

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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Regular Meeting May 9th at 7:30 PM St. Paul's, Trauger

Breakfast 8:30 AM, May 23rd Eat n' Park in Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM May 11th The Coop in Norvelt,

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Pres sez/

Hey everyone, hope all that went to the Weak Signals RC convention (Toledo) had a good time! I know I did. There has been some new information regarding the web site that Charley Zera made that I feel need to be addressed now for those who may not make it to the meeting. There was a misunderstanding concerning the price of the web site and I am told that we will be able to have Charleys' web site available for +- \$50.00 a year instead if the original \$144.00. Charley will have more details.that's about it for now! Have fun, be safe, and enjoy the weather!

Robby

Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Whalen with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 33 members present. There was one correction to the minutes of the March 9th meeting: the Joint Keystone/LHMAC and August Family Picnics will be held on the same day, Sunday, August 19th, as is customary. Therefore, the Family Picnic of August 26th was dropped from the calendar. The minutes of the March 9th meeting were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded the members about the Mon-Valley Electric Fun Fly, June 23 & 24, at Cedar Creek Park. The Treasurers report was approved, as read by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Super Tigre .61 Engine, Ringed with Muffler. Field Control/Safety Officer Brian Moore reported that the field was rolled last Monday, but fliers still need to be careful, as the field is still a bit bumpy.

Old Business:

Joint Picnic: President Whalen re-emphasized that the Keystone/LHMAC Joint Picnic and the August Family Picnic will be held on the same day, Sunday, August 19th, as has always been customary. There will be no picnic on August 26th.

New Business:

New Website: Charley Zera has created a new website for the club, which he did as a school project. It is very attractive, well done, and contains more bandwidth than our current website. However, it would cost the club \$4/month for the website plus \$8/month for the domain, which amounts to a total of \$144/year. Our current website costs the club nothing, as it is paid for through the generosity of Greg Lazarchik. Charley's website offers more advantages, such as space for blogs, more pictures, video clips, chat rooms, etc., but this would also require someone to police it. Charley also brought a laptop computer to the meeting with the new website installed, for everyone to view. There was some discussion as to whether or not the club needs these extras, especially at the extra cost. Many members feel that the current website is adequate for our needs, and at no cost to the club. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting, at which time Charley is to present a list of advantages versus disadvantages for the website.

Introductory Pilot Instructors: Charley Zera has agreed to be our third Introductory Pilot Instructor this year. (Thanks, Charley!) Our IP Instructors for this year are: Chuck Zera, Rob Whalen and Charley Zera.

Show & Tell:

Bob Bushmire showed his highly touted "new gadget" that he claims will make everything clear and revolutionize the model airplane hobby, and about which he had been boasting since the March meeting. He had it contained in a metal case, which he did not open until after he had explained how it works. He said that you tell the "gadget" your problem and all the possible solutions to it. Then, based on the information given, the "gadget" will offer you the best solution. He then opened the case and presented the "gadget". It was a Staples Easy Button! Needless to say, the response from the membership was one of dismay, and he was "highly touted" for the remainder of the evening.

Doug Hagy showed his prized winter project: a 2.5 GHz. 6-Channel Park Flyer Spread Spectrum radio transmitter which he had transplanted into a classic 1973 EK Logitrol transmitter case, keeping the case in its original unaltered state. He had expert advice from an electronics pro, to make sure that he kept it within FCC regulations. (Beautiful job, Doug!) The transmitter looks brand new.

Rob Whalen showed his vacuum bagging system for sheeting foam wings, which he built from plans that he downloaded from joewoodworker.com. He used two 25 lb. propane gas bottles, a 110v. refrigerator pump, a vacuum gauge, and a control switch that sets the vacuum to the desired pressure. The system is totally automated and self-running. (Nice job, Robby!)

Raffle:

The Super Tigre .61 engine was won by Jake Lobo.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

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