

Laurel Highlands Model Airplane Club - AMA #557

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Wing Tips

August 2018



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MEMBERSHIP FORM
available on our website

Events and Times

Regular Meeting Aug 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the flying field, Mammoth Park.

This Month's Breakfasts will be at Kings Family Restaurant, 6297 Rt 30, Greensburg (by Home Depot).

8:30 AM, Aug 8, 2018

8:30 AM, Aug 22, 2018

Foamy Warbird Racing & Trainer Pylon Racing -

Aug 5 & 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM at the field.

Float Fly - Aug 18, 2018 (rain date Aug 25) at Chestnut Ridge Park (Acme Dam). Set up after 9:00AM Flying begins at 10:00AM

High Wing Tuesdays - Aug 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2018 at the field.

Glider Wednesdays - Aug 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2018 at the field.

Thursday Training Days - Aug 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2018 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.

Officers for 2018

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Correspondences - Events, Other RC Club info, etc. - **PLEASE** send to the club **Vice President** (above)

Membership - Applications, Dues Forms, AMA information - **PLEASE** contact the club **Treasurer** (above)

The Prez Says

Thanks to everyone that came out and displayed at the Westmoreland County Airshow July 28 and 29. We had a great display and got some really good feedback and questions about our club. Look for these new faces at the field and say hi, you just may have a connection with them that you can only find by talking to them. Let's make sure our training planes and transmitters are in good order in case we get some possible new members.

The materials we need to install the runway are in place. We are talking to the Parks Department to coordinate the field preparations. Start gathering tools, we will need flat spade type shovels, rakes, hoes, and possibly a wheelbarrow. Another thing we will need is cardboard flats so when we spray the seam adhesive it doesn't go everywhere. These can be any size, but the longer the better, even boxes that can be taken apart. An ideal size would be 2' by 4'. Watch you email for more info.

The picnic is coming up on Sunday Aug. 26. I propose we stop calling it our end of season picnic and instead call it our beginning the fall season picnic!

As always, we need someone to help manage and coordinate the food and someone to run the flying event. Please let me know if you are interested.

As I was writing this column I received



National Aviation Day
August 19th

**The Prez Says
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the email about the passing of Denny Pollock. He was truly one of the good ones, and his presence on the bench at the field will be missed. His passion for the hobby and full scale airplanes and the people that flew them always made for an interesting conversation. Our condolences to Dean and Linda, and Denny's family.

Jim

Minutes of the Meeting of July 13th, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Andrews with the Pledge of Allegiance. 28 members were present. 1 new member, Robert *Mike" Gumbita, was voted in - all were in favor of his application

Officers Report

- A. Secretary's minutes for the June meeting were approved as printed in the July Newsletter
- B. Treasurers report was approved by the members, 1st Mark Yothers and 2nd by Ron Gade
- C. Vice Presidents report - Nothing to report and the raffle prize is an electric Stinson
- D. Newsletter Editor report - all going well; keep the pictures coming
- E. Field Control Officers Report - all going well at the field
- F. Web Master Report - Vishal was not available but others have said there are no issues; also remember to send pictures and for sale items to Vishal so he can get them posted
- G. President remarks - Tribune Review photographer to take pictures at the field Sunday July 15th at 2pm, August 12th Scale Contest at 1pm, Snyder Cup Jim Zamerski, "End of Season" picnic August 26 - food vendor for picnic, calendar co-ordination with other clubs for national and regional events.

Old Business

- 1. Museum Committee - nothing to report although Fred Snyder wanted to know about a previous discussion about placing a display case to show older equipment at the museum.
- 2. Fuel Committee - reported there is 29 gallons of fuel on hand
- 3. Runway - everything is on track for the project, just have a few more things to research and waiting to see when county will be available
- 4. Discussion about bringing back the club group

picture which has fallen by the wayside in years past.

New Business

- a. The members decided to have S&S Market in Mammoth to cater the August Picnic
- b. Discussion to have flea market before picnic
- c. Linda will email for head count for people and guest coming to picnic



- d. Jerimiah showed a pilot station safety stand for pilot stations; discussion about this it is a good idea but stands need to be removable

Show And Tell

- 1. Ron Gade showed a very nice foamy Staggerwing



- 2. Bob Stuckert showed a Maule float plane converted to electric nice



Minutes continued:

3. Jim Pavlick showed his scratch built Sig Senior, great looking airplane



4. Jeremiah showed his E-flite Opterra 1.2 PNP, 30 AMP ESC, 480 size 880 kv motor, TBS Nano Receiver 900mhz, furious fpv f-35, flight controller, furious fpv stealth long range vtx, furious fpv and much more to list.



Raffle Prize

Won by guess who, yep, it was Jerimiah Ulishney again



Meeting Adjourned

Steve Mickel

Your Roving Reporter

From: The Roving Reporter

Hi again everyone – time seems to be flying by, and the daylight hours are on the downward trend, as we lose about a minute a day. It is still nice to see it light until 8:30 PM or so. July was another month of unpredictable weather patterns, and the first couple weeks were wet, hot, windy, and humid. There was a string of 90 degree's that lasted almost 2 weeks, so it did limit the amount of time that I wanted to fly.

We finally got a break the 3rd week of July, and had flyers at the field for most of those days. Rene Marquis brought out his Sig Astro Hog that Jim



Pavick built, and had Lester Faroux do the maiden on it. Les encountered a problem with the stabilizer, and decided to bring it in to avoid a crash.

Curt Hughes installs the battery in his EP Vampire, and gets ready for a flight. It is a rock stable flyer.



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Jim Curry bolts the wing on his scratch built "Backyard Flyer", and gets ready for his first flight of



the day. Jim likes to fly low and slow, and enjoys a low pass.



Joe Leonatti unties his Escapade, and has a good time flying it.



Tim Bartlow taxis out his Telemaster and loves how much fun he has with it. Tim put in a .52 four stroke in it.



Rene Marquis and Lester Faroux look over Don Accorsi's "Elder", and check it out before the "maiden". Rene built it, and sold it to Don. It's powered with a Magnum 52 four stroke.



Merril McMahan does a nice slow fly by for the camera on another nice day, with his WACO.



Jim Curry runs up the little OS 48 four stroke on his oldtime "Quaker". Jim has a lot of fun just lumbering around low and slow. Jim retuned the motor, and found the right prop for it.

Your Roving Reporter
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On Saturday July 14th, Tim Bartlow, Jim Curry, and I went to a small Swap Shop that a fellow from RCGroups has at his home in Kent, Ohio. His name is Rick, and this is his 2nd annual swap shop. He has a pretty big yard, and the turnout was a little smaller than last year, but still quite interesting. I picked up a few small items, but did luck out and bought a BNIB Hangar9 Taylorcraft. Tim did some bartering and brought a few planes home.



**Your Roving Reporter
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The Goodyear Blimp flew over during the day.



On another day, we were contacted by the Tribune Review so that they could send out a photographer to do a photo shoot of our pilots flying. Jim Andrews brought his SBach 300, as well as his Sig Fazer for a demo flight.



Gary Hinger brought his EP Stearman.



Rene Marquis fuels his Sig T-Clips for a demo flight for the photographer.



Ron Gade shows the photographer all the scale details of his EP Cub.

I installed motor, tank, and all radio equipment in Dick Schmitz's Goldberg Kit Built Decathlon, and had Lester take it up for the Maiden. It flew very well with a minor trim adjustment.



With the field closed from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM during the 4 days of the Latrobe Air Show, I didn't get to our field those days. Those of us participating, and setting up displays for the Air Show, were a little busy. See next month's newsletter for Air Show Photo's and Highlights. That's about it for this month. Hopefully this miserable rainy/windy weather will let up soon. I'm looking forward for cooler fall temps.



AIR SHOW PICS

from Jeremiah Ulishney



THE PIT STOP! PYLON RACING!

CD - MARK YOTHERS

2018 SEASON

July Foamy War Bird Race Standings



In first place, Dave Oswald with 35 points, Jeremiah Ulishney in second with 30 points, Third place belongs to Bill Cecchetti with 28 points, in Fourth place is Tim Bartlow with 16 points, in fifth and, "got em right where he wants em" is Rene Marquis with 8 points.

August race dates are the 5th and the 19th. Hope to see you there. If you don't race you can help launch planes and/or help count Rene's and Bill's cuts. (OH boy I'm gonna pay for that one;-)



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Annual Cumberland, MD Summer Soaring by Mark Yothers

On July 20th Jerry Thomas and I visited High Point Aviation Airfield in Wiley Ford WV where the 9th annual Cumberland, MD Summer Soaring was being held. This is mainly for aero tow giant scale sailplanes. However most any sailplane is welcome. From discus launch to electric foamies, old style TD ships to the giant scale sailplanes.

Unfortunately while the day was warm and with some wind, the wind was not from a good direction for slope soaring and the thermals while present were very weak and not strong enough to extend flight very long. It was interesting to watch the tow operation. They had 4 tow planes, also giant scale, in the 120cc to 170cc gas engine sizes. The tow pilot once connected to the sailplane would take off at full throttle. The sailplane was basically jerked into the air. The sailplane pilot only needed to hold enough elevator to have the sailplane a little higher than the tow plane and also keep the wings level. Within a minute or so they were, I would estimate, about 1500 to 2000 feet



above the airfield. Then the sailplane pilot would release from the tow plane and glide for the remainder of the flight. The tow plane would immediately dive and land ready to take another sailplane up.

Most sailplanes were in the 10 to 25 pound range. When the tow plane went full throttle the poor sailplane was not much more than a rag doll. However a couple sailplanes were in the 45 to 50 pound range. When even the 170 size tow plane hooked to one of these bad boys it was a more scale looking tow. The tow plane definitely knew it was hooked to a heavy weight.

It was a good day well worth the effort to observe the event. I may need to get a sailplane ready for the Fall event in late October, early November.



Denny Pollock's Family

Fred Snyder

John Hathaway

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!

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- Robert J Craig
- Alexander A Di Stefano
- Lester P Faroux
- John P Nemeth
- Patrick J Stefano
- Charles J Zera

Happy birthday! Happy birthday!



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