

# Wing Tips

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## Events and Times

**Regular Meeting January 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM** at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger

**January Breakfasts** will be at Bob Evans Restaurant at Greengate (in front of WalMart), Greensburg  
8:30 AM, Jan 13, 2016  
8:30 AM, Jan 27, 2016

**Thursday Night Training** - Jan 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2016 at the field (weather permitting). Don't forget, if the weather is bad, we meet at the Westmoreland Mall Food Court about 7:00 PM - notification via email.

**LHMAC First In The Air Contest** - 10:00 AM, Friday, January 1, 2016 at Mammoth Field

January, 2016



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## The Prez Says

Ok - 2015 has ended with a disappointment regarding the DOT/FAA registration requirement. Hopefully 2016 will improve as we go. The first thing we need to do is enjoy the January 1st fly.

At the meeting in January, we will start setting up our schedule for the year. We will first need contest directors and volunteers for the different jobs required to run the events that the club runs. If there are no volunteers, there will be no events.

After the January meeting, the meeting after the meeting, we were going to have young Bill Cecchetti Jr. discuss programming the Spektrum DX9 transmitter. That has been postponed till February. In stead, we will use the extra time to discuss, vent, have a BM (Bitch and Moan) session about the upcoming registration of UAS pilots by the DOT/FAA. As we do this, remember we are in a Church, the house of many peoples God.

Something I'm doing for 2016. I am donating an airframe to be won by a lucky member in December 2016. If you attend a meeting, are a contest director, or volunteer as a chairperson for a club function, or anything else I deem appropriate, you will get a ticket that you will need to place in the drawing box. Then at the December meeting we will draw a name from the thousands of entries and that person will win the grand prize. Not sure what that prize will be yet, it may be a Super Kaos, a Super Sportster, a B17, or a Foamy Warbird, or something else. So as you get your ticket write your name on it, place it in the prize box and don't moan about the rules,

**HAPPY  
2016 !!**

**The Prez Says  
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cause my decision is final.

Will see you at the January meeting? By the way, we still need a person to chair the refreshment committee, ok be the refreshment committee. If no one steps up—you got it, NO REFRESHMENTS!

**Mark**

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
December 11th, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Morgan with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by a moment of silence in remembrance of the loss of our member, Greg Lazarchik, Rene Marquis' wife, Karen, and Jim Zamerski's mother. There were 37 members present. One new member, David Shaffer, from Greensburg, was voted into the club. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the October newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi read a letter from Ralph Gaebel's daughter, Karen, thanking the club members for the get well card sent to Ralph. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Linda Pollock. Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr., announced the raffle prize: a 50/50 raffle with the proceeds going to Operation Santa Claus. He also reported that fuel prices will remain at \$17/gallon until this year's supply is gone; then the price of the new fuel will increase to \$19/gallon. He still has club hats for sale, \$15/each, and as a special offer for tonight only, he is giving a free cookie with each hat (lol). Newsletter Editor, Linda reported that everything is still OK with the newsletter, and reminded everyone to keep sending notes and pictures of your projects and other items of interest. You can e-mail them to her at [newsletter@lhmac.org](mailto:newsletter@lhmac.org). Please send pictures in .jpeg format, not .pdf. She and Dean also received a compliment with applause for the great remembrance of Greg Lazarchik in the newsletter. Field Control/Safety Officer Tim Bartlow reported that the field is in good condition and remarked that the recent spring-like weather presented some great opportunities for flying, and hoped that everyone got to take advantage of it. Webmaster Vishal Jariwala reported that the website is up and running and up to date.

**Old Business:**

(a) **Trophies:** The remainder of the trophies from last summer's events were handed out by Vice President Bill Cecchetti, Sr., to Dr. Lyman Petrosky, for the Pylon Races, and Jim Andrews for the Endurance Contest.



(b) **Gate Lock:** Regarding the previous suggestion that the keyed lock on the field gate be replaced with a combination lock, or that all members be given a key, President Morgan contacted the park management who suggested that we wait until they decide on how they want to work it.

(c) **2016 Dues:** President Morgan reminded the members that 2016 dues are now payable and dues forms are on the table. There will be a \$5.00 late fee added after January 1, 2016. Also, please fulfill the new item on the dues form requesting the name and phone number of an emergency contact person.

(d) **Additional Activity Meetings:** As a follow-up on the suggestion made at the last meeting to have an additional club activity during the winter months, President Morgan contacted the St. Paul Church Committee and obtained approval to meet at 7:00 and stay later for the additional activity.

(e) **Early Rechartering:** Since the AMA is raising the costs of rechartering and other services beginning next year, a motion was passed to take advantage of their offer to recharter early at the current prices to save some money.

(f) **Changing of Officers:** At this time in the meeting, the new officers took over: Page 2  
President: Mark Yothers; Vice  
President: Ron Morgan; Treasurer:

## Minutes continued:

Rene Marquis; Secretary: Don Accorsi; Safety/Field Control Officer: Tim Bartlow.

### New Business:

(a) **Presentation Request:** Our new president, Mark Yothers, requested that the presentation after next February's meeting be a seminar on Spektrum Radio Systems. Anyone who is willing to make a presentation on this please contact him. He also stated that January and February are the busiest meeting months. We need to get CD volunteers, set event dates and end meetings quickly. He would also like us to consider some road trips and a possible joint flea market, float flies, air show, etc., with other clubs. Donnie Gilbert also offered to hold a Golf 'n Fly combined with a possible flea market on April 16th at his golf course. President Yothers would also like to give tickets to all meeting attendees, and extra ones for Show & Tells, etc., to be saved for a raffle at the end of the year. And lastly, he requested that everyone who gas a Vagabond bring it to the New Year's Day Fly-In for a group picture.

(b) **Alcohol Rule:** A motion was passed to waive the "No Alcohol" rule at the field on January 1st, for that day only. However it is still requested that no one fly after drinking alcohol.

(c) **Posting of Field Rules:** A motion was passed that both the AMA and club field rules be posted at our field. The current AMA rules are already posted and will be updated as they are received from the AMA. Our club rules will also be posted.

(d) **Member "Spotlight":** Bill Cecchetti, Sr., inquired as to whether the newsletter editor might consider adding a "Member Spotlight" feature to the newsletter, whereby a given member is interviewed as to his/her background, interests, other talents, etc. No motion was made, as the choice is up to the newsletter editor.

(e) **Refreshments:** Many thanks again to Dean and Linda Pollock for procuring the doughnuts and beverages for the past year's meetings. We still need a volunteer to take over the refreshment service for next year. NOTE: If no one volunteers, there will be no refreshments.

(f) **Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be Friday, January 8th, 7:00 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger. Anyone wishing to conduct the activity or presentation after that meeting, please contact President Mark Yothers. Hope to see you all there!

### Show & Tell:

**Dean Pollock** showed his Cessna Airmaster which he purchased at the J & C Hobbies flea market. It looks like the frame was made primarily of yardsticks. He cleaned it up, fixed it up added a pilot and new landing gear and reworked the cowl. He powered it with an HB61 engine and a Slimline

Pitts muffler. Beautiful job!



**Dennis Pollock** showed his PC-6 scale 7-channel with full flaps, drop bag, tow hitch and shock absorbers on the landing gear. The full scale airplane holds the world record for the highest elevation landing, in Nepal, at over 8,000 ft. One version of the full scale airplane was heavily armed in WWII. Another beautiful job!



### Raffle:

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Bill Kline.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM, after which was held a pizza (and other goodies) party. On behalf of all



the officers, President Yothers and ex-President Ron Morgan wished the entire membership a Very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holidays and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

**Don Accorsi**

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# Your Roving Reporter

## From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again everyone! Well, we were blessed with another beautiful month to fly, as December rolled in with warm, and mild temps. A lot of us got to the field, and took advantage of the unseasonal warm days.



Mark Yothers had a ball with his newly acquired EP B17 Fortress, and it's a really stable, fun plane to fly. He was having way too much fun with it.



Ron Berlin getting ready to launch Joe Leonatti's EP Bearcat for some test flights. Joe is probably getting some extra practice for next seasons Warbird Pylon Racing. He is definitely the top contender for the 2016 season.

Joe Leonatti gets ready to launch Mark Yothers



new Corsair, as Mark will also be a contender in the 2016 Warbird Pylon event. The 2016 Pylon Races should be an exciting season, with some additional new entrants.



Ron Gade readies his Kadett for another flight.



Ron was flying his Sport plane, and encountered a glitch that caused his plane to end up in a tree. The rescue crew managed to get it down with a couple

poles. Minor damage to rudder and elevator is easily repairable, and I'm sure Ron already has fixed the minor damages.

Tim Bartlow chats with Jim Curry while



assembling his Kadett. Tim picked this one up at the J&C Swap Shop, for a quick beater to fly occasionally.



# Your Roving Reporter

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Jim Curry brought out his newly acquired Parasol Type Plane at the J&C Swap Shop. Jim is refurbishing it, adding a small gas motor, and a nice set of Williams Bros wheels to it. I can't wait to get pics of the maiden flight.



My brother Denny readies his Old Time "Jasco Flamingo" for his next flight. This is probably his "most favorite" in his fleet, and loves it's gentle



flight characteristics, as well as it's superb glide ability. It's electric powered, and 40-45 minutes of flight time are the norm.



Lester Faroux and Rene Marquis getting ready to fly their Kaos 40's together. Les flies his a lot more



aggressively than Rene, probably because Les has more Kaos flying time than anyone in the Club.

Donny Gilbert assembles his Decathlon, getting ready for a fun day of flying. It is powered with an



OS61 four stroke, and is a great flyer and very aerobatic. Donny says this one is a keeper.

Bill Johns finishing up after a day of enjoyable flying with his Apprentice. This is his go to plane for a day of relaxing fun.

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Mark Yothers gets his recently acquired .60 size Sportster ready. Mark installed a Veco 61 in it, and

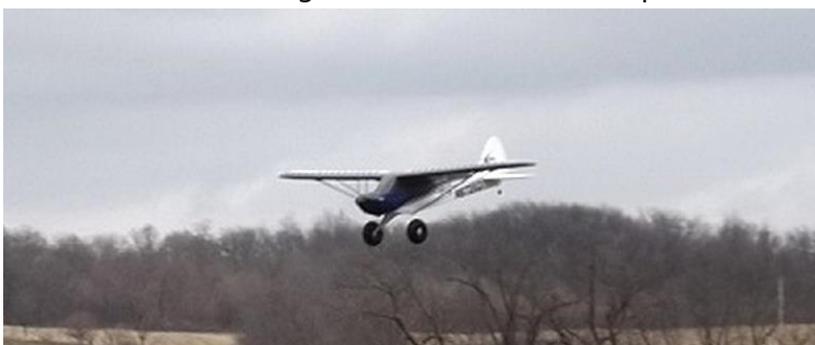


the plane flies extremely well with that old "Work Horse".

Jim Curry and son Jay flying Jay's electric glider, often passing the transmitter back and forth. This glider is very agile, and they enjoyed putting it through the paces.



Ron Berlin brought out his beautiful Super Cub,



and had Lester Faroux get it airborne. It's a rock stable flyer, and the flaps enhance it's slow flight capabilities. Ron also drove to the field in his new Austin

Mini-Cooper "S". He let some of the guys at the field take it for a "Joy Ride".



Dave Oswald came to the field with his 2 grandkids, Ella and Madalynn, along with their new puppy. Sometimes just "hangin out" at the field is



just as much fun as flying, especially with these 2 beautiful girls. "Way to go Dave"!!

I hope everyone had a joyful Christmas Day with family and friends. Tim Bartlow did manage to get to the field on Christmas Day, and took a photo of the thermometer - 60 degrees - NO SNOW - PERFECT - DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT! (Tim's PIC)

On a final note, we have been blessed with great weather in Nov & Dec. As of Dec 21st, we will start gaining a minute a day of daylight back. I hope it's a short winter, and we still get some flying days in Jan & Feb. I hope to see you at the Annual New Years Day "First in Flight" Fly.



**Your Roving Reporter**  
**Dean Pollock**  
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**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 Marquis**

**Bob Bushmire**

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

## **January 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!

Donald J Accorsi  
Allan W Bartek  
Michael F Bossick  
William G Cecchetti Sr  
Madison Courtney  
Michael T Courtney  
Tara Courtney  
William W Johns  
Adam M Oswald  
William J Steiner  
David J Ziegenfus

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



The LHM MAC Members would like to  
extend our SINCERE SYMPATHY to  
a LHM MAC Life Member -

**Rene Marquis,**

on the loss of his wife, **Karen**, on  
December 9, 2015. May Rene and  
his family remember the good times  
and know that Karen is in a better  
place!

# "THE 2015 YEAR IN REVIEW"

by Dean Pollock





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