

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting Nov 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger

**November Breakfasts will be at Eat'n Park, Greensburg (across from Westmoreland Mall)
8:30 AM, Nov 11, 2015
8:30 AM, Nov 25, 2015**

Thursday Night Training - Nov 5, 12, & 19, 2015 at the field (weather permitting)

November, 2015



Officers for 2015

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The Prez Says

My family was amongst some of the first settlers in this country. A pilgrim in Plymouth Mass. So, the Thanksgiving Holiday has a special meaning to us. I would like to thank Don, Bill and Linda for their efforts this year. I would also like to thank all the other members who have stepped up and served on a committee or assisted in an event. It's that participation that makes the LHMAC such a great organization. Without those members making it happen we are just a bunch of folks going to a field. So, Thanks. I would also like to give thanks to the club fellowship and all the great friends we have made.

Nov 6th (Friday) is the banquet at Disalvo's Station in Latrobe. For those who have sent me the rsvp's thank you. I am sure you will like the setting and the company. Dinner is scheduled to be served around 7:00 or a little after. I look forward to seeing you there.

I encourage all the club members to visit the airplane museum in Latrobe. We are working with them to display some RC Airplane artifacts, models, and LHMAC history. The LHMAC IS a part of local aviation history. Many young people have learned many skills in the art of woodcraft, engineering-how to assemble a system, learn about flight, and for some move into a career in aviation. We are looking for members who have a quality scale model and who would like to have on display in the museum to let the Historic committee know: they are Dean, Rene, and Fred. Let us know what you have, condition, and if you have any club memorabilia that would be of merit. Page 1
Old engines, advertising, etc. are other items of interest.



Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family

We would like to capture any video or movies members have from years past. The museum has a movie theater and our history could be shared in that setting. Please let us know as quickly as possible so we can get working on some display arrangements. I believe the museum will be a good partner for us in this regard. As we enter the winter season it's a good time to work on getting this off the ground.

During our last meeting we auctioned off some items raising several hundred dollars. Those proceeds were voted to be earmarked towards material for the museum displays. Thanks to all those generous purchases.

I have been working to secure an additional night for club members to gather at the Church. The purpose for this is to allow for further assembly, fellowship, and to be a workshop. Bring your projects to show off, items you need help with. Bring a new radio you need some guidance on or plans for a new project, learn more about covering you name it. Pastor Werner has committed to the 3rd Sunday of November & December 2015 and January, February and March of 2016, for the additional meeting night requested. Starting time would be 6:30 PM or later. Tim- a great idea.

As many of you know election time is here. I believe we have some great candidates and they deserve your vote. SO, Please cast your vote. Linda has additional info attached.

Membership renewals are also due. Membership Dues amount for 2016 will remain the same. Please complete Your renewal as promptly as possible so Don can get your card ready and we can update the roster. Don't forget your AMA it's also that time again and only AMA cardholders are allowed to fly.

I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and Holiday season with fair flying weather.

Ron Morgan

Minutes of the Meeting of October 9th, 2015

The meeting was called to order President Ron Morgan with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated a flyer for the Geauga Radio Controllers 4th Annual Swap Meet, at Mentor-On-The-Lake, OH, Saturday, October 10th. He also reported that he visited Vaun Hile earlier today at the Latrobe Hospital. Vaun looks good after his surgery, is in good spirits and expected to go home later today. Also, Ralph Gaebel fell and broke his hip. He had surgery last Friday and has since moved to the RNC Rehab Center of Pittsburgh, at 890 Weatherwood

Lane, Greensburg, PA 15601, Room 311B. He would love to have you visit him. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Linda Pollock. Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr., announced the raffle prize: a Dromida Ominus Quadcopter with charger and extra props. Newsletter Editor Linda Pollock reported that everything is still OK with the newsletter. Please continue sending her news of your new projects and other activities, and include pictures if possible. You can e-mail them to her at newsletter@lhmac.org. Please send pictures in .jpeg format, not .pdf. Field Control/Safety Officer Tim Bartlow reported that the field is in good condition, and the new workbench looks great. He thanked Mike Bossick for building it, all who helped to install it and Dean Pollock for coating it with stain. He also asked everyone to observe the safety line in front of the pilot stations, which he newly painted. President Morgan reported that the website is up and running and up to date.

Old Business:

(a) **Awards Banquet:** Friday, November 6th at 7:00 PM at DiSalvo's Station. It will be buffet style. The menu will be similar to that of last year's 50th anniversary. The cost will be approximately \$26.00 per person. We will need to RSVP with payment prior to the event, as we did last year. Checks should be made out to Ron Morgan.

(b) **Airport Agreement:** President Morgan reported that he had spoken with the airport authority regarding the AMA's request that we have a written agreement with them. According to Section 336 of the FAA Reform Act of 2012, we only need to give them notice of our operation. The airport is OK with a verbal agreement but is not ready for a written agreement until the FAA makes a final ruling on the issue. President Morgan spoke with the AMA and they are satisfied that we have notified the airport and participate in displays with the airport authority.

(c) **Future Airshows:** The previously tabled motion to NOT participate in future Latrobe airshows was revisited. During the discussion, opposition to the motion emphasized that the airshow has been our biggest means of public exposure, and therefore we should try to continue participating in it. It was suggested that we need to work with the airport on better logistics and location for more and better exposure, and easier access for bringing our airplanes in and out. The original motion was then voted down. It was then decided to wait until closer to the next airshow to decide whether or not to continue participation in future airshows, with the intent to be more proactive in the planning. However, there is some concern that we may not be invited again because of possible competition from other clubs.

(d) **2016 Dues:** After some discussion, a motion was passed to keep the 2016 dues Page 2 the same as for 2015.

(e) **2016 Dues Form:** At the request of President Morgan, provision for

Minutes continued:

an emergency contact name and phone number will be added to the dues and application forms.

(f) Nomination of Officers: After contacts from the past presidents and nominations from the floor, the following members were nominated for the indicated offices: President: Mark Yothers & Steve Mickel; Vice President: Ron Morgan & Dean Pollock; Treasurer: Doug Hagy; Secretary: Don Accorsi; Safety/Field Control Officer: Tim Bartlow. (Note: At a later date, Doug Hagy withdrew his nomination because of some new job restraints. We are now in need of nominees for Treasurer.) Nominations will remain open until just before voting at the November 13th meeting.

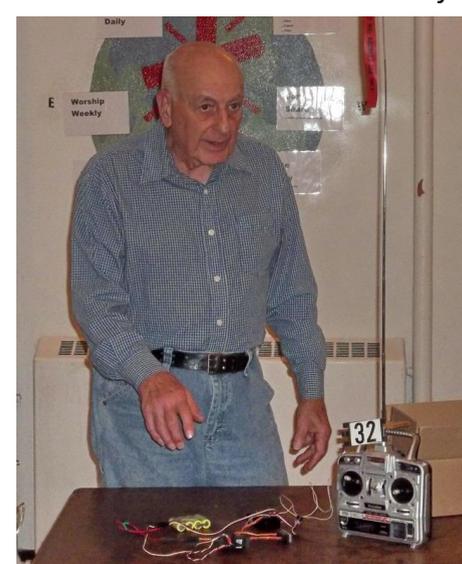
New Business:

(a) Church Hall: Vaun Hile has obtained approval from the St. Paul Church Committee for the use of the church hall for our 2016 meetings. President Morgan has also contacted the church committee regarding dates for additional activities, and is waiting for their reply.

(b) 2016 Park Usage Permit: President Morgan reported that he will be submitting the application for our annual permit soon, and wanted to know whether or not to include night fly dates that would coincide with our summer meetings at the field. A motion was carried to include the night fly dates.

(c) Airport Museum: President Morgan met with the airport management regarding our inclusion in some airport museum displays. They appear to be anxious to get things going and are looking for scale type aircraft to display. He is asking for members who wish to donate (or loan) an aircraft to the project. A motion was passed to allocate the proceeds from tonight's auction to the Historic Committee Budget, which will help to finance the museum project.

(d) Refreshments: Thanks again to Dean and Linda Pollock for procuring the doughnuts and beverages for tonight's meeting. A big thanks also to Lyman Petrosky for the delicious "Pumpkin Surprise" and the "Strawberry Cheese Cake Bars", made by his wife. We still need a volunteer to take over the refreshment service for next year.



(e) Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be Friday, November 13th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

Show & Tell:

Don Accorsi showed and demonstrated the new RC Gear Shop Aircraft

Tracker for locating downed aircraft. It plugs into the aircraft receiver and emits a beeping sound which is audible for 50 meters. It only costs \$2.98.

Raffle:

The winner of the Dromida Ominus Quadcopter



was
Ron
Gade.

Auction: The auction of J.R. Cline's donated airplanes and accessories, which was originally postponed from the June meeting, was conducted at this time. The proceeds of this auction will go to help finance the planned Historical Display.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

The month of October was pretty good for flying weather, and we only lost one of our Thursday Training Days. The last Thursday of October was rained out, as a very windy storm passed through the area, causing some extensive damage in the Latrobe area. We still continue to have our "Mall Gang" get together on Thursday and welcome anyone who wants to join in.



I took advantage of a couple nice days, and wanted to get the newest

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work bench stained with waterproof protector,



and also got the last one at the East end sealed. Thanks to Lester Faroux for helping stain the benches.



Mike Bossick brought out his really nice Kadet Trainer, and enjoyed a day of flying it. It's a really pretty plane and looks good in the air.



My brother, Denny, is having a ball dropping



parachutes from his tricked out Sensei, and has been hitting the field with a lot of success.



Dick Schmitz brought out his just finished Sig "T-Clips", and had our "Test Pilot - Lester



Faroux" put the maiden flight on it. It flew beautifully with only a few clicks of trim. Dick powered his with a OS46AX, and it performed perfectly with it.

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Jim Pavick here fueling up his Sig Kadet LT40 for another flight. Jim likes this plane, and enjoys its great flight characteristics.

Tim Bartlow needed another "Beater" Trainer, and picked up this Kadet at the J & C Hobby Swap Shop. Turns out that he got a winner, as this plane flew perfectly, and he is very pleased with it.



I was looking for another Sig Kadet LT40 for myself, and just happened to find one on E-Bay. I made my bid, and won the bid. The seller was in Philadelphia, PA, and did say he would ship it. It is a kit built plane from an estate, and he built a crate, and bubble wrapped the



wing & fuselage, and film wrapped it to the crate. He picked up a large hot water tank box, and secured the crate frame to it, and shipped it to me via U.S.P.S. I was pleasantly surprised that the P.O. would ship the item, but they did, and it arrived in perfect condition. I'll finish t



he build over the winter.

At the end of our October meeting, the remains of J. R. Cline's airplanes and accessories were auctioned off. The proceeds are to help fund the



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Historical Display at the Airport Museum. Everything was sold, and a special and grateful THANKS goes out to the J. R. Cline Family.

On a final note, with the coming of late Fall, and Winter months, I would tend to think that some of you will be getting involved with some new projects. The flying day is pretty short now, so the hours of 10:00 am to around 4:00 pm will be the open window to fly. If weather permits, I do hope that we continue to fly, and get together. We will also continue the Thurs "Mall Gang" from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Food Court at Westmoreland Mall.

Your Roving Reporter
Dean Pollock

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS & WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED AND STARTED OVER READING SLOWER AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD. THIS IS VERY THOUGHT PROVOKING. MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK. READ SLOWLY!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know ... time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the back nine of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that I was only on the first hole and the back nine was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. |

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd become.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though I'm on the back nine, and I'm not sure how long

it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not on the back nine yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether you're on the back nine or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY! Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY IN EVERY DAY!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THIS:

~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because some people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything like golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you aren't as interested in anymore, but you really do care that you aren't as interested.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV 'ON' than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ...

"what?"..."when?"... ???

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~~~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!! It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN; YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE, SO ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS

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**THIS WAS SENT IN BY DENNY POLLOCK - THANKS DENNY!**



**John & Joan Marshall**

**Vaun & Carolyn Hile**

**Dave Oswald**

**Paul Cunningham**

**Lester Faroux & his  
mother, Alice**

**Jim & Timi Pennington**

**Dick & Shirley Schmitz**

**Don & Joan Accorsi**

**Rene & Karen Marquis**

**Bob Bushmire**

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

## **November 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! Happy birthday!**

**Gary W Black  
John Jay Curry  
Robert E Haden  
Joseph E Leonatti**

**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*

**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**



## "Altimeter" by Denny Pollock

Since I've really gotten into glider guiding, I found that estimating an altitude is very deceiving. I searched the net for an altimeter that would give a direct readout without having to have a computer to download the data via USB connection. A Google search produced this altimeter on Amazon.com that appeared to really fit my needs with size, weight, & data.

The AltimeterOne by Jolly Logic looked perfect as it had the capabilities to store 600 flights, altitudes to 29,500 feet, a weight of 9.9grams, & suitable for airplanes/gliders/sailplanes/hawks & falcons or rockets. Because of the air turbulence created with a heli/quad, readings may not be accurate since the unit operates using barometric pressure changes during flight. The physical size is 1.9" X .6" X .5" & it would fit inside my Radian glider cockpit easily & securely with a piece of Velcro. "The unit is supplied with a short USB charging cable that is the same as any cellphone charger cable that plugs into your computer's USB port. I also have my cellphone charger cable w/cig lighter plug that I use on my Jeep & charge the altimeter at the field in a couple minutes."



"Altimeter One"



"Altimeter Two"



"Altimeter Three"

The first flight with the Radian at the farm next to my home showed my altitude reached 488' with the first 30sec climb. The subsequent climbs were 542', 587', & the last was 673'. I have to say that the Radian looked quite small at the highest altitude, although the painting I has previously done with the bottom of the starboard wing flat black & the port wing white worked very well visually. I am very pleased with this unit as it had a 4.7/5 rating & user feedback was very positive. There are (2) more advanced units, the AltimeterTwo & AltimeterThree that have added features, although made for specific applications & requirements. The AltimeterOne is all one would need for the RC airplane arena that we participate in. Attached are pics of my setup in my Radian glider. I have a piece of Velcro attached to my Jasco Flamingo so I can also see how high I get it as it glides as good as my Radian.

Denny Pollock



**My 2016 Annual Dues (PLEASE fill in ALL information)**

Membership Renewal is due by **December 31, 2015**. After January 1, 2016, a **\$5.00** late fee will be charged.

|                         |                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Name: _____             | Dues:                                     |
| AMA # _____             | Family** \$36.00 _____                    |
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## **2016 Election of Officers Procedures**

Nominations will be closed at the November 13, 2015 meeting just before the voting. After the meeting, Don Accorsi will send out a general e-mail with a copy of the ballot and a list of the nominees. Anyone who could not attend the November meeting will then have a chance to vote, either by e-mail, postal mail or telephone. All votes will be sent/phoned to Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr. We will allow one week after the meeting for everyone to vote. Bill Cecchetti, Sr. will then send Don Accorsi the results and he will announce them by e-mail. Linda Pollock will also publish the election results in the December 2015 newsletter.

### **Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr contact information:**

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**Flea Market Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> 2015**

### **Buy Your Tickets**

**For a chance for a *Very Merry Christmas* raffle. We will be giving away a \$500 Gift Card on the daily and evening lottery number \$5 per ticket, 4 chances on daily 3 digit, **AND** 4 chances evening 3 digit.**

**Drawing Thursday November 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 on Thanksgiving Day**

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