

# Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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## Wing Tips

August 2013

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### Events and Times

**Regular Meeting Aug 9, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the flying field, Mammoth Park**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Aug 14, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Aug 28, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**

**Float Fly, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Saturday, Aug 3, 2013 (Rain Date: Aug 10, 2013) at Chestnut Ridge Park (old name Acme Lake Park)**

**Foamie War Bird 2013 Pylon Race 1:00 PM, Sunday, Aug 11, 2013 (Rain Date: Aug 18, 2013) at Mammoth Field**

**Endurance Contest 1:00 PM, Sunday, Aug 11, 2013 (Rain Date: Aug 18, 2013) at Mammoth Field**

**National Model Aviation Day 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Saturday, Aug 17, 2013 at Mammoth Field**

**Family Picnic & Fun Fly 12:00 PM, Sunday, Aug 25, 2013 at Mammoth Field**



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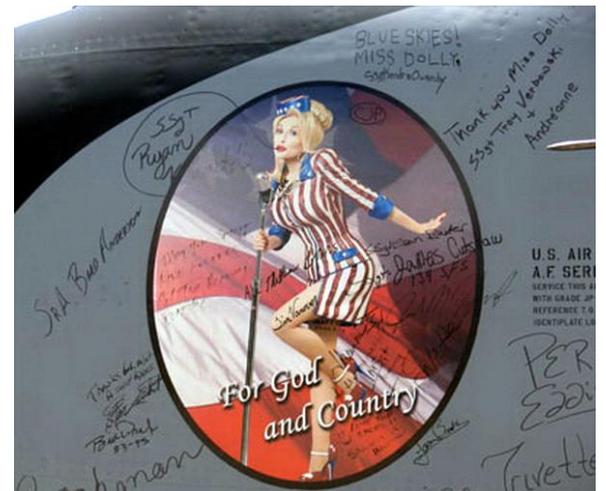
### The Prez Says

**Greetings!** Hope you are all well and enjoying the summer! There were not too many events scheduled for July, but August will see many events. Make sure you mark your calendars for these LHMACH events. Come, relax, fly and enjoy!

The first of these events is the float fly scheduled for Saturday, August 3, from 10:00 - 6:00 at the Chestnut Ridge Dam (Acme Dam). Hope to see a better turn out than the June float fly.

On Sunday, August 11, two scheduled events will take place. The first will be the final foamie warbird pylon race of the 2013 season to begin at approx.

1:00 followed by the Endurance Contest. The warbird races are fun and exciting. Come to these worthwhile events.



**The Prez Says  
continued**

The annual August family picnic and fun fly is scheduled for Sunday, August 25. Food to be served around noontime and the fun fly to follow. Chef Steve Mickel has stated that the food will be delicious and plentiful. Covered dishes are most welcomed. Perhaps this year we will try to divide the covered dishes according to entrees, snacks, desserts etc. according the letters of the alphabet such as A – F (desserts), etc. more about this at the meeting. We are still in need of a CEO for the fun fly. Please consider volunteering.

Finally, as we have been discussing, is the August 17, 2013 National Model Aviation Day. In the last couple of days we have added several more volunteers, we need more of you. Please refer to the letter which was e-mailed a few days ago for details. This day has much potential for the club and the project sponsored by AMA.

Don't forget that we still hold the August meeting at the field at 7:00, the date is August 9, 2013. Hope to see many of you there!

**Thank You!**

**Rene**

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
July 12, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Pennington with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 29 members and 1 guest present. Two new members, Richard Alloway and his wife, Janice, were voted into the club. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi reported that Dennis Pollock had fallen off of a ladder, sustained multiple injuries and was life-flighted to a Pittsburgh hospital. He and his family would appreciate our thoughts and prayers. The Treasurer's report was approved, as read by Vice President Pennington in Treasurer Greg Lazarchik's absence. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Thunder Tiger Lazy Tiger Cub ARF, .20 - .30 glow or electric, with a 53" wingspan. There were several comments on what an outstanding job Newsletter

Editor and Roving Reporter Linda and Dean Pollock are doing with the newsletter. Don't forget to send Linda your birthdates for future issues, and continue sending her news of your new projects and other activities that she can put in the newsletter. Please include pictures if possible. You can e-mail them to her at [newsletter@lhmac.org](mailto:newsletter@lhmac.org). Field Control/Safety Officer Rob Whalen reported that the field is in good shape, other than the grass being a bit high.

**Old Business:**

(a) **Foamie Warbird Pylon Races:** CD - Joe Leonatti. The remaining races will be on Sundays, July 23rd, August 11th & August 25th. Only two rules: (1) Propellered airplanes only; NO ducted fans; (2) 3-cell LiPo batteries only. Obviously, by name, it must be a warbird design and of foam construction.

(b) **Float Fly:** The second of two float flies will be on Saturday, August 3rd, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Acme Dam (now called Chestnut Ridge Park), with Saturday, August 10th, as the rain date. Someone is needed to haul the rescue boat from Jeff Hails' house to the dam and back. Please contact President Marquis.

(c) **Awards Banquet:** Chairman – Steve Mickel. November (TBA), tentatively at the Scottsdale Firemen's Hall. Access ramp available.

(d) **August Picnic:** Food Chairman- Steve Mickel. Arrangement will be the same as last year, but only pulled pork, beef, chicken and corn. Please don't all bring desserts? Salads, entrees and other dishes are also needed. Chairman is still needed for the fun fly. Someone please volunteer. A motion was carried to have another swap meet. A permit will be needed.



## Minutes continued:

(e) **Fuel Supply:** Chairman Vaun Hile of the Fuel Committee reported that there is still a lot of fuel on hand. Demand for it has been low because of the rainy weather.

(f) **Thursday Training Days:** So far, we have had many washouts because of inclement weather. Students and instructors, please show up when weather permits.

(g) **Tuesday Evening Events:** Also have had poor attendance, plagued by bad weather. We will continue the effort. Next event is Tuesday, July 16th. Please show up if you can. If it rains on Tuesday the event will be moved to Wednesday.

(h) **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Mark Yothers for bringing the beverages. Volunteers are still needed for future meetings.

### New Business:

(a) **National Model Aviation Day:** Saturday, August 17th. We are signed up on the AMA Website. We also have county approval. We will arrange to have publicity (Flyers, radio, newspapers, etc.). Hot dogs & soft drinks will be served free of charge to the public. There will be a donation area for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). We will have demo flying and several trainers with buddy boxes, and request a \$5.00 donation for hands-on flying instructions. We will also have a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to WWP. Any other ideas, please contact President Marquis. This is to be a club effort! WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!!! A sign-up form will be placed on line as an e-mail, and on the website. PLEASE SIGN UP?!! If we do not get enough help the event will be cancelled.

(b) **Endurance Contest:** Sunday, August 11th. CD – Lucas Morgan.

(c) **Next Meeting:** Friday, August 9th, 7:00 PM (not 7:30), at Mammoth Field Pavilion (or Pavilion #13 in event of rain).

**PIZZA** arrived during intermission and was enjoyed by the entire membership.

### Show & Tell:

Bob Stuckert showed his FlyZone Beaver ARF,

with floats & lights. (Wheels also supplied.) He said that it flies very well and is fun to fly, but the water rudders don't work very well and the screws are very poor quality.

### Raffle:

The winner of the Thunder Tiger Lazy Tiger Cub ARF was Bob Bushmire.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

Don Accorsi

**Mon Valley RC**  
**Giant Scale**  
**Airshow**  
**September 7th - 8th**  
Saturday Practice day the 6th  
**Giant Scale**  
Aerobatic Planes  
Turbine Jets  
Helicopters  
War-Birds  
Aero-Towing  
Food Available  
Night Flying on Saturday Night  
For directions scan QR code or type 40.174807,-79.777792 into Google Maps  
Just South of Pittsburgh, PA  
Cedar Creek Park R/C Field  
Contest Director  
Nicholas Carrozza  
(724) 255-6996  
nick.carrozza@gmail.com  
Special Announcer  
Greg Poppel  
IMAA size restrictions on all aircraft.  
Any other aircraft not qualified can only be flown as a featured pilot. (Picked by the CD)

## Foamie War Bird Results

as of Sunday, July 21, 2013

### **Hello Everyone,**

The rain once again held off and the war bird pylon race took place on Sunday 7/21. The heat of the day had ESC's and batteries running hotter than normal and the grass on the field being so thick required most of the planes to be hand launched.

Six planes entered today. Five of the original entered planes and one back up plane finished. Bill Cecchetti Sr. lost his P51 on the first race when his thumb slipped off the stick. The debris field was substantial. Bill used his back up plane to fly the remaining races.

### **Damage Report**

One P51 heavily damaged and two others with landing gear damage but still flyable.

### **Today's Race Results 7/21/2013.**

There was a three way tie for first place, after doing a recount of the scores.

Ron Morgan, Lucas Morgan and Lyman Petrosky each had 37 points.

Vishal Jariwala 31, Rene Marquis 29 and Bill Cecchetti 27.

### **Overall standings, Accurate to within + - 1 %**

For all four races that have taken place so far the standings are!

Lucas Morgan	144 points in 4 events
Bill Cecchetti Sr.	140 points in 4 events
Vishal Jariwala	125 points in 4 events
Lyman Petrosky	103 points in 3 events
Rene Marquis	58 points in 3 events
Ron Morgan	58 points in 2 events
Dave Oswald	33 points in 1 event

**Thanks again** to all that helped, participated and came to watch.

One more race to go. Sunday August 11, 2013 at 1PM.

Take Care!

**Joe Leonatti**



**Lucas Morgan  
1st Place in Basic  
IMAC Contest  
June 26, 2013**

A special congratulations goes out to one of our youngest pilots, Lucas Morgan. He entered and competed at an IMAC event in Grove City, Ohio, on June 26, 2013. Here is a brief description of the IMAC Contest, as posted on the AMA Website:

1. Objective. To duplicate full-scale aerobatics with miniature radio controlled aircraft in a realistic manner that is challenging for the contestants as well as interesting for the spectators.
2. General. All AMA regulations and FCC regulations covering the RC flier, airplane and equipment, shall be applicable to this event.
3. Open Events.

3.1. The events accommodate aerobatic monoplanes and biplanes which are replicas of types known to have competed in International Aerobatic Club (IAC) competition, or replicas of types known to be capable of aerobatic competition within the airspace known as the "Box."

3.2. All classes except Basic require that the pilot must meet the requirements defined in Rule 3.1. The Basic Class is open to all competitors with a monoplane or biplane aircraft.

This was Lucas' first try at such an event, and entered the Basic Pattern, or Routine Sequence of maneuvers. He took his Hangar 9 Sukhoi, as well as an Extreme Flight Extra 300. This was a 2 day event, for anyone flying scale - from Basic to Advanced.

Lucas said there is a great camaraderie among pilots, and everyone was very helpful. This being Lucas' first time to this event, he and his Dad, Ron Morgan, are planning to continue entering and competing. They hope to enter events in the

## Congratulations continued!

Midwest and Mid-Atlantic Regions, and hopefully advance to the higher levels of competition.

Lucas went on to take 1st place in Basic, his 1st time out! Congratulations Lucas, and the Best of Luck in future events.



### **Rich Alloway Qualified Electric 7/26/13 15 Hours Flight Time**

Congratulations to one of our newest members, Rich Alloway. He successfully passed his flight test, after completing 15 hours of flight training, soloed on 7/26/13 and completed all required maneuvers. His THANKS and APPRECIATION to everyone who helped him..



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

Denny Pollock as he continues to mend from his accident

John and Betty Hathaway as Betty undergoes more surgery

Don and Joan Accorsi as Joan improves

Rene and Karen Marquis as Karen continues to heal

Dick Patrick as he continues to recuperate

Bob Bushmire in his rehab

And anyone else who needs our Prayers!

## Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

The month of July proved to be a HOT ONE, and flying activities were curtailed by some periods of rain, and the overwhelming rate of growth of the field grass. I finally managed to get my old Piper Vagabond updated and



Piper Vagabond



test flown; and all is well with it. Lester Farioux brought out his Saratoga Pattern



plane, and it is a very nice flyer. Bob Stuckert brought his Autogyro to the field.



He managed to get it in the air, but ran into some trim difficulties and landed in a tree. All is not lost, as no serious damage was reported. He'll bring it back after some minor adjustments.

We've included some more pictures of the



Rene Marquis



Steve Mickel



## Your Roving Reporter

continued



Greg Lazarchik



Lucas Morgan

June Scale Contest that didn't make it into last months newsletter. Well, as of last week, and this week, Mother Nature has given us a reprieve from the HEAT, and we are now enjoying some Fall like temps in the 70's and cooler evenings. Hopefully this trend will stay with us for a while, so that we can fly more comfortably.

**Your Roving Reporter**

**Dean Pollock**

### Members' Piece of the Newsletter Puzzle

Hello Linda,  
These pictures were taken May 2012 at the raising of the weather vanes at the field. I have not seen these pictures in any newsletter and thought just maybe they were never offered to or received by the previous person who published the newsletter????

Thanks.  
Joe



Joe Leonatti, Thanks So Much for the pics!!! Linda

## "Plane Projects: Muffler Spacers Fabrication"

by Denny Pollock

When my brother, Dean, came over to help fabricate his new landing gear, he brought another plane project from member, Dick Schmitz. Dick needed additional aluminum muffler spacers for correct positioning on different models. He sent the muffler & a spacer he had been using so I had some semblance of a pattern. Dick needed several thicknesses from 1/8" (.125) to 3/8" (.375).

I went to the residual pieces crate (no "scrap" with a metal worker) & picked cutoff pieces of 1/8", 3/16", 1/4" & 3/8" thicknesses. I scribed the 1st 1/8" piece from the muffler to make a template piece, cut it on the bandsaw, milled the opening & drilled the mounting holes. Then I scribed the rest of the spacers from the template & repeated the operations for each.

Denny Pollock



Denny would like to THANK EVERYONE for all the GET WELL WISHES. He underwent right arm/wrist surgery on Friday, August 2nd and is again on the mend.

**GET WELL SOON, DENNY!**

## Hints, Kinks & Links

### Links

*Submitted by Newsletter Editor*

AMA District III Academy of Model Aeronautics

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

### RC Airplane Events

RC FlightDeck is the world's most comprehensive RC, control line and free flight event promotion, management, registration and search website.

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AMA EVENT CALENDAR

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/events/calendar.aspx>

Dean and I would like to **THANK** all of you who have submitted your photos, projects, and contributions to **YOUR NEWSLETTER**. This is what will help to keep this newsletter interesting and informative.

**Linda**



## August Birthday Wishes

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



Robert J Craig  
Lester P Faroux  
Walter J Gongaware  
John P Nemeth  
Brian Smith  
Patrick J Stefano  
Adam L Switzer  
Charles J Zera

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

## FOR SALE - WANTED - SERVICES

### THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Dean Pollock

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

### THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE by Dennis Pollock

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

1. **Kyosho P51D Mustang ARF \$150**  
Brand new in box; 55" wingspan; 40 size glow or electric.
2. **Eflite P51B Mustang ARF \$100 EA.**  
Brand new in box; 52" wingspan; 32 size electric. I have 2 of these still in box.
3. **Gee Bee Models Tiger Moth Biplane ARF \$80**  
From Polks Hobbies - Brand new in box; 36" wingspan; .20 - .25 glow or electric.

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Hobbico ACCU-CYCLE - new or used.

### THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE by Jim Pavick

Contact at: (724) 423-5159

### Seagull Superstar ARF \$300 (Photo right)

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.



### THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE by Bill Cecchetti Contact at: (724) 523-6451 or wgcecchetti@gmail.com

### SIG Spacewalker II \$500 (Photo below)

1/4 scale, scratch built by Pat Greenwood from SIG plans. Plane is RTF, w/OS120 Surpass 4 stroke motor, w/remote glow, E Flite 15/6 composite prop, HiTec QPCM, 7 channel rcvr, on CH 52. 2 HiTec 77 BB servos in wings, 3 Futaba S148 servos on rudder, elevator, throttle. Please call for any other details.



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**THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE**  
**by Kevin Thomas**  
 Contact at: (724) 238-2749 or  
 kbabthomas@comcast.net

**Tower Hobbies Vista 2m sailplane /EP/ ARF \$200**  
**"OR BEST OFFER" (Photo Below)**

This is NOT the stock version. A HiMax brushless outrunner HC3510-1100 replaces the heavy 550 motor, doubling the rate of climb. The weight is reduced by 10 ounces which greatly improves the soaring performance.

Included is an Electrifyly SS35 ESC , an Electrifyly 2S BP2100 LiPo pack. and

a Graupner CAM 12x6 prop.

The wing has been modified to a 2-piece with a 1/4 in steel joiner

Flight weight is only 39 oz compared with 49 oz stock.

Condition is mint with only 6 flights.



**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE**  
**by Jim Curry**  
 Contact at: (724) 887-9698

1. **LazyAce BiPlane \$225**  
 with OS 90 - 4 stroke, 75"/wing span, with servos.
2. **Boeing F4B BiPlane (VERY SCALE) \$175 Plane Only; \$350 Plane with Motor**  
 with excellent Saito 120 - 4 stroke, wing span - 70", has wing servo only

**THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE**  
**by Jeff Hails**  
 Contact at: (724) 423-3149

**Citabria Pro w/OS FS-120 4 stroke asking \$400**  
**"Please don't make an offer if you're not going to fly it" (Photos Below)**

Balsa USA kit built with coverite and paint. Engine has less than 10 hrs in various planes, never been crashed. Plane has never been flown. Deal also includes extra paint for touch up and plans for fuselage only.



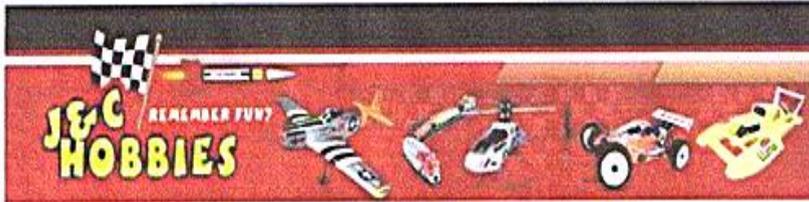
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**by Mike**  
 Contact at: (724) 537-4675

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