

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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**Regular Meeting February 8th at 7:30 PM St. Pauls Trauger  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, February 13th Eat n' Park in Greensburg  
Breakfast 8:30 AM February 27th Kings Willow Crossing**

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## **PREZ SAYS**

Greetings!

I apologize for mixing up some event dates during the January meeting. First meeting jitters, I guess! They, now, have been corrected. Thanks to those of you who volunteered to chair/co-chair some of these events. We are still in need of several more of you to volunteer to be chairs/co-chairs for the following scheduled events: a) Float Flies; b) August picnic and fun-fly; c) Flea market and d) perhaps some type of banquet. The Float Flies particularly could be shared among several of you since it is a lot to ask of one person to be at all six float flies. As you contemplate various and sundry items during the day, please give a moment or two of your thoughts as to how can I be of help to this great club. The answer is rather simple .....

**As I mentioned during the meeting and with some good feedback, I would like to plan an event in June or July to help make our club better known to the public. I have received a couple of ideas already and hope to have more details for the meeting. Hope to see you at the Feb. 8 meeting! Until then, think Spring!!! Rene**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of January 11, 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 December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as published in the January, 2008 newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded the members that the deadline for dues payment is now past, so there is now an additional \$5 late fee for dues payment. He also circulated fliers for the Murrysville Area RC Society Flea Market & Auction in Export, PA, on Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Central Penn Aeromodelers Flea Market in Lebanon, PA, on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. He announced also that Tailspin Hobbies is back in business, after a brief interruption, and is eager to work with us. The Treasurers report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Great Planes Ultra Sport 40 Kit. Field Control/Safety Officer reported that the wind sock at the field should be replaced either by a new one (perhaps from

AMA) or we may want to repair and resurrect the old airplane weather vane, the decision on which will be deferred until the February meeting. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are still some e-mail delivery failures which he is trying to correct. (**Secretary's Note:** Members can help with this by making sure that Jeff has their correct e-mail addresses and by adding Jeff's e-mail address: [jhails2@hotmail.com](mailto:jhails2@hotmail.com) , to their address books.)

Ed note: I'll be dropping my Verizon account in the next month or so so please use the hotmail address until I set up an account with Citizen's

### **Old Business:**

**December Meeting & Banquet:** President Marquis reported that the combination of the meeting and banquet worked out well and the food was great. He thanked chairman Brian Moore and committee members Mark Yothers, Rob Whalen and Jake Lobo for a fine job of organizing and conducting the banquet.

**New Years Day Fun Fly:** President Marquis reported that the fun fly went well in spite of the cold and windy conditions. Charley Zera was first in the air with his Funtana X-100. The only other plane there was Rob Whalen's home made Skeeter. Both planes had minor mishaps, but survived. Mark Withrow brought his pocket anemometer and measured wind gusts up to 18 mph.

### **New Business:**

**Web Site:** Charley Zera and Rob Whalen are still maintaining it with some technical assistance from Doug Hagy. They would like to have more pictures. Doug gave a report on the costs involved in operating and maintaining the website and stated that the gracious and generous donations from Dick Durr will cover these expenses for this year and next. He also submitted papers containing the UserID, password and other confidential information for access to the website account to the Secretary for safe keeping.

**Float Flies:** Tentative dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, September 6<sup>th</sup>, and October 4<sup>th</sup>. All are Saturdays. Mike Bossick to contact park management for approval of dates. Contest Director still needed.

**Pylon Races:** Tentative dates are May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, and August 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman needed.

**Scale Contest:** Chairman, Brian Moore. Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Endurance/Timed Flight Contest:** Chairman, Chuck Zera. Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Snyder Cup Trials:** Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. Chairman & volunteers needed.

**Opening Day Picnic:** Chairmen, Brian Moore (picnic), Bob Bushmire (fun fly). Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed.

**August Picnic & Fun Fly:** Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Chairmen & volunteers needed.

**Flea Market:** Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Chairman needed. New ideas are also needed for new venues. Need to get ad into Model Aviation Magazine.

**Awards Banquet:** Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Chairman & volunteers needed.

**Mall Show:** New ideas are needed for something to replace the mall show which will get our club into

public view.

**Refreshments at Meetings:** A volunteer is needed to provide the refreshments at our meetings. Mike Bossick has been graciously doing this job in addition to his duties as Treasurer, but it is unfair to continue taking advantage of his good nature. This request has been made before with no response. If a volunteer does not come forth soon, refreshments at meetings will be discontinued.

**AMA Park Flyer License:** Our intended response to the AMA proposal for this limited license was discussed. It was generally agreed that if we recognize this license, the holders should be full members of this club and obey ALL club and park rules & regulations. Further discussion of the issue will be continued at the February meeting.

**Show & Tell:**

Charley Zera showed a picture of his Cap 232 in a 3D Hover, taken by Don Frey with a digital camera, enlarged to 22"x 36" and beautifully printed out on a special HP printer.

**Raffle:**

The Great Planes Ultra Sport 40 Kit was won by Ron Polcha.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

***Don Accorsi***

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