

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting August 12th at 7:00 PM Mammoth
Breakfast 8:30 AM, August 10th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East
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Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hoping you are enjoying the summer months!
Even though it is a bit hot, it is still better than January and February.

There are 3 scheduled events for the month of August.

The first is the pylon and electric pylon races scheduled for Sunday, August 14. Come and enjoy this event!

The second is our annual family picnic and fun fly to be held on Sunday, August 28. We will be hosting the Keystone Clippers Club. Let's have a good turnout for this traditional LHMAC event. Food to be served around noon with the fun fly to follow. Covered dishes, snack foods, desserts, cookies, etc. are always welcomed!

The third event is the Arnold Palmer Airshow scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 20 and August 21. As of this writing I do not have the details of our contributions to this event. I will have, however, all the details at the August 12 meeting. So please make an effort to attend this meeting as well as planning to bring an airplane or two on either days and preferably both days. Chuck Zera and Leo Rodriguez have agreed to choreograph this event! Thank You.

The raffle tickets are ready and I have distributed several books of tickets. They will be available at the meeting.

We still need a volunteer for the beverage service at the August meeting. Hoping to see many of you at the August 12 meeting at 7:00 PM at the field.

Thank You!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of July 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, after which there was a moment of silence in memory of our fallen member, Bob Sanzi. There were 28 members present. One new member, William Johns, of Mt. Pleasant, was voted into the club. There was one correction to the minutes of the June meeting: the dates of the festival at the Jimmy Stewart Airport Museum were June 11th & 12th, instead of June 16th & 17th. The minutes of the June meeting were then approved as corrected. Secretary Don Accorsi reported that Bob Bushmire had been seriously injured in a motorcycle accident and was recovering after two days in the hospital. He also circulated an article about the upcoming air show at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, in which our club is invited to participate. The article appeared in the Summer 2011 issue of the Unity Township Community News. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a HobbyZone Champ RTF electric airplane. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with delivery of the newsletter. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in good condition but is not being mowed as often as previously. It was speculated that the main reason is shortage of help in the park maintenance crew. President Marquis reported that the website is up to date and running well, and reminded the members to send their pictures and announcements to Sean Sekora for publication.

Old Business:

- (a) **August Picnic:** Sunday, August 28th. We will host the Keystone Clippers. Still need chairmen for both food and fun fly. Perhaps two or three people could share each of these jobs. The event will be cancelled if there are no volunteers by the August 12th meeting.
- (b) **Awards Banquet:** Saturday, November 5th, 7:00 PM at Hoss' Steak & Sea House, in South Greensburg. Arrangements are the same as previous years: individuals order from the menu at their own expense; a 15% gratuity and \$1.00 room usage fee will be added to each check.
- (c) **Pylon Races & Endurance Contest:** The third S & P Q-500 Pylon Races will be held on Sunday July 17th at 10:00 AM, and followed immediately by the Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races. The Endurance Contest will be held at 1:00 PM the same day, with Dick Patrick as the chairman. President Marquis read the rules for the Endurance Contest to the members present. Cash prizes will be awarded.
- (d) **Air Show:** Still waiting to hear from the airport management on the (scaled down) Air Show at the Arnold Palmer Airport, to be held on Saturday & Sunday, August 20th & 21st. They should be calling a meeting soon, to which a representative of our club should be invited.
- (e) **Snyder Cup & Electric Warbird Pylon Races:** Chairman: Bob Bushmire. Sunday, July 31 at 1:00 PM. The first annual Foamie Warbird Pylon Races will follow Snyder Cup competition. Anything is legal, but there is a maximum of 3 cells on batteries. Brushless motors are OK.
- (f) **Flight Instructors:** President Marquis expressed great concern that we have had a shortage of flight instructors on Thursday training nights this year. The few who have been showing up have been quite busy, while students were waiting in line for a turn. Any qualified pilot in the club is authorized to instruct, so PLEASE step up and help.
- (g) **Food & Beverages:** Thanks to Vaun Hile for delivering the beverages for the evening. Pizza will be delivered at 7:45 PM.
- (h) **High Wing Fun Fly:** President Marquis reminded the members of the second High Wing fun fly on Tuesday evening, July 19th, at 6:00 PM.

New Business:

(a) Flea Market: To be held on Sunday, October 23rd at the Hempfield Hunt Club. An ad will be placed in Model Aviation.

(b) Flight Safety: President Marquis again reminded the members to be mindful of the safety rules and FLY SAFELY. Be extra careful, fly in bounds and keep the hovering over the high grass, not over the main runway. Members should be respectful of the rules and of each other.

(c) Bylaws: President Marquis stated that a committee will be organized soon to review and update to our bylaws.

(d) ARF Donation: A Mr. Burt Hill donated a Nexstar ARF with radio, engine and many flight line accessories to our club. He had purchased them with the intentions of getting into the hobby, but unfortunately became disabled and unable to use them. A letter of thanks will be sent to him. A brief discussion was held on what to do with the items, and a motion was carried to raffle off the airplane, engine and radio at the Arnold Palmer Airport Air Show, with a one year club membership and flying instructions. The other flight line accessories would be raffled off at regular LHMAL club meetings. Raffle tickets will be printed for the airplane, engine and radio, based on the winning PA Lottery number.

(e) Other Donations: Dick Patrick and Tony Kistner donated a miniature camera that can be mounted in a model airplane, to be raffled off at a meeting, with the proceeds going to the club. (Thanks, Dick and Tony. That is very thoughtful and generous.) They also relayed a donation of \$50.00 from a friend of theirs, Bill Jones, to whom a letter of thanks will also be sent.

(f) Next Meeting: Friday, August 12th, 7:00 PM, at the field pavilion. If it is raining, the meeting will be at Pavilion #13 on the other side of Mammoth Lake.

Show & Tell:

Dick Patrick showed his Stinson electric, from Hobby Lobby. It is built up from laser cut balsa, has a 50 ³/₄" wingspan and weighs 41 oz. The cost was \$149.99. Very nice!

Raffle:

The HobbyZone Champ RTF was won by Bob Stuckert.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM, and the Pizza party continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

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