

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Wing Tips

March 2013

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting March 8, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul's Church, Trauger

TUESDAY (DAY OF WEEK CHANGE)

Breakfast 8:30 AM, March 12, 2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg

Breakfast 8:30 AM, March 26, 2013 Eat n' Park, Greensburg



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The Prez Says

Greetings! Hope you are all well! It seems like this winter weather will not end, but there is hope in sight. We return to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 10. Therefore, Thursday, March 14 will mark the official start of instruction, weather permitting.

I hope you are working on some kind of project. If you have finished it, bring it to the meeting for show and tell. This adds a nice dimension to our monthly meetings. I would like to form a couple of committees at the March 8 meeting to start discussion on the ideas generated at the January meeting for our 50th anniversary celebration. Your cooperation is essential to the success of this endeavor.

I should have more details concerning the questions posed at the last meeting about the approved float flies. Hope you are planning to fly a float plane at these events. There are many different float/sea planes from many manufacturers available at a reasonable price. The ones I have seen are primarily electric/foamies. The March raffle will be a seaplane ARF. It is not a foamie but built up with a wingspan of 60". I believe it can be flown either as a glow or electric. So come to the meeting for a chance or many chances to win.



**The Prez Says
continued**

There has been an effort by the AMA District III VP Mark Radcliff to post on the District III Website newsletters from clubs in District. Club newsletters will be posted on a monthly basis. Thanks to Linda Pollock our newsletter "Wingtips" is on the website. Check it out and read the 7 or 8 newsletters currently available. They are interesting and give some insight into club events and happenings in District III. The webmaster is from the Johnston, PA club.

Thank You!

Rene

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

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members present. There was one prospective member, Mark Hite, from New Alexandria, who paid dues and will submit his application and be voted in at the next meeting. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the February 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. Greg also presented and discussed the proposed budget for the coming year. A motion was passed to approve the budget. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Flyzone Calypso Powered Glider ARF. He also announced that next month the raffle will be for a sea plane, in anticipation of the upcoming float flies this year. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that everything is still going well with the newsletter. She is always looking for news items and pictures of your activities. So be sure to send them to her at newsletter@lhmac.org. Field Control/Safety Officer Rob Whalen reported that the field is "still there" but frozen and snow covered much of the time. Webmaster Vishal Jariwala reported that the website is up and running and the events that have been set for this year so far are posted in the events calendar.

Old Business:

(a) **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 permitted to fly at our field until those dues are paid.

(b) **Refreshment Service:** Thanks to Linda Pollock for the delicious muffins (that she baked), and thanks again to Mark Yothers for procuring the beverages. Volunteers are still needed to sign up for refreshments at future meetings.

(c) **Dick Patrick Update:** For those who may not have heard, President Marquis announced that Dick Patrick had a major stroke on January 25th and has lost his sight in both eyes. He is recovering but it is not known yet whether any of his sight will return. He would welcome your prayers, cards and well wishes.

(d) **Latrobe Air Show:** There is some uncertainty about the future of the air show for this year as a result of the proposed government cutbacks. It is not known as yet whether or not this will affect the availability of the Thunderbirds. There is still no word as yet whether our club will be invited to display our aircraft if the air show does take place.

(e) **Float Flies:** The County Parks Commission has approved two dates for our float flies at Acme Dam: Saturdays June 8th and August 3rd, with rain dates of June 15th and August 10th. The Mon Valley Club will also be invited. 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.

New Business:

(a) **2013 Calendar of Events:** New dates to be added are: Scale Contest - June 2nd with rain date June 9th; Endurance Contest - August 11th with rain date August 18th. Bill Cecchetti, Sr. is the CD for both.

(b) **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 meeting. Some of these were: support from AMA; publicity in Model Aviation Magazine; publicity in local newspapers; floats in parades; possible mall shows; commemorative shirts, jackets & hats; mini club air show. He is looking to form committees for the events at the March meeting.

(c) **LASER Cut Kits:** Rob Whalen reminded the membership that he has LASER cut kits of his own design available for sale. He will also LASER cut parts for you from your plans, for a

Minutes continued:

reasonable fee. He distributed his business cards to those who wanted them.

(d) **New Events:** President Marquis is still looking for possible new events for this year and suggested perhaps a glider night. Lester Faroux again reminded the group about the pattern plane fly that he suggested previously.

(e) **Next Meeting:** Friday, March 8th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Show & Tell:



Ron Gade showed his Kaos that he scratch-built from plans which he obtained from Ed Federico.



Rene Marquis showed his Killer Kaos with a 63 inch, full symmetric wing. It was powered by a Super Tiger 61 engine and used a 2.4 GHz radio. The fuselage sides were all one piece each. He said that the plans were fine but the instructions were sketchy.



Rob Whalen showed an aluminum landing gear which he bought for his 55% Monocoupe that he is building. It has an 11 ft. wingspan and will weigh between 43 and 47 lbs. It will also have 8 inch pneumatic wheels with aluminum hubs. He also showed his new Evolution 10 cc. gasoline engine. It has 7lbs. 2 oz. of thrust, using a 13/6 prop.

Raffle:

The winner of the Flyzone Calypso Powered Glider was Phil Petrella.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Don Accorsi**



Happy St. Patrick's Day

FOR SALE - WANTED - SERVICES

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

Scale German KA7 Glider ARF \$75
8' wingspan (2 pc wing). Non powered, but will fly with a .15 size electric motor. Has been flown several times - excellent flyer, excellent condition.

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.



Hints, Kinks & Links

Links

Submitted by Newsletter Editor

AMA District III Academy of Model Aeronautics

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

This is the website Rene was talking about in his monthly letter.

This Month's Topic is RC Landing Gear How To Make WW I Shock Absorbing "Solderless" Landing Gear

<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/blog/2012/09/21/online-article-how-to-make-ww1-shock-absorbing-solderless-landing-gear/>

Model Plane Landing Gears

<http://www.airplanesandrocks.com/magazines/air-trails/model-plane-landing-gears-december-1954-air-trails.htm>

How To Install Retractable Landing Gear

<http://www.modelaviation.com/howtolandinggear>

How to Mount Floats on an RC Plane

http://www.ehow.com/how_6328596_mount-floats-rc-plane.html

EZ-Float-Design

<http://www.seminolerc.com/EZ-Float-Design.html>

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

WINTER "BLAHS"!

I would guess that the month of February wasn't kind enough to let any of us "ANTSY" flyers get out to the field. The weather is following the typical middle of winter, snow and rain, and has dampened any flying activities. Hopefully, there are some pilots building new or re-furbishing some existing planes, in anticipation of the Spring & Summer flying weather.

As an addendum to Lester Faroux's article "FULL CIRCLE" in the January newsletter, he acquired a "Laserworks" partial laser cut "original KAOS" kit, and scratch built the original design. He had the original tail assembly 25+ yrs old from an old crash, and used it on his new build. He wanted to have this KAOS as original as possible, just like in the 70's & 80's. Lester wants to thank Vaun Hile for loaning him a set of KAOS plans, or he would have not been able to build it.

I managed to find him a brand new Super Tigre 61 "Blue Head" engine for it. The only thing left now is installing the motor mount, motor, servo tray, tank, and covering. It will be ready for Spring.

I would like to add that my sweet wife Linda found a very interesting website called "RC Airplane World". It is a complete airplane club, and flying field directory. Let's say you are going on a vacation, or taking a weekend trip, and you take a plane, you can go to this website and find out any local flying fields in that particular area. The website covers virtually every part of the globe. The link is <http://www.rc-airplane-world.com/rc-airplane-clubs.html>.

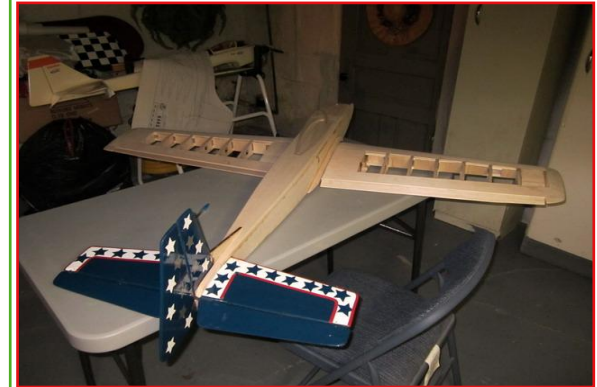
Don't forget, March 10th we go back to daylight savings time, and we will get an extra hour of evening light to extend our flying time.

Your Roving Reporter

Dean Pollock



Lester's



KAOS



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