

# Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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## Wing Tips

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### Events and Times

**Regular Meeting August 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM** at the flying field, Mammoth Park

**This Month's Breakfasts** will be at Bob Evans Restaurant at Greengate (in front of WalMart), Greensburg 8:30 AM, August 9, 2017 8:30 AM, August 23, 2017

**Thursday Night Training - August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2017** 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 Racing - August 6 & 20, 2017 at 1:30 PM** at the field

**Trainer Pylon Race - August 6 & 20, 2017** between the Foamy Warbird Races at the field

**Scale Contest - August 13, 2017** (rain date August 20) at the field

**Float Fly - August 19, 2017** (rain date August 26) at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam).

**August Picnic - August 27, 2017** Catered by Palombo's - food will be served at 12:00 Noon and available until 2:00 PM. Covered dishes & desserts are needed from members.

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### The Prez Says

Wow here we are already in August. Any day now the weather is going to improve on Thursday's for training. We are getting some nice Week ends and early week perfect flying days. In fact I was out to the field last evening all alone with no wind and a wonderful blue sky.

We will have a lot of activity this month. Our meeting on Aug 11th at the field, Foamy Warbird races Aug. 6 and 20, Scale contest on Sunday Aug. 13, rain date Aug. 20, Float Fly Aug. 19 at Acme Dam with rain date Saturday Aug. 26, Finally our August picnic and club flea market on Sunday Aug. 27. Also watch out for Warbird Wednesday or Foamy Friday at any time with every Tuesday being High wing Tuesday.

I'm going to climb up on my soapbox here for a little bit so bear with me. Now I'm addressing just a few of you, however there are several let's say more experienced members that do the same thing. That thing is what I call First Teeitis. You know a new golfer not sure of your ability and the thing that keeps you from golfing more is you don't want to strand out in front of all those more seasoned golfers on the first tee and hit your first drive. Remember that the best flyer at the field or the National Pattern champ, or the 3D'er that is does things with a plane that you can't even imagine doing all started out as that nervous bag of goo out on the flight line learning to fly or learning a new skill. There is no one, other than the student themselves, that expects the newby to be a great flyer on the first day.

Now a big difference between that poor new golfer and a beginning R/C pilot is the golfer may lose a \$2.00 golf ball while the R/Cer could lose a \$300.00 plane. The golfer has to do it all alone, while the R/C student can have an instructor that can intervene and save that \$300.00 plane. Meanwhile that poor newby golfer is walking thru the poison ivy looking for a \$2.00 golf ball. At least if the plane goes

down off the landing field you'll be walking thru the poison ivy for a \$300.00 plane. And usually it's larger than a golf ball---but not all the time.

If you are new or you are moving to a more complex model remember ALL the hecklers sitting on the benches behind you want you succeed. They have all been where you are.

A few do's. As a new pilot always get help until you have passed your proficiency test (That's a Field rule). Crashing is not an option. It's costly and most of the time avoidable.

Don't expect an instructor to seek you out, you must be the one to ask for help. Don't expect the instructor to be at the field just because you show up at the field. If and when you find an instructor that you feel comfortable with, communicate. Let him know when you'll be at the field, and ask when he will be available for training.

One of my unforgettable moments was when I was learning to fly full scale. My instructor told me to land the plane and stop by the wind sock. To my surprise he got out of the plane and told me to make three take offs and full stop landings. So I did. On the first solo take off I was about 100 feet up and over the runway threshold when I realized, hey I got to get this thing down now and I got no help; oh Sh##t what did I get myself into? Airspeed, altitude, other traffic, attitude, ground references, line up with the runway, don't flair too soon, keep flying the plane till the wheels stop.

Well, luckily I did OK. I'm still here 28 years later to tell the story. If I can do it---so can you!

See you at the Field

## Mark

### Minutes of the Meeting of July 14th, 2017

**The meeting was called to order** by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 28 members present. One new member, Bruce R. Light, from Jeannette, was voted into the club. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the July newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers from (1) the F.A.R.M. Club's two Annual Float Flies at Lake Ritchie, Bealeton, VA, June 24th and September 30th; (2) the M.A.R.C.S. Club All You Can Eat Fun Fly at Saltsburg, PA, July 22nd (rain date July 23rd); (3) the Tri-County Sky Barons RC Aircraft Model Meet & Airshow, hosted by the Golden Age Air Museum, in Bethel, PA, August 18th-20th; (4) the 15th Annual Wings Over Piper Fun Fly at the William T. Piper

Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, PA, August 4th-6th. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer, Rene Marquis. Vice President Lester Faroux announced the raffle prize: a Futaba 6J S-FHSS Transmitter. Also, in a separate raffle: a P-51 Mustang, a Sukhoi SU-26 and a "Skeeter", donated by Greg Whitfield, each to be drawn separately. Newsletter Reporter, Dean Pollock, reported that everything is good with the newsletter. Also a reminder: 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. President Mark Yothers reminded the members of the night fly after tonight's meeting and the float fly at Acme Dam tomorrow.

#### Old Business:

(a) Museum Committee: Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean reported that Jim Curry is donating his big Ford Flivver to the museum. (Very nice! Thanks Jim!) Dean also reported that they have six smaller planes hung up and plan to hang others. He also encouraged everyone to visit the museum. Their hours are Saturdays & Sundays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

(b) High Wing Tuesdays: President Yothers stated that the weather has been much better the past few Tuesdays, so please come and fly as the weather permits.

(c) Road Trips: Linda Pollock reported that she has only received two e-mails and two other replies on the proposed trip to Lake Ritchie, in Bealeton, VA. Since there is not enough interest to organize a group trip, President Yothers suggested that those who are interested could still drive on their own or form small groups. The F.A.R.M. Club has a great program of many activities all summer, May through October. These include a Flying Circus/Air Show every Sunday; aircraft rides; Hot Air Balloon Festival (including rides) August 19th & 20th. Group rates (20+) are available. It would still be nice to get a group together for a trip there. Contact Linda if interested.

(d) DOT/FAA Registration: President Yothers stated that recent legislation has given us some victory, but that the issue is not over yet and will be back.

(e) Anything Goes Pylon Racing: Chairmen - Tim Bartlow & Rene Marquis. There was no participation on July 9th. The next race is scheduled for July 23rd.

(f) Foamy Warbird Racing: Chairman - Dave Oswald. The races are going well. The remaining dates are: July 23rd; August 6th & 20th; September 3rd & 17th.

(g) Snyder Cup: Last year's winner was Ray Sylvester. This year's race is tentatively set for September 10th. No details yet.

(h) Scale Contest: CD - Bill Cecchetti, Sr. Set for Sunday, August 13th (rain date - August 20th). Same rules as in the past. Anything that looks scale is welcome. Mostly for fun. Foamies also welcome.

(i) August Picnic: Sunday, August 27th. Fun Fly Chairman: Rene Marquis. Food Chairperson - Linda



## Minutes continued:

Pollock. It will be catered again the same as the Opening Day Picnic. Volunteers needed to help. We will need reservations again, as before, and everyone should try to get there in time for the cooked food. Linda will issue an e-mail announcement.

(j) Night Flies: Our second one will be held after tonight's meeting. Flying will be until 10:00. President Yothers posed the question of whether we want to do one in August or September, or both. It was decided to wait until September, when it gets dark earlier.

(k) Float Flies: CD - Jerry Thomas. AMA insurance certificate has been received for July 15th (rain date July 29th) at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). There will be one more, on August 19th (rain date August 26th),

(l) Endurance Contest: CD - Rene Marquis. Sunday, September 10th; rain date: Sunday, September 24th. Rules are the same as Jim Andrews' rules from last year.

(m) Model Aviation Day: Not likely to happen this year.

(n) Awards Banquet: Chairman - Lester Faroux. To be held Saturday, October 28th, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Gianillis II. Menu to be decided at the August meeting.

(o) Students in Aviation: Chairmen - Rene Marquis & Mark Withrow. Rene reported that he has not heard anything new. As far as he knows, Derry High School still wants to do the program and are looking for a possible date this September.

(p) Fuel Committee: Chairmen - Bill Cecchetti, Sr., & Dean Pollock. Dean reported that there are approximately 7 cases (28 gal.) currently on hand. We will probably not need to reorder.

### New Business:

(a) Newsletter: Anyone who is not receiving their newsletter, please let Dean & Linda know.

(b) Club Hats: A motion was carried to order 2 dozen all season hats with the club logo.

(c) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, August 11th, 7:00 PM, at Mammoth Field. Hope to see you all there! In the event of rain, the meeting will be held at Pavilion #13 on the other side of the lake.

### Show & Tell:

Rene Marquis showed his E-Flite Commander with a 55" wingspan and weighing about 3 ½ lbs. It was very simple to put together. It took only ½ hour to install 8 screws. It uses a 3-cell 2200 to 3000 ma battery, running a 15 size motor with a 45 amp. ESC. It is very nicely detailed. He is very anxious to fly it.



The winner of the Futaba 6J S-FHSS transmitter was Dick Schmitz.



The winners of the airplanes donated by Greg Whitfield were:

P-51 Mustang – Dean Pollock

Sukhoi SU-26 – Bruce Light

“Skeeter” – Tim Bartlow

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM, followed by a Pizza party and the night fly at the field.

Respectfully submitted,

# Don Accorsi



## Your Roving Reporter

### From: The Roving Reporter

Hi everyone, welcome to another edition of your newsletter. Seems like the summer months are quickly passing by, and hopefully the hot, dog days of summer will soon pass, and a little cooler flying weather will prevail. It was a record setting month, with way above rainfall, and sweltering humidity. We did manage to get a Thursday Training Day, rain free, on July 27th, and had a good turnout. I brought out my Skybolt, and my Goldberg Decathlon for some



flying lessons from Lester, and Ron Gade brought out his recently finished Andrews Aeromaster.



Jay Curry brought out his newly recovered BUSA Phaeton 90, and had a great time flying it.



On our meeting night, July 14th, Jim Andrews had this sweet little Aeronca Champ there. I thought at



first it was an EP powered plane that Jim had converted, but I think it is a kit built, and Jim powered it with a Saito .40 four stroke. It flies, and sounds really good.



Rob Craig brought out this Yak, and his Carbon Z Cub for some fun flying, and he certainly puts them through the paces.



Your Roving Reporter  
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Curt Hughes brought out his beautiful EP P51 Mustang, and it is an awesome flyer, and looks impressive in the air.



Rene Marquis readies his 1/4 Scale Cub for flight. It's powered with a small gas engine, and is also a sweet flyer.



Bill Cecchetti always enjoys his refurbished OT Quaker, and he converted it to electric power. Bill did a fantastic job with the recover with Solartex, and painted with Rustoleum.





**Your Roving Reporter**  
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The last week of July was pretty decent for flying, and the weather co-operated with dry, sunny days. Tim Bartlow got to bring out his Pitcairn Mail Plane for an enjoyable afternoon of flying, and enjoyed putting it back up in the air.



Rich McConnell just finishing a re-fuel, and gets ready for his next flight with his Kadet LT40.



Rene Marquis finally brought out his pretty Rearwin Speedster, after pulling it out of mothballs, and dusting it off. It was good to see it back in the air, since last year.



That's about it for this month. I do hope August will be a better month, weather wise, to fly. We have a few upcoming events, and Fall picnic, so please try to partake in those activities. Linda will be going to the hospital for surgery on her left shoulder for a torn rotator cuff, and will be down for 6 -8 weeks for healing and therapy. I'll do my best to try to get to the field once in a while if I can. If you are at the field, and have a camera, or camera phone, would you take some pics, and/or send us a little write-up on any activities you would like published. I'll send out emails and keep everyone updated on her condition.

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



# **KLBE Air Museum, located at Arnold Palmer Airport Museum Project Update - by Dean Pollock**

Several of us went over to the Latrobe Air Museum, as Tony Kistner and Jim Curry donates Jim's 1/2 scale Ford Flivver to the museum. Jim scratch built this a couple years ago, and flew it quite a few times. Tony ended up with it, and didn't want it to ever be crashed or damaged, and decided it would make a nice addition to the museum. The staff at the museum were very grateful, and love having it on display.

They also were able to hang some of our other donations from the ceiling. If you get a chance, you should take a ride over there, and see how nice the museum, planes, and models are.





**KLBE Air Museum,  
located at Arnold Palmer Airport  
continued**



**PICTURES SENT IN BY  
PRESIDENT, MARK YOTHERS**

**My Quiqui Cessna 170  
has a new friend a  
Quiqui Mamba10 Bipe.**



**Here is a Pic of  
Myself, Ron Gade,  
Jim Zamerski, and  
Jim Andrews at the  
Giant Scale Fly-in  
7/29/17.**



# GENESEO AIRSHOW - JULY 14 - 16, 2017

Submitted by Jim Zomerski

This is Me, Ron ,& Luke Morgan standing in front of Crazy Horse the P-51 Mustang. Luke was asking what kind of wax they were using on the plane because that is what he does at LJ Aviation in Latrobe. The Mustang was spotless (they said they used a secret formula) !

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Jim Zomerski



## MAD MAX MUSTANG



## WACO



## PT-17 STEARMAN







**Lester Faroux**

**John Hathaway**

**Ron Berlin**

**Walt Rubino**

**Tim Bartlow**

**Ralph Gaebel**

**John & Joan Marshall**

**Vaun Hile**

**Paul Cunningham**

**Jim & Timi Pennington**

**Dick & Shirley Schmitz**

**Don & Joan Accorsi**

**Bob Bushmire**

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



## 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  
John P Nemeth  
Seth Nicolette  
Michael J O Malley  
Patrick J Stefano  
Charles J Zera

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!

## LHMAC CLUB PATCHES

### FOR SALE!

•PRICE - \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

•TYPES - available in Velcro or sewn on

•HOW TO PURCHASE - The patches are available at the monthly meetings or contact our Treasurer, Rene Marquis,

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