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Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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**Regular Meeting March 14th at 7:30 PM St. Pauls Trauger
Breakfast 8:30 AM, March 12th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM March 26th Kings Willow Crossing**

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PREZ SAYS

I hope this letter finds everyone well. Although a bit earlier this year, a good sign that the 2008 flying season is approaching is Daylight Savings Time on March 9. Now is a good time to ready your planes for the upcoming season. Check your planes thoroughly before flying them, for some reason or other planes sitting idle for several months sometimes develop problems which were not previously there.

We have secured the Hunt Club in New Stanton for the flea market scheduled for October 19. We definitely need to put an all out effort into this event to hopefully bring it back to prior years.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to chair/co-chair an event this year. There are still a couple of slots open but I am certain within the next month or so these will be filled.

As was discussed during the February meeting concerning the park flyer program and qualification, it was agreed that an amendment to our by-laws is necessary. Bob Bushmire graciously accepted to be part of this committee. We will read the amendment at the March meeting and follow procedure for its adoption.

More details will be given during the March meeting concerning the RC Air Show. As was mentioned, the event will be held at the Mt.Pleasant/Scottdale airport. We will have some more details for you. Your input, cooperation and participation in this event will be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you at the March 14 meeting . Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of February 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 24 members present. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded the members that there are still quite a few members who have not yet paid their dues, and some who have not yet renewed their AMA memberships. Those who have not renewed their LHMAC dues by March 31st will be assumed to have dropped out of the club. Those who do not have current AMA memberships will not be permitted to fly at our field. Don also circulated a flier for the Central Penn Aeromodelers Flea Market in Lebanon, PA,

on Saturday, March 8th. The Treasurers report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Super Tigre .61 Engine, Ringed with Muffler. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that he still got 4 “bouncebacks” from e-mails of the newsletter, but these were all to members whose dues were not yet paid. (**Secretary’s Note:** Repeating for emphasis, make sure that Jeff has your correct e-mail address, and add Jeff’s e-mail address: jhails2@hotmail.com to your address book to avoid having your ISP dump your newsletter in your spam box.) Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that the field is rough from the winter weather and should be rolled soon. He will contact the park office. President Marquis announced that he still has some old style winter hats left which he will sell for \$1.00 each to anyone interested.

Old Business:

- (a) **LHMAC Website:** Charley Zera reported that the website is still up and running. They would like to have more pictures to post. They are updating the site as new items and events arise.
- (b) **Windsock:** Jeff Hails reported that repairs on our old airplane weather vane have been completed and it is now ready to put back up. Chuck Zera reported that the AMA has two windsocks available: a small one for \$45, and a larger one for \$60. A motion was carried to purchase a larger one for the field.
- (c) **Float Flies:** May 3rd, June 7th, July 12th, August 2nd, September 6th and October 4th (all Saturdays). Chairman: Ron Gade; Co-chairman: Bob Bushmire.
- (d) **Pylon Races:** May 4th, June 22nd, July 13th and August 10th (all Sundays). Chairman: Rich Makovich.
- (e) **Scale Contest:** Sunday, June 8th. Chairman: Brian Moore.
- (f) **Endurance/Timed Flight Contest:** Sunday, July 13th. Chairman: Chuck Zera.
- (g) **Snyder Cup Trials:** Sunday, July 20th. Chairman: Rich Makovich.
- (h) **Opening Day Picnic & Fun Fly:** Sunday, May 25th. Chairmen: Brian Moore (picnic); Bob Bushmire (fun Fly).
- (i) **August Picnic & Fun Fly:** Sunday, August 24th. Chairman: Jake Lobo (food); still need chairman for fun fly.
- (j) **Flea Market, Possible New Venue:** Mike Bossick reported that the Pleasant Unity Fire Hall would cost \$100 plus a few expenses, but it was decided that it would be best to keep the venue at the Hempfield Hunt Club.
- (k) **Flea Market:** Sunday, October 19th, at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Chairman and volunteers still needed.
- (l) **Meeting Refreshments:** The March meeting is the last meeting at which refreshments will be provided, unless someone steps forward and volunteers to take over the job of providing them.
- (m) **Awards Banquet:** Discussion of the subject of an Awards Banquet was deferred until a later meeting.

New Business:

- (a) **AMA Park Pilot Membership:** In a discussion of how our club should handle any persons holding the new AMA Park Flyer class membership who wish to fly at our field, it was generally agreed that these people should join our club as regular members and fly under the supervision of an Introductory Pilot Instructor until they are qualified according to the club rules. A committee will need to be formed to amend the club bylaws accordingly before the flying season begins. Anyone interested in serving on the committee please contact President Marquis. A sign will also need to be posted at the transmitter impound explaining the new rules.
- (b) **Membership Cards:** No special membership cards should be needed for the Park Flyer members, as they will have special AMA membership cards and will be required to join our club as regular members, but will have limited flying privileges, which can be so indicated on their LHMAC membership cards.

(c) Public Flying Event: In search for an event of some kind to replace our now “extinct” mall show, possibly in June or July, Ron Polcha contacted the Mt. Pleasant/Scottsdale Airport. The airport is available for a possible “R/C Airshow” type of event. Further details should be forthcoming by the March meeting. Anyone interested in serving on a committee for such an event, please contact President Marquis.

(d) Introductory Pilot Instructors: Chuck and Charley Zera, Rob Whalen and Jeff Hails have agreed to be our Introductory Pilot Instructors for this year. Anyone else interested please contact President Marquis.

Show & Tell:

Mark Withrow showed his Nexstar .46 trainer which he had repaired as the result of an argument with a tree last summer. He recovered it (BTW, his first attempt at covering) in Olive Drab to resemble an L1901 “Birdog”, of Vietnam Fame. (Very nice job, Mark!)

Ron Gade showed his very first R/C receiver, a single channel, with battery pack. (Very interesting!) He also showed his ¼ scale, 21 ½” wingspan, Stits Skybaby which he built from an RCM plan. The full scale version has only a 7 ft. wingspan.

Jeff Hails showed how he extends the shelf life of an opened bottle of Gorilla Glue by inverting it in a small can with a silica gel packet, and then storing the entire assembly in a larger sealed plastic container. If the silica gel absorbs excess moisture it can be reconstituted by heating at 200 degrees Fahrenheit.

Raffle:

The Super Tigre .61 engine was won by Rick Swiderski.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Don Accorsi

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