

September 2013

# Wing Tips

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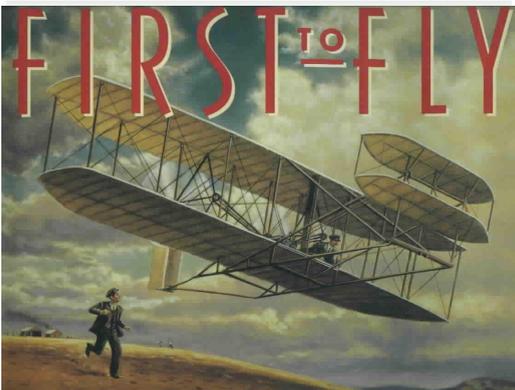
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## Events and Times

**Regular Meeting Sept 13, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul's Church, Trauger**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Sept 11, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**

**Breakfast 8:30 AM, Sept 25, 2013 Eat n' Park, Gbg**



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## The Prez Says

**Greetings!** Hope you are all well! The month of August went by quickly with four major scheduled club events. It is with deep appreciation from the officers to thank all the members who helped, planned, attended and participated in the events held during the month of August. It is you that helped make these events a success.

The foamie warbird pylon races are now over. We thank Joe Leonatti for taking charge of these as well as the members who flew in these contests. Please consider taking part next year. They are fun, exciting, docile and most planes survived to fly another year.

The Endurance contest was also held in August with a good number of flyers. Thanks to Bill Cecchetti for taking care of this event. The August picnic and funfly was another huge success with approximately 90 people in attendance. The food was delicious and plentiful. A special thanks to Chef Steve Mickel and wife Holly for their efforts. We had a good number of flyers for the funfly. Thanks to Robby Whalen for chairing this event.

Finally and for a first time the National Model Aviation Day was an immense success with \$400.00 raised to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. I can't thank you enough for all that you did to make

**The Prez Says**  
*continued*

the day successful. A special thanks to Greg Lazarchik for taking charge and providing much initiative. Thank You Greg!

As we look ahead to the remaining months of 2013 the next major event is the banquet to be held on Saturday, December 14. More details about this event will be forthcoming from Steve Mickel. We also now need to focus on 2014 with our 50th anniversary celebration. We need your help and ideas. It is also time for you to give some serious thought about running for an office, this process begins in October. Remember that our monthly meetings return to Saint Paul's in Trauger. Hope to see many of you at the September 13 meeting, time – 7:30.

**Thank You!**

**Rene**

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
August 9, 2013**

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. President Marquis reported that Secretary Don Accorsi had fallen at home Thursday night and hurt his back, and was not able to attend this meeting. There was one correction to the minutes of the July meeting: the CD for the Endurance Contest on August 11th was Bill Cecchetti, Sr., not Lucas Morgan. The minutes were then approved as corrected. Vice President Jim Pennington announced the raffle prize: a Value Hobby 60 size Stick ARF. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that things are "A OK" with the newsletter. (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.

**Old Business:**

(a) **Foamie Warbird Pylon Races:** CD - Joe Leonatti. The last remaining race will be on Sunday, August 11th.

(b) **Endurance Contest:** Sunday August 11th. CD - Bill Cecchetti, Sr. Will immediately follow the Foamie Warbird Race. (No electrics).

(c) **Float Fly:** The second of two float flies will be

on Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Acme Dam (now called Chestnut Ridge Park). This is the rain date for the original date of August 3rd, which was rained out. Jerry Thomas has graciously agreed to haul the rescue boat and equipment to and from the event

(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. There will be another swap meet before lunch.

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

(f) **Thursday Training Days:** Have not been going very well for lack of students (too many "chiefs" and not enough "Indians").

(g) **Tuesday Evening Events:** Also have had poor attendance and plagued by bad weather.

(h) **National Model Aviation Day:** Saturday, August 17th. We are signed up on the AMA Website. We also have county approval. We have local publicity: (Ad every 15 minutes on Comcast Channel 8; press releases in the Greensburg Tribune Review and the Latrobe Bulletin). There will be a donation area for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). Hot dogs & soft drinks will be served also for a donation to WWP. We will have demo flying and several trainers with buddy boxes, with hands-on flying instructions for a \$5.00 donation to WWP. We will also have a Foamie Warbird Race with betting on the winner. Bets on the winning airplane will have a 50/50 drawing with proceeds going to WWP. We still need 2 people to park cars, another grill, coolers, announcer, flight line attendants, cooks, etc. (see Rene). It would also be wise to arrive at the field no later than 10:00 AM if you want to be assured of a close parking place.

(i) **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Mark Yothers for bringing the doughnuts, cookies and beverages. Volunteers are still needed for future meetings.

**New Business:**

(a) **Next Meeting:** Friday, September 13th, 7:30 PM at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

## Minutes continued:

### Show & Tell:

Bob Stuckert showed his 12 - 15 lb. yellow Cub w/floats that he had very recently put together and is planning to fly at the upcoming float fly.



### Raffle:

The winner of the Value Hobby 60 size Stick ARF was Joe Leonatti.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Prior to the meeting and during the break, Dick Durr was selling/auctioning off his airplanes and accessories.

**Secretary's Note:** I want to thank Linda Pollock for stepping up and taking notes during the meeting, thus making these minutes possible. Great job, Linda! Thanks!

**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!**

### In Memoriam



The LHMALC Members would like to extend our SINCERE SYMPATHY to a LHMALC Life Member - John Hathaway, on the loss of his wife, Elizabeth (Betty), on August 14, 2013. May John and his family remember the good times and know that Betty is in a better place!

## Foamie War Bird Results

as of Sunday, August 11, 2013

### **Hello Everyone,**

Well the **last** foamie war bird event took place today Sunday 8/11/2013. The turn out was low with only three planes entered. Results for today's race 8/11/2013. Vishal Jariwala finished in first place with 37 pts. Rene Marquis seconded with 36 pts. Bill Cecchetti with 31 pts.

### **The Finale results are.**

Bill Cecchetti 1st. place with 171 points.  
Vishal Jariwal 2nd. place with 162 points.



Lucas Morgan 3rd. place with 144 points.  
Lyman Petrosky 4th. place with 103 points.  
Rene Marquis 5th. place with 94 points.  
Ron Morgan 6th. place with 58 points.  
Dave Oswald 7th. place with 33 points.

Scoring this year was done in this manner. Each event consisted of three, we'll call them heats.

### **Points Given.**

Starting the heat meaning you got your plane into the air earned 5 points. Sounds easy enough! Finishing the heat by completing the set number of laps which varied between 8 and 10 and landing on the field earned 5 more points. That ups the ante a

bit. A first place finish earns an additional 2 pts. Second place 1 pt. Zero Cuts. Meaning your plane always traveled around the outside and never turned inside a pylon. For this feat you'll receive 2 points. Depth perception plays a big roll here.

### **Points. Taken Away!!**

Pretty lax here. For each cut, turning inside a pylon, a point was deducted.

### **Of Interest?**

The pylons are about 160 yards apart making one lap a distance of 320 yards or 960 ft. not counting passing and turning distances around each pylon. Using an average of 9 laps, some races were 8 others 10, these rather small electric war birds flew an average of 8640 feet (1.64 miles) each heat or 25920 feet (4.91 miles) for the three heats flown that day.

**Thanks again** to all that subjected their planes to this abuse, spotted, helped keep track of the planes in the air or just came to watch and enjoy the day. It was fun, I had a good time, I hope you did also.

### **Last but not least.**

I would like to extend a special thanks to Bill Johns for all of his ideas, time, help at the field and from day one help finding those elusive 1 1/8" receiver holes in the ground, that the pylon poles go into, after being covered over for a year. We knew the approx. location which helped. One was somewhere in the field to the left and the other was to the right. Then week after week before the next event going back out into the field and if needed using his equipment clear an area around those receiver holes again and marking the ground so that come Sunday race time they could be located more easily.

**Thank You** Bill Johns.

**Take care everyone!**  
**Joe Leonatti**

## Duration Contest Results

as of Sunday, August 18, 2013

### **Hi Everyone,**

**The results** of the duration contest are as follows .

Lester Faroux 1 st place 2 min. 25 sec.



Greg Larzarchick 2 nd place 0 40 sec.

J Curry 3 rd place 0 37 sec.

The remaining 6 flyers logged times ranging from 32 seconds to 9 seconds. We had 9 contestants entered , no mishaps and I think the event was enjoyed by all.

Please pass this report along to the membership .

**Thanks Bill Cecchetti**

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APPRECIATION to everyone who helped him..



**Linda Pollock  
Takes the Radio from Tony Kistner for  
the FIRST Time**

Tony Kistner got your Newsletter Editor flying for the first time at the Family Picnic. While Tony had Linda flying, Dean was buying her a trainer plane at the Swap Shop! Thanks for your patience, Tony, and Thanks for the plane, Honey!



**Bill Johns  
Qualified Glow**

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



# National Aviation Day, August 17, 2013



↑ A Lucas Morgan & Joe Leonatti



Tony Kistner and his Snoopy Plane

Ron Gade ↑



Another young Buddy Box flyer with Chuck Zera



Leroy Atkinson (4 yrs old) flying Buddy Box with help from Rob Whalen & Chuck Zera ↓



↑ A Great Helicopter display was put on by Will Lipscomb

← Our National Anthem Singer - Crystal Ziegenfus and Our Great Announcer - Mark Withrow

# National Aviation Day, August 17, 2013

## Private Individual Donators

Dean & Linda Pollock from Latrobe, PA  
 Joe Leonatti  
 Jason Smereczhist  
 Fred Francese  
 Dick Patrick (some of Dick's money paid for Kids to Buddy Box Fly)  
 No Name  
 George Schrack  
 Fred Snyder  
 Bill Cecchetti from Jeannette  
 John Marshall from N. Y.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK  
 EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO  
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 PROJECT!



Warbird Race 50/50



Warbird Race Winner  
 Vishal Jariwala

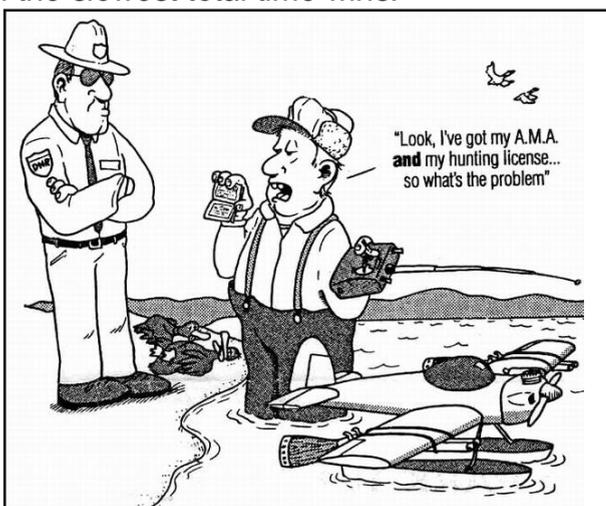
The winner of the Warbird Race 50/50 was Christian Ruzina

## Fun Fly Results from August 25th

\*\*\*FAST & SLOW\*\*\*

**~The course:** Standard flying pattern with 2 poles spaced about 120 feet apart on the runway. The timing "Box" will be the width of the main runway.

**~The concept:** Each pilot must fly the normal pattern and make two passes through the poles that are markers for start/finish. The first pass will be the pilots attempt at the fastest time run and the second will be the pilots attempt for the slowest time run. These two times will be subtracted for a total time for the pilot. the pilot with the slowest total time wins.



Charley Zera Rob Whalen Rick Swinderski



### Results from August Picnic:

1. Rob Whalen
2. Charley Zera
3. Rick Swinderski
4. Lyman Petrosky
5. Rob Craig
6. Brian Moore
7. Bill Kline
8. Jim Craig
9. Bill Cecchetti

10. Ray Sylvester
11. Mark Yothers
12. Fred Snyder
13. Greg Lazarchik
14. Dick Schmitz
15. Rene Marquis
16. Dave Ziegenfus

Submitted by Rob Whalen

# Family Picnic and Fun Fly on August 25th



Thanks again to Steve Mickel for the GREAT FOOD!

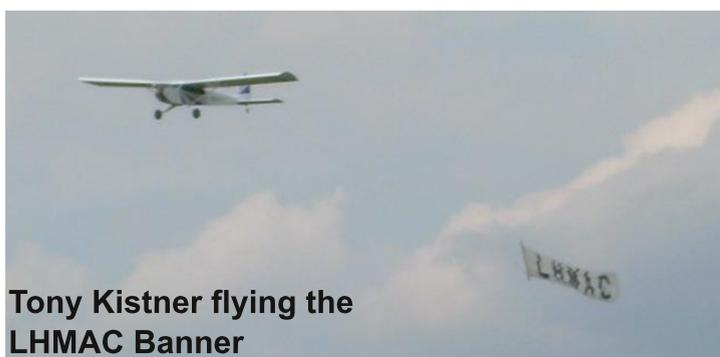


## Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

The month of August was quite a busy month, with many flying activities, including a Float Fly at Chestnut Ridge Park, the completion and final Foamie Warbird Competition, the Duration Contest, National Model Aviation Day with Wounded Warrior Project, and the Fall Family Picnic and Fun Fly. We were definitely blessed with Fall like temps in the mid 70's, and there were a lot of pilots enjoying the cooler temperatures.

I especially enjoyed the Wounded Warrior Project, and we had a great turnout of pilots,



Tony Kistner flying the LHM&C Banner

planes, and handouts. This was our 1st endeavor into a fund raising project, and we had a very nice showing of public support, as well as club volunteers and support. It was great to see the interest, and enthusiasm of some of the young guests who took a turn at flying a rc airplane, with our pilot instructors via buddy box. I do hope they have enough interest to come again, and pursue the hobby, and join the club.

I would like to extend my Deepest Thanks, and Appreciation to the County's Maintenance Crew, who cut our field twice



that week, Tuesday and Friday. I'm sure I am speaking for all of the membership of LHM&C. We are all extremely grateful to have such a

beautiful flying field, as well as our pavillion and picnic area.

I would also like to say Thank You to all of the members who participated in this months busy event schedule, either as a CD, moderator, instructor, or organizer, who made these events a success. Thanks go to those of you who submitted photos for our newsletter.

Fred Snyder - Thanks for the Great Flyby over the field in the Champ!!!



On a special note - The baby kitten that was left at



the field, was adopted by a couple, and will hopefully be cared for, and have a good home. I did enjoy feeding and taking care of her for 10 days.

Your Roving Reporter

Dean Pollock

## Hints, Kinks & Links

### Links

*Submitted by Newsletter Editor*

AMA District III Academy of Model Aeronautics  
<http://www.amadistrict-iii.com/>

### National Aviation Day 2013

National Model Aviation Day 2013 Highlights  
<http://www.modelaviation.com/NMAD2013-preview>

National Model Aviation Day & the Wounded Warrior's Project  
<http://www.modelairplanenews.com/blog/2013/08/22/model-aviation-day-and-wounded-warriors-project-was-a-big-hit/>

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**



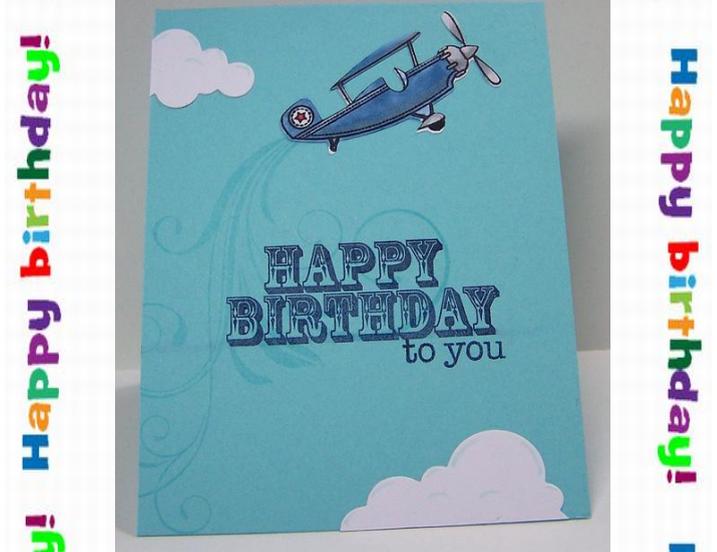
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## A BIG LHMALC "THANK YOU"

The LHMALC Members would like to "THANK" Dick Durr for his donation to the club. If you were at the last meeting, you know that Dick sold/actioned off some of his airplane rc inventory. He donated a portion of his proceeds to our club. THANKS AGAIN, DICK!

## September Birthday Wishes

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



Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

Richard D Alloway  
Robert C Bowman  
Donald Friedburg  
Thomas R Gade  
John P Golkosky  
David L Kolk  
James W Pavick  
Robert D Stuckert

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

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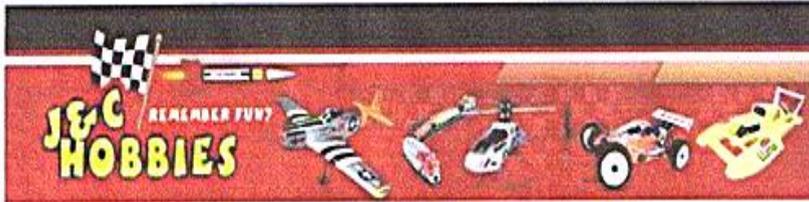
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