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Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

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*Regular Meeting October 14th at 7:30 PM St Pauls
Breakfast 8:30 AM, October 12th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East
Breakfast 8:30 AM October 26th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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Prez Says

GREETINGS: Hope you are well. As I write this letter it has been raining for four days. We need some more good flying weather. Maybe it will be a mild winter???

All trophies must be returned to either Jim or myself no later than the October 14 meeting. We need time to have them engraved for the November 5 awards banquet. Please see to this!

We will be taking nominations from the floor for officers for the 2012 calendar year. Please seriously consider running for an office. Your time and talents are needed. We will also be voting for the most improved flyer and the member of the year awards. Ballots will be available at the meeting.

In just a couple of short weeks we will be holding our annual flea market, the date is Sunday, October 23. according to John Hathaway, this will be the 19th annual flea market. Let's hope it will be a successful one. We need your help to set up Saturday evening and Sunday as well especially to help at the door to take money, stamp and give out a door prize ticket. I will have a sign-up sheet and more details at the meeting.

And finally the annual awards banquet will be held on Saturday evening, November 5 at Hoss's on Route 119 in South Greensburg. The time is set for 7:00 PM. Please make an effort to attend. Hope to see many of you at the meeting on Friday, October 14 at 7:30 at St. Paul's, Trauger. Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of

September 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 29 members present. Two new members were voted into the club: (1) Erik Bailey, of Greensburg, and (2) Adam Switzer (rejoined), of Acme. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Tri-County Sky Barons' Golden Age R/C Model Meet, Sept. 30th through Oct. 2nd, at the Golden Age Air Museum in Bethel, PA, and (2) the Fluvanna County R/C Flying Club 5th Annual Open House, in Palmyra, VA, on October 1st. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a collection of flight line accessories, consisting of: a Great Planes AccuThrow Deflection Meter, a TopFlite Monokote Heat Gun, a Pour n' Pump Glow Fuel Can with a Six-Shooter pump, a Hangar 9 12v. Power Pro HD Starter, and a Hawk 30W Soldering Iron. Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with postal delivery of the newsletter, but continued computer problems have prevented e-mail issuing of the newsletter. However, he will get it straightened out soon. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is generally in good shape. It has been mowed recently, but the grass is very thick and makes it difficult for the smaller planes to take off. Park Maintenance says that the reel type mowers will be repaired and ready for use by next summer. They will be used exclusively for our field. President Marquis reported that the website is up to date and running well. Pictures from the Latrobe Air Show have been posted.

Old Business:

(a) August Picnic: President Marquis reported that the picnic was another great success. It was well attended despite the earlier weather predictions, and everyone had a fun time. He thanked Pat Stefano for a great job on providing the food, and Dick Patrick and John Hathaway for a well organized and well run "Stunt Poker" fun fly. He also thanked everyone who attended the picnic and those who participated in the fun fly.

(b) Thursday Flight Instructions: President Marquis reported that the Thursday training sessions are going very well, and again thanked those who stepped up in response to his recent request for help with the flight instructions. Two new pilots are very close to being qualified.

(c) Latrobe Air Show: The air show was a great success for both the airport and the club. Approximately 4,000 attended on Saturday and 2,000 on Sunday. We had 55 airplanes on Saturday, but only 28 on Sunday because of the unfavorable weather. There was much interest in our airplanes and we sold a lot of raffle tickets. The crowd loved our aerobatic demonstrations, as evidenced by their applause and the many compliments we received. President Marquis thanked all members who participated. We have had no feedback so far from the airport, but reports are that the show will be bigger and better next year, perhaps a full blown air show.

(d) Flea Market: Sunday, October 23rd at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Ad is in the September issue of Model Aviation. Table rentals are \$12.00 by preregistration, or \$15.00 at the door. Send checks to Don Accorsi, payable to LHMAC. Thanks to John Hathaway for providing the flyer. President Marquis will send hard copies of it to all clubs within a 75 mile radius.

(e) 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.

(f) Raffle Ticket: The winning number was 845. As "luck would have it", this was an unsold ticket, owned by the club. There were only 21 unsold tickets. The NexSTAR will now be used as a door prize at the Flea Market.

(g) September 11th Events: Because of the September 11th Memorial Ceremonies at Shanksville, at which Presidents Obama and Bush will be in attendance, the FAA has shut down all flying, including model airplanes, within a 30 mile radius of that location. It was therefore decided to postpone the Electric Pylon Races, and the Foamie Warbird Pylon Races, originally scheduled for that date, until the next Sunday, September 18th. Bob Bushmire also announced that there would be a new category for the Foamie Warbird Pylon Races: the Slowest Plane at Full Throttle. A motion was carried to have a separate prize for that category. The Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races (a double), will be rescheduled at another time.

(h) Food & Beverages: Thanks to Mark Yothers for providing the doughnuts for the evening, and Jeff Hails for

bringing in some delicious Lemon Squares. President Marquis reminded the members that we still need volunteers to sign up for future meetings.

New Business:

(a) Nominations and Elections : Nominations of officers will take place at the October 14th meeting; elections will be held at the November 11th meeting. Please consider running for an office.

(b) Trophies and Plaques: President Marquis opened a discussion as to whether or not, at a present overall cost of \$250/year, trophies and plaques should be continued in their present form or replaced by other forms and formats. After some discussion, a motion was carried to keep everything the same as it is. That being the case, all trophies must be returned to Vice President Pennington no later than the October 14th meeting, so they can be engraved with the names of the new contest winners.

(c) High Wing Fun Fly: President Marquis designated the fourth High Wing Fun Fly for Tuesday evening, September 27th, starting at 5:00 or 5:30 PM since it gets dark earlier now. Let's have a big turnout.

(d) Next Meeting: Friday, October 14th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

Show & Tell:

Lucas Morgan showed his SeaGull Cap 232 with a Magnum 65 engine, Hitech servos and a 2.4 GHz radio.

Bob Bushmire showed his GP Yak-55M, 50cc. size with a canister muffler. He said it went together easily and he expects to fly it this Sunday. The receiver uses a 5-cell NiMH battery which has a warning that is found on all new NiMH batteries about a new chemistry that is being used. The warning says that these new batteries can give a false peak on charging, and should be watched closely. He also showed an arming switch that is used as a good safety device on larger electric aircraft. It can only fit one way so it can't be plugged in wrong.

Rick Crow showed his Aeroworks Extra 300 with a 35cc. Engine. He picked it up at the Aeroworks Denver Warehouse, which he said is "huge", and the Aeroworks factory there is "awesome". They reportedly have some new and exciting planes coming out that use the latest state of the art technology. He also told about a new type of battery that holds its charge for a very long time and maintains its full working voltage until very near the end of its charge.

Rob Whalen showed some acrylic plastic building gauges that he made and is selling. They normally sell in hobby shops for \$13, but he sells his for \$5. They are very handy for use in building. He will make them to order.

Raffle:

The collection of flight line accessories was won by Bill Kline.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

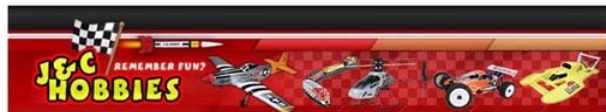
Wanted: Old damaged or non-functioning Li-poly batteries. Any capacity or condition for proper recycling. Contact Jeff Hails at 724 423 3149

Found: two Li-poly packs Super Tigre 1250 mah. Contact Greg Lazarchik (724-853-7175).

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An advertisement for TAILSPIN HOBBIES. It features the company name in large, stylized blue and red letters. Below the name is the address "709 Kiski Park Drive, Apollo, PA" and the phone number "(724)727-7223". A note says "Ask for Tom". The ad is surrounded by images of various hobby products: a model airplane, a model car, a bottle of glue, a bottle of paint, and a model rocket. At the bottom, it lists "Trains - Plastic Models - Rockets - Planes - Radio Control - Parts - Tools - Service - Accessories - & More".