

# Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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### Events and Times

**Regular Meeting July 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM** at the flying field, Mammoth Park

There will be a Night Fly following the meeting.

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

8:30 AM, July 12, 2017

8:30 AM, July 26, 2017

**Thursday Night Training - July 6, 13, 20 & 27, 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 - July 9 & 23, 2017 at 1:30 PM** at the field

**Trainer Pylon Race - July 9 & 23, 2017** between the Foamy Warbird Races at the field



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### The Prez Says

It's party time! That's right kids, we will have Pizza and drinks at the July meeting. If you would feel inclined to bring any other dish feel free. Also we will have our second Night Fly of the year. So after the meeting we can continue to fly till 10:00 PM. Remember that at dusk till 10:00 you must be flying an electric powered craft.

On June 10th 4 members put on a demonstration for the Boy Scouts at Camp Conestoga. We had a wonderful but windy, turbulent day to fly. But fly we did. There was a lot of questions, and oohs and awws from the crowd. Hopefully we stimulated some interest in model aviation in a few scouts. Thanks Lyman Petrosky, Shawn Resetar, Steve Mickle, and yours truly for providing the entertainment. Dan Ferguson from the Scouts E-Mailed me the next day that the scouts were still talking about our demo that evening. That's a good sign. Again thanks guys for your participation.

Our first Float Fly was on the 17th. It was the perfect day. Light winds directly in line with the lake. No major crashes. Thanks to Jerry Thomas for bringing the boat and coordinating the event, also to Ron Morgan for the trailer and Don Accorsi for use of his boat. And I promised Jerry I wouldn't tell anyone how he hit his head getting out of his van (Tee-Hee!). Our next Float Fly is scheduled on July 15th.

High Wing Tuesday's have been hit and miss. Sometimes I don't even make it out. However, last evening there was a good crowd. Good to see ya'll there. Wait a minute that was Waco Wednesday.

Foamy Warbird races will be the 9th and the 23rd this month. The Trainer races are having a hard time of it. Seems like each race day brings gusty high winds. I'm sure we will have two great days this month for the races.

In last months' newsletter Dan Wandell put together a nice blurb about his experiences with his dad and the club. Nicely done Dan, thanks for the trip down memory lane. If you get a chance go back and look at the group photo in 1978. Then look at recent club photos

– notice the difference? Look at all the youngsters back in “78.” It would be great to have the younger generation put down their virtual reality devices and get into the real world of model aviation.

At this month's meeting we may have a surprise raffle. A past member may bring out two planes for the club to raffle off. One is a P-51;-).

Question, have you responded to Linda's inquiry if you are interested in attending the model airshow and fly-in? No? Well now is a great time to respond.

Also, if you are bringing a Show and Tell to the meeting write down the important bits and give it to Secretary Accorsi so his job is a little easier, Thanks.

See you at the Flyin Field.

## Mark

### Minutes of the Meeting of May 12th, 2017

**The meeting was called to order** by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 23 members present. One new member, John D. Ernette, from Jeannette, was voted into the club. The minutes of the May meeting were approved as published in the June newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi circulated fliers from (1) the Jimmy Stewart Airport Festival at Indiana, PA, June 10th & 11th; (2) the 2nd Annual RCNeighborhood Fun Fly at the Finleyville Airport, Saturday, June 10th (rain date, June 11th); (3) the Indiana Flyers Club 3rd Annual Summer Solstice Fun Fly in Indiana, PA, June 17th; (4) the F.A.R.M. Club's two Annual Float Flies at Lake Ritchie, Bealeton, VA, June 24th and September 30th; (5) the M.A.R.C.S. Club All You Can Eat Fun Fly at Saltsburg, PA, July 22nd (rain date July 23rd); (6) the Tri-County Sky Barons RC Aircraft Model Meet & Airshow, hosted by the Golden Age Air Museum, in Bethel, PA, August 18th-20th; and (7) 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. In the absence of Vice President Lester Faroux, Rene also announced the raffle prize: a Great Planes .46/EP Sport Flyer ARF. He also stated that advance raffle tickets are also available for the Futaba 6J S-FHSS transmitter to be raffled off at the July meeting. Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, reported that everything is good with the newsletter. She also reminded everyone again 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 in great condition thanks to

the park maintenance department and their use of the gang mowers. He also expressed some concern about the dead trees along the left side of the field. They may eventually present a hazard. President Mark Yothers reported that John Hathaway is doing much better and should be able to return home this coming Monday.

#### Old Business:

(a) Museum Committee: Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean stated that there is nothing new to report.

(b) Gate Lock: Keys for the gate lock may be obtained from President Yothers. Linda Pollock maintains the list of members who have keys. There is a \$2.00 rental fee for newly issued keys. All keys must be returned to the club upon exit from the club.

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

(d) Road Trips: Linda Pollock reported that Lake Ritchie, in Bealeton, VA, 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 be nice to get a group together for a trip there. Contact Linda if interested.

(e) DOT/FAA Registration: President Yothers stated that recent legislation has made registration no longer necessary, but that the issue is not over yet.

(f) Anything Goes Pylon Racing: Chairmen - Tim Bartlow & Rene Marquis. The weather has been too windy for the past three races, causing them to be cancelled. The weather looks promising for this Sunday. Dave Oswald will be the CD. Foamies with 3 to 4 cells may be included.

(g) Foamy Warbird Racing: Chairman - Dave Oswald. Current standings are 1st place - Mark Yothers; 2nd Place - Jeremiah Ulishney. Remaining dates are: June 11th; July 9th & 23rd; August 6th & 20th; September 3rd & 17th. It was decided by popular opinion to change the method of determining the CD for future years as follows: The first place winner of the currently won race pulls the placement number of the currently run race out of a hat to determine the CD for the following year.

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

(i) Scale Contest: CD - Bill Cecchetti, Sr. Set for Sunday, August 13th (rain date - August 20th). Same rules as in the past, but "not real fussy." Anything that looks scale is welcome. Foamies welcome. Come and have fun.

(j) Opening Day Picnic: Was held as scheduled, Sunday, May 28th. The weather was good, contrary to expectations, but attendance was down. Food Chairperson, Linda Pollock, reported that Palombos' food service was EXCELLENT. Jim Zamerski reported that the fun fly went well also. Everyone had a great time.



## Minutes continued:

(k) August Picnic: Sunday, August 27th. Fun Fly Chairman: Rene Marquis. Linda Pollock suggested that it be catered again the same as the Opening Day Picnic, and volunteered to chair it. Jim Zamerski volunteered to help. Everyone agreed. She then stated that we will need reservations again, as before, and everyone should try to get there in time for the cooked food. She will issue an e-mail announcement. Dean Pollock also stated that he and Linda would be at the field on July 4th for a picnic, and suggested that anyone who is interested should bring a picnic lunch and join them.

(l) Night Flies: Will need Police Coverage and will cost \$20.00 per night event. Application has been approved for after tonight's meeting and the July 14th meeting. Flying will be until 10:00.

(m) Float Flies: CD - Jerry Thomas. Park Permit has been received for June 17th (rain date July 1st), July 15th (rain date July 29th) and August 19th (rain date August 26th), at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). Jerry will arrange boat transportation.

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

(o) Model Aviation Day: CD's - Tim Bartlow & Rene Marquis. To be held Saturday, August 12th. Details to be determined soon.

(p) Awards Banquet: Chairman - Lester Faroux. To be held Saturday, October 28th, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Gianillis II. Menu to be chosen later by survey.

(q) Westmoreland County Air Show: June 24th & 25th. President Yothers asked again for a coordinator. No one volunteered so we will not participate this year. NOTAM will still be in effect 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday (June 20th) through Sunday (June 25th).

(r) 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.

(s) Fuel Committee: Chairmen - Bill Cecchetti, Sr., & Dean Pollock. Bill reported that sales are slow. There are approximately 7 cases (28 gal.) currently on hand. We are good for now and he will notify us if the supply gets low.

(t) Flea Market at the Field: CD - Tim Bartlow. Was held Saturday, June 3rd. All RC clubs within 100 miles had been invited to participate and come to fly, but only 3 showed up, not quite what we expected. Otherwise it was a good day and worth the effort. Hot dogs and soft drinks sold well at \$1.00 each. If we want to repeat next year we will need an AMA magazine ad, get it out in time, and hope other clubs will give it some exposure.

(u) Cleanup Day: Was held Saturday, May 20th. Turnout was good. Work was done within 2 hours. President Yothers thanked all who participated.

(v) Flying Demo: The Boy Scouts at Camp Conestoga are having a big jamboree (300 - 400

scouts) tomorrow (June 10th), and would like to have us perform a RC demo for them. President Yothers and two others are planning to perform. Anyone else interested in going along please contact him. He is planning to have lunch at Brady's Restaurant on Route 31 at 11:00, and be at Camp Conestoga by 12:30 and ready to fly at 1:00.

(w) Buddy Boxes: All of the club's buddy boxes are accounted for.

(x) Wind Sock: The new wind sock is up and operating.

(y) New Rules: It was suggested that we make it a point to be sure that all new members receive copies of our Constitution and Field Rules. The Secretary has made note of it and will make it a policy. If ANY member of this club does not have copies of our Constitution and Field Rules, please notify the Secretary: d.accorsi@comcast.net or (724) 537-7577.

(z) Refreshments: Thanks to Jeff Moyer for procuring the donuts and beverages for the meeting.

### New Business:

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, July 14th, 7:00 PM, at Mammoth Field. We will have PIZZA! 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:

There was no Show & Tell.

### Raffle:

The winner of the Great Planes .46/EP Sport Flyer ARF was Jeremiah Ulishney.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM, followed by the night fly at the field.

Respectfully submitted,

# Don Accorsi



## Your Roving Reporter

### From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again everyone – another month goes into the history books, and the crazy Spring weather patterns continue. We keep getting these repetitive cycles of rain and very windy conditions, as well as extreme temperature changes. Hopefully they will change, and give us some better flying conditions,



I wanted to finish my report on the Opening Day Picnic and Fun Fly. After the Fun Fly, the field was open to regular flying. Bill Kline starts his plane and gets ready for his first flight, as Jim Zamerski taxi's back.



Rene Marquis just came in for landing, and gets his T-Clips



Curt Hughes readies his beautiful Sig Rascal for a flight, and does a nice slow flyby for the camera.



Mark Yothers waits for his turn, as another plane is on final approach.



Rob Craig and son taxi out for their first flight.



Tim Bartlow brought out his newly built Piper Vagabond, and did some field taxi tests. A few minor engine adjustments, and it will be ready for the "maiden". Tim did a super job covering with orange and yellow



coverite, and the colors should look great in the air.





**Your Roving Reporter  
continued**

Rob Craig makes his approach on landing with his EP Carbon Cub.



We had a few guests arrive, and this gentleman brought his gorgeous Piper to fly.



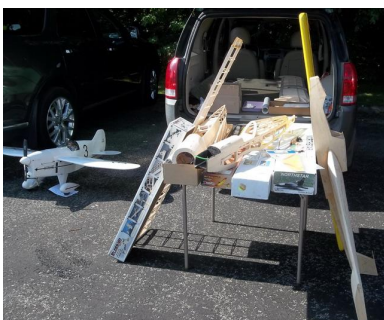
The Club held its 1st Annual Swap Meet and Fun Fly on June 3rd, and we had a pretty good turnout, as planes, kits, and accessories traded hands.



Another guest brought out his huge Yak 54.



Jim Andrews makes a few minor carb adjustments, and gets his 1/4 scale Clipped Wing Cub ready for his first flight.



Rene Marquis readies his Mentor ready for his first flight.



**Your Roving Reporter**  
continued



Our first night fly was after our June regular meeting on June 9th, and we had a pretty good turnout. Mark Yothers has his new Cessna 170 light for his first



flight, as Jeremiah Ulishney lights his plane up and gets ready. As it got progressively darker towards



nightfall, I couldn't capture anymore pictures. I think all the participants had a good time.

On another nice day, Jim Curry brought out his recently finished "Backyard Flyer" Ultralight for some engine tests, and ground handling tests. He decided he would need a little larger engine before it's ready for the "maiden".



We had a really nice day on Wed, June 28th, and Jeremiah Ulishney flies his E Flite CZ Prometheus Biplane. It's a really pretty airplane, and a nice flyer.



That's about it for this month. Keep us posted of any more of your projects, and do try to send us some pics.



## \* SPECIAL THANKS \*

### **Special Thanks to the following:**

1. Penny Kistner for procuring the necessary permits for our 1st Swap & Shop
2. Tim Bartlow & Jim Curry for initiating the idea for the Swap & Shop
3. Patty Bartlow, Linda Pollock & Rene Marquis for picking up the hot dogs & stuff, and cooking, and making food and refreshments available at the Swap & Shop
4. The County Maintenance Crew for their **outstanding** work keeping our field in **BEAUTIFUL** condition

## **KUDOS TO ALL OF YOU !!**

## **WEST VIRGINIA PRECISION AEROBATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Submitted by Lester Faroux

I attended the 2nd West Virginia Precision Aerobatic Championships on the weekend of June 9, 10 & 11. The weather was beautiful all 3 days. The flying field was in perfect condition. The field has unlimited distance East to West. I had the only nitro plane out of the other 26 contestants. I entered the Sportsman Class, and was the only participant in that class. I feel that I flew well, as indicated on my score sheet.

I got to see some of the best flyers in the country. I sat with Mark Atwood, who is on the World Championship Team. Mark Radcliff was the Contest Director. The food was excellent, and I made quite a few new contest friends. I had a lot of fun, and no one made fun of my nitro entry. All in all, I had a GREAT weekend, and as a note to Mark Yothers, I did manage to pick up a Focus II w/ OS 160 pumped engine and tuned pipe. I'm excited to try this one out. I'm now looking forward to improving my skills with this new plane.



Lester Faroux





# 2ND ANNUAL RCNEIGHBORHOOD FUN FLY AT THE FINLEYVILLE AIRPORT, JUNE 10TH

Submitted by Jim Zamerski

My Kavalier, Jim Andrews Clipped Wing Cub, Rene's T-Clips, and Ed Andrews Gee Bee Speedster. Jim and I flew, Rene left his radio on his kitchen counter. Ron Gade and Bob Stuckert also attended. It was a beautiful day and a well organized event.



Jim Zamerski



# JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT – AIRPORT FESTIVAL 2017! JUNE 11TH

Submitted by Jim Zamerski

**THIS WAS THE PLANE THAT GEORGE BUSH DID OVER 40 MISSIONS IN BEFORE BEING SHOT DOWN. IMPRESSIVE, LARGE, MADE FOR CARRIER LAUNCHED TORPEDO/BOMBER TYPE MILITARY AIRCRAFT.**



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**AT THE JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT. WW2 REENACTMENT GROUP SHOWS UP WITH A LOTS OF COOL STUFF. HERE'S A 1945 DODGE POWERWAGON**



# THE PIT STOP! PYLON RACING! JUNE



## 2017 Foamy Warbird Races Current Standings

Pilot	Mark Yothers	Rene Marquis	Bill Cecchetti	Joe Leonatti	Lyman Petrosky	Jeremiah Ulishney		
05/07/17	24	9	24	17	17	2		
05/21/17	0	7	0	0	11	12	3rd heat	Rain out
06/04/17	26	3	0	0	0	24		
06/11/17	24	0	25	0	0	21		
07/09/17								
07/23/17								
08/06/17								
08/20/17								
09/03/17								
09/17/17								
<b>Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>59</b>		

Remember, we tally the 7 best scores from the ten race dates.

Dave





# LHMAC FLOAT FLY - JUNE 17, 2017

Submitted by Doug Hagy

**Location:** Chestnut Ridge / Acme Dam

**CD: Jerry Thomas.** Jerry arranged boat transportation.

We had perfect conditions. A light continuous breeze worked well for flying and sailing. Good turnout included a variety of aircraft and boats. Others from the community fished, kayaked, and watched as we enjoyed our day at the dam.

Two more float flies are scheduled - July 15th (rain date July 29th) and August 19th (rain date August 26th)

Doug Hagy







**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!**



## July 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!

Michael Ewanits  
Jeffrey G Hails  
Gary Hinger  
Vishal F Jariwala  
Merril F Mc Mahan  
Jeffrey L Moyer  
David F Oswald

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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