

# Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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# Wing Tips

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## The Prez Says

Wow here it is again - September. It's hard to believe the kids are going back to school, the days starting to get shorter and a nip in the night air. As summer ends and autumn arrives we begin to see a color change in the trees and it makes our flying site even more beautiful. Such a great place to enjoy our hobby.

Many of you have seen the safety line painted on the field. We have chosen this to better help create a visual reference. This has been well received and has aided in keeping pilots compliant with safety line awareness. A great addition to our safety efforts.

September this year also means time for our Family picnic on Sept 6TH. Please plan on attending and bring a covered dish if you can. Big Steve will once again be our Chef and as we have enjoyed over the years should be a fantastic lunch. Tim has what should be a great fun fly event scheduled and all will be able to enjoy and participate. A big thank you to both of these guys for their continued efforts!

Beginning in September our meetings will be moving back to the church for the season. The meeting will be as scheduled the second

Friday of the month Sept 11 at 7:30 sharp. Originally I had scheduled a short meeting so we could squeeze in an additional night fly. Weather permitting we will still hold the event pending no hang ups on our field rules voting at the meeting. That's just the way it goes sometimes. Scheduled months ago.

I have received a few email votes from those who will not be able to attend the meeting and wanted their votes counted. As a reminder I need those votes by Sept 6th in order to be represented at the meeting.

Rene has the Scale Contest scheduled for Sept 13th and a scheduled rain date of Sept 20TH. Page 1 Hopefully weather will prevail and we will be able to hold the event on the original date. This should be a prompt for some



of you who are working on scale aircraft to try and complete in time for the event. As all of Rene's events I am sure it will be a well-run event and fun for all.

At the October meeting we will hold an auction of several items donated to the club. Should you have any items you also wish to donate please contact an officer so we can add to the material.

## Ron Morgan

### Minutes of the Meeting of July 10th, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Morgan, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 35 members and one guest present. The minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the August newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Tri-County Sky Barons' Golden Age Radio Control Aircraft Model Meet and Airshow, at Bethel, PA, August 21st - 23rd (hosted by the Golden Age Air Museum), and (2) the Fauquier Aero Recreation Modelers (FARM) Club Fall R/C Float Fly at Lake Ritchie, Bealton, VA, Saturday, October 3rd. He also circulated a note from Joseph Massaro, donating \$50.00 to our club and thanking us for hosting Cub Scout Pack 476 at our field. He also circulated a copy of our letter to Mr. Massaro, thanking him for the donation. Jim Pennington, filling in for Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr., announced the raffle prize: an assortment of aircraft accessories, consisting of a Dave Brown Fuel Pump, a Hangar 9 12v Starter, 3 O.S #8 Glow Plugs, a glow plug wrench, a Dynamite LiPo Glow Starter and a bottle of FoamSafe CA glue. 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. 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](mailto: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 a safety line has been drawn in front of the pilot stations. (Thanks to Ron Morgan and Bill Cecchetti, Sr.) Tim also suggested that we draw a dashed center line down the middle of the runway to guide airplanes on takeoffs. He also reported that Park Maintenance had Brush Hogged the high weeds and cut down the small trees that had grown on the east end of the field. At his suggestion, a motion was also passed to allocate \$50.00 to send pizzas, gift cards, etc. to the maintenance department in appreciation for their great favors. Webmaster Vishal Jariwala reported

that the website is up and running and up to date. Please let him know if you have anything that you want posted.

#### Old Business:

(a) **Float Fly Report:** Our second float fly for this year was held on August 8th, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). The Keystone Clippers, Mon Valley and Lake Arthur clubs were also invited. President Morgan reported that all went well. The weather was good and everyone had fun. Approximately a dozen people attended.

(b) **Fall Picnic:** Sunday, September 6th. Food Chairman - Steve Mickel. Still need a volunteer to run the fun fly.

(c) **Scale Contest:** Sunday, September 20th. CD - Rene Marquis .Tough competition is expected. No foamies. An e-mail will be sent out before the date.

#### New Business:

(a) **Night Flying:** Another night fly is scheduled after tonight's meeting, until 10:00 PM. The CD is Vishal Jariwala.

(b) **Field Safety Rules:** The latest revision of the proposed Field Safety Rules, dated 8/14/15, was e-mailed to all members who have e-mail capability. Hard copies were also available at tonight's meeting. As discussion of these rules commenced, Lyman Petrosky indicated that he had received many more suggestions for changes and additions to the current version, but more than can be dealt with in one meeting. As the discussion of the revisions progressed, an ever increasing level of anger began to arise among the members present about the length of time that this issue has "dragged on". There was an extreme amount of pressure to get the rules settled and passed as soon as possible. It was therefore decided to put the current revisions (dated 8/14/15) to a vote. If passed, they would become the official Field Rules and Regulations. Those members still wanting changes or additions would need to present them as new motions at successive meetings. Voting (yes or no) to accept the current 8/14/15 revisions as the new rules will be conducted prior to the September 11th meeting. Votes should be forwarded by e-mail, telephone or postal mail to President Ron Morgan. Copies of the 8/14/15 revisions will be e-mailed, and hard copies will be postal mailed to those who do not have e-mail, prior to the September 11th meeting.

(c) **Auction:** The auction of J.R. Cline's donated airplanes and accessories, which was originally postponed from the June meeting, was again postponed until next month because of the expected time constraint of tonight's meeting. The proceeds of this auction will go to finance the planned Historical Display and Archives. Thanks again to the family of J.R. Cline.

(d) **New Work Bench:** A motion, proposed by Dean Pollock, was passed to pursue the addition of a new work bench at the field. This would first require permission from the county, which

## Minutes continued:

should not be a problem. The cost was estimated to be approximately \$150, and Dean will head up the committee to build it.

(e) **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Friday, September 11th, 7:30 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, in Trauger.

(f) **Refreshments:** Thanks again to Dean and Linda Pollock for procuring the doughnuts and beverages for tonight's meeting. We still need a volunteer to take over this service for the remainder of this year and for next year.

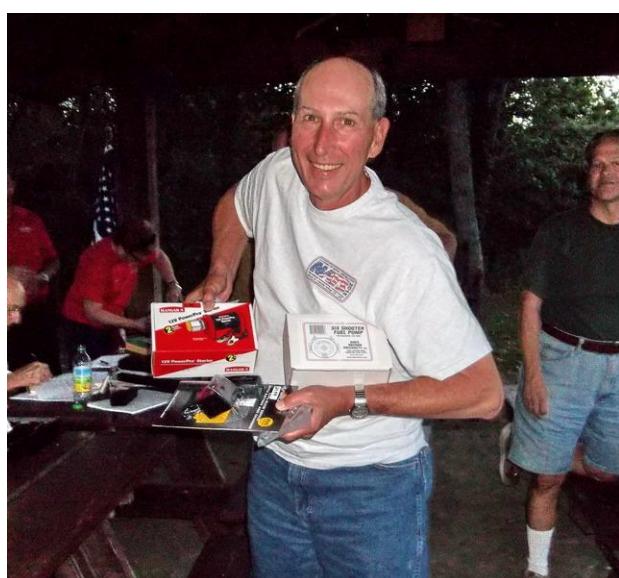
### Show & Tell:

**Tony DiStefano** showed his ESM Dornier 335 w/ fiberglass fuselage and built up wings. He is undecided on whether to use electric or combustion engines on it, but estimates that the finished airplane will weigh about 35 lbs.



### Raffle:

The winner of the aircraft accessories assortment was [Lester Faroux](#).



The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM. An electric aircraft night fly was held after the meeting until 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Don Accorsi**

## Your Roving Reporter

### From: The Roving Reporter

Hi everyone! Another month has passed, and the summer months are passing by quickly. August was an excellent month to fly, with some deviations in temps from mid to high 80's early on, to nice Fall temps in the 70's the last week of Aug. The lack of rain in a lot of parts of Westmoreland County resulted in a lot of dried lawns, as well as our field. Speaking of our field conditions, we want to extend a "Special Thanks" to the County Maintenance Crew for their hard work brush hogging the perimeter of the flying field, and cutting down several trees on the East side of the field. Kudos to all of you, it is GREATLY appreciated!



Lester Faroux finally added a "BiPlane" to his hangar, picking up and refurbishing a nice little "Dreamer Bipe". It is powered with an OS45 FSR and flew very well on its maiden flight. Les is pleased with it and is now considering getting a little bigger sized bipe (.60 size) to add to his



hangar. Dave Oswald had his big T28 at the field, and had a nice flight with it. It looks really GREAT

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in the air. John Marshall brought out his recently built Hangar 9 Pulse XT Sport ARF, powered with a



Super Tigre 61. John is enjoying this plane while he is doing some landing gear repairs on his "Giant Stik".

Dick Schmitz enjoyed a day of flying with his Kadett LT40, and really enjoys a change of pace just lumbering around with it, although with a K&B



61, it turns into a real "Hot Rod". Dick also brought out his recently finished "Tavis Pattern Plane" that he



bought from me, and had Lester do the maiden on it. Powered with a Fox Eagle 60, it is a superb pattern flyer. Les really enjoyed flying this one.



The "Craig Boys" - Jim and Rob, were having way too much fun with their parasol flyer, as Jim Zamerski looked on. It was an awesome sight, and was rock stable in the air, as well as very maneuverable. This was a nice change of pace from conventional aircraft. Thanks for the GREAT FLIGHT Demo BOYS!

Jim and Jay Curry ready Jay's scratch built foam BD5 for it's maiden flight. It got airborne, but needed more trim adjustments for a longer flight. Father and Son take to the skies with



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Jim's AG CAT, and Jim explains to Jay – "Now that's how it's done". Son Jay launches his scratch built



flying Wing, and has a very nice flight. The Wing is very stable, as well as quite maneuverable.

Denny Pollock installing battery in his Sensei, getting ready for flight. Denny installed a drop



box on his plane, and did several parachute drops. Denny has a nice array of Old Timers including "Gentle Lady" glider; a Jasco "Flamingo", and a Little "Miss 2". Denny sends out a Special Thanks



to Greg Lazarchik for giving him the "Gentle Lady" and "Miss 2". He loves flying them both.

I brought out an old kit built Sig Skybolt that I



picked up at LeBanon 2 yrs ago. I finally managed to get the time to refurbish it, and installed an OS

61SF longstroke motor in it. I had our "Test Pilot - Lester Faroux" take it up for the maiden. A few minor clicks of trim, and it flew BEAUTIFULLY!

Thanks LES!!

Ron Gade had a couple flights on his Ultra Sport and was enjoying the day. He decided to go up



again, and while in flight, Ron said it got pretty squirrely, and hard to control. He landed, and found the problem - The covering on the upper surface of the right wing peeled off. He's going to recover it, and it will be back to flying condition again.

Jim Pennington brought out his beautiful "Bandido Grande" Sport plane, powered with an OS



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108 2 stroke motor. Jim scratch built it from RCM plans, and had Rene Marquis recover it. Trying to



get it ready for its maiden, they encountered some carb or fuel issues, and will go over it to find the problem. I can't wait to photo the maiden of this one.

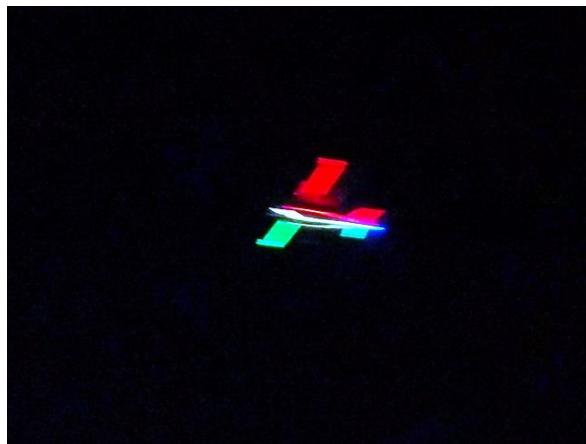
We had a "Night Fly" at the end of our August meeting, and there were several participants. Greg



Lazarchik, and Vishal Jariwala were "well lit", as they flew in the evening sky. I could only get a few



shots, as I need a different camera to get the full effect. Needless to say, it is a pretty awesome sight, seeing these lit up planes in the night sky.



On a final note, it was sad to see Jim Curry's 10 ft Kadett in pieces. Jim said it stalled as he was making his final approach. The damage looks worse than it actually is, and Jim will make repairs and have it in the air again. He won't be able to fly his "AGCAT", because it uses the wing from the Kadett too.



That's about it for this month. I'm looking forward to the Fall picnic on Sept 6th. I hope to see all of you there.



**Your Roving  
Reporter  
Dean Pollock**



**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!**

## September Birthday Wishes

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



Rhys Alloway  
Richard D Alloway  
Robert C Bowman  
Donald Friedberg  
Thomas R Gade  
John P Golkosky  
Donald S Jubelirer  
David L Kolk  
Eric Kwasny  
James W Pavick  
Robert D Stuckert  
Terrance R Willcox

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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**

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

## "Soldering Tips & Techniques..."

by Denny Pollock

One of the primary factors with the RC hobby is wiring, no matter what genre. It pays to have a decent soldering station, good 60/40 rosin-core solder, good wire strippers, & an assortment of heat-shrink tubing. I even keep (2) small soldering irons in my field kit for an unexpected issue with a 12V plug-in iron & a really nice small butane powered iron from the now gone Radio Shack. They both work superbly at the field as I have used them both.

Soldering is not hard, although requires a good prep. Any coated copper wires can easily be cleaned by light scraping/wire brush prior to soldering as the rosin will clean while heating the connection. Soft (lead) soldering is the same as the more advanced silver-soldering technique as both use what is called "capillary" adhesion. The solder with the aid of the rosin/flux cleans the surface to allow the solder to flow freely & adhere to envelop the entire connection. It is very strong when cooled & generally the wire will break before the soldered connection will.

My soldering station is a Yihua Model 852D+ which has a variable heat control & a hot-air gun to shrink



### "My Yihua 852D+ Solder Station w/assorted tips & nozzles included."

the shrink-tubing. Heat control is important as you don't need the same amount of heat for 22-26ga wire as you would for 12-20ga wire. For servo wires, lights, small battery wires, I dial in 375\* which is perfect. For the heavier wiring, I go to 475-500\*.

I have both a "The Jigs Up" aluminum soldering fixture & a Harbor Freight alligator clip w/magnifying glass fixture to hold in-place the connection needed soldered. Harbor Freight is also a good place to get a good assortment of heat-shrink tubing, solder, wire, & strippers at a very reasonable price. Here's the pics w/info.

Denny Pollock



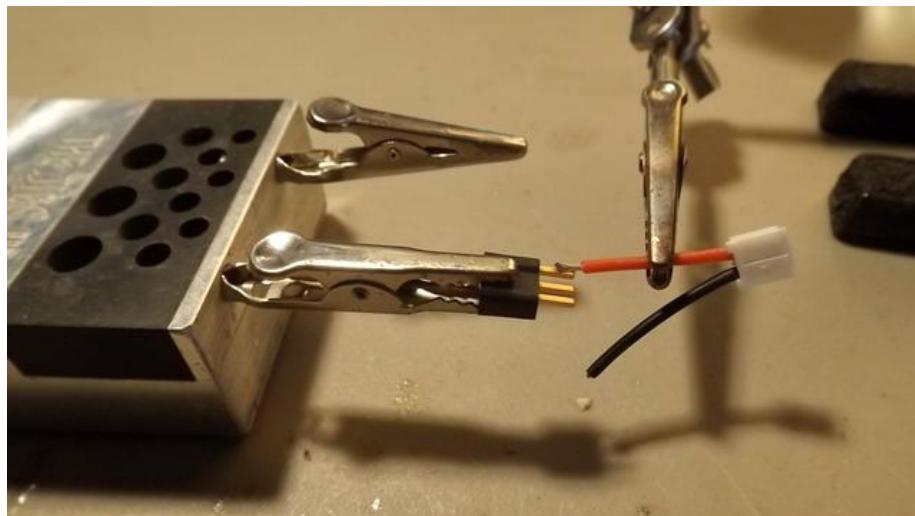
"Soldering fixtures "The Jigs Up" & the HF magnifying glass jig & a roll of .032 Rosin-Core solder."



"Soldering a Deans Plug connection."

## "Soldering Tips & Techniques... continued"

by Denny Pollock



"Soldering a Tx battery connection."



"Repaired my reading glasses easily."

"Assorted heat-shrink tubing."



"My field box soldering irons... 12V & Butane."



**Art Cook  
Qualified Electric**



**ART COOK,  
LESTER FAROUX,  
DON ACCORSI**

**"After Art's last landing he appeared to do a victory lap with his fists raised in the air as if he had won a gold medal at the Olympics.....we all remember that feeling in victory/qualifying!"**

**Jim Zamerski**

Congratulations to Art Cook for successfully passing his electric flight test in

**Nathan Stefano  
Qualified Electric**

Congratulations to Nathan Stefano for successfully passing his electric flight test in August and completed all required maneuvers. His THANKS and APPRECIATION to everyone who helped him.



**Jim Zamerski  
Qualified Glow**

Congratulations to Jim Zamerski for successfully passing his glow flight test in August and completed all required maneuvers. His THANKS and APPRECIATION to everyone who helped him.

**"It was a good training day at the field...no wrecks, everyone was there...much heckling from the Pollock twins...oh yeah, jim z FINALLY qualified in glow thx to mark, mark, tom, dean, lester , don, joe, tim, jim, and to anyone else who helped him.... Jim z says THX!"**



**LESTER  
FAROUX,  
JIM  
ZAMERSKI,  
DON  
ACCORSI**

## NOTICE!!!!

On Saturday, Sept 19 from 9AM to 12 noon, I will be in my basement shop, having a sale of various hardware items from my years of building. Everything from spinners and prop adapters to nylon bolts and battery packs and nuts bolts and screws will be out for club members to browse. Pick what you want and name your price. When I get it together I will send out a better list of whats available. For now just mark your calendars.

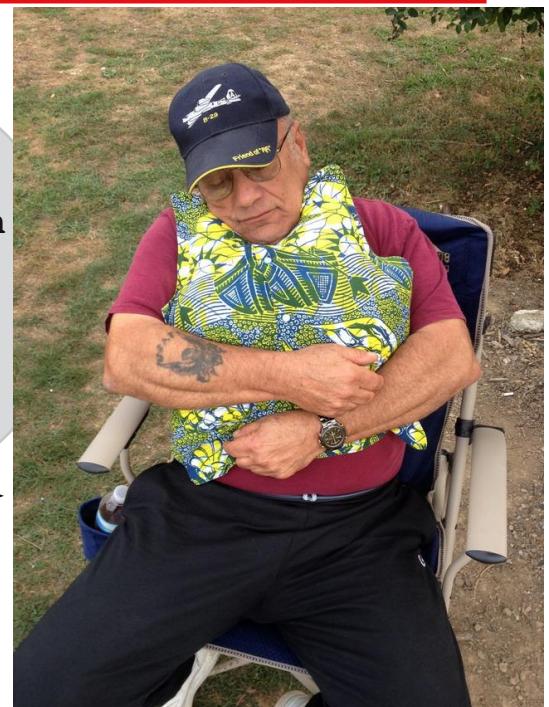
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Officers Don Accorsi  
(Secretary), Ron Morgan,  
(President) & Linda Pollock  
(Treasurer) at the August  
meeting - picture 'Thanks To  
Greg Lazarchik'

"Dean was taking a  
nap callin out all  
kinda girls names with  
his new Busty pillow  
Greg Lazarchik gave  
him."

**Jim Zamerski**



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by Tony Di Stefano

Contact at: [Antoniosdistefano@gmail.com](mailto:Antoniosdistefano@gmail.com) or (412) 554-0324

I have an **General Hobby Ultimate Biplane** that is for sale. It is receiver ready and 3S system. It has a Headsuprc Sport 25 motor, castle creations Thunderbird 54ESC and Tower Pro servos. It has flown twice and is in great shape. Fun plane but need to make room for other projects. Here are the specs:



Wingspan: 42 in (1060 mm)  
Wing Area: 578 sq in (37.3 dm<sup>2</sup>)  
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