

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting October 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger

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

8:30 AM, Oct 12, 2016

8:30 AM, Oct 26, 2016

Thursday Night Training - October 6, 13, 20, & 27, 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.

Annual Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 19, 2016, 6:00 PM at DeNunzio's Italian Chophouse, Arnold Palmer Regional Airport - we will be ordering from the menu

October, 2016



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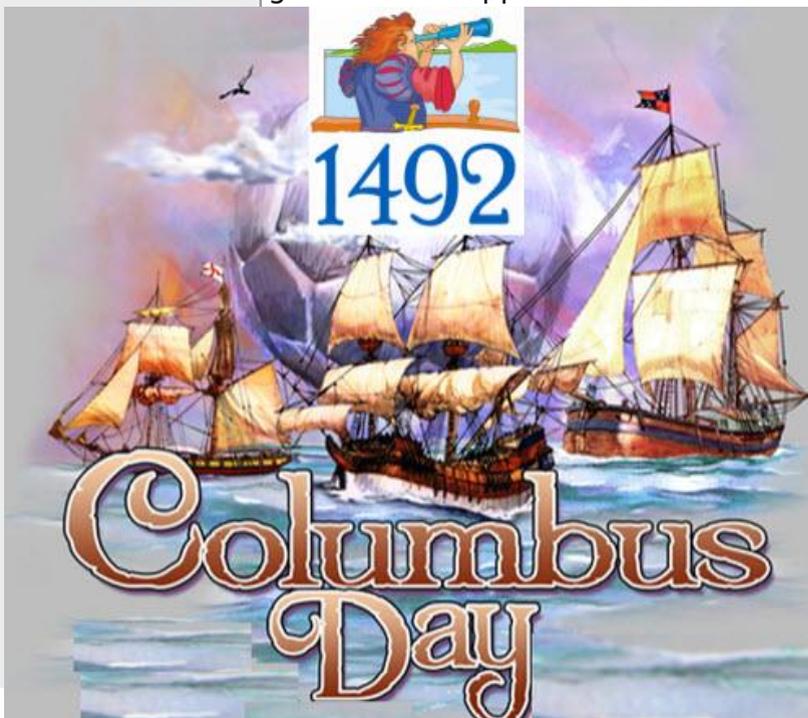
The Prez Says

Fall has fallen. Does "Fall" mean, falling temps? Or is it the Sun falls below the horizon much earlier each day? Maybe it's because the leaves fall from the trees? I don't really know and I'm not about to Google it. All I know is I like some of it. Like cooler temps and great flying weather. Folks the next 4 to 6 weeks we will have some of the best flying weather of the year. So get out and go fly.

The auction/ flea market season is starting already. J&C's fall flea Market was yesterday. I couldn't make it but I'm sure a lot of good deals were available. Keystones new Flea Market is on Oct. 9th. This is a revamping of one of the original events from back in the 70's.

The Murrysville Auction/Flea Market is in early November. If you can, get out and support these events. Not only are there good deals but the hanger flying is non-stop.

This month we will be setting the ballot for the election of the 2017 officers, and setting the dues for next year also. On Saturday Oct 1st a number of past LHMAC Presidents met at Denny's in Greensburg to come up with nominees for the various elected positions in the club. Nominations for each office is still open and if you want to self-nominate volunteers are always welcome. We also spent almost 2 hours talking about the direction the club



is headed. Some info was encouraging some was scary.

One of the more concerning items is the aging of the hobby. Look around and how many teens and 20 somethings do you see at the field? Not many! These folks are the future of our club and hobby. One thing that I got from the Pres. Meeting is that we need to be more inclusive. For example, the young folks coming to our hobby now are usually attracted by the Quad/drone explosion. Now we fixed wingers know that to get these things in the air takes really no skill on the pilot's part. Well, that's true and not true at the same time. Yes to climb to 300 feet then descend the landing by pushing a come home button is in the machine not the piloting skill of the operator. However to go out and maneuver those things it's a totally different animal and requires a great deal of skill. So we need to come up with qualification program for these immersing platforms. After all you can get fixed winged aircraft that self-rights itself and is stabilized in the wind. Heck with that Apprentice I've been puttzing around with I can line it up with the field and it will land itself. What does that teach you about controlling an airplane in the landing phase of flight?

As many of you already know we lost another member. Bob Burns past away this month. Bob was a long time member, and was a past officer in the club.

OK, I'll see you at the meeting. Remember to get your end of the year ticket and put yer name on it and place it in the ticket jar. The drawing will be at the December meeting, AND YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Fly safe and often.

Mark

Minutes of the Meeting of September 9th, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 25 members present. There were no guests or new members. The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the September newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated flyers for (1) the Indiana Flyers Club Fall Fun Fly & Swap Meet, Indiana, PA, September 10th (Rain Date September 11th); (2) the Flying Wing Nutz Fall Fly-In at St. Marys, WV, September 16th-18th; (3) the 3rd Annual NASA Scale Classic at the Green County Airport, Waynesburg, PA, September 23rd-25th; (4) the F.A.R.M. Club Fall R/C Float Fly at Lake Ritchie, Bealeton, VA, Saturday, October 1st;

and (5) the Keystone Clippers R/C Swap Meet (Cars, Planes & Trains), North Huntingdon, PA, October 9th. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer Rene Marquis. President Yothers announced the raffle prize: an ACE Super Pacer with a 45 inch wing span and an O.S. Max .25engine, built y Ralph Gaebel. Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, and Reporter, Dean Pollock, reported that an issue with GoDaddy made it necessary for them to split the newsletter into two halves when they sent it on the Internet. They also reminded everyone again to keep sending notes and pictures of your projects and other items of interest. You can e-mail materials to Linda at newsletter@lhmac.org. Please send pictures in .jpeg format, not .pdf. Field Control Officer Tim Bartlow reported that the field is looking good. County Park Maintenance mowed yesterday using the gang mowers. President Yothers reminded everyone that nominations of officers are due at the October meeting, so past presidents will be meeting later this month to propose a slate of nominees. If you get a call to be nominated, please consider it an honor and accept, as you agreed to do when you joined this club.

Old Business:

(a) **Museum Committee:** Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean stated that there is nothing new to report, and that the trainers we submitted are not hung up yet.

(b) **Gate Lock:** 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. President Yothers reported that it was necessary to use the keys on a couple of occasions.

(c) **Foamy Warbird Races:** CD - Lyman Petrosky. The remaining two races will be September 11th & 25th. Judges, lap counters, etc., are still needed.

(d) **Float Flies:** CD - Jerry Thomas. President Yothers reported that the second float fly, Saturday, August 27th (rain date), was a beautiful day. The lake was like "glass". All went well.

(e) **High Wing Tuesdays:** Weather has been good for the past month. Please come if you can.

(f) **Anything Goes Pylon Races:** CD - Tim Bartlow. The last one is September 25th. E-mail Tim if you plan to participate. Any ideas or thoughts for future races, please notify Tim.

(g) **Road Trips:** Linda Pollock still has not heard back yet from Udvar Hazy. If you are planning or interested in any other events, please let President Yothers know so he can help to arrange them.

(h) **DOT/FAA Registration:** Status quo. Nothing new to report, and nothing new is expected for the next 1 1/2 years. However, you MUST be registered. Any new updates from the AMA will be forwarded to members by e-mail as received.

(i) **Awards Banquet:** Chairman: Vice President Morgan. Scheduled for Saturday, November 19th at 6:00 PM, at DeNunzio's Italian Restaurant at the Arnold Palmer Airport. We will order from the menu.

Minutes continued:

Please let Ron know if you plan to attend. NOTE: All award trophies must be returned to Vice President Morgan by the October meeting!

(j) **Safety Meeting:** Chairman: Tim Bartlow. Nothing new. Tim said that a lot of good ideas were presented and discussed at the last meeting, the minutes of which were reported in the September Newsletter. If you have any other ideas, please present them to Tim.

(k) **August Picnic:** A motion was carried to approve payment of the over budget on food from the August Picnic.

New Business:

(a) **Golf N' Fly:** Donnie Gilbert offered to host another Golf N' Fly at his Ridgeview Golf Club in Ligonier. The offer was accepted and the date was set as October 8th, with October 22nd as the rain date. A motion was carried to approve a budget for food and the AMA Insurance Certificate.

(b) **Air Show for Gifted Students:** Rene Marquis announced that Mark Withrow was contacted again by Ms. Anna DeFabo, of Derry High School, requesting that we do another "Air Show" for her gifted students. The idea was well received. More details will be announced later.

(c) **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be October 14th, at 7:00 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger. Hope to see you all there!

Show & Tell:

There was no show & tell.

Raffle:

The winner of the ACE Super Pacer was Linda Pollock.



The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM, followed by an auction of the airplanes and R/C equipment donated by Ralph Gaebel and Kevin Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi Everyone, well, September started out on a positive note with some cooler weather coming in. Hopefully this Fall we will have a lot of nice, comfortable flying weather. Sept 1 was on a Thursday, our 1st Thursday Training Day of the month. Turnout was good, and temps were in the mid 70's (HOORAY)!! Rich McConnell fuels up his Kadet for his first flight of the day.



Tim Bartlow finally put the finishing touches on some minor repairs on his Piper Tri Pacer. The flight test went well, and Tim is pleased that it flew perfectly without incident.



Your Roving Reporter continued

Ron Gade preps his Kadet SR for flight, and Lester Faroux helps Jim Pavick prepare for a test flight. Jim had a wreck with the LT40, and has it completely



repaired. Jim asked Les to take it up for test flight and trim it out. Looks like Jim's repairs were done well, and the LT40 only needed a minor trim adjustment.



Dave Oswald looks over Jim Zamerski's new Dynafite Decathlon, as Jim gets ready to fly.



I went to the field on Sat, Sept 3rd, as it was a nice comfortable day to fly my Cub.



Later in the day, Tony DiStefano and his son arrived to maiden a few new planes they just finished. They brought 2 new "Stiks", both powered with 4 strokes, and a beautiful EP powered P38 Lightning. Tony taxi's the P38 out onto the field for the 1st maiden flight. The plane has flaps and retracts also, and they worked well. Tony



makes a low, slow pass for the camera, lands, and brings it back to the pits. The P38 flew perfectly, and is gorgeous in the air.



Your Roving Reporter
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Sunday, Sept 4th, was a really nice day to fly, and we had a nice turnout. Jay Curry launches his glider, as



my brother Denny launches John Hathaway's Radian glider, for its maiden flight. John bought the Radian as a RTF, and asked Denny to assemble it for him. Denny makes a slow pass as he approaches for landing.



Denny also brought out his repaired Corsair EP for



maiden after repairs. He had Lester Faroux take it up for a test flight, and trim adjustments. The Corsair flew well, and Denny is ready to

try it out at the next Warbird Pylon Races.



Mark Yothers enjoys his Apprentice EP, as he makes a low pass. He's been flying this plane a lot lately.



Your Roving Reporter
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Tim Bartlow finally got the finishing touches done on his recently acquired Big Red Plane. Rob Craig takes it up for its maiden after a few minor carb adjustments. It flew very well, and Tim is pleased with it.



Our newest member, Jeremiah Ulishney, took his flight test, and passed with flying colors, to earn his wings. Congratulations Jeremiah!!

Don Accorsi preps his Cherokee for flight, as Rene, Dave Oswald & Jim Pennington get Jim's "Mentor" ready for flight. Rene powers up, and the plane lifted off nicely. Rene makes a nice slow pass for the camera.



Ron Gade had a crash with his Senior Kadet, on a landing approach, as Joe Leonatti helps him carry it back. I'm sure Ron will have it repaired soon.

**Your Roving Reporter
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At the last meeting, the Club held a pretty large auction of planes and equipment that were donated to the Club by members Ralph Gaebel, and Kevin Thomas. The auction went well, and everything was sold.



Mark Yothers bangs the gavel for another item "SOLD". Lester Faroux, our club "Test Pilot" helps Bill Kline tweak his recently built "Zero", and readies for



maiden flight. After resolving a fuel valve issue, the maiden went well, and the flight was awesome.



Your Roving Reporter
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Jeff Hails bolts the wing on his Senorita for a nice day of flying.



The last Foamy Warbird Race was on Sept 26th, and Dave Oswald, and Mark Yothers were the only 2 participants. CD Lyman Petrosky launches Dave Oswald's P51 Mustang for the race.

Lester Faroux helps Jim Zamerski ready his beautiful Decathlon for a nice day of flying.



After the Pylon Races, Mary Yothers clowns around with his EP Corsair mounted on a wheeled dolly. The grass kinda hindered the takeoff.



Jim Curry taxi's out his recently acquired parasol winged plane for its maiden. It only needed a minor trim adjustment for a nice maiden flight.



My brother, Denny, taxis out his Dornier STOL for its maiden flight. It flew beautifully with only minor trim adjustment. Denny does a nice slow fly by for the camera.

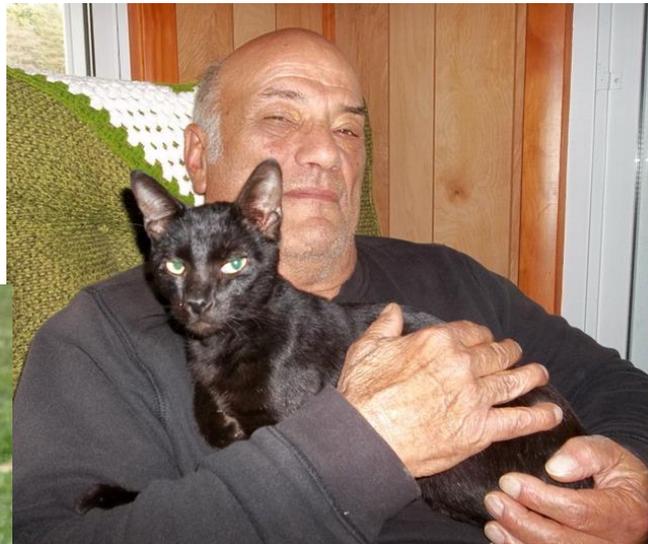
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On a final note, we've had a little visitor to the field. Someone dropped off a little black cat, and I could see that he was sick, and malnourished. He is extremely friendly, and sat on everyone's lap. He was not afraid of any of the planes, even when the motors were running. He decided to take up the shade under John Marshall's Big "Stik" wing. I couldn't just



Lester Faroux fires up his Sundowner, and gets ready for a flight. It's a fast, and very agile performer. As we all know, Lester "Likes Em Fast".



leave him there, so I brought him home with me, and got him to the Vet for treatment. He is on the mend, and doing much better. He is definitely a "keeper", and



loves his new home.

Well, that's about it for this month. September turned out to be an excellent month to fly, and a lot of you took advantage of it. Kudos to all of you. The field conditions were superb, thanks to the County Maintenance Crew keeping the grass cropped beautifully. Our thanks and appreciation to all of you.

Until next month – "Keep Em Flying"



**The Family of
Robert E Burns**

The Craig Family

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!**

October Birthday Wishes

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



**William M Cecchetti Jr
James E Curry
Christopher Hartman
William P Miedel
Walter L Rubino
Edward W Ryan I I I**

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

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FOAMY WARBIRDS FINAL RESULTS

**1st Place - Dave Oswald -
157 points**

**2nd Place - Mark Yothers -
129 points**

**3rd Place - Bill Cecchetti -
99 points**



ROBERT E BURNS

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**LAUREL HIGHLANDS
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Fall Golf & Fun Fly



A day of Model Aircraft Flying
Swap Meet Flea Market.
at Ridgeview Golf Club
1076 Gravel Hill Road, Ligonier, PA

October 8, 2016

Golf Course opens at 8:30 am. (9 holes with cart - \$7)
Flying to begin anytime after 10:00 am.

Lunch at 1:00 pm. (Donations will be accepted)
AMA insured event. 3/4" grass runways.
All aircraft, golfers, and spectators invited.

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