile, as well as those of other exchange students, for the members to examine. Information about her organization can be found at www.ciee.org <<http://www.ciee.org>>. Host families need not have children in school. Many retired couples or families with small children also host. The students are asked to "become part of the family" while they live here and attend the local high school. Ms. Schmidt would be happy to answer any questions anyone may have. Please feel free to call her at (412) 913-9841.

Opening Day Picnic: Sunday, May 27th. Chairmen: Brian Moore - food; Bob Bushmire - fun fly.

Fuel: Vaun Hile announced that the new fuel shipment is in. The price this year is \$11.00/gal.

Flea Market: President Whalen reported that so far no one has volunteered to chair the Flea Market. This is a serious matter, as the Flea Market provides the funds for most of our club activities. Without volunteers, there can be no Flea Market. Rene Marquis graciously volunteered to handle the food and kitchen (thanks Rene), but we still need someone to chair the remainder of the event. The event announcement needs to be sent in to Model Aviation Magazine in June, but we can't set a date for the event until we have a chairman.

First Aid: As a result of a recent incident, Mark Withrow suggested that a supply of clean, sterile towelettes be placed in some kind of a container at the Transmitter Impound, in case someone gets their fingers caught in a propeller.

Show & Tell:

Rich Swiderski showed his Extra 300 SHP which he purchased from 3D Hobby Shop.com. He said that they are a good company to work with, no shipping charges and no tax. The plane is powered by an Extreme Flight Torque series brushless electric motor.

Doug Hagy showed a pair of very light GWS plastic and foam floats which he purchased for \$10.95. They weigh about 4 oz. when finished, and are made for planes weighing 13 to 20 oz. He plans to use them on a profile electric plane for the next float fly.

Rob Whalen showed the plans for an electric Skeeter 30, Version 3, which he bought from Flying Giants. Included with them was a step-by-step construction manual. You can also buy the complete kit for \$40, or the wood only for \$10.

Raffle:

The Magnum .61 XLS engine was won by Mark Withrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

JUNE RAFFLE PRIZE Seagull Super Star 1.20 Aerobatic ARF Wingspan 70 in.
length 63in. Engine size 1.00 -1.60 2-stroke



Congratulations to the following scale contest flyers. Brian Moore, 1 st. place, for a very nice presentation with his Laser 200. 2nd. place to Rene Marquis who's J 3 looked real nice, but suffered from short flight syndrome. Bob Bushmire braved the windy conditions with his P 47 and as usual (Dazzled the crowd). Rick Swiderski flew his Extra 330 with authority. Nice job.

Thank's to Fred Dey for helping with the judging duties. And to the participants who challenged mother nature and "father gravity " to make for a fun day.

Bill Sr. CD



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