

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting May 9th at 7:30 PM St. Pauls Trauger
Breakfast 8:30 AM, May 14th Eat n' Park in Greensburg
Breakfast 8:30 AM May 28th Kings Willow Crossing*

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Prez Says

Greetings to all! It certainly has been a pretty Spring so far and not too wet and windy. April was also a decent month for flying. We even had a couple of good Thursdays with a good amount of planes on the flight line. With May comes several scheduled club events: May 3 - Float Fly, Acme dam; May 4 - first pylon race at the field; May 9 - regular meeting at St. Paul's at 7:30; May 25 - Opening day picnic and fun fly, food to be served around noon time. **COME TO THESE EVENTS - PARTICIPATE - ENJOY!** This is YOUR club.

I would like to schedule a clean-up morning. I am tentatively scheduling it for Saturday, May 24, details to be given during the May meeting.

Plans are proceeding quite well for our first annual (?) RC airshow scheduled for June 14 at the Mt. Pleasant/Scottsdale airport. During the May 9 meeting we will have a sign-up sheet with various jobs, etc. which we sincerely hope you can donate some of your time, of course, flying as well. We are excited about this event. We have all the intentions of making this event a successful venture. Hope to see many of you at the May meeting.

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of April 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 21 members and 1 guest present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved, as published in the April newsletter. Two new members were voted into the club: Tyler McFadden (12 yrs. old, accompanied by his father, Curt), from Mt. Pleasant; and Bill Lipscomb, from Greensburg. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a SIG Four-Star 120 Kit. Field Control/Safety Officer Chuck Zera reported that the field has been rolled, and that park maintenance is acquiring a new 5-ton roller which it will use later.

Old Business:

(a) Park Flyer Amendment: President Marquis reported that he has added a note to the amendment to specify the Park Flyer Program as defined by the AMA. He also reported that Greg Lazarchik has provided him with a computer disk containing the club bylaws, and that the bylaws will be updated and each member will receive a copy. A question was raised as to whether or not park flyers should be excluded from our fun fly games, as they are generally not AMA sanctioned events. It was agreed by all that park flyers would NOT be excluded from our fun fly events.

(b) R/C Air Show: Saturday, June 14th, with a rain date for Sunday June 15th. Chairmen: Rene Marquis & Ron Polcha. Rene has notified local R/C clubs, inviting their participation, but has not received any response as yet. John Hathaway will explore ways of getting media coverage. There will be a meeting of the committee and anyone interested at the field on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 PM. Many more volunteers and participants are needed for this to be a success. Details will be finalized and sign-up sheets will be provided at the May meeting.

(c) Windsock: Jeff Hails will put up the airplane weather vane and new windsock before next Thursday.

New Business:

(a) Gene Shelkey Obituary: A motion was carried for the club to donate \$50, in memory of Gene Shelkey, to the charity named in his obituary. Gene was a prominent former member of our club.

(b) U.S. Scale Team Raffle: A motion was carried for the club to purchase, at a cost of \$30, the 9 raffle tickets sent by the U.S. Scale Team, in support of their annual participation in world competition. The individual tickets are to be raffled off separately at the end of the meeting. The scale team is offering a nice selection of prizes as usual.

(c) Flea Market Ad: A motion was carried to place a regular ad for \$10, and two monthly display ads at \$45 each in Model Aviation News, for our October flea market. John Hathaway will handle placement of the ads. The flea market is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Co-chairmen: Ron Polcha & Rene Marquis. Many volunteers are still needed.

(d) IRS Tax Exempt Filing: According to an article in the April 2008 issue of Model Aeronautics, page 11, the IRS has issued a new requirement that some small tax-exempt organizations (gross receipts of \$25,000 or less) will need to file a Form 990-N: "Electronic Notice for Tax-Exempt Organizations Not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ" (otherwise known as e-Postcard), to keep their tax-exempt status. This will be handled by our club officers.

(e) Monthly Breakfast: John Hathaway announced that the "Silver Eagles" breakfast that has been held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month has been switched to the 2nd Tuesday of each month because

of Eat 'N Park's special seniors' buffet on Tuesdays.

Show & Tell:

Mark Yothers showed a great filler, "DAP Fast 'N Final Light Weight Spackling," for smoothing out fiberglass cloth on wing joints. It dries quickly, is easily sanded and very light. It is good also for fillets and filling gaps, and can be thinned with water.

Raffle:

The raffle was opened again briefly to collect more money to cover the cost of the U.S. Scale Raffle Tickets. The raffle winners are as follows:

Regular raffle prize (SIG Four-Star 120 Kit): Mark Yothers

U.S. Scale tickets:

1. Jim Pennington
2. John Hathaway
3. Tyler McFadden
4. Don Accorsi
5. Rick Swiderski
6. Doug Hagy
7. Mike Bossick
8. Dick Schmitz
9. Bill Kline

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Editors Note: I have completed my move which includes a new email address. I can now be reached at jgh453@wpa.net or the phone number noted in the header.

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