

October 2013

# Wing Tips

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## Events and Times

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

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Oct 9, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Oct 23, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**



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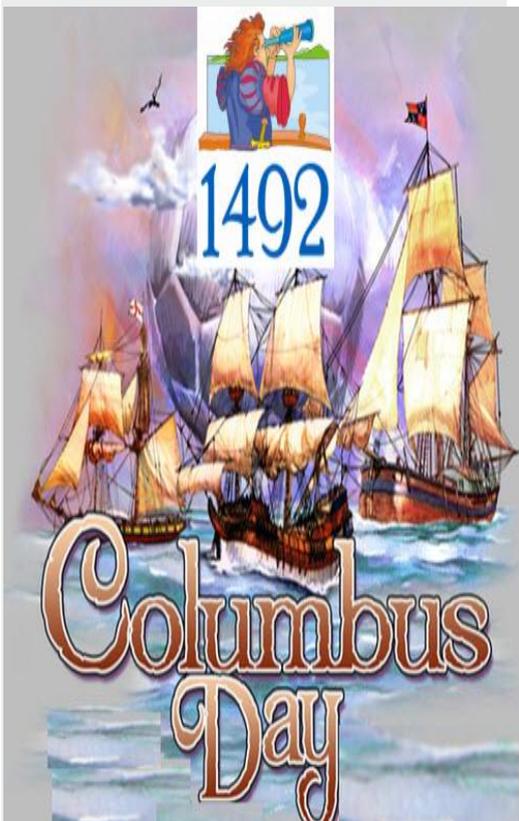
## The Prez Says

**Greetings!** Autumn has arrived with its beautiful, crisp and clear weather. This past week was an exceptional week to be at the field. Take advantage of this weather for it won't last too long. Hope all is well!

We will be taking nominations from the floor at the October 11 meeting for officers for calendar year 2014. Please seriously consider running for an office. Your time and talents are needed. Voting will take place at the November 8 meeting. Also, a reminder that all perpetual trophies are to be returned to Jim preferably at the October meeting but no later than Oct. 31. Since the awards banquet is not until December voting for the most improved flyer and member of the year will not take place until the November meeting.

Please note that the dues structure has changed with the approval of a one year \$5.00 increase in dues for all categories and a \$15.00 surcharge for those members wishing to receive the newsletter by mail. Please make a note of these changes!

Please think about and bring some ideas at the October meeting for next year's 50th anniversary. Perhaps this may be somewhat trivial for some of you but I sincerely believe it is a milestone for the



**The Prez Says**  
*continued*

club and worthy of an extra effort to make it a memorable year.

Hope to see many of you at the October 11 meeting at St. Paul's in Trauger at 7:30 PM.

**Thank You as always!**

**Rene**

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
September 13, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Rene Marquis with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 24 members present. Three new members were voted into the club: Brian Burden, of Connellsville, Brett Nicolette & family, of Mt. Pleasant, and Ron Berlin, of Derry. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated (1) a thank you card from John Hathaway for the flowers for his wife, Betty, and (2) a flyer for the Fauquier Aero Recreation Modelers (FARM) Club Fall Float Fly, Saturday, October 5th at Lake Ritchie, Bealeton, VA. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Parkzone J-3 Cub Charge-and-Fly Park Flyer, with a 37 ¼ inch wingspan and a 370 brushless outrunner motor. The Treasurer's report was approved, as given by Treasurer Greg Lazarchik. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that everything is OK with the newsletter, but one newsletter was returned, damaged. The recipient's name was torn off, so if anyone knows who is missing his newsletter, please let Linda know. (Don't forget to send her 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). President Marquis reported that the field is in good shape and the website is up to date and running, and the latest pictures are in the Gallery.

**Old Business:**

(a) **August Events Reports:** President Marquis gave a short summary of the past month's events. On the Float Fly, there was apparently a misunderstanding about the "No Boats" sign that was to be posted prior to the day of the event. We thought the county was to post it, as they did

for the first Float Fly, but they did not. We will correct this next year. The Pylon Races went well. Most planes survived. The Endurance Contest went well also, with Lester Faroux the winner. At the August Picnic we had 97 people, with approximately 6 from the Keystone Clippers. The weather, food and fun fly were all great and all had a great time. The National Model Aviation Day celebration also went well for the first time.

(b) **Awards Banquet:** Chairman – Steve Mickel. December 14th, at the Scottdale Firemen's Hall. Steve said it will be called a Holiday Party.

(c) **Thursday Training Days:** Have been somewhat better, as we have had a few more students.

(d) **Fuel Inventory:** Chairman Vaun Hile reported that we still have 40 gallons left.

(i) **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Mark Yothers for bringing the doughnuts, cookies and beverages. Volunteers are still needed for future meetings. Would someone else please give Mark a break?

**New Business:**

(a) **Bob Bushmire:** President Marquis thanked Steve Mickel, Mark Yothers and all who helped to bring Bob to our meetings and other events, as well as flying at the field.

(b) **2014 Dues:** After some discussion, a motion was carried to increase our club dues by \$5.00 in all categories, for the coming year only, because of the anticipated increase in expenses for our 50th anniversary celebration.

(c) **Newsletter Surcharge:** After considerable discussion, a motion was carried to add a \$15.00 surcharge for each person receiving our club newsletter (hard copy) by postal mail. This was necessary to offset the costs of printing and postage.

(d) **Field Improvements:** President Marquis announced that he was contemplating contacting the county parks about trimming some of the trees on the left side of our field, as they are beginning to interfere with some of our flying. He is also contemplating having a brush hog mow down some of the high grass that poses a threat to take-offs and landings.

(e) **Nominations:** October is our month for nominations of prospective officers. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

## Minutes continued:

President Marquis asked that everyone consider accepting a nomination if asked.

(f) **Tax Receipts:** Donations to the Wounded Warrior Project are tax deductible. If anyone made such a donation, tax receipts are available from Treasurer Greg Lazarchik.

(g) **Next Meeting:** Friday, October 11th, 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

### Show & Tell:

Dean Pollock showed his ¼ Scale J3 Piper Cub, with an HB 61 PDP engine and a 97 inch



wingspan. It was scratch built in 1976 by Tony Kistner. It had been wrecked many times over the years. Dean added ailerons and an aluminum landing gear, and recovered it with red Monokote because he was tired of yellow. He said it flies like a dream.

### Raffle:

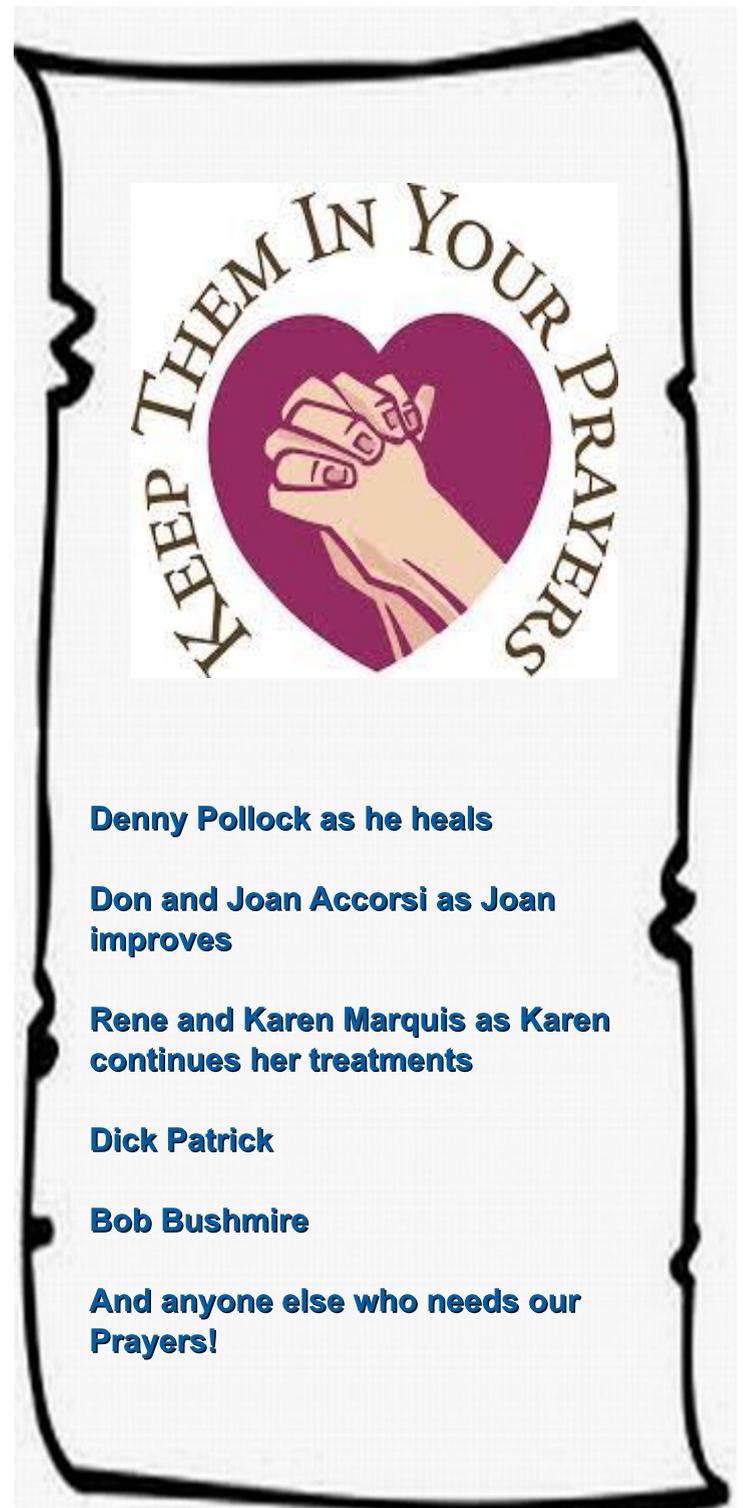
The winner of the Parkzone J-3 Cub Charge-and-



Fly Park Flyer was Ron Gade.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,  
Don Accorsi**



**Denny Pollock as he heals**

**Don and Joan Accorsi as Joan improves**

**Rene and Karen Marquis as Karen continues her treatments**

**Dick Patrick**

**Bob Bushmire**

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

# "Project Resurrection - Part 1"

by Dean Pollock

This is the beginning of a restoration and rebuild of a plane for my brother, Denny. At the June meeting at the field, there was a couple selling off the remains of a relative modelers collection. In the accumulation of planes, and parts, was a Midwest "Das Bipe Stik". This old kit plane has been discontinued since the mid-80's. Denny kinda fell in love with it, and wanted to add a small, easy to transport biplane, to his fleet. He wanted something that could stay assembled, and still fit in his SUV. This plane with a 43" wingspan, just fit the bill. This Bipe Stik is a .40 size plane, but he wants an electric conversion, so I'll add necessary compartments for electric power.

When he bought the plane that evening, I asked him who was going to fix it up - answer - "You of Course"! After walking back to his car to look at it, I saw that it was never finished, and was missing the movable part of the rudder. It also had about 20 yrs worth of dirt on it, none of the hinges were glued, funky wing mounts, landing gear mount, and covered with old, totally wrinkled Monokote. Well, I brought it home, and started to disassemble it, and strip the old covering off. No control rods, or support plates were ever installed, and a new servo tray, and battery compartment will be added. Here are pics of the start of the refurbishing. Part 2 - Next Month - Dean



## Your Roving Reporter

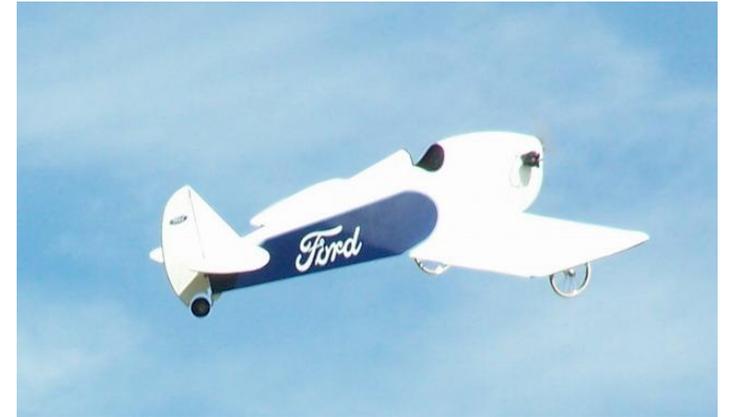
From: The Roving Reporter

Well, the month of September turned out to be an uneventful month, as most of the scheduled flying activities, picnics, and special events were pretty well wrapped up for the season. There were some weather issues that did hamper our Thursday Training Days, but on Thursday, Sept 26, we had quite a few new members, and students show up for a splendid day of flying. All the new students are progressing very well, and will hopefully pass their flight test soon. Some are already talking about a new plane to buy, and upgrade to a little more advanced trainer/sport plane. We will probably continue with Thursday Training Days until the weather becomes inclement.

With the upcoming Holiday Season, it's probably time to make your Christmas wish list out, and look at what new offerings are being made by the manufacturers and retailers. Sometimes a Christmas stocking full of the little miscellaneous field box items is more than welcome, if you happen to need an extra glow plug, ignitor, prop, rubber bands, fuel line, etc.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind all our members about our 50th Anniversary in 2014. Please take a moment, and consider being a part of the planning, and implementation of the activities that we would like to accomplish. It is a "Celebration of 50 Yrs" of Model Aviation of the Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club, it's Members and the Heritage that it has made in our Community. We will celebrate all who have contributed, past and present, who diligently preserved this wonderful hobby and club. We all should also be grateful to everyone at the Westmoreland County Parks and Roads for their generosity in donating and maintaining our beautiful flying field.

Included are pictures of members newest planes.



Your Roving Reporter

Dean Pollock

## Hints, Kinks & Links

### Links

*Submitted by Newsletter Editor*

AMA District III Academy of Model Aeronautics

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How an RC airplane buzzed the Statue of Liberty, with no arrests

<http://arstechnica.com/gaming/2010/12/how-a-rc-airplane-buzzed-the-statue-of-liberty-with-no-arrests/>

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**



### HELLO MEMBERS

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL MEMBERS THAT YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW IF YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, ETC. CHANGE. YOU CAN DO THAT BY EITHER EMAILING OR CALLING THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR OR SECRETARY. OUR CONTACT INFO IS ON PAGE 1!

## October Birthday Wishes

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



William M Cecchetti Jr  
Walter L Rubino  
Samuel Scozzaro Jr  
Ryan T Trout  
Lucy G Wright - Scozzaro

Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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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

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE:** For anyone requesting ads to be put in the LHMAC Newsletter.

If you want your ad/s rerun or any changes made to them, please email the newsletter editor at [newsletter@lhmac.org](mailto:newsletter@lhmac.org) or call her at (724) 532-0210. This must be done by the 1st day of the newsletter month. New ads will get 1st pick for listing and reruns will be listed if room is available. THANK YOU

## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Dean Pollock

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- 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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## 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.





APPRECIATION to everyone who helped him. He is now known as "NITRO JOE"!



Congratulations to Joe Leonatti for successfully passing his flight test in August and completed all required maneuvers. His THANKS and

**My 2014 Annual Dues (PLEASE fill in ALL information.)** Per motion passed at the September meeting dues for all categories of membership are increased \$5.00 FOR 2014 ONLY to provide a special fund for LHMCA anniversary events.

**Membership Renewal is due by December 31, 2013.** After January 1, 2014, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged.

Name: _____	<b>Dues:</b>	
AMA # _____	Family**	\$36.00 _____
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Date of Birth: _____		
**Other Family Fliers: _____		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	_____

Send Newsletter by \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail; \_\_\_\_\_ Hard Copy (Postal Mail); \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site

**\*NOTE: Members receiving the newsletter (NL) by hard copy must now pay a surcharge of \$15.00/year to cover printing and mailing costs.**

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