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Wing Tips

October, 2017

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Events and Times

Regular Meeting October 13, 2017 at **7:00 PM** at the St. Paul Lutheran Church, Trauger.

This Month's Breakfasts will be at Eat'n Park, Greensburg (across from Westmoreland Mall)
8:30 AM, Oct 11, 2017
8:30 AM, Oct 25, 2017

Thursday Night Training - October 5, 12, 19 & 26, 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.

LHMAC Annual Awards Banquet - October 28, 2017 - Giannilli's II, 4816 State Route 30, Greensburg, PA 15601 from 5:00 - 8:00 PM

PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION IN BY OCTOBER 18TH
Reservation Form included in last months' (September) newsletter

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The Prez Says

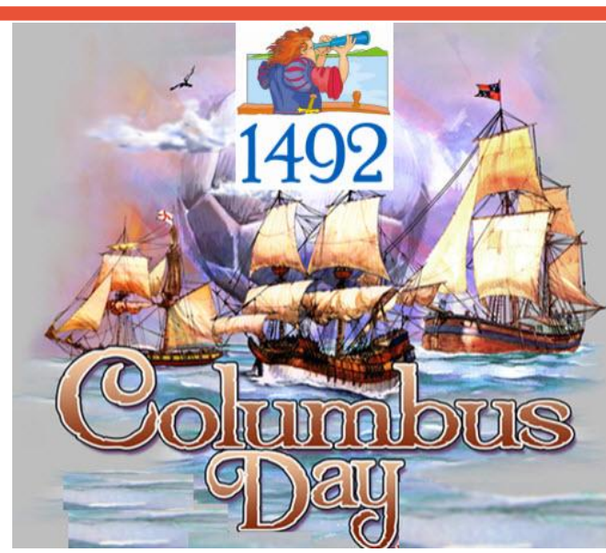
Fall is here, hard to believe isn't it? However some of the best flying weather of the year is in the next 4 to 6 weeks. Then, well it gets a little ify.

This month we will be setting the dues, and nominating officers for 2018. Also we will be discussing some things to improve our flying site. So make sure you make it to this months meeting.

Also don't forget to send in your Awards Banquet reservations.

See you at thee field,

Mark



Minutes of the Meeting of September 8th, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Yothers with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were 27 members present. One new member, Fred Gelston, from Boswell, was voted into the club. There was also one guest, Philip Laymon, from Scottdale, who later joined the club and was voted in. There was one correction to the August meeting minutes: the RADAR gun CAN be used for the Snyder Cup races, but will not be on the field. The minutes of the August meeting were then approved as corrected in the September newsletter.
Secretary Don Accorsi sadly reported that our long time and beloved member, Don Friedberg, is now in an assisted living home in Tampa, FL, is doing OK, but is losing his memory and no longer remembers our club. Please remember him in your prayers.
Secretary Don also circulated fliers from (1) the Flying Wing Nutz Fall Fun Fly at St. Mary's WV, September 15th-71th; (2) the F.A.R.M. Club's Annual Float Fly at Lake Ritchie, Bealeton, VA, September 30th; and (3) a notation from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, in their "Celebration" Donors Report, for our contribution in memory of Vaun Hile's wife.
The Treasurer's report was approved as given by Treasurer, Rene Marquis. Vice President Lester Faroux announced the raffle prize: a built up Vinh Quang R/C Models, Global ARF Avion R/C "Tomahawk", with a 54" wingspan, a 40~50 cu. in. engine, retracts, and all internal servos, donated by himself. (Thank you very much, Lester! That was very gracious and generous.) Newsletter Editor, Linda Pollock, reported that everything is good with the newsletter. She is recovering nicely from her shoulder surgery, and Dean is a big help to her. 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 commented that the field has been freshly cut and looking very nice. He recently took donuts to the field maintenance office as a token of thanks for their great service. They appreciated the gesture. President Mark Yothers reminded the members that next month's meeting will have nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Field Control Officer. Voting will also be held for Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer. We will also set the dues rate for next year. Please attend the meeting so your voice can be heard.

Old Business:

(a) Museum Committee: Dean Pollock (Chairman), Rene Marquis and Fred Snyder. Dean reported that he delivered the "Jeep" (airplane) to the museum. He also bought a 60" wingspan Corsair from Mark Wasil, which he will also donate, and is looking for other planes to donate to fill the gap between WWI & WWII. 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 stated that the Tuesday weather has been very nice lately, so please come and fly when the weather permits. You don't need to have a high wing airplane.
(c) Road Trips: President Yothers reminded the membership of the Wing Nutz's and F.A.R.M. Club's upcoming events. If anyone is interested, please let Mark know so he can assist in arranging possible car pools.
(d) DOT/FAA Registration: President Yothers stated nothing much has changed recently, but the issue will eventually come back.
(e) Foamy Warbird Racing: Chairman - Dave Oswald. The races are going well. Bill Cecchetti, Sr. is the leader. The remaining date is September 17th.
(f) Snyder Cup: September 10th. Last year's winner was Ray Sylvester. Same rules and format as last year. Open trials from 1:00 to 3:00. You can have as many runs as you need. Contest will consist of two passes, one upwind and one downwind. The RADAR guns will be behind the flight line. Any kind of aircraft is welcome. Fastest plane wins. This would also be a good time to check the speed of your airplane if you want to find out how fast it will go.
(g) Scale Contest: CD - Bill Cecchetti, Sr. Was held Sunday, August 13th. It was a good day. There were six participants; some very nice airplanes. The winner was Jeremiah Ulishney with his A-10 Warthog.
(h) August Picnic: Sunday, August 27th. It was a nice day but windy. The swap meet went well. The Food Chairwoman was Linda Pollock, with help from Dean Pollock, Jim Zamerski and Rene Marquis. The Fun Fly Chairman was Tim Bartlow. The catered food from Palumbo's was excellent, as were the many delicious dishes brought by the members and their families. The fun fly also went well. The wind was a problem, but it was fun watching the balloon chase.
(i) Night Flys: Thursday, September 14th with rain a date of September 21st. September 14th might be rained out by the remnants Hurricane Irma.
(j) Float Fly: CD - Jerry Thomas. August 19th at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). Jerry reported that, although the first two float flys were perfect, the last one was good but windy.
(k) Endurance Contest: CD - Rene Marquis. Sunday, September 10th; rain date is Sunday, September 17th. Rules are the same as Jim Andrews' rules from last year.
(l) Awards Banquet: Chairman - Lester Faroux. To be held Saturday, October 28th, 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Giannilli's II. Cost is $24 for adults, $16 for children. There will be gifts. 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.
(m) Students in Aviation: Chairmen - Rene Marquis & Mark Withrow. Rene reported that he has not heard anything from them. Maybe next spring.
(n) Fuel Committee: Chairmen - Bill Cecchetti, Sr., & Dean Pollock. Bill reported that they have received 10 cases of new fuel, but the cost was

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$74.00 more than quoted. So Tailspin Hobbies gave us a FREE Delta Ray Electric Firebird for our ($) trouble. The cost of the new fuel will be $20/gal. The cost of the current/old fuel is still $19/gal. while it lasts.

New Business:

(a) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Friday, October 13th, 7:00 PM, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Trauger. Reminder: we will have nomination of officers and voting for Member of the Year and Most Improved Flyer. Hope to see you all there!

Show & Tell:

Jeremiah Ulishney showed his Hangar 9 S Bach 342, with an E Flite Power 60 Brushless 470Kv Outrunner Motor and a Phoenix Edge 100 Amp 34v ESC with a 15 Amp BEC. It uses 4 Spektrum A6150 High-Voltage servos and a Spektrum AR636 AS3X Receiver, which he programmed himself, and is powered by a 6S 4500-5000 mAh 30-50C battery. It is propelled by an APC 17X7E prop with a Great Planes 3 ¼" spinner, and runs on upgraded DuBro 3" tires.

Raffle:

The winner of the "Tomahawk" ARF was Philip Laymon.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Accorsi

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again fellow flyers and followers, another month gone, and we are closing in on 2017. I'm going to start with a brief summation of our August Fall Picnic, and pictures. It was a beautiful weekend for the picnic, with temps in the 70's, and perfect for flying activities at the picnic. We had around 66 in attendance, and the food, catered by Palombo's, was excellent. We had fried chicken, sweet Italian sausage, and pierogis, along with all the extras that members brought.

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We also had an “In Club” Swap and Shop, and a few members are admiring Jim Pavicks newly built Piper Vagabond.

Other members just enjoyed the day by watching the flying and Fun Fly activities.

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Tim Bartlow volunteered to take over the picnic Fun Fly, along with Bill Cecchetti, and they set up the balloon bust. Each flyer upon landing would try to bust a balloon after landing, in a certain time frame.

Mark Yothers did a superb job of popping a balloon right after touchdown, and was the fastest entry in the contest.

Jim Andrews fuels his plane, and gets ready for his try at the balloon bust.

September turned out to be a very dry month, with little or no rain, and we had above normal temps reaching 90 degrees during the last 2 weeks. Thursday training days went well, and none were washed out in September.

Shawn Resetar helps Gary Hinger fly his EP Timber with his wireless “Buddy Box”.

Curt Hughes has amassed a beautiful collection of Warbirds, all EP, and they are all very impressive. Curt readies his Corsair for a flight.

Rene Marquis readies his T-Clips for his try at the balloon bust.

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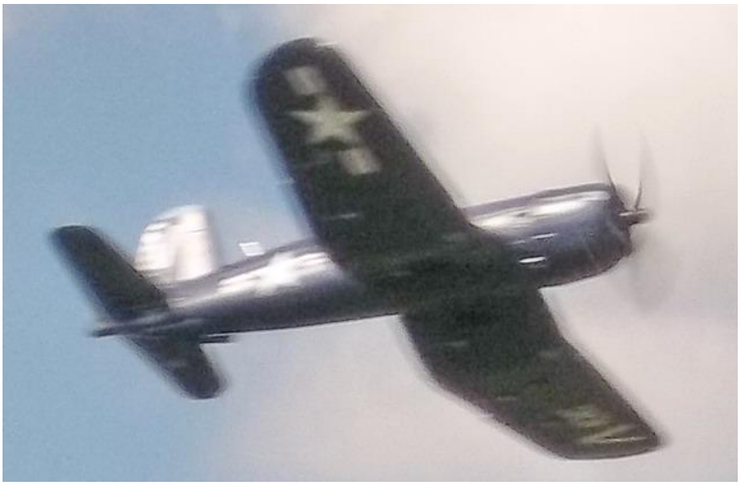
Here are a few pics of Curts' collection in the air.



On another nice day, Rene Marquis taxis out his Senior Telemaster, and he enjoys its gentle flying characteristics.

Jim Andrews taxis out his Ace 4-60 for a relaxing flight.

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Bill Kline gets his Avistar ready for his first flight of the da

Rene Marquis powers up his takeoff run with his Piper Vagabond, and enjoys a fun flight with it.

Carl Adams taxis out his EP Carbon Cub for an enjoyable flight.

Jay Curry hand launches his EP Glider for a flight.

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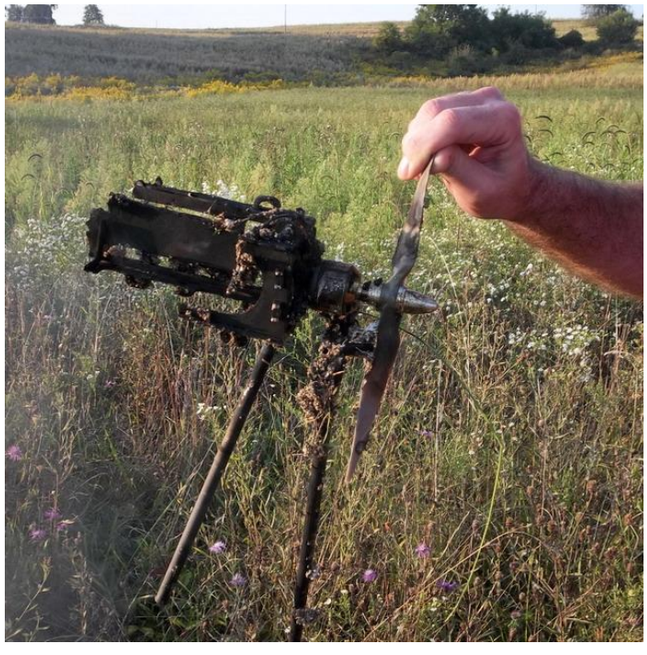
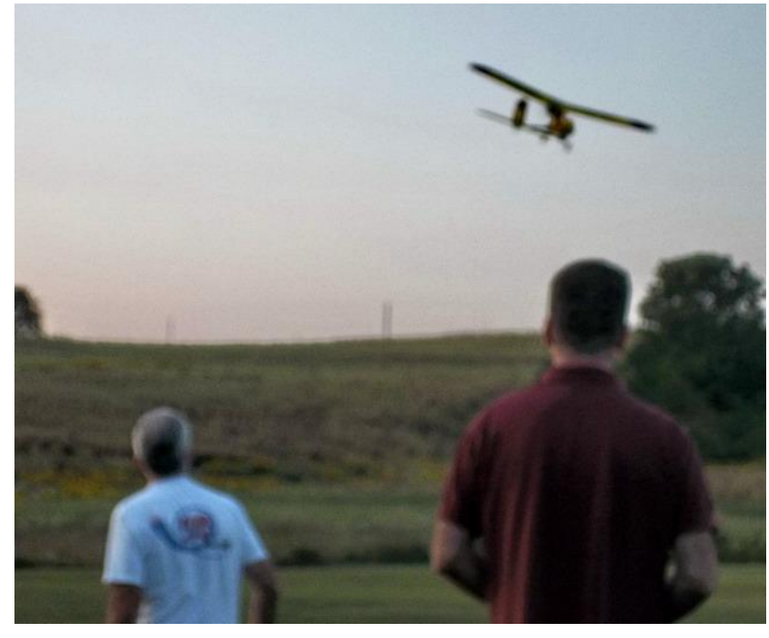
Bill Cecchetti purchased an EP Mambo Biplane after seeing how well Mark Yothers flew, but had some interference issues on the maiden. Bill installed a new motor, and brought it back out to try again. Right after takeoff, a trail of smoke started, and it caught fire just before crashing. By the time we got to it across the field, it was totally engulfed in flames. There was nothing left to salvage.



Bill Cecchetti Jr gets this little EP Wing Dragon ready for flight. Bills Dad bought it at our club auction, and got it airworthy.

Bill Sr hand launches it for its maiden flight. With minor trim adjustments, it flew very well.



Tim Barlow looked into a hobby shop in Cranberry, PA, and wanted to go check it out. Tim, Jim Curry and I took a drive there, and were pleasantly surprised at how well it was stocked. Tim got a plane, and Jim and I picked up a bunch of misc. items we were looking for. The store is called Hobby Express, and if you're in the area, it is well worth the visit.

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That's about it for this month. Take advantage of the nice Fall flying weather.

Your Roving Reporter
Dean Pollock

THE PIT STOP! PYLON RACING!

CD - DAVE OSWALD

SEPTEMBER

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	3	9	27	0	0	23		
07/23/17	0	3	27	0	22	0		
08/06/17	25	9	26	0	0	20		
08/20/17	24	0	27	0	0	21		
09/03/17	22	0	25	0	0	0		
09/17/17	25	0	25	0	0	21		
Total of 7	170	40	182	17	50	142		
Total of 10	173	40	206	17	50	144		

Remember, we tally the 7 best scores from the ten race dates. The best 7 are in yellow Highlight.

The Winner of the Foamy Warbird Races for The Year 2017 is "Bill Cecchetti".

Dave

WINNER - BILL CECCHETTI SR

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!

October 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!

October Members

William M Cecchetti Jr

James E Curry

Pratham Jariwala

Walter L Rubino

Edward W Ryan I I I

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, at ram158@msn.com or (724) 523-3320.

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: _____

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*Note: Members receiving the newsletter by hard copy must now pay a surcharge of $15.00/year to cover printing and mailing costs.

In case of emergency, please notify: _____ Relationship:_____
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Mail this form to: Don Accorsi, LHMAC
104 Rocky Mountain Court
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Please make checks payable to LHMAC

ANNUAL AWARDS BALLOT

1. **Member of the Year** _____

2. **Most Improved Flyer** _____

Awards Ballot may be brought to the October 13th meeting or mailed, no later than October 12th, to Vice President Lester Faroux, 5553 Highland Ave., Manor, PA 15665

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