

# *Wing Tips*

## **Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club**

**AMA #557**

104 Rocky Mt Court Latrobe, PA 15650

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**Regular Meeting November 11th at 7:30 PM St Pauls  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, November 9th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM November 23rd Eat'n Park Rt 30 East**

### **Officers for 2011**

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## **Prez Says**

**GREETINGS:** Hope you are all well! The holiday season is already approaching, the time goes by fast. The snow this past weekend was just an oddity and I am still wishing for a mild winter. I do not have all the details of the October 23 flea market but from all indications it was a successful one. Thank You to all of you who helped in any way. My concern, however, is that there were more sellers than buyers. I hope this was not the case. I will need some input from you about this and will discuss this as well as a full report at the November 11 meeting.

We will be voting for officers for calendar year 2012 at the meeting. There is still time to nominate candidates. Please consider! Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, November 11.

Thank You! **Rene**

## ***Minutes of the Meeting of October 14, 2011***

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 23 members present. Three new members were voted into the club: (1) Dean Pollock, of Latrobe, (2) Dennis Pollock (his twin brother), of Delmont, and (3) Vishal Jariwala, of Delmont. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter. President Marquis circulated flyers for (1) the Golden Age Air Museum's Great Pumpkin Fly-In, Saturday, October 22, in Bethel, PA, (2) the Murrys ville Area RC Society's Flea Market with Auction, Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, in Export, PA, and (3) the Mentor Area RC Society's Holiday Electric Fly, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, in Geneva, OH. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: Payment of Y2012 AMA dues. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that he is still having some computer problems with the e-mail delivery of the newsletter, and is working to resolve them. There are no problems with the postal deliveries. President Marquis reported that the website is somewhat behind in posting of newsletter and some recently submitted pictures. He will contact Sean about it.

### **Old Business:**

**(a) Snyder Cup Trials:** Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM. Bob Bushmire is the chairman. The RADAR gun has new batteries and is ready to go. Bob gave the rules for the competition. Each pilot may enter as many airplanes as he

wishes.

**(b) Awards Banquet:** Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be added to each check.

**(c) Flea Market:** Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Set-up of tables, etc. is Saturday evening at 7:00. President Marquis circulated a sign-up sheet for help at the door on Sunday, and gave an update on the table reservations.

**(d) Trophies:** All trophies have been returned except two: the S & P 500 and the Scale Contest. Next year we hope to add a trophy for the Warbird Class Races.

**(e) Food & Beverages:** Thanks to Mark Yothers for providing the food & beverages for the evening. President Marquis reminded the members that we still need volunteers to sign up for future meetings.

**(f) Voting:** Voting was conducted for Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer. The winners will be announced and trophies awarded at the Awards Banquet.

### **New Business:**

**(a) News from AMA on Airplane Incident:** No one had any news, but the general feeling was that it was bad publicity for our hobby.

**(b) Nominations:** Nominations were opened for Y2012 officers. Nominations were made as follows: President - Rene Marquis; Vice President – Jim Pennington; Treasurer – Greg Lazarchick; Secretary – Don Accorsi. Nominations will remain open until the November meeting, and closed just prior to elections.

**(c) High Wing Fun Fly:** President Marquis designated the fifth High Wing Fun Fly for Tuesday afternoon, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 PM. Also, when Daylight Saving Time ends, our official Thursday training season will end for this year.

**(d) Club Dues:** A motion was carried to keep the club dues the same for next year.

**(e) Next Meeting:** Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

### **Show & Tell:**

Greg Lazarchick showed and explained some of the uses that can be made of the parts from a burned out electric airplane motor, especially the magnets, which can be used to make a friction-free prop balancer.

Bob Bushmire explained the need for installing ALL of the accessories that come with an airplane engine. In his case, a fan, which he did not install at first, later kept his magnetically anchored cowl from slipping forward and chewing up the prop. He also recommended digital servos in high torque applications, as they have higher torque and are more responsive. He also answered several questions about electric flight, and showed a sea plane kit, made in Italy by Alien Aircraft, for \$60.

Doug Hagy showed the latest Rob Whalen airplane for indoor flying, and told about some of the other available airplanes that are suitable for indoor flight. He also told about the Golf Dome on Neville Island and Tailspin Tommy's gymnasium in Saltzburg, both of which are excellent venues for indoor flying. He highly touted the Extra 300 electric, w/ battery & charger, available from Tailspin Tommy for \$120. He recommended that anyone interested in indoor flying should contact him, Rob Whalen or Rick Swidersky to get on the e-mail list for news about the various upcoming events.

### **Raffle:**

The Y2012 AMA dues payment was won by Dave Oswald.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

# *Don Accorsi*

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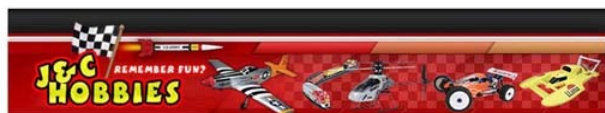
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