

# Wing Tips

## Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> St Pauls Church  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 11<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM January 25<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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## Prez Says

GREETINGS: Happy New Year to all and wishing you the best for 2012!

Our first event of the New Year is now history. It was nice to see so many of you in attendance! Many have asked (actually no one) that I summarize the first in the air event in poetic form, so here goes!

The morning was sunny, but the weather quickly turned funny. A group of forty stood watching and waiting. To see who would be first in the air that morning. The planes were ready, charged and fueled with many electrics and fewer glow fueled. The clock struck 10:00 and the command was given: All men start your engines! Who would be first in the air was still unclear. But it was Rick Swiderski with his electric and Rene with his glow in the air. The crowd now sighed and began to take cover thinking that the event was over. The glow was still in the air with one less wheel! Oh! What a deal! The plane came down as all planes must with a slight puff of dust and one landing gear less.

I would like to thank all of you that came, brought cookies at this first event of 2012. I always like to begin discussing club events for the year at the January meeting. As usual we ask for your volunteering and cooperation in this endeavor. I would like to resurrect the float flies at Acme this year. We will make this a priority. Please do not hesitate to suggest events which you think would be good club events! Your suggestions are most welcomed and appreciated. We still seek volunteers for our snack and beverage service. Hope to see many of you at the January 13, 2012 meeting, 7:30 PM at St. Paul's in Trauger.

Thank You!

Rene

## Minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 35 members and one guest present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Rochester Institute of Technology Aero Design Team's Indoor R/C Fly-In, Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, in Rochester, NY, (2) the M.A.R.S. Winter Swap Meet, Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at Mars, PA, and (3) Joe

Gemba (President of the Missed Approach RC Club, in Charleroi) advertising his airplane hangers (not hangars) for storing model airplanes. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: our Annual 50/50 drawing with the proceeds going to Operation Santa Claus. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are still several e-mail newsletters bouncing back to him. He has tried without success to contact the intended recipients. Hence, if these people are not complaining he is not going to worry about it. As Field Control Officer, Jeff reported that the field is in good shape and some people are getting some occasional flying in when the weather permits. President Marquis reported that the website is up and running and is up to date.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Coffee Makers:** Two small coffee makers have been purchased for the club's use in place of the current large one, to avoid having someone come in early to start the coffee before meetings. We will start using them at the next meeting.

**(b) Club Dues:** President Marquis reminded the members that Y2012 dues should be paid by December 31, 2011, to avoid a \$5.00 late charge. He also reminded everyone that AMA dues are also due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Forms for payment of club dues are available in the newsletter, on the website, and from the secretary at meetings.

**(c) Food & Beverages:** Pizza was provided by the club for our annual Christmas party. Thanks to those who also brought in cookies and other goodies. President Marquis reminded the members that we still need volunteers to sign up for refreshments at future meetings.

**(d) New AMA President:** President Marquis announced that, in case anyone had not yet heard, Bob Brown (our former District III Associate Vice President) has been elected President of the AMA.

### **New Business:**

**(a) Thanks to Mike Bossick:** President Marquis thanked Mike Bossick for serving as our Treasurer for the past six years, and for coming in early to make coffee before meetings for the past eleven years. The announcement was followed by a large round of applause. President Marquis also thanked Greg Lazarchik for accepting the nomination and election as our new Treasurer.

**(b) New Years Fly-In:** President Marquis reminded the members of the New Years Day First-In-The-Air contest. There are separate categories now, for electric motors and gas/glow engines. The contest begins at 10:00 AM sharp. Bring goodies and refreshments to share if you like.

**(c) Letter from Bill & Nancy Eggert:** President Marquis read a letter to the membership from Bill & Nancy Eggert, requesting that the club erect/construct/have made, at their expense, some sort of memorial in honor of Nancy's father, J. Robert "Bob" Cline, one of our club's original founders and lifetime member. He then asked for suggestions on what to choose for a memorial. After some discussion, it was agreed to have a plaque made in Bob's honor, dedicating our new bench to him.

### **Show & Tell:**

Ron Gade showed his L-19 Bird Dog which has great detail, featuring perforated (serrated) aluminum skin on the tail. The skin is made from thin aluminum printer plate. Ron told about an article in Scale RCM or RCM Monitor which explains in detail how to make the skin.

Greg Lazarchik showed his E-Flite DeHaviland Beaver ARF from Horizon Hobbies/Hobby Lobby. The cost was about \$200. It took him about 20 hrs. to assemble it and everything fit together nicely. He used a scaled a photo from a real Beaver instrument panel to adorn the cockpit. He beefed up the

firewall for the 32 electric motor. It weighs 4lbs. without floats, and 6lbs. with floats. It uses a 3/8 prop with floats and a 10/8 prop without floats. The motor cost \$79 and the 3-cell, 3300 mAh battery cost \$49. He also handed out handy cards with Power Guidelines for Electric Motors.

Bob Bushmire showed his ¼ scale Hangar 9 Clipped Wing Taylorcraft ARF. Contrary to expectations, it is fully aerobatic. It is powered by a 160 electric motor with 10 cells and a 20/10 prop. It uses an MPI Arming switch and weighs 16 lbs. The ARF kit cost \$560. He demonstrated the motor power by turning it on → → → AWESOME!

Vishal Jariwala showed his Apprentice electric foam model with colored LED's for night flying. He explained how he installed LED's and electronic circuits for flashing wing tips & rudder strobe. He also emphasized that the LED's do not have a significant effect on battery flight time. He still gets about 12 min. flight time with the lights on.

Rob Whalen alerted the members about problems with Hitech 79 series servos that Hitech does not do anything about. He recommends Savox Brushless digital servos with 2s LiPoly direct. They have 440 oz-in torque, and no problems.

Bob Bushmire showed his Hybrid Yak, available from Value Hobby.com. It has similar performance to profile models but has a wide fuselage so you can put everything inside. It is well built, has a 39 inch wingspan and uses a 480 motor with 3 cells. It weighs 2 ½ lbs. finished.

**Raffle:**

The 50/50 Raffle was won by Tony Kistner.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM.

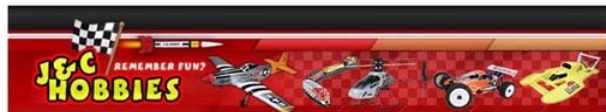
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