

# Wing Tips

## Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

AMA #557

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*Regular Meeting September 9th at 7:00 PM Mammoth  
Breakfast 8:30 AM, September 14<sup>th</sup> Eat'n Park Rt 30 East  
Breakfast 8:30 AM September 28th Eat'n Park Rt 30 East*

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## Prez Says

**GREETINGS:** Another summer month has slipped by quickly. Hope you are all well!

The Latrobe airshow is history. A sincere thank you to all who came, displayed planes, flew and contributed in any way to this successful event. This, indeed, was a great way to publicize aeromodeling as well as our club.

A big applause to Pat Stefano and family for planning, preparing and serving the delicious food at this past Sunday's annual family picnic. The turnout was very good. Thanks to all who attended and who brought covered dishes, desserts and snacks. In spite of the windy conditions, the fun fly was held thanks to John Hathaway and Dick Patrick. Thank You gentlemen!

There is one more scheduled flying event remaining. It is the Snyder Cup Trials to be held Sunday, September 11 at 1:00. This event is to be followed by the first annual foamie warbird pylon race. Come and enjoy these!

As you know the Flea Market will be held on Sunday, October 23. Reserve your tables ASAP. The flea market is always held under close scrutiny. Is it worth all the effort? Let's hope it is!!!

We return to Saint Paul's church for the September 9 meeting. The meeting begins at 7:30. Hope to see many of you there. We still need a volunteer for the beverage service for this meeting.

This is also time to begin thinking about elections for calendar year 2012. Please consider running for an office. It is both rewarding and challenging!

Thank You for all you do to make this a great club! Thank You!

Rene

### Minutes of the Meeting of August 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 32 members present. Three new members were voted into the club: (1) Kenneth Merusi, of Ligonier, (2) John Golkosky,

of Yorkville, IL, and (3) Samuel Scozzaro, Jr., of Level Green, PA. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flyer for the Tri-County Sky Barons' Golden Age R/C Model Meet, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at the Golden Age Air Museum in Bethel, PA. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Mike Bossick. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prizes: (1) a BME Aircraft "Cap Maniac" ARF, and (2) a micro camera, suitable for mounting in a model airplane, donated by Dick Patrick and Tony Kistner. (Thank you, Tony and Dick. That was very gracious and generous.) Newsletter Editor Jeff Hails reported that there are currently no problems with postal delivery of the newsletter, but computer problems made it necessary for him to recruit some help from Don Accorsi in the e-mail distribution. As Field Control/Safety Officer, he reported that the field is in good shape. Ron Gade added that the field had been mowed on Tuesday and the maintenance people reported that repairs on the reel type mowers will be completed in time for next season, and they will be used exclusively for our field. 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 28<sup>th</sup>. We will host the Keystone Clippers. Pat Stefano volunteered to handle the food. John Hathaway and Dick Patrick volunteered to handle the fun fly and announced that the game will be "Stunt Poker". (Thanks, guys, for stepping up and saving the picnic!) Food will be served around noon and the fun fly will follow. Desserts, covered dishes and snacks are welcome, as always.
- (b) Thursday Flight Instructions:** President Marquis thanked those who stepped up in response to his recent request for help with Thursday flight instructions. The turnouts for the past few Thursdays have been fantastic!
- (c) 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 and \$1.00 room usage fee will be added to each check.
- (d) Flea Market:** Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hempfield Hunt Club. Ad to appear 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.
- (e) Air Show:** Saturday & Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport. President Marquis distributed information packets containing setup location and instructions for displaying our airplanes. Please try to come at least one day, preferably two. Bring as many planes as possible. The club will supply drinking water. We will be selling raffle tickets for the NexSTAR.
- (f) Flying Safety:** A question was raised as to how we should handle occasional non-members who sometimes fly at our field when no club members are present. It was suggested that we alert the county, and the park police be provided with a roster containing only the names and AMA numbers of current members. The list would need to be kept up to date and the police would have to be willing to check on apparent violators. The issue will be explored further.
- (g) Food & Beverages:** Thanks to Vaun Hile and Phil Petrella for providing the doughnuts and beverages for the evening. President Marquis reminded the members that we still need volunteers to sign up for future meetings.

### **New Business:**

- (a) Final Scheduled Flying Events:** All remaining flying events for this season are scheduled for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. They are (1) Richard J. Makovich Memorial Electric Pylon Races, (2) Snyder Cup Trials and (3) First Annual Foamie Warbird Pylon Races.
- (b) S & P Quickie 500 Races:** Bob Bushmire announced that the remainder of the Q-500 races for this season has been cancelled, as all airplanes in the competition except one (Brian Moore's) have been wrecked.
- (c) High Wing Fun Fly:** President Marquis designated the third High Wing Fun Fly for Tuesday evening, August 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM.
- (d) Next Meeting:** Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

### Show & Tell:

Bob Bushmire showed his Yak-55M with a 51” wingspan and ElectriFly Rimfire .32 brushless outrunner electric motor. The cowl is attached with four magnets. It has four servos and a 45 amp. speed control (not installed yet). He hopes to fly it Sunday.

Lucas Morgan showed his SIG Waco SRE with a 71” wingspan, Hitec servos and an O.S. .91 4-stroke engine. A beautiful airplane! He also showed his E-Flite “Beast” foamie with a 14.7” wingspan and B180 brushless outrunner motor. It weighs 2.36 oz. with LiPo battery, and comes with charger, and receiver & micro servos already installed. Cost is \$99.00, bind’n fly ready. A cute little airplane, and it flies very well.

Doug Hagy showed a Right Fly trainer which his neighbors had in their attic and asked him to find a home for it. It has a Magnum .40 engine installed but needs a receiver and servos. Make him a reasonable offer.

### Raffle:

The BME Aircraft “Cap Maniac” was won by Fred Snyder. The micro cam was won by Sam Scozzaro.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM, after which Tony Kistner and Dick Patrick showed some aerial videos (on a lap top computer) that were taken with an airborne micro camera like the one they donated.

Respectfully submitted,

*Don Accorsi*

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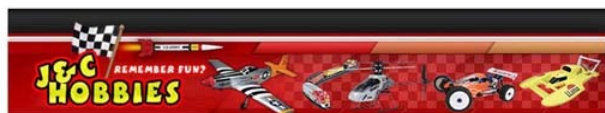


Contest winners from the August 28<sup>th</sup> Picnic R. Craig, J. Craig, unknown, C. Zera, G. Lazarchik, J. Hathaway, R. Patrick

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