

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557
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Wing Tips

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting December 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger.

This Month's Breakfasts will be at Denny's Restaurant, Greensburg (across from Greengate

8:30 AM, Dec 13, 2017

8:30 AM, Dec 27, 2017

Thursday Night Training - December 7, 14, 21 & 28, 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.

Annual Christmas /Pizza Party December 8, 2017 at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger - takes place about midway through the meeting - around 8:00 PM. Please feel free to bring other goodies to compliment the pizza and refreshments.

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

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The Prez Says

As this is my last PS, I would like to thank the officers I've served with, all the Contest directors, Committee chairmen and women, and last but not least the membership. Without you guys and gals I would just be out there standing in a field playing with toy airplanes.

Not much flying going on this month. Ah, but I feel there will be a few good days to get out and punch some holes in the sky. Plus don't forget the indoor flying venues. You will need an indoor capable plane thou.

Also remember that at the meeting we will have Pizza and drinks. (Plus anything you want to bring.) Also our 50/50 for Santa.

While this event is next year, remember that January 1st Fly will



begin at 10 AM, no sooner. No props should turn before 10 AM. I hear the new Field Control Officer will be a stickler on this, since I know him well.

I hope you all support the new officers as you did the last few years.

Finally I also want to **Thank** the County staff and the ground crew. Thanks for the first rate facility.

See you at the field.

Mark

Minutes of the Meeting of November 10th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 26 members present. There were no guests or new members. The minutes of the October meeting were approved as written in the November newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated (1) a flier from Ed Andrews, giving the remaining Dome Fly schedule, and (2) a flier for the Murrysville Area RC Society Flea Market & Auction, Saturday November 11th, at the Delmont Event Center. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer, Rene Marquis. Vice President Lester Faroux announced the raffle prize: a Horizon Hobby E-flite "Pulse 15e", with a 55 inch wingspan, size 15 electric motor, Plug & Play and float option (floats not included). Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, reported that everything is good with the newsletter. Please keep sending her 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 recent good weather has provided some good flying, which was good to see. He also cautioned the membership that even one member complaining to the Park Maintenance about any field conditions, especially grass cutting, only causes problems. The maintenance people are doing their best with the equipment and conditions that they have to work with, so we should appreciate it and bear with them. They are doing a good job overall. President Mark Yothers commented we still need a Secretary for the club, as no one has yet accepted a nomination. He asked once more for someone to step up and accept a nomination, but no one did. Ballots were then collected and counted by our Vice President while the meeting continued.

Old Business:

(a) Museum Committee: Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean stated that he delivered the Corsair to the museum, and they were

well pleased and excited to receive it. President Yothers indicated the he would like to set up a meeting of our new officers with the museum officials sometime in the near future.

(b) Foamy Warbird Racing: Chairman - Dave Oswald. Dave presented the winner's trophy to Bill Cecchetti, Sr., and reported that the weather was mostly windy & rainy, but they got the races completed. He also stated that they would have liked to have more participation.

(c) Awards Banquet: Chairman - Lester Faroux. Was held Saturday, October 28th, at Gianillis II. Lester thanked Rene Marquis and Linda Pollock for filling in for him, since he was ill. Rene and Linda said that there was a good turnout, everything went well. The food was good but there was a lot left over, so Gianillis provided Styrofoam containers for members to take food home..

(d) Fuel Committee: Chairmen - Bill Cecchetti, Sr., & Dean Pollock. Bill reported that there are 10 cases of new fuel, and Dean still has three gallons of old fuel. The cost of the new fuel is \$20/gal. The cost of the current/old fuel is still \$19/gal.

(e) Field Equipment: Tim Bartlow & Mark Yothers. Tim reported that he and Mark are gathering information on fire extinguishers, First Aid Kits and Portable Field Stands. They will present the information to the membership at a later meeting, when they have it all together.

(f) Lipo Fire Buckets & Cigarette Buckets: Mark Yothers. Dean Pollock reported that he is preparing 3-pound metal coffee cans. He will paint them and add sand to them.

(g) Election Results: Ballots were collected and counted by Vice President Lester Faroux during the meeting. The results are as follows:

President: Jim Andrews

Vice President: Dave Oswald

Treasurer: Rene Marquis

Secretary: (Still no candidate)

Safety/Field Control: Mark Yothers

Rene Marquis then stated that he would try to do the Secretary's job in addition to Treasurer. Mark Yothers said that he would help. (Many thanks to both of you!)

New Business:

(a) Solar Panels: Edmund Wasil and Tim Bartlow suggested that the club consider using solar panels to supply electricity for various functions at the field. Ed Wasil offered to donate a 500 watt solar panel that could be mounted on the roof of the pavilion or one of the benches. (Thank you, Ed. That was very gracious and generous!) President Yothers and Tim Bartlow will generate a plan proposal and present it to the membership.

(b) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, December 8th, 7:00 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger. Pizza will be served. The raffle will be a 50/50 drawing for Operation Santa Claus. Hope to see you all there!

Minutes continued:

Show & Tell:

Curt Hughes showed his beautiful electric VQ Models "Bearcat" with an 80 inch wingspan, weighing approximately 20 lbs. The motor was an approximate 50 cc. gas equivalent, running on 12 cells with a 120 amp. speed control. He controls it with a Spektrum DX-18 transmitter.



Mark Yothers showed his new Tech One Hobby "Vanth", made of foam sheets and carbon fiber rods. Its wingspan is 36.22 inches, and length is 36.22 inches. It is powered by a 2 cell 350 mAh battery. Its weight (with battery) is approximately 5.5 oz. He said that it can be built in about 5 hours, but installing the radio without breaking something was very difficult. It can be flown indoors, or outdoors in calm winds.



Raffle:

The winner of the E-flite "Pulse 15e" was Jim Pennington.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi Again Everyone – time is flying by and we are closing in on the year. November was a kind of crappy month, and I think we only had a handful of decent flying days. Cold, windy, and rainy days prevailed up until the last week of November, with a breath of relief for the last week. We managed 5 pretty nice days, and some of you did get to the field. I'm hoping we still get a splash of "Indian Summer", but the last week may have been it. Temps did climb into the mid 50's & 60's, and it was refreshing.

The first weekend of November was pretty good, and Rich McConnell got to the field, as Rene Marquis helps him to prepare for his qualification flight. Rich is progressing nicely, and has his takeoffs, and landings pretty well accomplished.

Your Roving Reporter
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Ron Gade won this EP Glider, and had Lester Faroux do a maiden on it. With a few minor clicks of adjustment, it flew very well.



Merril McMahan won this Escapade MX at the Awards Banquet, and didn't waste any time putting it together. He powered it with a Royal 45 2 stroke, and it's a good flyer.



Rene Marquis fired up his Pulse XT, and gets ready for his first flight of the day.

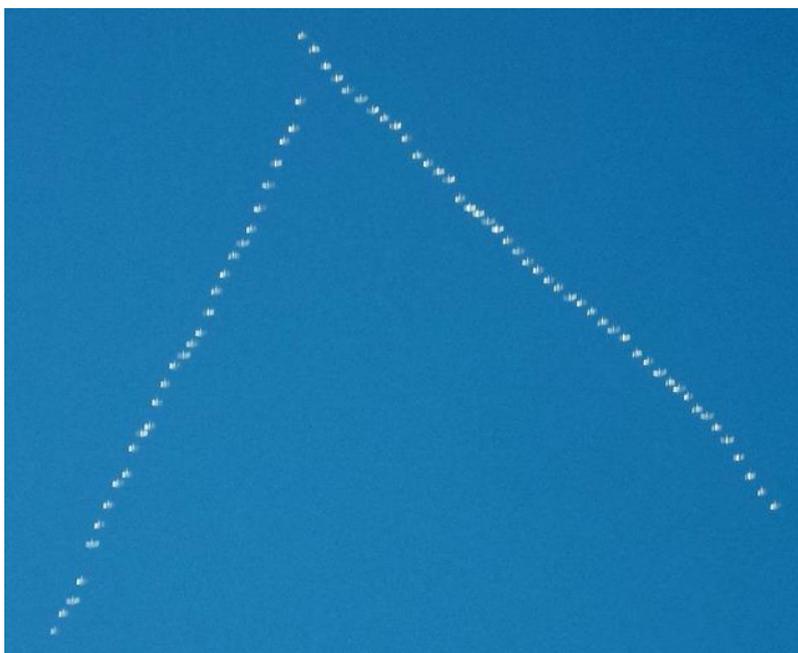


I took out my Sig Smith Miniplane for the first time this year, and had an enjoyable time flying it.



While we were at the field, we heard a loud group of white Canadian Snow Geese approaching. We looked up to see a beautiful "V" formation pass over us. It was an awesome sight.

Your Roving Reporter
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November also brought us the Semi-Annual MARCS Auction, held at the Delmont Fire Hall. The turnout was very good, and a lot of planes and accessories traded hands. We had a pretty good group from our club in attendance.



**Your Roving Reporter
continued**



There's not much else to say about November, as I had home projects to finish up. I finally got my

yard, and all the leaves cleaned up, gutters cleaned, and final mowing. I hope we get a few decent flying days in December, and I'll try to get to the field on those days. Christmas is on the horizon, so take care during the holiday season. If you have any projects you're working on, please submit a few pics and a write-up. If you have any items "For Sale", let us know if you want to list them. That's about it for this month.

**Your Roving Reporter
Dean Pollock**

**Congrats LHMAC Member Charlie Zera,
finished in 3rd place sportsman at the Tucson Aerobatic Shootout.**



Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club

First Annual Awards Banquet
November 17, 1973

Lake View Lounge Rt. 30 West
Greensburg, Pa.

Dinner served promptly at 7:00 p.m. This ticket reserves your dinner and must be presented to the waitress.

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**Look what Dick Patrick
found in his archives!
Thanks for sharing
Dick!**



Linda Pollock

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!**

December 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!

**Charles R Bender
Ron Berlin
Douglas A Hagy
Vaun C Hile
Rene A Marquis
Holly Mickel
Brett Nicolette
Dean Pollock
Dennis T Pollock
Linda M Pollock
Michael A Skala
Dale D Spoonhoward**

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



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