

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting August 19, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the flying field, Mammoth Park-**ONE WEEK LATER THAN USUAL!**

August Breakfasts will be at Mama G's, 417 Clay Ave, Jeannette

8:30 AM, August 10, 2016

8:30 AM, August 24, 2016

Thursday Night Training - August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2016 at the field (weather permitting). **Don't forget, if the weather is bad, we meet at Westmoreland Mall Food Court about 7:00 PM** - venue & times could change and will appear in a notification via email.

Foamy Warbird Races - Sunday, 1:30 PM, August 14 & 28 (CD - Lyman Petrosky) Mammoth Park Airfield

Night Fly - Friday, August 12, monthly meeting moved to August 19 (CD - Bill Cecchetti, Jr)

August, 2016



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The Prez Says

2016 is scooting right along. Most of our scheduled events are behind us for the year. Remaining is the last float fly, our last Night fly after the meeting, the remaining Foamy warbird races, the August Picnic and the Awards Banquet. One reminder before I forget, **the August meeting has been rescheduled to the 19th of August** due to the all or most of the officers will be out a town on the 12th. So remember the August meeting is one week later than normal. Come to think about it the night fly may still be on the 12th as that is the day we have the special permit from the County. I'll confab with the officers and I'll ask Linda to send out a confirming E-Mail on the Night Fly. (Thanks Linda, you're the best;-)

For the August Picnic we will have some catered food, corn on the cob, drinks and the covered dish's you the members bring. Also we will have the LHMAC member flea market that same day. So bring out your items for sale.

We still need a person to head the Awards Banquet. Should there be no volunteers this month for that event it will be canceled and we will give out the awards at the December meeting. December seems a long way off when in reality it's already in our face.

Remember that if you attend a meeting get your end of year ticket for the drawing. By the way the pretty red box has been replaced by a plastic bottle. The prizes may be up to two planes so there may be more than one winner. How do you enter? Get your ticket from me, place your name on it and



put that stub in the bottle. Easy Peezy.

Again I want to thanks all of the officers and Linda and Dean for putting the Newsletter together each month. (OK Mostly Linda.)

Mark

Minutes of the Meeting of July 8th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 30 members present. Four new members, Edmund & Mark Wasil, of Mt. Pleasant, and Jay & Tim Grabiak, of Greensburg, were voted into the club. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi, circulated flyers for (1) the, RC Neighborhood Fun Fly, at the Finleyville Airport, Finleyville, PA, Saturday, July 9th (rain date, July 10th); (2) the, Flite Test Team Flite Fest, at Malvern, OH, July 14th-17th; (3) the 14th Annual Wings Over Piper Fun Fly, at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport, in Lock Haven, PA, August 5th through 7th; and (4) the Wings & Warbirds over Port Clinton, at Port Clinton, OH, August 27th & 28th. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Rene Marquis. President Mark Yothers announced the raffle prize: a .120 F4U Corsair ARF with a 76 inch wingspan. Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, reported that everything is still good with the newsletter, and reminded everyone to keep sending notes and pictures of your projects and other items of interest. You can e-mail materials to her at newsletter@lhmac.org . Please send pictures in .jpeg format, not .pdf. Field Control Officer Tim Bartlow reported that the field is looking good (thanks to county parks maintenance). He also stated that there are a number of safety issues, based on his observations at the field, and made a motion to hold a special safety meeting to discuss the issues and possible remedies for them. The motion was carried and the meeting is scheduled for next Friday, July 15th, 7:00 PM, at the field. All members are encouraged to attend. President Yothers agreed with Tim's concern on the safety issues. He also reminded everyone to obtain their attendance ticket from him for the end of the year prize drawing.

Old Business:

(a) **Museum Committee:** Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean commented that there is an update write-up on the museum in the newsletter. He also suggested that we invite the museum staff to our Model Aviation Day celebration.

(b) **Gate Lock:** President Yothers reported that the gate lock is now up and working, but is a real pain to get locked. Keys may be obtained from Vice

President Ron Morgan. There is a \$2.00 rental fee for the key, and the key must be returned to the club upon exit from the club.

(c) **Foamy Warbird Races:** CD - Lyman Petrosky. the next race will be this Sunday, July 10th at 1:00 PM. The remaining races will be July 31, August 14 & 28 and September 11 & 25 (all Sundays). Judges, lap counters, etc., are still needed. Other races (e.g., Snyder Cup, trainers, electrics, etc.) will be held between warbird heats. Suggestions of other type races are welcome.

(d) **Snyder Cup:** CD - Mark Yothers. Sunday, July 17. Practice flights will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. You can have as many flights as you wish to experiment, tune, etc. Rules are still the same as last year. Official speed trials will be 2 passes, one upwind and one downwind.

(e) **Scale Contest:** CD - Lester Faroux. Sunday, July 17 at 1:30 PM. Documentation is NOT mandatory, but will earn more points. Extra flight maneuvers will also earn more points. Scratch built planes will have some advantage point wise over kit built and ARF's. Rules are otherwise the same as last year.

(f) **Endurance Contest:** CD - Jim Andrews. Sunday, July 10. Planes should be "mildly aerobatic". There will be a few new little "twists" but the contest will still be mainly time related. One volunteer is needed.

(g) **Night Flies:** CD- Bill Cecchetti, Jr. The remaining night flies will take place at the Field after tonight's meeting and on August 12th, from dusk until 10:00 PM. Lights are needed on the planes and they must be electric powered.

(h) **Float Flies:** CD - Jerry Thomas. The first one was rained out on June 11th, but was successful on the rain date of June 25th. Things went well on that date except for a broken oar on the rescue boat. However, a new member, Edmund Wasil, graciously donated a pair of oars at tonight's meeting. (Thank you, Ed. That is very much appreciated!) The next scheduled float fly is Saturday, August 13th (Rain Date: Saturday, August 27th). A sign is posted at the lake announcing our scheduled float flies, as required by the county park. Other clubs are invited. AMA insurance certificates are on hand to cover the events.

(i) **Model Aviation Day:** CD - Ron Polcha. Tentatively set for August 14th, but much planning and volunteers are still needed. May need to be moved back to sometime in September.

(j) **High Wing Tuesdays:** President Yothers stated that, "Every Tuesday is High Wing Tuesday, just sometimes it rains." So come and fly when you can.

(k) **Anything Goes Pylon Races:** Bill Cecchetti, Sr., substituting as CD for Rene Marquis on June 26th, reported that it was "very exciting". It was a "total crash out", but everyone had a "wonderful time". They plan to do it again this month. Races take place between heats at the Foamy Warbird Pylon Races. An e-mail with rules will be sent prior to each race. Other novelty races will be scheduled on future pylon race dates.

(l) **Road Trips:** Linda Pollock stated that there is nothing new to report on

Minutes continued:

the field trips, but also indicated that there does not appear to be much interest either. The AMA NATS convention was June 24th to 26th. Rene Marquis & Lester Faroux attended and had a great time. If you are planning or interested in any other events, please let President Yothers know so he can help to arrange them.

(m) DOT/FAA Registration: Nothing new to report. However, you MUST be registered. Part 107 is for commercial application.. Any new updates from the AMA will be forwarded to members by e-mail as received.

(n) Awards Banquet: President Yothers again asked for volunteers and someone to chair the Awards Banquet. No one has volunteered thus far. Plans need to be started very soon. If no one steps up to the task, the Awards Banquet will be held at the church.

(o) Fuel: Bill Cecchetti, Sr., reported that he has 42 gallons of fuel remaining, and Dean Pollock reported that he has 3 gallons remaining and will get more from Bill. If anyone needs fuel they should contact either Bill or Dean.

(p) Refreshments: Thanks to Jeff Moyer for procuring the beverages for tonight's meeting. Pizza was provided by the club during intermission.

New Business:

(a) August Picnic: A motion was carried to have the picnic on Sunday, August 28th. The food chairman is Mark Yothers. The food will be catered. We will have chicken, corn, beverages and members' covered dishes. Rene Marquis will be the fun fly CD, with help from Jeff Hails and Jim Zamerski.

(b) Next Meeting: A motion was carried to move the August meeting from Friday, August 12th to Friday, August 19th, since four of our officers will be out of town on August 12th. The August 19th meeting will still be at 7:00 PM, at our Mammoth Field Pavilion. In case of rain, it will be held at Pavilion #13 on the other side of the lake. Hope to see you all there! The Night Fly will still be held on Friday, August 12th, weather permitting, as was originally scheduled with the County Parks..

Show & Tell:

There was no show & tell.



Raffle:

The winner of the F4U Corsair ARF was Jeff Hails.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM. A night fly was held after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Minutes of the Special Safety Meeting of July 15th, 2016

This was an informal gathering at the request of our Field Control Officer, Tim Bartlow, for the purpose of discussing some safety issues observed over the past year by him and a few other members. The meeting began at approximately 7:00 PM at the Mammoth Field Pavilion. Presiding at the meeting was Field Control Officer, Tim Bartlow. Secretary, Don Accorsi, recorded the minutes. Also present were President Mark Yothers, Jim Pennington, John Hathaway, Dick Schmitz, Joe Leonatti, Bill Johns, Lester Faroux, Bill Cecchetti, Sr., and Dean Pollock. FCO Tim Bartlow began by stating that, although he is not a strict enforcer of the rules, there are several types of safety violations that he has been observing, such as planes lunging forward upon starting, turns over the safety line, planes facing benches/spectators when starting, etc. He felt the need to call attention to these and possibly include remedies for them in the field safety rules or find some way to encourage pilots to be more observant and careful. He did not wish to dictate rules and regulations, so was asking for opinions and ideas from other club members. Some of the ideas and suggestions given are already covered in our rules and regulations, but are currently being overlooked or ignored. Other ideas are new and worth considering. The ideas and suggestions given are listed below.

1. All planes should be secured before starting, either by tethering or holding by another club member.
2. All planes should be pointed out toward the runway, perpendicular to the flight line when starting, whether on the ground or hand launched.
3. All planes should be flown from a pilot station.
4. When taxiing back after landing, all planes should be stopped on the runway side of the flight line. They should not be taxied behind the flight line.

Minutes of the Special Safety Meeting continued

5. Use the rudder on takeoff, if necessary, to prevent planes from turning toward the benches.
6. Remember to put a pin, with your name on it, on the corresponding channel of the Frequency Control Board before turning your transmitter on. All 2.4 GHz transmitters are currently exempt from this but it would be a good idea to reconsider and make it mandatory for safety and communication reasons.
7. Preflight airplane before starting it to make sure it is safe, working correctly and flight worthy.
8. Communicate intentions to other flying pilots when taking off, landing or test flying.
9. Do not fly over the field when anyone is on it. Any person, upon entering the flying field, should announce to all flying pilots that they will be "on the field".
10. The Bylaws and Field Rules and Regulations should be reviewed with all new students before qualifying them, and they should "sign off" (acknowledge in writing) that they agree not to fly until they are familiar with them and qualified to fly. They should also be provided with an e-mail or hard copy of them.

11. A requirement should be included in the bylaws to hold a safety meeting, similar to this one, each spring before the flying season.

12. These ideas and suggestions, as well as any others proposed by other members, will be discussed and considered at the next regular club meeting (August 19, 2016) and determination will be made on which ones will be adopted and whether each adopted one will be designated as a rule or a "best practice".

All members are strongly urged to frequently review the current club Bylaws and Field Rules and Regulations, so as to maintain conscious awareness of them. Copies of the current issues of both will be sent to all members by e-mail prior to the next regular club meeting. Hard copies will also be available to those who do not have e-mail or printer capability. All members are also strongly urged to attend the August 19th meeting to be sure their opinions and preferences are heard and considered. As the saying goes, "Speak now or forever hold your peace".

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi, Secretary

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again everyone, another month has passed, and the "Dog Days" of Summer are upon us. July has been a VERY HOT month, with some locations experiencing very dry conditions. At my location in the Latrobe area, we have had little, if any rain, and my lawn is pretty well gone. It will be some time before it comes back, so there's nothing to mow. Temps climbing into the 90's, along with extremely high dew points have made it almost unbearable. For myself, and others, it was just TOO oppressive to go out to the field. I'm getting cabin fever, so I'm trying to work on a few planes that need some minor attention.

On one of our "Thursday Training Days", Tim Bartlow was finally able to get his recently acquired "Bandido Grande" out to the field. After a preflight, and range check, he had Bill Cecchetti do the "maiden flight" on it. The takeoff was smooth, and effortless, and only needed a minor trim adjustment for a hands off flight. Bill brought it around for a nice slow fly by, and it is



**WHO IS THAT -
IN THE FRONT -
IN THE BACK
(LOOKING INTO
THE SKY) ??????**

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Your Roving Reporter
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This is Tim's old "Beater Bipe" that I got from him in trade for my Kadett Sr. Tim needed something slow and stable that he could fly while his leg was healing. I had Bill Cecchetti put it up for a test flight, after I installed an old Super Tigre 61 in it. Needs a lot of rudder on takeoff, but flew great.



Among other activities, Rene Marquis got to maiden his latest acquisition, an Aviat Husky, and it is a nice flyer.



Lester Faroux priming Tim Bartlow's scratch built Vagabond, as he gets ready for its "maiden". Takeoff was OK, but other issues made it a handful to fly. Luckily, Lester was able to get it back down without incident.



definitely a beautiful flyer. Tim is going to really enjoy this one.

Your Roving Reporter continued



Jim Curry gets his plane fueled and ready for some engine run up tests, as Jim Zamerski holds on.



Jim Zamerski finally graduates to the larger airplanes, after picking up this beautiful Dynaflyte Decathlon at the May swap shop at J&C Hobbies. It is powered



with an ASP 91 – 2 stroke, and Lester Faroux did the maiden flight for him. After the maiden, and minor trim adjustments were made, Jim gets ready for his first flight with it.



That's about if for this month. It's been hot and humid, and not pleasant to be standing out on the field in this type of weather. Since a lot of us seniors may have some health issues, we must take care to not overdue it in the extreme weather conditions. If you must go out to the field, please dress accordingly, stay hydrated, wear a hat or sombrero, use some kind of SPF sunscreen, and take your bug spray.

On a final note; we've had some races and contests – if you have been a CD for these events, it is your responsibility to do a final write up for the outcome, and results. We would GREATLY appreciate that you take an hour, sometime during that month, to send your write up. We will gladly publish them in "YOUR" newsletter. I will do my best to be at the events to do the photo work. If you don't do a write up and send it, nothing gets published in the newsletter. "NUFF" said.

Your Roving Reporter Dean Pollock



Endurance Contest Results

July 10, 2016 (CD Jim Andrews)

- 1st Place - Rene Marquis
- 2nd Place - Charley Zera
- 3rd Place - Jim Zamerski
- 4th Place - Mark Yothers
- 5th Place - Chuck Zera
- 6th Place - Dave Oswald
- 7th Place - Jeff Hails



Snyder Cup Speed Contest Results

July 17, 2016 (CD Mark Yothers)

Snyder Cup Report, Mark Yothers

While not really a race, it is a test of speed. Pilots were briefed that they need to make two passes per round. One up wind and one down wind. Passes are to be parallel to the flight line and at a safe altitude. Pilots can make as many attempts as they wish. The results are:

- 1st Place **Ray Sylvester**, flying Dodger pylon racer, best ave. speed 118mph
- 2nd Place **Lester Faroux**, flying a Rocket, best ave. speed 93.5 mph
- 3rd Place **Bill Cecchetti**, flying a Trainer(?), best ave. 89 mph
- 4th Place **Don Gilbert**, flying a Christen Eagle, best ave. 75 mph
- 5th Place **Rene Marquis**, flying an Ultra Stik, best ave. speed 63.5 mph

I want to thank Ron Morgan for helping with timing and scoring.

Scale Contest Results

July 17, 2016 (CD Lester Faroux)

- 1st Place - Bill Cecchetti Sr
- 2nd Place - Dean Pollock
- 3rd Place - Mark Wasil

Scale Contest Report by Dean Pollock

The weekend of July 17th was a great weekend, a little warm, but with nice flying conditions. We had an excellent turnout, and the flight line was pretty well filled. Bill Cecchetti took 1st Place with his beautiful



Boeing F4-2B BiPlane. I flew my Hangar 9 Cub to finish in 2nd Place, and Mark Wasil flew his P47 to finish 3rd. I'm sorry I didn't get a picture of Mark and his plane. Thanks to Lester for being the CD for this event.

FOR SALE - WANTED - SERVICES

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Dean Pollock

Contact at: (724) 532-0210 or
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HANGER REDUCTION SALE!!!!

1) Sportman Aviation 1/4 Scale Super Decathlon w/Saito 120 - 4 stroke, RTF, 86" W/S, Hi Tech transmitter, comes with extra right wing. Exc. Cond. **\$350.00**

2) BUSA FlyBaby, 84" W/S, kit built, airframe only, Exc. covering, setup for .90 4 stroke. **\$150.00**

3) Kangke 1/4 Scale Monocoupe - ARF, Req .91-1.08 - 2 stroke, or 1.20 - 1.50 - 4 stroke, 96" W/S, servos installed, only need motor and recvr. 2 pc wing, has flaps. Exc. Cond. **\$150.00**

4) Tampico Aeromodel G-Shark - ARC - This is a completely factory built airframe, sheeted wings, and fuselage. Beautiful construction, 84" W/S. Requires 1.5 - 2.5 cu. in. engine. This is a beautiful pattern or possibly a 3D airplane. NIB **\$150.00**



5) Lance Machining 1/4 scale P-40 Warhawk ARC - Sheeted fuselage and foam core wing. 91" W/S. This requires atleast a 35-38 cc gas engine. NIB **\$250.00**



6) Taylorcraft - Pilot kit built, Coverite covering, needs hinges, windshield, misc. installed to complete. All there except winshield. 80" W/S - .90 - .120 size. **\$100.00**

7) Pica kit built P51D Mustang - 64" W/S, .75 - .90 size, has retracts, Exc. Cond. **\$100.00**

8) Parkzone EP Stinson Reliant SR10 - I have all the airframe components to assemble a Stinson SR10 electric. Extra wing and other misc. parts. Everything new. **\$80.00**

9) Great Planes kit built Sportster 60 - w/K&B .61 - 2 stroke. RX ready, JR servoes. 62" W/S **\$150.00**



10) Slo Fly Mustang 40 by Thunder Tiger - has brand new OS 40 engine. 53" W/S, RX ready, Exc. Cond., great flyer. **\$125.00**



THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE by Jim Curry

Contact at: (724) 887-9698

1) Carl Goldberg Sophisticated Lady, kit, new in box **\$40.00**

2) Blue Max, 40 - 60 2-stroke, 52 - 70 4-stroke, ARF, kit has everything including spandau machine gun, new in box **\$150.00**

3) 10 Foot Glider - 3 piece wing, with spoilers, motor, ESC, and servoes **\$80.00**



August 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!

Robert J Craig
Alexander A Di Stefano
Lester P Faroux
Walter J Gongaware
John P Nemeth
Seth Nicolette
Michael J O Malley
Patrick J Stefano
Charles J Zera

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



Bill Johns

Tim Bartlow

Ralph Gaebel

John & Joan Marshall

Vaun & Carolyn Hile

Dave Oswald

Paul Cunningham

**Lester Faroux & his mother,
Alice**

Jim & Timi Pennington

Dick & Shirley Schmitz

Don & Joan Accorsi

Bob Bushmire

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

**ANSWER TO PICTURE ON PAGE 4
Front - John Hathaway
Back - Dick Schmitz**



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