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Greater Latrobe picks up first win by beating Taylor Allderice in exhibition play while Derry Area gets WPIAL Section 3-AA victory by edging Burrell in girls' tennis; GL breaks 200 at Madison in WPIAL Section 1-AAA road golf win over Yough; Steelers shaken by loss to Eagles while Le'Veon Bell, LeGarrette Blount charged with marijuana possession.

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## Laurel Highlands club marks 50 years of flying

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For The Bulletin

Dean Pollock has been flying planes for years, and likes to do stunts in the air. He's learned how to maneuver the roll, the snap roll, the inverted roll, the knife-edge position and other patterns that impress spectators on the ground.

He can hear their comments, too, because when he's flying, he's also on the ground.

Pollock, who lives in Unity Township, is a pilot who flies model airplanes, also called miniature aircraft. He belongs to the Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club, and on most Sundays and often during the week, some of them are flying at Mammoth Park in Mount Pleasant Township.

On Aug. 30, members will be hosting an open house and putting on a mini airshow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at their designated field at the park. The event is free and open to the public.

"We fly any time the weather is nice, even if there's not a scheduled event," he said. "If it's not raining, there's probably somebody out there fly-

ing. I was out this morning for a couple of hours."

This is the club's 50th anniversary year and Pollock is in the process of writing a history about its roots and how it grew. His wife Linda puts the newsletter together and takes pictures for the website.

"The club started with about seven or eight men in the original charter," Pollock said. "They used to fly at a couple of farms, then they approached the county to fly at Mammoth Park."

The club now has 133 members from all around Westmoreland County, and also from Monroeville and other Pittsburgh suburbs. Johnstown and Altoona. Pollock started flying models in the 1950s, joined the club in the 1970s, took a break in 1990, then came back two years ago.

The fascination?

"You are flying a miniature aircraft and we are doing every maneuver airplanes can do, but the pilot is on the ground," he said. "That's the thrill of it."

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Ron Gade prepares his model of an FA 18 Hornet jet for takeoff. In the lower photo, a model of a World War I Fokker triplane does a flyby. It is a model of the same aircraft that the famous Baron Manfred von Richthofen flew in 1916-17.



Dean Pollock, of Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club, gets ready to fly his Piper Vagabond and his Piper Cub planes.

