

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557
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Wing Tips

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting November 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger.

This Month's Breakfasts will be at IHOP, 5159 Route 30 E, Greensburg

8:30 AM, Nov 8, 2017

8:30 AM, Nov 22, 2017

Thursday Night Training - November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 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.

The Prez Says

Here we are at the beginning of November. The start of the descent into Winter. Or as it was known back in the 70, 80 and 90's the building season. We had some great flying weather over the the past 4 to 5 weeks. However from now till next March or April great flying days will be rare.

What should you do for the next 4 or 5 months? First take care of the models you have flown this year. Empty those tanks, put some after run oil in your glow motors, take your Lipo batteries and store them at the storage charge, and place them in a safe fireproof container. Go over the airframes for any hidden damage that you can repair over the "building season."

Then, what do you want to do new next year? Maybe a night flyer, or a float plane. Hey maybe you want to step up from that trainer to a more aerobatic plane. How about a Foamy Warbird racer? Or possibly a Scale plane you've wanted to build for years. The choices are almost endless. That is why this is a Great hobby.

Also this is Flee Market/ Auction season. Get out and spend some time with other modelers. There is always plenty of Hanger Flying going on at these events. It's also a good place to pick up a good deal. Or find that treasure that is no longer produced but you still want .

This past Saturday we had our annual Awards Banquet. Almost 40 people came out to break bread with their fellow members to celebrate another successful year for LHMAC. Congrats to all the award winners. The two awards that were voted on in October were awarded. The Most Improved Flyer was awarded to Jeremiah Ulishney. Jeremiah has been flying for a little over a year and has competed in Foamy Warbird races, Scale

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Contest (Which he Won!), is flying EDF Jets, float flying and night flying. He truly does deserve the award. The other award was the Member of the Year. I was honored with that trophy. All I want to say to those who voted, is thank you.

I want to thank all who came out to the Awards Banquet and to those who gave of their time and effort to plan it out so the rest of us just had to show up. Thanks Lester, Linda, Dean, Rene.

One more item. We still need a member to step up for the position of Secretary. If you would want to serve the club please let me know so we can add your name to the ballot. If you would want to try serving as Secretary you will get plenty of help. Not only from our outgoing Secretary Don Accorsi but from the other officers.

Back in early October LHMACH as a gesture of thanks for a job well done sent pizza and drinks to the Mammoth Park ground crew. They again want to thank us for the food. I'm sure that most of the time when the public interacts with the staff at almost any public facility they are there to complain or demand some type of service. And hey we are like that at times. We need more picnic tables or waste cans, the grass is too long etc. So to the Park employees we all say Thank You.

See you at the field.

Mark

Minutes of the Meeting of October 13th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 21 members present. There were no guests or new members. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as written in the October newsletter. Secretary Don Accorsi sadly reported that our long time and beloved member, Don Friedberg, has passed away. He circulated a copy of Don's obituary, and included Don's wife, Shirley's address. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. Secretary Don also circulated a flier from Ed Andrews, giving the remaining Dome Fly schedule. The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Linda Pollock for Treasurer, Rene Marquis. Vice President Lester Faroux announced the raffle prize: a Horizon Hobby E-flite "Timber", Land or Sea (w/pontoons), equipped with Bind-N'-Fly. Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, reported that everything is good with the newsletter. There are no problems. Please let her know if you are not getting your newsletter. 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. President Mark Yothers commented that there is still some beautiful flying weather coming, so be sure to take advantage of it.

Old Business:

(a) Museum Committee: Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean stated that the Corsair is almost finished and he expects to deliver it to the museum this Sunday. He again 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 encouraged everyone to come and fly when the weather permits. You don't need to have a high wing airplane.

(c) Foamy Warbird Racing: Chairman - Dave Oswald. Money was appropriated for this year's prizes.

(d) Night Flies: Mark Yothers reported that the first night, Thursday, September 14th, was rained out. The second date, September 21st, was a nice night, but there was only one flyer.

(e) Endurance Contest: No report.

(f) Awards Banquet: Chairman - Lester Faroux. To be held Saturday, October 28th, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Giannillis II. Cost is \$24 for adults, \$16 for children. There will be drawings for four airplanes and four gifts for the ladies. Reservations are necessary by October 18th at the latest. Reservation forms are available at this meeting and from President Yothers. Mail reservations and money to Don Accorsi, at 104 Rocky Mountain Court, Latrobe, PA 15650-2409.

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

New Business:

(a) Field Control: Field Control Officer, Tim Bartlow, reported that the Park Maintenance people appreciated the pizza and other refreshments that he took to them last week in appreciation for their great work in maintaining the field. He also suggested that we consider obtaining a First Aid kit, fire extinguisher and possible movable work tables for the field next year. Ideas in this regard are welcome and will be considered. NOTE: President Yothers also pointed out with emphasis that the buckets of sand at the field are NOT for cigarette butts. They are for extinguishing fires, especially lithium battery fires. Bill Cecchetti, Sr. offered to pay for a fire extinguisher. (Thank you Bill, That was very gracious and generous!)

(b) Dues for 2018: It was unanimously voted by the membership to keep the current dues the same for 2018.

(c) Nomination of Officers: The following were nominated for election of officers for 2018:

President: Tim Bartlow & Jim Andrews

Vice President: Dave Oswald

Treasurer: Rene Marquis

Secretary: (There is currently no candidate for Secretary. A Secretary is required for the club to be sanctioned by the AMA. We URGENTLY need someone to accept a nomination. Please give it serious consideration.)

Field Control: Mark Yothers

Nominations were closed for now but

Minutes continued:

will be reopened at the November meeting before the voting.

(d) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, November 10th, 7:00 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger. Hot dogs will be served. Hope to see you all there!

Show & Tell:

Lester Faroux showed his Great Planes Jap Zero, built from a kit. It had a wingspan of 56.5 in., wing area of 537 sq. in., length of 46 in., and weighed 5 to 6 lbs. He needed a 10 ½ in. long ball driver for part of the



assembly, and said that you need to follow the instructions exactly. However, he had to build in some modifications to accommodate the fuel tank, receiver and servos.

Kurt Hughes showed his two giant electric motors which he plans to use in future planes. They are 6K – 8K watts 50-60 cc. gasoline equivalent.



Raffle:

The winner of the E-flite "Timber" was Jay Grabiak.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.



Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again everyone... Well, time is flying by, and we are getting close to the holiday season, with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. The weather is definitely changing toward more overcast and wet conditions, and snow and colder temps are not far away. Hopefully we will have a mild Winter, and have some fairly decent flying conditions. October was a pretty good month for flying, and we had a few nice weekends. I picked up this SIG ¼ Scale Clipped Wing Cub from Tim Bartlow



and Mark Yothers, after Tim and I went to Titusville to get it. I cleaned it up, and installed a Super Tigre 90 2



stroke in it. I had Lester Faroux do the maiden on it and it turned out to be a great flyer.



Your Roving Reporter
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Jim Andrews had a mishap on a touch and go, and his Little Champ ended up in the tree along the right side of the flightline. Mark Yothers tries to help him get it down.



October 8th was a Swap & Shop and Auction held by the Keystone Clippers. We had a number of members attend.



I was lucky enough to win the raffle prize, a Hangar 9 Cub ARF.



Curt Hughes taxis out his beautiful Cessna 182 EP for a flight, and it is a beautiful flyer.



Your Roving Reporter
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Jim Andrews holds Lester Faroux's newly built Zero for his maiden. The Zero flew beautifully with only a



minor trim adjustment. Les powered it with an OS 55 AX, and it's so fast, I couldn't get a picture. It was a blur when he went blistering past me. He loves it!!



Lester gave Jim Andrews his Little "Slow Poke", and Jim put an OS 46 2 stroke in it. Jim takes off and enjoys how well it flies.



Tim Bartlow picked up this sweet Stinson 108 EP from Tony Kistner, and loves how well it flies.



Jay Grabiak and his son, Tim, came out on another nice day to fly their EP Cubs. I got a pic of them flying together.



Your Roving Reporter
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Lester Faroux powers up his Kaos for a flight, and loves how well this plane flies.



During the weekdays, Mark Yothers sometimes stops at the field after work. He brought out his Little EP Champ for some fun flying.



Jim & Jay Curry get Jim's new EP Glider ready for a maiden flight. Jim re-modeled the front end, and added a pilot and cockpit to it. It flew very well, and is a nice lazy day flyer.



On another day, Jim Andrews has Lester Faroux do a checkout flight on his SIG 1/4 Scale Clipped Wing Cub. I think Les enjoys flying a 1/4 scale Cub, mine & Jims.





That's about it for this month. I hope you all have a Great Thanksgiving Day!

Your Roving Reporter
Dean Pollock

KLBE Air Museum, located at Arnold Palmer Airport

Museum Project Update - by Dean Pollock

A little update about the Latrobe Airport Museum. I picked up this Corsair from Mark Wasil at our fall picnic & swap shop, and wanted it for the museum. I cleaned it up, re-ironed the covering, and got the Greg Boyington decal set from Callie Graphics. They were extremely pleased to add it to the displays. Also included is a pic of the Art Chester "Jeep" that I got from Rene Marquis, and donated. I'm trying to fill in the historical timeframes from WW1 through WW2. If you're in the area, please do give the museum a visit.

Dean



SNYDER CUP SPEED Contest

September 10, 2017
CD - Ray Sylvester

**Lester's
Zero
maiden
flight. No
hiccups!**

**sent in by
Jim
Zamerski**

**1st place - Jim Zamerski - Stik 60 size glo
fuel 98 MPH**

**2nd place - Mark Yothers - Cessna 170
electric 78 MPH**

**3rd place - Rene Marquis - Senior
Telemaster 60 go fuel 75 MPH**

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**2017 Annual Awards Banquet -
October 28, 2017
Photos**

**WE MISSED YOU
LESTER. SORRY
YOU WERE UNDER
THE WEATHER!!!**

Trophy Awards Photos



**Most Improved Flyer
Jeremiah Ulishney**

**Member of the Year
Mark Yothers**



**Snyder Cup Speed Trials
Jim Zamerski**

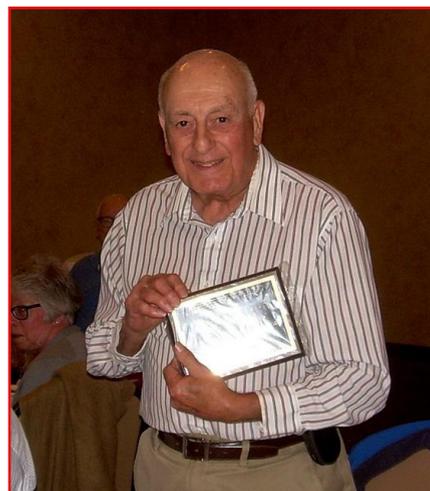
**Scale Contest Winner
Jeremiah Ulishney**



Not in Attendance Winners

**Warbird Contest Winner
Bill Cecchetti Sr.**

**Endurance Contest Winner
Jim Andrews**



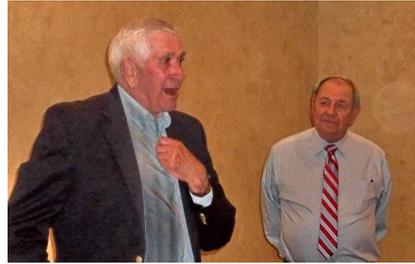
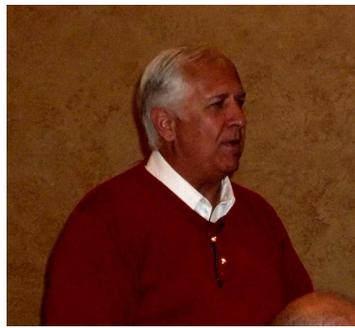
**"THANKS"
for 16 years
of service as
Secretary
Don Accorsi**

2017 Annual Awards Banquet - Photos Continued

MENS GIFT WINNERS



LADIES GIFT WINNERS





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!**

November Birthday Wishes

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



Happy birthday!

Happy birthday!

Carl Adams

Gary W Black

John Jay Curry

Robert E Haden

Joseph E Leonatti

John W Toomey

Ronald Twaddle

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



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Rene Marquis,

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My 2018 Annual Dues (PLEASE fill in ALL information)

Membership Renewal is due by **December 31, 2017.**

NOTE: After January 1, 2018, a \$5.00 late fee will be charged.

Name: _____	Dues:
AMA # _____ FAA/UAS# _____	Family** \$36.00 _____
Address: _____	Open \$35.00 _____
City: _____, Zip: _____	Retiree \$20.00 _____
Telephone: _____	Jr.(Under 19 yrs.) \$20.00 _____
E-mail Address: _____	Newsletter Hardcopy \$15.00* _____
Date of Birth: _____	TOTAL _____

**Other Family Fliers: _____

Send Newsletter by: _____ E-mail; _____ Hard Copy (Postal Mail); _____ Web Site

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In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Relationship: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile/Cell Phone: _____

Mail this form to: Don Accorsi, LHMAC
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Please make checks payable to LHMAC

LHMAC 2017 Election Ballot

President:

____ Tim Bartlow

____ Jim Andrews

Write In: _____

Vice President:

____ Dave Oswald

Write In: _____

Treasurer:

____ Rene Marquis

Write In _____

Secretary:

****Still need a nominee. Please volunteer.**

Write In _____

Safety/Field Control:

____ Mark Yothers

Write In _____

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