

April 2014

# Wing Tips

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## Events and Times

**Regular Meeting April 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul's Church, Trauger**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 9, 2014 Eat n' Park, Gbg**  
**Breakfast 8:30 AM, April 23, 2014 Eat n' Park, Gbg**

**Thursday Night Training April 3, 10, 17 & 24, 2014 at the field (weather permitting)**



50th Anniversary

Laurel Highlands  
Model Airplane Club  
1964 - 2014

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## The Prez Says

**LHMAC MEMBERS!** As usual I hope you are all well. It appears that perhaps spring is here to stay. Unfortunately we have not yet had decent weather for Thursday training days, perhaps next week. As of today (le poisson d'avril) April fool's day, we have heard nothing about the Latrobe air show nor have we heard from the County confirming the float fly dates. But I guess it is still a bit early.

We still need a picnic and fun fly chair for the May opening day picnic and fun fly. Don't hesitate to volunteer for these events. As mentioned during the March meeting, the Snyder Cup Trials will be reborn this year. Thanks to Lester for taking care of this event. Dr. Lyman Petrosky and Steve Mickel have volunteered respectively to chair the August fun fly and picnic, thank you gentlemen!

You will be impressed if you have not seen the field recently. The limbs of the trees have been trimmed on the left side flight line and the right side of the field has been brush hogged and the big bushes cut down. A big thank you to the Mammoth Park maintenance crew.

The t-shirt order was placed the other day. A total of 77 shirts was ordered. Expected delivery date will be for the May 9 meeting. Also club hats will be available at the May meeting.

We decided to have both the National Model Aviation Day and the Open House events together scheduled for August 16. We will need YOUR HELP. A special organizational meeting will be held some time in May to begin to establish definitive plans, stay tuned!



**HAPPY EASTER!**

**The Prez Says**  
*continued*

Your ideas are welcomed for any other events that we could possibly hold this year.

The banquet date has been confirmed. A grateful thanks to Linda and Dean Pollock for all their efforts. We intend on planning a memorable banquet.

Hope to see many of you at the April 11 meeting. Fuel will be available for purchase at the meeting.

**Thank You!**

**Rene**

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
March 14, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 34 members present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. Two new members were voted into the club: Kirk Simpson, of Latrobe and Eric Kwasny, of North Huntingdon. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers again for (1) the NE Ohio Electric Fly (replacement for the Holiday Electric Fun Fly), March 21st to 23rd at the University of Akron, and (2) the Hanover RC Flying Club's 2014 Annual Swap Meet, March 29, at Mechanicsville, VA. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prizes: (1) a Carl Goldberg Eagle 2 Kit, .29 - .42 2-cycle, .40 - .60 4-cycle, and (2) a framed picture of the group attending the 2014 First in the Air Fun Fly. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Greg Lazarchik. One member said he did not receive his newsletter. Newsletter Reporter Dean Pollock said that he would send it again. He then reported that everything else is going well with the newsletter. Please continue sending Linda news of your new projects and other activities, and include pictures if possible. You can e-mail them to her at [newsletter@lhmac.org](mailto:newsletter@lhmac.org). Safety/Field Control Officer Lester Faroux reported that the field is dry, solid and in good shape. There was some flying this past Tuesday as a result of the favorable weather. Webmaster Vishal Jariwala reported that the website is up and running and up to date.

**Old Business:**

(a) **Fuel Availability:** There are now 20 cases of fuel in storage at Tailspin Hobbies. The price this year is \$17.00/gal. The fuel committee is now comprised of the club officers, who will pick up the fuel as needed. It may be purchased from any officer.

(b) **Awards & 50th Anniversary Banquet:** The banquet is now confirmed for Sunday, November 2nd, 5:00 PM, at Gianilli's II, on Route 30.

(c) **T-Shirts:** President Marquis explained and circulated sign-up sheets for ordering T-Shirts and Polo shirts with embroidered 50th Anniversary logos. The shirts are available in all sizes and an assortment of colors. Copies of the sign-up/order sheets will also be e-mailed to members after the meeting. All orders must be in by March 31st. Payments are due upon delivery.

(d) **Float Fly Dates:** The tentative dates for this year's float flies are: Saturday, June 14th (rain date June 21st) and Saturday, August 2nd (rain date August 9th). We are still waiting for approval from the county parks.

(e) **Dates for Scheduled Events:** We are still in need of dates for the Scale and Endurance Contests. We would also like to resurrect the Snyder Cup Trials. We now have two RADAR guns.

(f) **May & August Picnics:** Lyman Petrosky has graciously volunteered to chair the fun fly for the August Picnic. (Thank you, Lyman.) We are still in need of food chairmen for both picnics, and a fun fly chairman for the May picnic. Remember, we cannot have the picnics (or any other events) without volunteers.

(g) **2014 Dues:** President Marquis reported that he had sent out notices to all members who still owe dues, and again reminded the members at the meeting, that anyone who has not paid their dues by March 31st will be dropped from the club roster. They will need to reapply for membership and be voted back into the club if they want to continue their membership.

(h) **Refreshments:** Thanks to Lester Faroux for again procuring the doughnuts, cookies and drinks for tonight's meeting.

**New Business:**

(a) **Mammoth Fest:** President Marquis posed the question of whether or not we should participate in the park's Mammoth Fest on June 1st, in consideration of our 50th anniversary. A motion was carried in favor of having a static display of our aircraft at Mammoth Fest.

(b) **National Model Aviation Day:** President Marquis also posed a question as to whether or not we should couple Model Aviation Day (August 16th) with an Open House event to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. A motion was carried to do so.

(c) **Other Ideas:** We are still open to any other ideas anyone may have for our 50th anniversary celebration. Please contact President Marquis.

## Minutes continued:

(d) **Hats:** A motion was carried to approve the purchase of two dozen hats: 1 dozen for year round wear and 1 dozen for summer wear, with our logo from TNT Embroidery.

(e) **Publicity for 50th Anniversary:** President Marquis inquired about various local publications as possible sources of publicity for our upcoming celebration events. Anyone having any connections or knowledge of contacts with any of them, please contact President Marquis about possible event coverage.

(f) **Training Season:** Our official training season is now open. Students will have training preference on the field every Thursday, weather permitting, from 3:30 PM until dusk.

(g) **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Friday, April 11th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger.

### Show & Tell:

Phil Petrella showed his Pica 1/16th scale Cessna



182 Skylane, which he purchased at the Export Flea Market. It has a 72" wingspan, is powered by a K & B .61 engine with a Tatone muffler, and weighs 8 lbs. 15 oz. It uses Hitec HS-422 servos, except on the flaps where it uses an S-525. The pilot's head also turns.

Rene Marquis showed his 10% Wing Q-500, built by



and purchased from Dick Schmitz. Rene recovered it and installed a Super Tigre 40 engine. It has sheeted foam wings. He also added a hatch for easier access to the engine and fuel tank.

### Raffle:

The winner of the Carl Goldberg Eagle 2 Kit was Adam Craig. The winner of the 2014 First in the Air Fun Fly Picture was Mark Withrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Don Accorsi**

## Why is Easter So Late this Year?

by Jaime  
McLeod |  
Monday, April  
18th, 2011 |  
From:  
Astronomy



Why is Easter  
So Late this Year?

Have you gotten the feeling that Easter is really late this year? If so, it's not just you. This year, Easter falls on April 24, the latest it has been celebrated since 1943, when it fell on April 25.

The last time Easter was celebrated on April 24 was more than 150 years ago, in 1859, and it won't fall on that date again until 2095. Between now and then, we'll see an April 25th Easter in 2038.

What's going on, here? Easter and the many church holidays related to it – such as Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Good Friday – are called “moveable feasts,” because they don't fall on a fixed date on the Gregorian calendar, which follows the cycle of the sun and the seasons. Instead, these days follow a lunisolar calendar, similar to Jewish holidays.

According to a Fourth Century ruling, the date of Easter is set for on the first Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon, which is the first Full Moon of Spring, occurring on or shortly after the Vernal Equinox. March 22 is the earliest Easter can occur on any given year, and April 25 is the latest.

A few years ago, in 2008, Easter fell on March 23, its earliest date since 1913. Easter will not be that early again until the year 2228.

## Your Roving Reporter

### From: The Roving Reporter

Hi Everyone! Well, it looks like Spring has finally arrived, and IT will be more than welcomed. We did have a couple flying days the latter part of March, and I was fortunate enough to get Linda's new Sr Kadett Trainer in the air. It flew perfectly,



with only a touch of elevator trim. It's a nice big airplane that will be easy for her to see, and improve her flying skills.

There was a nice showing of club members who attended the Lebanon, PA Swap & Shop. Lester and I went in my van, and hoped we would find everything on our "grocery list"! I did buy a plane from a fellow on RC Universe who lived close by in Gettysburg, PA. and had made arrangements to meet him to pick up the plane. I also picked up a nice Decathlon Sport plane at Lebanon, and some misc. items. Lester found a pretty rare pattern plane, a Prather Panther, and was excited about his latest acquisition.

This venue is probably one of the biggest on the East Coast, and it takes at least an hour to do a complete walk through. The variety of planes was overwhelming to say the least, and there were models to satisfy any need and style.

We are still having our "Thursday Night Gang" get together at the Westmoreland Mall, which includes lots of enjoyable informal chat sessions. It is great that some of our wives are coming also. We also enjoy having a dinner or snack at the food

court. Anyone is welcome to join in.

Jim Pavick came to my home for a visit, and brought pictures of the 3 planes he built over the Winter. Needless to say, they are all beautiful, and Jim is a first class builder. See Jim's planes on Page 6.

Lester and I went to the field on Tue, March 25th, and one of the County Parks workers was rolling our field. By the end of the week, the left



side runway trees were trimmed of all the



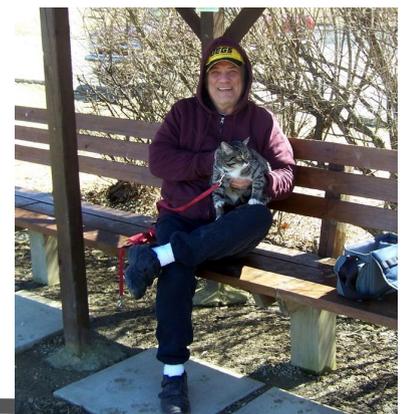
overhanging limbs and branches. Kudos and Thanks to the Parks personnel for their work. It is greatly appreciated.

I would personally like to thanks those of you who are contributing your pictures and articles to our newsletter. We hope you continue to do so. It makes YOUR NEWSLETTER informative and interesting.

Once Again – Please keep the 50th Anniversary of Our Club in your thoughts. Please try to contribute any ideas or suggestions you may have.

### Your Roving Reporter

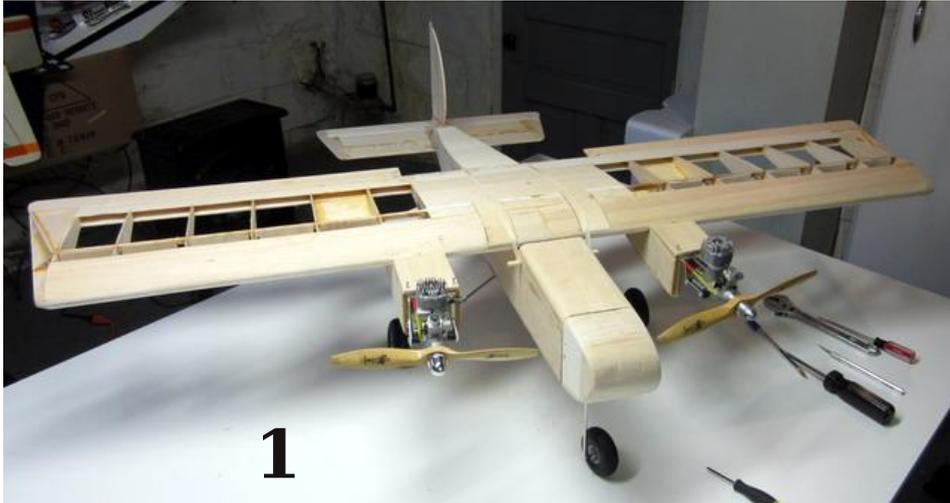
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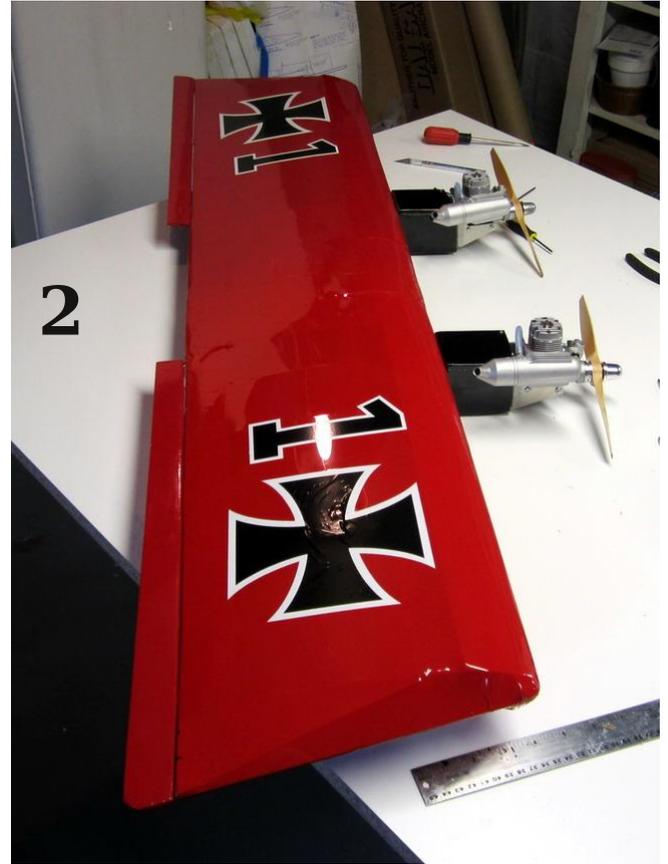
# "Project - Midwest Twin Stik" - FINAL Part

by Lester Faroux

The first picture is the completed "Bare Bones" airframe with everything installed, motors, landing gear, servos, control rods, etc.



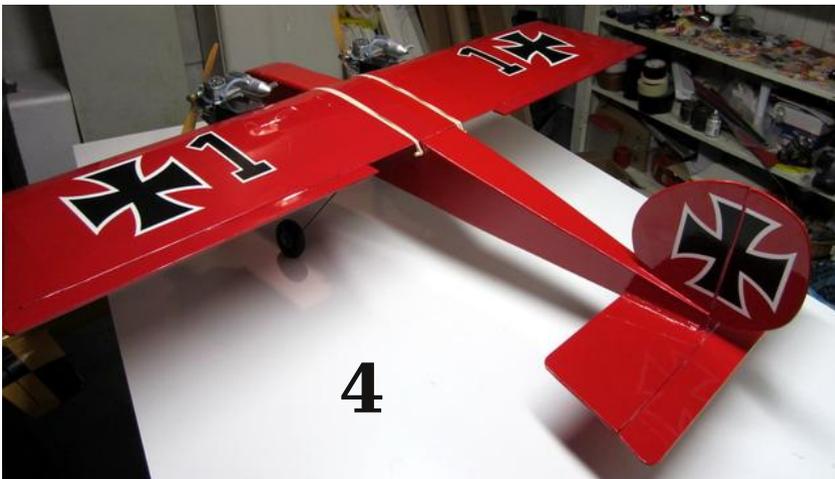
The second and third pictures are the completely covered wing, with engine Nacelles done in black, and the Iron Cross and Number decals on the wing.



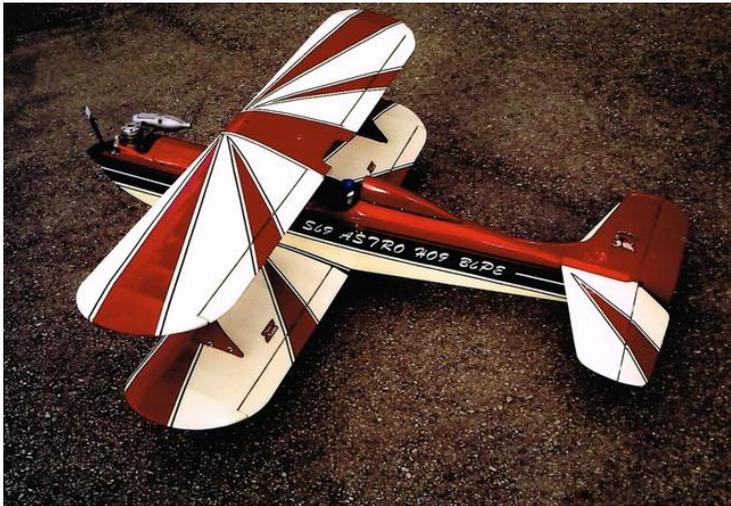
Pictures four and five shows the completed plane, ready for flight tests.

I hope you enjoyed my "Winter Project", and will come to see it fly.

**Lester Faroux**



**Jim Pavick's BEAUTIFUL  
Scratch Built Planes**



**Ron Berlin as he recoperates**

**Walter Rubino**

**Don and Joan Accorsi as Joan  
improves**

**Rene and Karen Marquis**

**Bob Bushmire**

**And anyone else who needs our  
Prayers!**

## American Flyers - Part 3

**Aviation Art - American Flyers Series** - Lou Drendel is a world-renowned aviation artist.



**"Stearman" Lloyd Stearman** was born in Wellsford, Kansas on 26 October 1898. He showed signs of his engineering genius early, building an automobile from scratch as a teenager. He enlisted in the Navy during WWI and earned his wings of gold. After the war he worked for a time as an architect before taking a job as an aircraft mechanic for Matty Laird and Jake

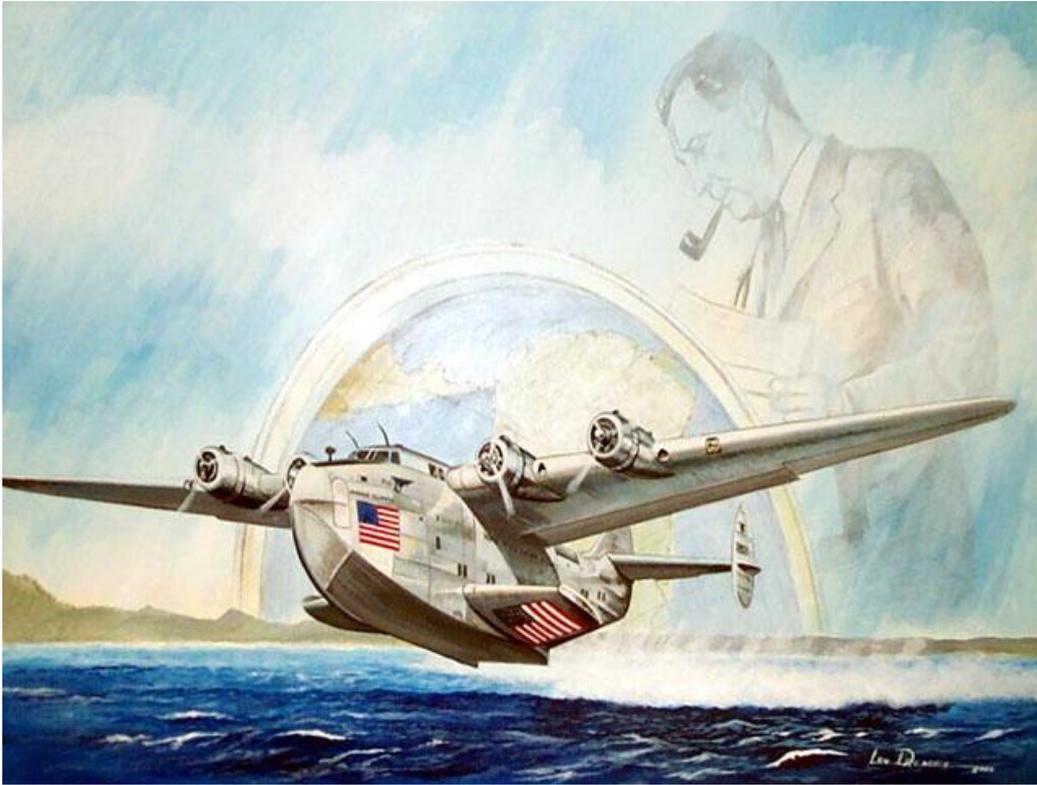
Moellendick. Stearman shared in the success and failure of the roaring twenties, working for and with such legends as Walter Beech, Clyde Cessna, and Charles Lindbergh. Though he fielded several successful designs in the twenties and thirties, the airplane for which he is remembered, which in fact is known simply as a "Stearman" began as the Model 70, designed and built strictly as a military trainer, and first flown in 1934. It evolved into the PT-13 and 17s for the Army and N2S for the Navy. Over 10,000 Stearmans were built before the last one came off the production line at Boeing-Wichita in 1945. Pilots who flew the first Model 70s said; "It's built like a truck, but it flies like an angel.".....which may explain why so many Stearmans survive today, and are so popular that a modern re-production line has been opened.



**"Walter Beech" teamed with Lloyd Serman and Clyde Cessna** to build the Travel Air series of airplanes in the roaring twenties. The partnership dissolved when Serman left in 1924, and Cessna sold the Travel Air Company to Curtiss Wright in order to found his

own company. Beech remained with Curtiss Wright in order to found his own company. Beech remained with Curtiss Wright until he founded Beechcraft in 1932. The first Beechcraft was the Model 17 Staggerwing. It was a revolutionary design for the time, with a top speed in excess of 200 MPH and a stall speed of 60 MPH. It was the first of a long line of high performance civilian and military aircraft to carry the Beechcraft name. It remains one of the most valued and valuable classic aircraft.

## American Flyers - continued



**"The Clipper" Juan Trippe and the Boeing 314.** Born in 1899, Trippe was the scion of a successful Eastern banking family. He learned to fly during WWI and later founded the Yale Flying Club. At Yale he befriended the Vanderbilts, who shared his love of aviation. He founded his first airline in 1922. Long

Island Airways was chartered with seven war surplus pontoon-equipped biplanes. It was the genesis of Pan American World Airways, the dominant overseas air carrier in the 40s and 50s. Trippe is shown here surveying routes on his famous globe. The Boeing 314 was the largest, fastest, and most luxurious airplane ever built when it inaugurated service in January 1939. The Yankee Clipper was the first of twelve 314 Clippers built for Pan Am. All were purchased by the Navy for courier service during WWII. The development of long-range, land-based passenger aircraft during the war guaranteed the demise of the flying boat after the war and none of the B-314s survived the scrap heap.



**"William T. Piper" William T. Piper & Piper Cub.** Originally designed by C.G. Taylor, and sold as the Taylor E-2 by Taylorcraft, the Cub came of age when Piper, who was Treasurer of Taylorcraft, instituted innovative sales and marketing plans during the depression. When designer Walter C. Jamouneau added features that resulted in

redesignation of the E-2 to J-2, Taylor left the company. Piper bought him out in 1938 and added improvements that resulted in the J-3 Cub. The J-3 was so ubiquitous that almost all General Aviation airplanes became known as "Piper Cubs" by the public. 20,870 J-3 Cubs were produced by the time production ceased in 1947. Cubs have trained thousands of pilots, including the artist, who has portrayed the first Cub he flew.

## MONTHLY HUMOR



• O'Hare Approach Control to a 747:  
"United 329 heavy, your traffic is a Fokker, one o'clock, three miles, Eastbound."  
United 239: "Approach, I've always wanted to say this... I've got the little Fokker in sight."

• A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?"  
Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

• A DC-10 had come in a little hot and thus had an exceedingly long roll out after touching down.  
San Jose Tower Noted: "American 751, make a hard right turn at the end of the runway, if you are able. If you are not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, make a right at the lights and return to the airport."

• There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked."  
Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two, behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down.  
"Ah," the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded seven-engine approach."

**Thanks Don Accorsi**

## April Birthday Wishes

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



James R Craig  
Anthony S Kistner  
Gregory J Lazarchik  
Richard A Mc Connell  
Steve S Mickel  
Ronald P Morgan  
Richard P Patrick  
Lyman J Petrosky  
Fred J Snyder  
Mark T Yothers

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

**LHMAC would like to thank the Mammoth Park maintenance crew for cutting down the limbs and brush hogging and cutting the big bushes to the right of the field, the field is in good shape! GREAT JOB!**

# LHMAC WAR BIRD RACING 2014



**PRIZES!**

## RULES

ANY PROPELLER DRIVEN WAR BIRD  
3 CELL ELECTRIC POWER  
10 LAPS PER HEAT  
SUNDAYS 1 PM +/-

## RACE DATES

MAY 4 AND MAY 18  
JUNE 8 AND JUNE 29  
JULY 6 AND JULY 27  
AUG 10 AND AUG 31  
SEPT 7 AND SEPT 28

## POINTS AWARDED

GETTING AIRBORNE	2 POINTS
COMPLETE 10 LAPS	2 POINTS
FIRST PLACE FINISH	2 POINTS
SECOND PLACE FINISH	1 POINT

**FUN!**

## POINT DEDUCTIONS

1 POINT DEDUCTION FOR EACH  
CUT (TURNING INSIDE PYLONS)

## VOLUNTEERS (HELPERS) NEEDED

TO ADVISE PILOTS OF POTENTIAL DANGER  
TO HAND LAUNCH ( IF NEEDED )  
COUNT LAPS

**THRILLS!**

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PNP, 3S, 700mm  
WS(27.6") .....**\$100.00** →



3. **Airtronics SD-  
10G, 10ch, Mode2,  
Air/Glider/Heli Tx** -  
clean, used, w/charger,  
strap, & owner manual in the  
original box. No receivers  
.....**\$175.00** →



•You can read the specs on item 1  
& 2 at: [www.motionrc.com](http://www.motionrc.com)

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**\$175**

2. **Parkzone Stinson SR10 - ARF - EP - 50" W/S**  
- BNIB **\$125**

3. **Kyosho P51D ARF - .60 size - 55" W/S** - BNIB  
**\$150**

4. **EFlite MR Mulligan - .40-50 size - or EP -**  
**52.5" W/S** - BNIB **\$150**

5. **EFlite Stearman PT17 - 15E - EP - 44" W/S** -  
BNIB **\$175**

6. **Great Planes Extra 300S - .40 size - 58" W/S** -  
USED - EXC COND **\$75**

7. **Lazy Ace BiPlane - RTF - DS914 Stroke - 77"**  
**W/S** - EXC COND **\$250**

8. **Spektrum DX7-2.4 DSM2 TX W/AR6200 SAT**  
**RX** - 4 corona digital metal gear, hi torque servos,  
charger, 1100 MA RX battery - LNIB **\$150**

9. **Hobbico ACCU Cycle - Pro Series Charger** -  
EXC COND - LNIB **\$50**

10. **Triton Computerized Charger,  
Discharger, Cyclor, W/AC Power Supply** - EXC  
COND **\$75**

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wings that will work on that airplane.

## THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE by Jim Pavick

Contact at: (724) 423-5159 →

•**Seagull Superstar ARF** - This is a brand new  
plane, brand new Super Tigre 2300 - 2 stroke engine  
(never run), never flown. Wing span 69.3 inches. **NO**  
servos, receiver, or batteries. Has wheel pants. **\$300**

## THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS WANTED by Rene Marquis

Contact at: (724) 523-3320 or [ram158@msn.com](mailto:ram158@msn.com)

• **Used field/ flight box.**

## THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE by Mike O'Malley

Contact at: (724) 910-4000

•**Kyosho P51D ARF** - Has retracts and some servos  
& Extras. Former owner did very little assembly.  
**\$285**



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