#### **Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557**

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# Wing Tips

January 2013

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#### **Events and Times**

Regular Meeting January 11, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul's Church, Trauger

Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 9, 2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM, January 23, 2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg



## Next Schedule Mammoth Field Event

your house, HERE'S WHY!

•LHMAC First in the air contest Tue, January 1st, 2013, 10:00 AM



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### The Prez Says

**Greetings!** Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. On behalf of the officers, I wish all of you a healthy and happy 2013. The first event on the New Year is now history. It was nice to see so many of you at the field. I usually sum up the event in some kind of poetic form, so here goes:



The landscape was white, the temps rather cold and the weather not too fair, but 29 brave souls and Sarge were there to witness the first in the air.

# The Prez Says continued

With my Timex in hand, the hands struck 10:00. The command was heard, "Gentlemen start your engines". Anticipation grew as the crowd watched to see Bill Kline as first in the air in glow. When all of a sudden, Charlie Zera came from nowhere to launch his electric just in time to tie Doug Hagy's electric.

Shortly after there appeared in the grey/white sky a yellow and red airplane. Was this a member flying his plane from some secret place. No, it was a full scale plane flying over the field tilting its wings to wish everyone a Happy New Year!!!

I would like to thank all of you who came to this traditional LHMAC event and those of you who brought the cookies. As usual at the January meeting I would like to begin to set up the 2013 calendar. Your cooperation is always appreciated. Also we need to begin discussion about our 50th anniversary celebration in 2014. With this in mind, my plan is to organize several committees to ensure that we make this anniversary a real special year. More details will be given at the January meeting. Please do not hesitate to give your ideas on events for the club. Your input is and appreciated. We still seek volunteers for our snack and beverage service. Hope to see many of you at the January 11, 2013 meeting, 7:30PM at St. Paul's in Trauger.

#### **Thank You!**

Rene

Minutes of the Meeting of December 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 31 members and 2 guests present. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the December newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Treasurer Greg Lazarchik. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a 50/50 drawing with the proceeds going to Operation Santa Claus. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that everything is going well

with the newsletter, and she is not having any distribution problems. She again reminded the members that she is still always looking for news items and for articles and pictures of their own activities and projects as well as club activities. She welcomes any other ideas or suggestions that anyone has. Again, make sure she has your correct mailing address and e-mail address, and let her know if you are not receiving the newsletter. She may be contacted at her new and separate e-mail address for newsletter communications: newsletter@lhmac.org.

#### **Old Business:**

- (a) Hunters on Field: A discussion was held about keeping hunters off the field, or at least out of areas where they are most apt to be hit on takeoffs and landings, or if a problem otherwise developed with an aircraft. It was suggested that we call or post a letter to Mr. McCloskey before someone gets hurt.
- (b) Dues: President Marquis again reminded the membership that club dues must be paid by December 31st to avoid a \$5.00 late charge. Also remember AMA dues, as AMA membership is required for flying at our field.
- (c) Hats & Patches: Hats are still available from President Marquis at \$10.00/each. Colors available are hunter green, gray & beige. Club patches are also available at \$3.00/each or 2 for \$5.00.
- (d) Thanks to Jeff Hails: A special thanks was given to Jeff Hails for his past service as Newsletter Editor and Field Control Officer.
- (e). Refreshment Service: Volunteers are still needed to sign up for regular refreshments at future meetings. If there are no volunteers the service will be dropped.
- (f) LHMAC 50th Anniversary: President Marquis again noted that Y2014 will mark the 50th anniversary of our club. He again suggested that we consider making it a banner year in which we hold several special events, including a big banquet, in celebration of the occasion. He is open to all suggestions and invites all input. He will be looking to form a committee in 2013 to organize and plan the events.
- (g) Damage to the Field: The turf damage to the field was noted by Mr. McCloskey even

#### **Minutes continued:**

before it was reported by our club. He stated that it will be repaired as soon as possible. In the meantime please be observant on takeoffs and landings.

(h) Next Meeting: Friday, January 11th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

#### Raffle:

The 50/50 drawing was won by Lyman Petrosky. The other half of the money will be donated to Operation Santa Claus.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM, followed by Pizza and refreshments. A big thanks to Linda Pollock for the Texas Lasagna and other goodies, and thanks also to all others who brought cookies.

## Respectfully submitted, **Don Accorsi**

Note: Secretary Don Accorsi sincerely thanks Vice President Jim Pennington for noting the meeting minutes in his absence.





#### Links

Submitted by Newsletter Editor

#### **Free RC Airplane Plans**

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#### R/C Scratchbuilders Plans Page

http://www.rcscratchbuilders.com/plans/rcgroupsplans.html

## RC Plane Plans and Templates - rcFoamFighters.com/blog/

http://rcfoamfighters.com/blog/?cat=11

### **Free Model Airplane Plans**

http://svensons.com/airplanes/

Submitted by George Wandell

# Fly away with James May - and learn how to make his ultimate paper plane

http://www.radiotimes.com/news/2012-12-23/fly-away-with-james-may---and-learn-how-to-make-his-ultimate-paper-plane

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2013



#### **Full Circle**

#### By Lester Faroux

It starts about 26 or 27 years ago when I built a Kaos, one of many at that time. I flew it for awhile and ended up selling it to Tony Kistner. During its stay with him, it was destroyed due to a flying accident. We'll come back to this part of the story later.

Now, we will fast forward to 3 years ago when I got back into the hobby. I was looking around for a pattern plane to fly again, and found out that Bob Haden had a Super Kaos that had been put away for a long time. After much begging, I finally got him to sell it to me. Well, I flew it for almost 3 summers and in August, I had it on a table in my cellar, and you guessed it; I knocked it off and broke the jet style canopy off of it. I looked everywhere for an exact canopy, with no luck. They were gone forever! Right?

Well, a couple of weeks ago, Rene came over to my house for a visit, and while I was showing him pictures of the field from back in the early 80's and of some of the planes I had built, I came across a picture of the plane I sold to Tony so many years ago. Got any idea where this is going? HA! HA! I noticed that the canopy on the Kaos I sold to Tony looked like the one that was on Bob's Super Kaos, so I called Tony and asked him about his Kaos. Would you believe that Tony still had what was left to it (remember, it had an accident and was destroyed) and the canopy was still there and intact.

Call it fate, or whatever, but when I saw the canopy, I knew it was the one Bob had on the Kaos. It finally had come "Full Circle". Thanks Tony for everything over all these years!

Lester Faroux

# December Meeting/Christmas Party Pictures



### Social Time!



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## Chow Line!



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## Feeding Face!



### **Your Roving Reporter**

From: The Roving Reporter

#### New Years Day 01/01/2013

Well, we started the New Year off with a BANG, and our club members showed up "EN FORCE". The traditional New Years Day Fun Fly was quite successful, with approximately 26+ "Polar Bear Flyers", donning appropriate cold weather gear. It was a fairly calm day, and a little unseasonably cold, but that didn't stop the hearty camaraderie among our flyers,

Bill Kline was first in the air, with glow power, and Charlie Zera and Doug Hagy tied for first in the electrics. There were planes with floats, as well as skis. I saw pretty much everyone with a hot drink in their hands. The field had a heavy layer of snow, probably in the 6"-8" range.

I would like to thank the member/s (or members' wives) for the nice trays of cookies, nut rolls, poppy seed rolls, and the other goodies that were there to snack on.

Thanks to all who participated in this annual event, and made it a huge success.



### **Suggestion for the Newsletter**

"For Sale - Wanted - Services"

For All Our Club Members, And All The Readers of Our Newsletter, we would like to open up a new feature. We would like to add a "Wanted" and "For Sale" section to the newsletter. We want it to help anyone who may have something to sell, or are looking for an item, or perhaps a service they may need. This would be a way to advertise to other club members, or fellow flyers and friends. If you have a plane, parts, plans, engines, electronics tools, accessories, unfinished projects, etc. that you no longer need, want, or are just cleaning out, "POST IT" here.

Perhaps you are looking for a service, such as, needing a builder, painter, someone to do covering, place an "AD".

Our newsletter covers a pretty good area, of which some of our members belong to other clubs. Just send your ad and/or pictures (limit of 3 pictures per item) to the newsletter editor at newsletter@lhmac.org, and it will be published in the following newsletter (depending on space availability). It's FREE ADVERTISING! The ads will only be in one issue, unless you resubmit them.

This is an idea that I have thought about. If you could send any comments to the newsletter editor at <a href="newsletter@lhmac.org">newsletter@lhmac.org</a>, we would appreciate your thoughts.

#### **Your Roving Reporter**

#### **Dean Pollock**













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