

# Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting April 8th at 7:30 PM St Paul's  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 13<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM April 27<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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## Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hope you are well and looking forward to some better weather!

I have not heard from the County concerning the float flies since I sent the letter some 5 weeks ago. I don't believe no news is good news. I plan on investigating another site and should have some information for you by the April meeting. Last week a letter and photos were submitted to the director of the Westmoreland County Parks and Recreation concerning the construction of two more work benches. I was somewhat surprised when I went to the office and found out that Mr. Claude Petroy has retired as director and has been replaced by Mr. Wayne McCloskey. If you recall Mr. McCloskey was the head of maintenance at Mammoth. I hope we hear from him soon as I would like to begin this project in early May.

There are still some volunteers needed for some events. Please consider volunteering. It also time to thoroughly check ALL your equipment prior to flying this year. Please see to this!

I hope some of you had the chance to attend either the Lebanon Flea Market or the Toledo RC Show or both. Perhaps someone can give a brief report about these events at the April meeting. See you at the April 8th monthly meeting!

Thank You!

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of March 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence in memory of our fallen member, Dave Hails. There were 28 members present. There was one correction to the minutes of the February meeting: the scheduled time for the Endurance Contest is 1:00 PM, not 11:00 AM. The minutes were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi reminded the members to write or e-mail their Senators and Congressmen (if

they hadn't already done so) regarding the proposed FAA regulations on small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Super Tigre G-51 Ringed Engine with Muffler. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are no current problems with the newsletter distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that he has requested that the field be rolled, but has no word on when that will happen. President Marquis reported that he contacted our Webmaster and requested that the January and February newsletters be posted on the website. They should be there now. He also reported that a customary \$50.00 donation was made to the Westmoreland County Food Bank in memory of David Hails, as per his family's request.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Endurance Contest:** Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Chairman: Dick Patrick.

**(b) August Picnic:** Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will host the Keystone Clippers. Still need food and fun fly chairmen.

**(c) Scale Contest:** Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Chairman: Rob Craig.

**(d) Snyder Cup:** Chairman: Bob Bushmire. Date still needed.

**(e) S & P Q-500 Pylon Races:** Chairman: Brian Moore. Dates still needed.

**(f) Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races:** Chairman: Rob Whalen. Immediately following the S & P Q-500 Pylon Races (TBA).

**(g) AMA and LHMAL Dues:** Make sure they are paid before you fly.

**(h) New Work Benches:** President Marquis continued the discussion on the possible addition of two new work stations and where to put them. The suggested locations are: (1) behind the new cabana, and (2) between the west cabana and the water fountain, behind the spectator line. The membership appeared to be in general agreement with the proposal. He intends to send a letter to the Parks office requesting permission to build the benches.

**(i) Food Sign-Up:** President Marquis reminded the members of the sign-up sheet to provide refreshments at meetings. So far, no one has signed up yet for April.

### **New Business:**

**(a) T-Shirts & Jackets:** President Marquis reported that he has contacted T & T Enterprises regarding new club T-shirts. He gave a brief description of the prices, colors and choices available, and circulated an order sheet to the members. He reassured everyone that the shirts are of top quality.

**(b) Bus Trip:** President Marquis reported that he had no information yet on busses for a possible bus trip. Because of the increased cost of gasoline and bus charters, and the level of past interest, he does not expect any great feasibility, but will check into some costs.

**(c) Fuel:** President Marquis reported that we now have a new shipment of fuel. The price is \$15.00/gal.

**(d) Church Hall Rental:** President Marquis suggested that, because of increased utility and maintenance costs to St. Paul's Church, we increase our monthly donation for the hall rental by \$5.00. A motion was carried to do so.

### **Show & Tell:**

Lucas Morgan showed his Elder .40 that he and his dad bought from a friend. It was originally built

from a Great Planes kit. It has a Magnum .52 engine, which replaced the original Surpass four stroke engine. It also has a 2.4 GHz radio and on-board glow.

Bob Bushmire continued his story on the “insanity of going electric” with his Big Stick 160, on which he has installed his new Turnigy C6364-230 big electric motor. He is still experimenting to determine the best prop size and number of battery cells to use. He is currently using an 18/8 prop and expects to use 8 to 10 cells. The motor requires 1800 – 2000 watts of power. The airplane should weigh about 12 lbs. with motor & batteries. If the electric motor does not work out satisfactorily, he will replace it with a DL-50 gasoline engine.

Rene Marquis showed his “No Name Plane” which he bought for \$5.00 at the Murrysville Flea Market. It was in bad shape, but he repaired and recovered it, added a Super Tigre .40 engine and converted it to a tail dragger. Nice job!

**Raffle:**

The Super Tiger engine was won by Jeff Hails.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

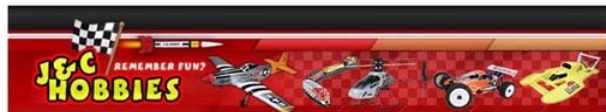
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