

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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April 2013

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting April 12, 2013
at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul's
Church, Trauger

BACK TO WEDNESDAY!!

Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 10,
2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 24,
2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg



**Punxsutawney Phil knows
"WE ARE OUT TO GET
HIM"!**



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The Prez Says

Greetings! Hope you are all well! Perhaps spring has arrived and hopefully the month of April will bring some nice weather. The past three months have been indeed rather depressing, but, it is Western PA and we were spoiled last year.

I have more information about the float flies as well as repair to the ruts on the field and the filling-in of the depression on the right hand side of the field & will have more details at the meeting. Several members have suggested different flying events to be held during the flying season. These include: high wing night, pattern flying evening, glider evening, all electric evening. These are good reasons to come to the field, to fly, to watch and to have fun. These evenings do not preclude any other type of RC planes. I will try again to have a night flight for those planes equipped with LED's.

A suggestion was made to have another pilot station in front of the new bench. Since many of us fly on the right hand side of the impound station this would be a good idea so pilots could stand on the pilot station and not on the grass. We could easily construct this during our annual spring clean-up which I have tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2013.

**The Prez Says
continued**

I am looking forward to the flying season as I am sure you are as well. At all times we must practice good safety habits and observe all the regulations. It is our intention to review and perhaps refine some of these during the next couple of monthly meetings. In the meantime you should review these which are found in our by-laws as well as the club and County regulations.

Several of you have volunteered to be on one or two of the 50th anniversary committees during the March meeting. We could use a few more people to add and to place into action the suggestions over the next several months. More about this at the meeting.

As usual, I hope to see many of you at the April 12 meeting at St. Paul's in Trauger at 7:30 PM.

Thank You!

Rene

**Minutes of the Meeting of
March 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 32 members present. One new member, Mark Hite, from New Alexandria, was voted into the club. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flyer for the Hanover Radio Control Flying Club's 11th Annual Swap Meet & Indoor Electric Fun Fly, in Mechanicsville, VA, April 6th. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Treasurer Greg Lazarchik. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a League Model Co. Aeromaster .46 Sea Plane, with a 60" wingspan, and can use either a glow or gasoline engine or an electric motor. Newsletter Reporter Dean Pollock reported that everything is still going well with the newsletter. He and Linda would like for everyone to keep them informed of their new projects and other activities that they can put in the newsletter. Please include pictures if possible. You can send them to Linda at newsletter@lhmac.org. Field Control/Safety Officer Rob Whalen reviewed some of the most important flight safety rules which have been somewhat neglected in the past but will be

emphasized in the coming season: (1) Hand launch out toward mid-field, not parallel to the flight line; (2) Take off from a flight station, not from the pits, and stand on a flight station; (3) Preflight your aircraft; (4) Call takeoffs & landings, and spotters are desirable; (5) No alcohol on premises, or operating aircraft while "under the influence". He also emphasized that the club needs to decide on whether or not to allow flying FPV (referring to the recent incident involving someone flying a quad copter in an airport flight path). If so, what restrictions would be applied, if any, and field rules would need to be modified. President Marquis stated that he and Rob will discuss it further and form a policy. Webmaster Vishal Jariwala reported that the website is up and running, and up to date.

Old Business:

a) **Latrobe Air Show:** President Marquis announced that the air show for this year has been cancelled as a result of the government sequester.

(b) **Dick Patrick Update:** It was reported that Dick can see some light in one eye, but there has not been much other improvement. He apparently can watch TV, but cannot read. Please continue your prayers, cards and well wishes.

(c) **Fuel Report:** Chairman Vaun Hile reported that a new supply has been ordered. Price will be determined later.

(d) **Float Flies:** After checking with the parks department, President Marquis reported that anyone can come to the Acme Dam float flies, and we ARE allowed to charge a landing fee (\$3 or \$4). Rene will check into the possibility of getting a porta john for each day. We are required to post signs at the dam one week ahead of each float fly, announcing the event and NO Fishing from 10 AM to 6 PM.

(e) **Possible New Events:** New events suggested so far for this year are: Pattern Flying Evening, Glider Night, All Electric Evening. Anyone having any other suggestions, please contact President Marquis.

(f) **Scale & Endurance Contests:** Scale Contest is Sunday, June 2nd, with rain date Sunday June 9th. Endurance Contest is Sunday August 11th, with rain date Sunday August 18th. Bill Cecchetti, Sr. is the Chairman for both events.

(g) **Dues:** President Marquis again reminded the membership that club dues are now late. There is now an additional \$5.00 late charge. In March, those who have not paid their club dues will be eliminated from the roster. Those who have not paid their AMA dues will not be

Minutes continued:

permitted to fly at our field until those dues are paid. President Marquis will send out reminders to those who still owe dues.

New Business:

(a) **District III Website/Newsletters:** Check out the website www.amadistrict-iii.com. It includes our newsletter among others. Rene has received several comments from other clubs praising the quality of our newsletter (KUDOS to Linda & Dean). There are many other items of interest there as well..

(b) **Field Improvement:** President Marquis reported that he plans to contact the county parks about repairing the ruts that were cut in our field last fall by vandals, and perhaps they would also be willing to fill in the low spot on the east landing approach of the field. He also noted that the benches need to be recoated with wood preservative.

(c) **Banquet Venue:** A chairperson is needed for this year's Awards Banquet. Anyone interested please contact President Marquis. President Marquis suggested that we may also want to consider a new venue.

(d) **May Picnic Swap Shop:** Not much discussion was needed to determine whether or not the members wanted to have another swap shop at the May Opening Day Picnic. The answer was an overwhelming YES. We will need to obtain a permit from the county parks.

(e) **50th Anniversary:** President Marquis again noted that Y2014 will mark the 50th anniversary of our club and would like to make it a banner year with several special events. He reviewed the suggestions that were submitted at the last two meetings, and is looking to form committees for the events. He circulated sign-up sheets for volunteers.

(f) **Planes for Sale:** President Marquis reported that he had received a call from a woman wanting to sell some airplanes and accessories that were "abandoned" by her ex-husband. He will make further inquiries to see what she has and how she wants to handle it.

(g) **Next Meeting:** Friday, April 12th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Show & Tell:

Lester Faroux showed his standard Kaos which had crashed in 1970 and he recently rebuilt using a short kit from Laser Works, in Texas. He said it took his 2 ½ months to complete the job and he still had to buy extra balsa wood and a

few other items.



Mark Withrow showed his Tri Squire which was originally a scratch built single channel.



Ron Gade showed his Airborne P-51 electric with a 60 Turnigy motor, a 75 Amp. ESC and a 13.5 volt battery.



Raffle:

The winner of the Aeromaster .46 Sea Plane was Jim Arnold.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Hints, Kinks & Links

Links

Submitted by Newsletter Editor

AMA District III Academy of Model Aeronautics

<http://www.amadistrict-iii.com/>

This Month's Topic is Scale RC Documentation

The Story Of World War 1 Aviation & Photo Documentation

<http://www.wwiaviation.com/>

Introducing Scale Documentation for the Digital Age

<http://www.airbornemedia.com/store/aeropacs.htm>

SCALE AIRCRAFT RESEARCH (A Survivors Guide To Documentation)

<http://jrdaly.rchomepage.com/dochowto.html>

Scale Documentation Sites

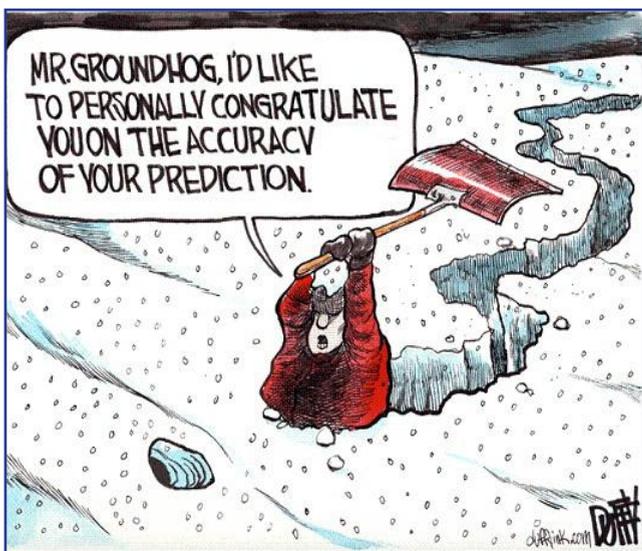
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RCSCALEBUILDER.COM

<http://www.rcscalebuilder.com/forum/default.asp>

Bob's Aircraft Documentation

<http://www.bobsairdoc.com/index.htm>



April Birthday Wishes



WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING CLUB MEMBERS!



Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

Robert A Benton
James R Craig
Rick Crow
Gregory Lazarchik
Lawrence Mays Sr
Richard Mc Connell
Steve Mickel
Ronald P Morgan
Dr Lyman J Petrosky
Fred J Snyder
Mark T Yothers

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

If your name should be in this months birthdays, or you haven't supplied us with your birthday, please get it to me - either by email or telephone. Thanks, Linda



Happy Spring!
(Someday!!)

FOR SALE - WANTED - SERVICES

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Dean Pollock

Contact at: (724) 532-0210 or
deanz406@yahoo.com

1. **Kyosho P51D Mustang ARF \$150**
55" wingspan - 40 size glow or electric.
2. **Gee Bee Models Tiger Moth BiPlane ARF \$80**
From Polks Hobbies - 36" wingspan, 20-25 size
glow or electric.
3. **OS MAX 40 LA ABC Glow Motor \$50**
W/Remote mixture adjustment, muffler -
Brand New.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Denny Pollock

Contact at: (724) 468-6488 or
dennymo@windstream.net

1. **JR 9303 A/S transmitter \$215**
w/72MHz module(ch47), owners manual, ch47
antenna markers(w/red flag) & charger. This
radio is in pristine condition & battery holds
charge well.
2. **I do also have various 72MHz Rx's**
available if interested.
3. **Spektrum module (2.4GHz)**
available if interested.

Easter Eve

Saturday, March 30th, we were blessed with excellent flying weather. There were about 20 flyers at the field. We would like to extend our Thanks to Bill Cecchetti for bringing Klondikes. Looks like spring has finally arrived. Pictures follow.

Your Roving Reporter
Dean Pollock



Rene and Karen Marquis as
Karen has additional health
treatments

Dick Patrick as he continues
to recuperate

And anyone else who needs
our Prayers!



Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Greetings again to all of our fellow flyers. Well, March didn't give us much in the way of flying weather, except March 10th. We were treated to a 71 degree day, and from what I heard, the flying field was full. At least 30 pilots enjoyed the day. I didn't get to make it that day. I was recovering from old aches, after an exhilarating trip the prior day to the Annual Lebanon, PA Swap & Shop.

There were 3 van loads of us local flyers who made the trip to the Lebanon Swap Meet. For me, it was my 1st visit there. To say "overwhelming" would be an understatement. I had my "grocery" list made, and was shopping for some miscellaneous things to finish a few projects. I did manage to find everything I needed, but I also made a couple really good buys (3 planes).

There were planes, cars, helicopters, and everything in-between. There was everything from scale, pattern, 3D, sport, and vintage, to fit any ones desires. Many bargains were to be had, and a lot of "horse trading" and bartering was the norm of the day. I managed a few pictures, but at times it was difficult to get more pictures, because of the wall to wall crowd. There were planes from micro to giant, and I did see many excellent bargains. I'm sure the flyers in our group all came home with new "goodies".

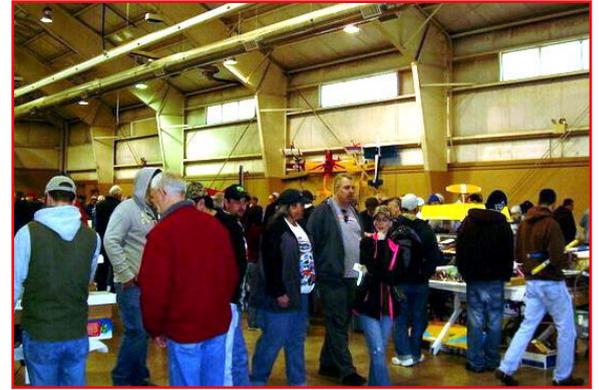
There were at least 5 or 6 very large rooms at the venue. It was wall to wall airplanes and people. I know I made at least 10 to 12 laps of the entire area, and was pretty well exhausted when we left. The next day, all I did was sit and relax. I was too tired to do anything else.

On another note, after seeing a lot of nicely done scale planes, I did a little web surfing. I found some very interesting and informative sites for anyone looking for scale documentation. They are posted in the "Links" section of this newsletter. One in particular is a wealth of WWI aircraft, from every major country. The photos are outstanding. Check it out - www.wwiaviation.com. You can go to different country galleries there.

Until next month - Happy Building and Flying!

Your Roving Reporter

Dean Pollock





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