

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting April 17, 2015 (A WEEK LATER!) at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger

April Breakfasts will be at Eat'n Park, Greensburg (across from Westmoreland Mall)

**8:30 AM, April 8, 2015
8:30 AM, April 22, 2015**

Mall Night - Thursday's April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015 at the Westmoreland Mall Food Court about 7:00 PM - notification via email.

Thursday Night Training - April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2015 at the field (weather permitting)

Golf n Fly at Ridgeview Golf Course - Ligonier, PA - April 19, 2015 - Golfing starts at 8:00 AM, Flying starts at 1:00 PM - Cookout at 3:00 PM (covered dishes welcomed)



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The Prez Says

Spring- it's finally here! Weather is continuing to improve and the days are getting longer. All good stuff for a great day of flying your aircraft.

The Park has already done a fantastic job so far in repairing the field damage. The airfield entrance is now gated and will be open during normal park hours. As conditions allow they intend to continue their field repair effort and I appreciate all their support- THANKS GUYS!!!

As we continue to pull our aircraft out to the field it's a great time to visit some aircraft maintenance items. Check all the covering seams, inspect for lose glue joints, check control surfaces for free movement, check servo operation and linkages, check electrical connections, check power switch operation, check prop for any damage and replace if there is any damage, service the engine, inspect the fuel lines and replace if dry rotted, and look at the installation date of the battery. I may have missed something but go over the craft from spinner to rudder. Both the transmitter and aircraft batteries degrade over time and it's a good idea to replace periodically. If batteries are in question I recommend replacing and write the installation date on the replacement battery. I replace every 3 years or sooner. Please recycle those old batteries responsibly.

The Second event of the year is the Golf n Fly. It should be a super event and please see the meeting minutes for details. Thanks Don for hosting the event and Bill for coordinating.

So far this year we have had some great achievements in the revisions and changes of the bylaws. Of course there were/ and are some discussions about differences in opinion, however the overwhelming support to enhance and clarify the rules has been great. I would like to thank the committee for their efforts on this challenging task. Great job guys and keep after it. It's the membership that approves by vote any of these changes and the membership has the ultimate ownership of the bylaws. The committee has been pretty fluid in making revisions and that only happens by discussion.

Another achievement is the formation of the Laurel Highland Model Airplane Club Historic Committee. I would like to thank Mr. Dean Pollock for chairing this with the support of former President Rene Marquis, and Mr. Fred Snyder. Thank you Gentlemen. The intent of this is to capture, preserve, archive, and

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continued

ultimately display, LHMACH Club history. I look forward to this undertaking in conjunction with the team and it should be a great endeavor.

I would also like to thank Mr. Bill Cecchetti we will now be warehousing the fuel in Bills facility to make it easily accessed for the fuel committee. As a note Bill's warehouse is not a store so the membership will still need to acquire via fuel committee members as we always have.

Next Meeting: Hopefully the completion of our event schedule for the year, Fuel Committee member announcements, identification of club training instructors for the 2015 season, field improvements discussion. Please feel free to contact me to volunteer for any of these opportunities. It's your Club get involved!

Ron

Minutes of the Meeting of
March 13, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Morgan with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 24 members present. The minutes of the February meeting were approved as published in the March newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Northeast Ohio Electric Festival at the University of Akron Field House, March 20 - 22, and (2) the Tri-County Sky Barons' Golden Age Radio Control Aircraft Model Meet and Airshow, at Bethel, PA, August 22nd & 23rd. He also circulated thank you notes from Bob Cline's family, and a letter of thanks from the American Cancer Society for our club's donation in Bob's memory. Vice President Bill Cecchetti announced the raffle prize: a Horizon Hobbies E-flite Clipped Wing J-3 Cub 250 ARF. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Linda Pollock. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that everything is still OK with the newsletter. She also asked everyone to please continue sending her news of your new projects and other activities, and include pictures if possible. Please send them as soon as possible, as she needs to issue the newsletter by the 24th of this month. You can e-mail them to her at newsletter@lhmac.org. President Ron Morgan reported that the County Parks has installed a lockable gate at the driveway entrance to our field. The gate will be opened every day at 9:00 AM and locked at dusk. The purpose is to help deter vandalism. President Morgan also reported that the website is still up and running, and Webmaster Vishal Jariwala should have it back up to date soon.



Old Business:

(a) **Endurance Contest:** Chairman - Rene Marquis. The date has been changed from Tuesday, July 14th to Sunday, July 12th, with rain date as Sunday, July 26th. Scale Contest still to be announced.

(b) **Opening Day Picnic & Fun Fly:** Sunday, May 24th. Chairman is still needed for the Fun Fly.

(c) **Snyder Cup Trials:** Chairman - Chuck Zera. Sunday, July 19th.

(d) **Foamy Warbird Races:** Chairman - Vishal Jariwala. Dates still be to determined.

(e) **Float Flies:** Saturday, June 13th, with rain date Saturday June 27th; and Saturday, August 8th, with rain date Saturday, August 22nd. County Parks permission has been granted. Thanks to President Morgan for paying the permit fees himself. Applications are being submitted for AMA event coverage. Someone is still needed to haul the rescue boat.

(f) **Golf & Fly Event:** Sunday, April 19th, at Don Gilbert's Ridgeview Golf Course. Golf will begin at 8:00 AM for anyone interested, and will be available all day. Cost is \$10.00 for golf and a cart. Flying (all types) will start at 1:00 PM at a selected site on the golf course. Golf will not interfere. There will be a hot dog & beverage cookout at 3:00 PM, and covered dishes are welcome if anyone wishes to bring any. Picnic tables will be available. More details later.

(g) **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Dean Pollock for procuring doughnuts and beverages for tonight's meeting. Thanks also to Lyman Petrosky for the delicious Butterscotch Cake made by his wife, Carol.

New Business:

(a) **Field Status:** In addition to the construction of the gate at the field entrance, the county parks department plans to repair the damage to the turf as soon as the ground is dry enough to work. President Ron Morgan plans to meet soon with the park maintenance to discuss possible field improvements. Anyone who has any thoughts or requests in that regard, please contact him as soon

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as possible.

(b) Historic Committee: President Morgan announced that he wants to form a committee to gather and assemble as much historic material about our club (records, artifacts, pictures, etc.) as possible, and eventually find a place to display it permanently and make it available to the public. Dean Pollock, Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder volunteered to form the committee.

(c) Bylaws & Field Safety Rules: Updated drafts of the documents revised at the February meeting were prepared by the committee and e-mailed to the membership prior to tonight's meeting. Hard copies were also available at the meeting. The revised Bylaws were approved unanimously, and this was considered to be the second of two required readings, so they are now official. Discussion and revision of the Field Safety Rules was then continued, starting with a review of the portion that was revised at the previous meeting. Further revisions were continued until the agreed upon end time was reached. They will hopefully be completed and approved at the next meeting. The newly revised version will again be e-mailed to the members prior to the April meeting and discussed at that meeting. Again, all members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting so that all possible views can be heard and considered. The primary purpose of this exercise is to enhance the safety of everyone at the flying field. Therefore, in all fairness, each member owes it to him/herself to make their views known and participate in the discussions so that we may arrive at the most equitable set of rules. Please do your best to attend, but if you cannot be there, please send your views to the committee chairman, Rob Whalen, at rcpilot82@comcast.net. "Speak now or forever hold your peace!"

(d) Next Meeting: Our April meeting has been delayed from April 10th to April 17th, in consideration of those who wish to attend the Toledo show. This change has been approved by the St. Paul Church Committee.

Show & Tell:

Dean Pollock showed the SIG Smith Miniplane



"biplane" that he purchased from Don Gilbert and refurbished. Don had acquired it from an estate sale and it was estimated to be at least 30 years old. It is powered by an HB 40 PDP engine. (Nice job, Dean.)

Ron Gade showed some "treasures" that he found in a box of parts, odds & ends that he purchased at the Export Flea Market. Among them were some charging wires to fit a couple of chargers that he bought there, and a valuable Triplett meter.

Raffle:

The winner of the E-flite Clipped Wing J-3 Cub was Linda Pollock.



The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

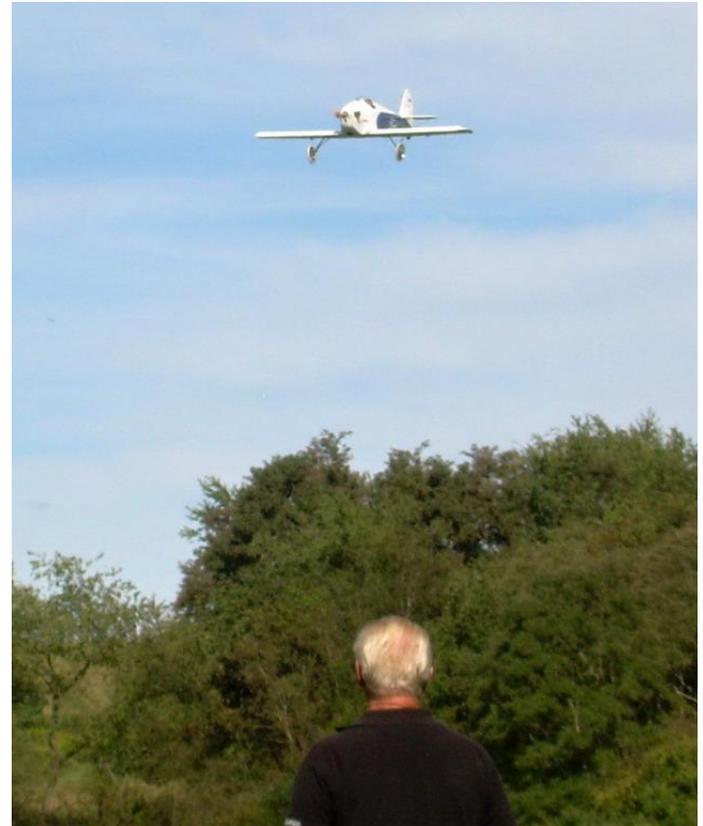
Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi Everyone - It looks like the "same ole" - "same ole" as far as inclement, crappy weather. Hopefully in another month or so, it will finally break, and we may get a day or so to get out to fly. I took a ride out to the field on Wed, 3/18, to see how it was. The County people were there earlier, and it looks like they took the smaller roller over the field. It does look a little better, but it's extremely wet, and there are still some tire ruts on the main runway. I've heard that they are going to use an asphalt roller to go over it again, which should flatten out any ruts.

I was glad to see the construction and addition of the new gate at the entrance road. Hopefully

Your Roving Reporter continued



that will alleviate the vandalism to the field. I took a few pics of it, and they did a really nice job of it.



I want to extend a HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Curry for having his scratch built FORD FLIVVER published in the March 2015 AMA Magazine. Above are a couple pics of Jim flying it.

I don't have much else to report, as I have "CABIN FEVER", and I'm bored. I do look forward to the Thursday evening get togethers, and breakfast get togethers, just to get out of the house.

We continue to ask for your input, or contribution to the newsletter, by submitting a project, an ad, or anything you want to show. It helps keeping "YOUR" newsletter informative.

That's all I have for this month.



**Your Roving
Reporter
Dean Pollock**

Thursday Mall Night 3/12/2015

"WINTER BLUES" Gang! at Westmoreland Mall Food Court

ANOTHER FUN THURSDAY NIGHT!!!

Attendees included:

- Jim Pennington
- Rene Marquis
- Dean & Linda Pollock
- Ron & Lucas Morgan
- Lester Faroux
- Don Accorsi
- Bill Cecchetti



MONTHLY HUMOR



Remember most editorials are written by well educated people. These headings and signs are from England.

- Sign: LOO OUT OF ORDER. PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW. Did I read that sign right?
- In a Laundromat: AUTOMATIC WASHING MACHINES: PLEASE REMOVE ALL YOUR CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT GOES OUT.
- In a London department store: BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...
- In an office: WOULD THE PERSON WHO TOOK THE STEP LADDER YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS WILL BE TAKEN.
- In an office: AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.
- Outside a secondhand shop: WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?
- Notice in health food shop window: CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS...
- Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so.) ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.
- Seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR.
- Notice in a farmer's field: THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.
- Message on a leaflet: IF YOU CANNOT READ... THIS LEAFLET WILL TELL YOU HOW TO GET LESSONS.
- On a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK.)
- Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife And Daughter. This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

- Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says Really? Ya' think?

- Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers. Now that's taking things a bit far!

- Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over. What a guy!

- Miners Refuse to Work after Death. No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's!

- Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant. See if that works better than a fair trial!

- War Dims Hope for Peace. I can see where it might have that effect!

- If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last Awhile. Ya' think?!

- Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures. Who would have thought!

- Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide. The Scotland Yard is smart or what!

- Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges. You mean there's something stronger than duct tape?

- Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge. He probably IS the battery charge!

- New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group. Weren't they fat enough?!

- Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft. That's what he gets for eating those beans!

- Kids Make Nutritious Snacks. Do they taste like chicken?

- Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half. Chainsaw Massacre all over again!

- Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors. Boy, are they tall!

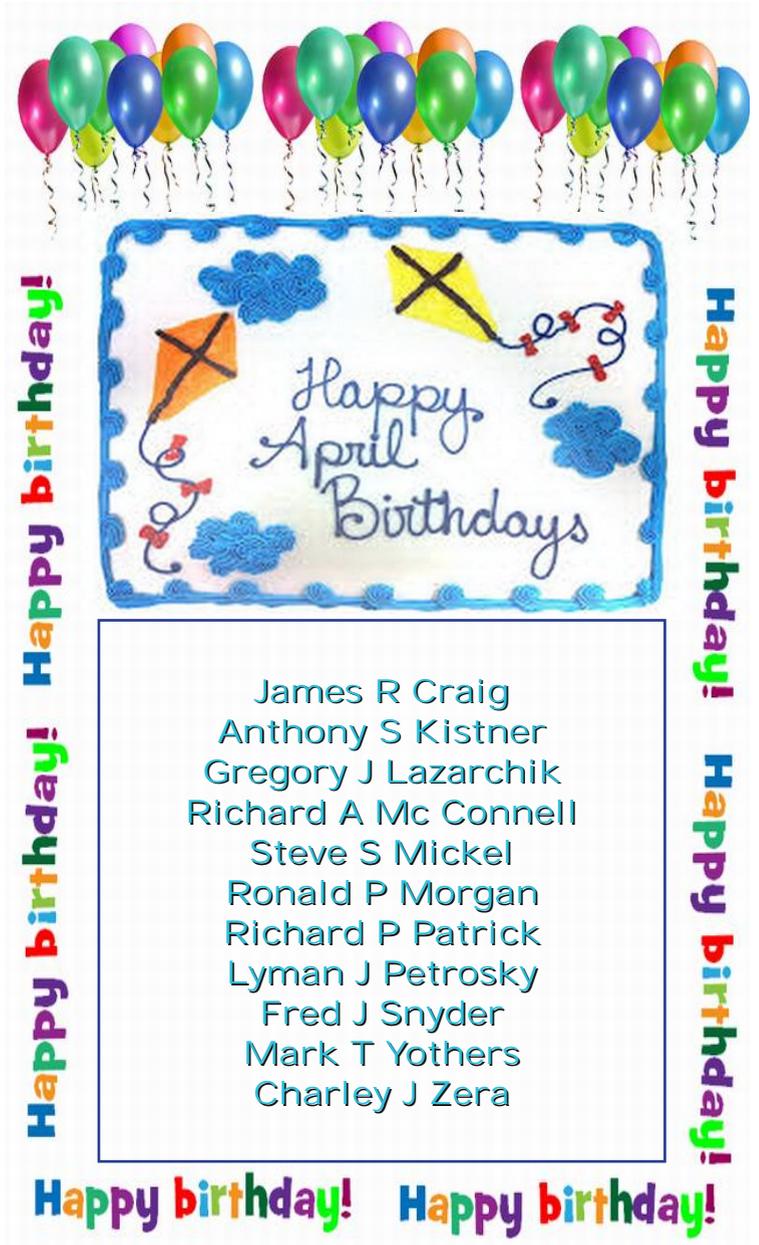
- And the winner is... Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead. Did I read that right?

- Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and show this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle). We all need a good laugh, at least once a day!

Thanks Denny Pollock

April 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!

James R Craig
Anthony S Kistner
Gregory J Lazarchik
Richard A Mc Connell
Steve S Mickel
Ronald P Morgan
Richard P Patrick
Lyman J Petrosky
Fred J Snyder
Mark T Yothers
Charley J Zera



Vaun & Carolyn Hile

Dave Oswald

Chuck Zera

Paul Cunningham

**Lester Faroux and his
mother, Alice**

Jim and Timi Pennington

**Dick and Shirley
Schmitz**

Don and Joan Accorsi

Rene and Karen Marquis

Bob Bushmire

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



Time is running out!

"SIG Smith Bip Refurbish Project - Part 2"

by Dean Pollock

I got a few more things done today- made new N struts out of basswood, and just have to put attachments to the ends. I found a package of landing gear straps that were going to work fine for strut attachments, and bent them for proper fit. I drilled out the strut ends, and attached the straps to the struts. The wing already had hardwood points in the wing, so I installed the struts, and they fit perfectly. I filed out the wheel pant openings for the new tires, and got the aileron servo mounted in the wing, and tested. So far, so



good, everything coming together nicely. Pulled out a 10 oz tank out of stash, and have to assemble it. I'm going to test run the engine tomorrow, and make sure it's tuned and adjusted. All



that's left is some trim work, and final cleanup.

I spent the best part of a day cutting, drilling, trimming, and filing out all the cowl holes and vents, and kept checking fit and alignment on the fuse. Since the motor, fuel lines, and muffler were all enclosed in the cowl, I added 2 fuel fittings in the cowl. One is to fuel tank, and the other is attached to the muffler pressure fitting, so I can use fitting for tank overflow. Everything done, fit good, time for primer and paint. I had a hard time finding any



kind of metallic brown paint, so a trip to Auto Supermarket was in store. I looked through every auto mfg paint colors, and only found one, an old 80's GM metallic brown. I sanded and primed the landing gear, and struts, and sprayed them 1st. The finish was close, and only a hair darker, but matched the fuse pretty close.

Well, I only bought 1 can of paint, and there wasn't enough to do the cowl. These touch up spray paints are only 8oz cans. I went back and was lucky enough to find the last can they had. Well, it must have been a different batch, and the color came out a little darker, so i just have to be satisfied with it for now.

I wanted to add some accenting color to the bland fuse and wings. I was lucky enough to find a brand new older roll of Super Monokote on Ebay that was the metallic brown, and bought it. I cut the wing stripes, and ironed them on. Then I



decided to add a few stripes to the fuse sides, and got them ironed on. I had my wife find a pic of stars on the internet,



and she found this one, so I printed it out, laid it on the Monokote, and cut it out. I wanted the cockpit looking better, so i had some instrument panels in the junk box, and trimmed and fit it in.



I got the tank, radio gear, motor and muffler mounted, and that about finished it up. Soon as the weather breaks here, I'll get it maiden. Thanks for ur interest on the project--

Dean

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FOR SALE - WANTED - SERVICES

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE
by Dean Pollock - Contact at:
deanz406@yahoo.com or 724-532-0210

1. **E Flite Stearman PT 17**, ARF, BNIB
.....\$175.00
2. **VQ Cap 10 French aerobatic ARF**, .60 size,
BNIB\$200.00
3. **Triton Computerized charger, discharger,
cyclor**, w/AC power supply & complete set of cables.
Charges, LIPO, NIMH, NICD, PB. Can be used at
home w/110W power supply or at the field w/12V
auto battery\$65.00
4. **Saito 120**, 4 stroke motor, Exc.\$200.00
5. **Byron Christen Eagle & Byron Pitts** - Need
refurbished\$50.00/ea.
6. **OS 46 Ax** - New - bench run only\$75.00

THE FOLLOWING ITEM IS FOR SALE
by Jim Pavick
Contact at: (724) 423-5159

•**Seagull Superstar ARF** - 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. **\$300**



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Mark Yothers - Contact at: 724-423-4725

1. **LT60**,
with K&B 61,
battery, servos,
RTF - just add
receiver and fuel
and fly. **First**
\$200.00 gets it.



2. **Bird of
Time Sailplane**,
118 inch wing
span. Needs
servos and
switch and
battery.
.....\$110.00



3. **(NO PHOTO) Built from plans Giant Ugly
Stick**, 80 inch wing span, needs finished, foam
wing needs sheeted, fuse finished (95% complete),
includes Poulan 42cc gas engine.\$375.00

4.
Beaver,
with Valley
View RC
20cc gas
engine,
servos, 2
batteries, 2
switches,
Xoar prop,
Tru Turn
spinner and prop adapter. **First \$525.00**



"2015 First In The Air Attendees!"

photo thanks to Mark Yothers



American Flyers - Part 8

Aviation Art - American Flyers Series - Lou Drendel is a world-renowned aviation artist.



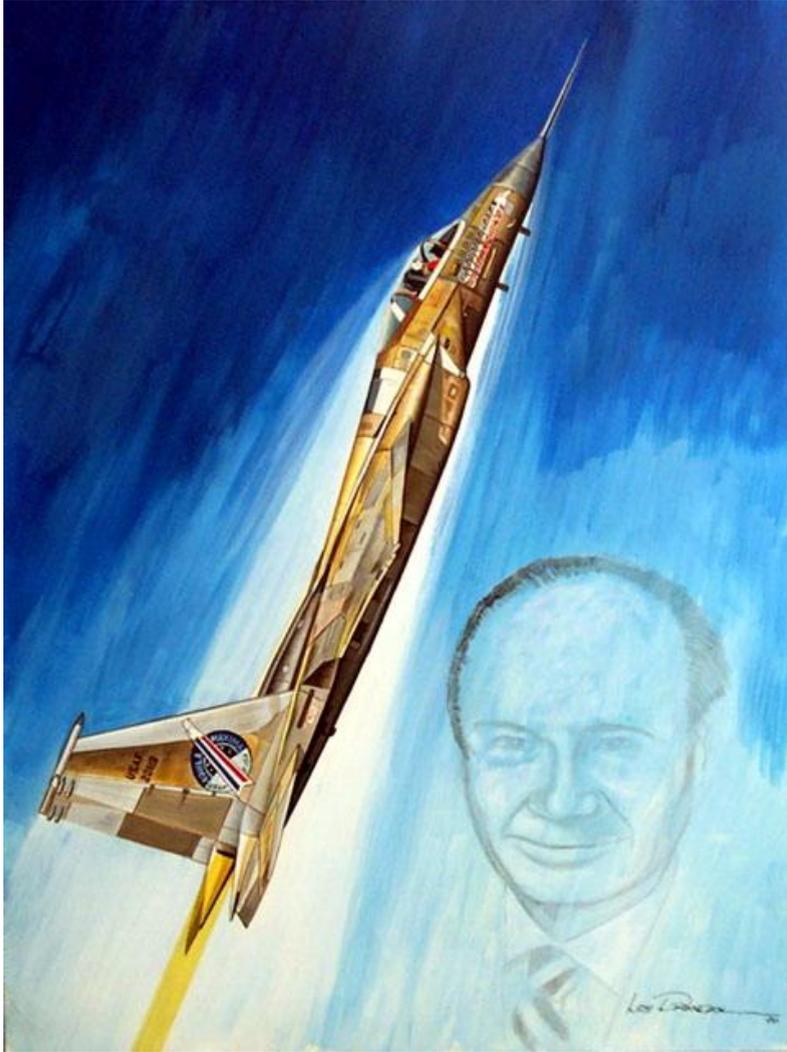
and was one of the most effective combat leaders of the Vietnam War. In a long war that produced hundreds of heroes, Robin Olds stands out as the ideal combat leader. While commanding the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon Royal Thai Air Base in 1966-67, he flew the toughest missions into the toughest air defense network in the history of aerial warfare. Under his leadership, the 8th became the most feared counter-air unit in the air war over North Vietnam. Olds shot down 4 MIGs himself, and passed up many opportunities for his 5th, fearing that "ACE" status would mean automatic rotation out of the war zone. He was a warrior who wanted nothing more than to lead his troops into battle. He did so superbly.

"F-4" Robin Olds is the son of Major General Robert Olds, described as the USAAF "Bomber Expert" in the years preceding World War II. Robin Olds was an All-American football player at West Point, a P-51 Ace in World War II,



"F-14" The Top Gun Fighter Pilot was romanticized by the movie of the same title. "Top Gun" was the popular name for the Navy Fighter Weapons School at NAS Miramar. Founded in 1968 as a post-graduate school in air combat, Top Gun graduates immediately reversed the trend of growing North Vietnamese parity in air-to-air combat. Top Gun continued to train Naval Aviators post-Vietnam, contributing to the world-wide superiority of the American Fighter Pilot. The F-14 Tomcat is one of the most versatile and deadly fighters ever built. It is armed with a variety of air-to-air missiles, from the 100-mile range Phoenix to the heat-seeking Sidewinder. It also carries a 20mm cannon and in its most recent version, is capable of deadly accurate delivery of laser-guided munitions.

American Flyers - continued



"F-15" James S. McDonnell founded the McDonnell Aircraft Company in 1939 after resigning as chief engineer with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company. "Mr. Mac", as he came to be known by his employees, built McDonnell into the greatest builder of jet fighters in America in less than 30 years. McDonnell also built America's first spacecraft, the Mercury, which paved the way for regular spaceflights. When McDonnell merged with Douglas Aircraft Company, Mr. Mac was named its Chairman and CEO. During his career, James Smith McDonnell received numerous awards, including the Collier Trophy, the Guggenheim Medal, Founders Medal of the National Academy of Engineering and the NASA Public Service Award. The McDonnell Douglas F-15 "Streak Eagle" is emblematic of the meteoric rise of McDonnell aircraft. This F-15A broke eight time to climb records between January 16 and February 1, 1975. The last of these records saw the Streak Eagle reach 98,425 feet just 3 minutes 27.8 seconds after brake release. (It "coasted" to 103,000 feet before descending.) The F-15 Eagle has become the best air-to-air fighter in history, having never lost a dogfight, while shooting down dozens of adversaries.



"Robert Hoot Gibson" is one of the most complete aviators in the world. He took his first flying lesson at 14, got his Private license at 17, and went on to become a Naval Aviator, Navy Test Pilot, and NASA Astronaut. At the time of his retirement from NASA he was the Chief of the Astronaut Office and had flown six Space Shuttle missions, including the first docking with the Russian Space Station MIR. His love of flying has never flagged, and today he is the owner of a J-3 Cub and Cassut Racer. One might think that Chief Astronaut would be the pinnacle and the end of an aviation career, but Hoot Gibson decided that there was one other aviation career he wanted to explore. He is currently flying for a major airline.

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