

Wing Tips

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting May 13th at 7:30 PM St Paul's
Breakfast 8:30 AM, May 11th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East
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Prez Says

GREETINGS: If March winds and April showers bring May flowers, we will indeed have a ton of them! Hope you are well and looking forward, I am sure, to some nice warm weather, some good days at the field and some flying.

The month of May marks the official start of the 2011 flying season and the beginning of some scheduled club events. The first of these will be the S & P pylon races to be held on Sunday, May 22 at approx. 10:00 AM. Immediately following these will be the Rick Makovich Memorial electric pylon races.

Come and see your club members demonstrate their flying skills. The next event will be the opening day picnic and fun fly to take place on Sunday, May 29, 2011. Food to be served around noon and the fun fly to follow. Chef Brian Moore has assured us that the food will be plentiful and delicious. Ron and Lucas Morgan will be in charge of the fun fly with contests to challenge both beginning and experienced pilots.

The scale contest is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2011 to begin at approximately 1:00. Chairman Rob Craig stated that scale planes, almost scale planes and almost, almost scale planes are eligible. Come, bring a plane and enjoy the day!

All the above events have been planned for you! So come, participate and enjoy these events!

I have scheduled Saturday, May 21 as spring clean-up day.

The clean-up is to begin at 9:00 AM. I would also like to begin the construction of the work benches which were approved by the County. We need your help! Please make an effort to come and help! The T-shirts which you ordered should be available at the May meeting. Please pick them up at the meeting and you may pay for them at that time if you have not already pre-paid.

Hope you see many of you at the meeting on Friday, May 13, 2011 at 7:30 at St. Paul's.

Thank You!

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of April 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members present. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flyer for the MD-WV Model RR Association Train Show & Sale with R/C Cars & Planes, in Cumberland, MD, on Saturday, May 14th. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Hobbico Field Charger, a Great Planes AccuThrow Control Surface Deflection Meter, and a set of (SAE) Ball Drivers. No current problems were reported with the newsletter distribution. The field was reportedly rolled about 3 weeks ago. Bob Bushmire reported that there is a considerable amount of debris on the field, and suggested that we all watch for it and remove it as we find it. President Marquis reported that the website is now up to date, with the latest newsletters having been posted.

Old Business:

(a) Scale Contest: Sunday, June 5th at 1:00 PM. Chairman: Rob Craig.

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

(c) S & P Q-500 Pylon Races: Chairman: Brian Moore. Dates: May 22nd, June 19th, July 17th, August 14th and September 11th. We need new flags to replace the ones that were stolen.

(d) Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races: Chairman: Rob Whalen. Immediately following each of the S & P Q-500 Pylon Races.

(e) Float Flys: The county parks office turned down our request to reinstate our float flys at Acme Dam. Other possibilities are being investigated.

(f) New Work Benches: Mr. McCloskey, who is now in charge of County Parks Maintenance, has given us his approval on construction of the new work benches.

(g) T-Shirts: Last chance: all orders must be in by the end of the meeting.

(h) Food Sign-Up: President Marquis thanked Vaun Hile, Bill Kline and Rob Craig for volunteering in past months. So far, no one has signed up yet for May.

(i) August Picnic: Sunday, August 28th. We will host the Keystone Clippers. Still need chairmen for both food and fun fly.

New Business:

(a) New Events: New for this flying season: Tuesday evening, Telemasters, J-3 Cubs and any high wing airplanes, just flying around for fun.

(b) Lebanon Flea Market & Toledo Show: Ron Gade and Mark Yothers reported that the Toledo Show was not as crowded as in previous years, perhaps due to the economy. No one reported on the Lebanon Flea Market.

(c) Electric Warbird Pylon Race: Bob Bushmire proposed a 3-cell battery limit as the only regulation.

(d) Tailgate Flea Market Day: To be discussed at the May meeting.

(e) New Wind Sock: We now have a new wind sock to replace the old weather beaten one.

Show & Tell:

Ron Gade showed his “recycled” Kaos, which he purchased at the Export Flea Market. It was in very bad shape, but he fixed it up very nicely.

Bob Bushmire continued with his third episode 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 said that the 18/8 prop with 8 cells was slow flying. He found out that the motor needs to be fully loaded (~ 2000 Watts / 52 Amps) to perform well. A 20/10 prop pulled 42 Amps. / 1250 Watts. It flew well for 6 minutes with a 20/12 prop on 8 cells. He has a new 10 cell battery which he will try next. The plane weighs 13 lbs. with the 10 cell battery.

Rob Whalen showed a number of items that he acquired for the new 55% Clipped Wing Monocoupe which he is currently building: a plastic cowling for a 40% Waco, from Canada; a DA 120 engine; 8” dia. wheels; 50 x 200 mm. aluminum hubs; 3” dia. tail wheel. He also showed his own LASER cut design of ultra light wheels for electric pylon racers.

Raffle:

The field charger, AccuThrow and ball drivers were won by Rob Whalen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

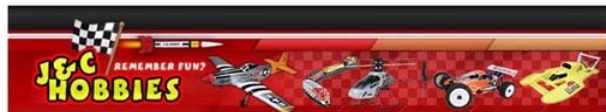
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