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# THE CONNECTOR



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THE PREZ SEZ: - Jerry Cole

The CONNECTOR is alive! After missing a couple of issues, it has risen with a new heading and a new Editor. The length of Bob Noll's term will probably depend a great deal on how this issue is received by you, the AGS member. His task will not be easy, and he deserves your support.

The first meeting in February is the Annual Meeting and the election on a new slate of officers. In line with our Constitution, I would like the names of members willing to serve on the Nominating Committee. If you don't like the way the Club has been going this year, this is your chance to do something constructive about it. If you aren't willing to run for an office yourself, at least you can have an influence on those who will run.

Merry Christmas, and a Glitch-less New Year.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE

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| December 18 | Bill Underkofler will conduct a program on engine care which will cover specific techniques of disassembly, cleaning, repair and reassembly.   |
| January 8   | The program will feature a presentation of R/C system installations. The best ways to mount servos, receivers, switches, along with ideas and tips on push rods and linkages will be demonstrated. |
| January 22  | Foam wing cutting, landing gear installation and final covering will be the subject of this evenings program.  |
| February 5  | ANNUAL MEETING - Elections and Historian's Report  |

TENTATIVE NATS DATES FOR 1971? - July 26 thru August 1, at  
Glenview Naval Air Station, Glenview, Illinois.

PENNSYLVANIA SITE SELECTED FOR R/C WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bucks County Airport, 8 miles north of Willow Grove Naval Air Station, has been selected by AMA's RC World Championships Executive Committee as the site for the 1971 event. Tentative dates for the meet are Wed. Sept. 22 thru Sunday, Sept. 26. Dates and location are subject to approval at the annual general meeting of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale's Committee for International Aero Modeling on December 4, in Paris.

AMA/FCC LICENSE FOR ALL MEMBERS?

As a result of last month's announcement of details concerning club FCC licenses for RC activity, some people have asked whether AMA might not be able to obtain one license on behalf of all its members. AMA legal counsel advises that while this is technically possible it is not practical. The basic problem is that the licensee must be able to control and be responsible for the operation of all transmitters covered by the license. This simply is not feasible--AMA could be responsible for over 10,000 transmitters and there simply is no feasible way in which satisfactory control over these could be exercised. Furthermore, revocation of the license due to irresponsible operation or any reason would suddenly unlicense thousands of modelers. The problem is serious enough for large clubs -- it just isn't practical on a national scale.

WHAT IS LEGAL UNDER A CLUB LICENSE?

Basically, it's whatever the Club says. A club license could be used anywhere in the country, at any field, at any meet, provided the club authorizes such operation. In case of any question the club must be able to show that a club member's RC operation under the club license was an authorized use of the license. Again it's a matter of the club (or any licensee) being able to show that it does have control over the use of transmitters covered by the license. Any type of operation is possible, but each club should carefully examine what it is willing to be responsible for when authorizing any general useage.

DID YOU KNOW - That 1970 was the 10th year of ownership for the club field in Maine? It was 10 years ago that Bill Smail, now living in Raleigh, N.C., flew his plane from the top of the hill while Don Harrington was signing papers at the bottom of the hill.

## FORMULA FALCON

Rules changes have been approved by the membership which permit use of ANY .049 cu. in engine. Previously the engine had to be the Cox .049 QZ. Other minor changes were made and a complete set of the new rules will be available shortly.

Jerry Cole reports that he has written to the MOB, care of Bill Johnson, asking them to accept the new rules for their club, and if they would consider joining us for some Formula Falcon contests next year. A challenge race between clubs could be an interesting event.

## STARTING CLOCK

Bob Noll has obtained a set of plans from Model Airplane News for an automatic 2 minute starting clock which could be used for many of our club activities including contests and fun fly events. Constructed almost entirely of wood it is 2 ft. in diameter and built into its own carrying case. A clock like this has been used as a starting clock at the Nationals for Formula I and Formula II races and having one of our own would add another improvement to our annual contest. If anyone would like to offer their services to construct the clock, please call Bob Noll at 748-9560.

## S.T. R/C A.

Do you know what these letters stand for? You should since the Aeroguidance Society is a member club and as such, each of our members are a part of the "Southern Tier R/C Association". This year was the fourth year for the ST R/C A which was organized to bring nearby clubs together for fellowship and flying in the spirit of inter-club competition. The other member clubs, Ithaca and Sayre, have each won the perpetual trophy twice. Simple arithmetic indicates that we have not done as well. The AGS needs your participation for 1971 in order to redeem ourselves.

However, on an individual basis, some of our members got into the winners circle. Out of the 17 trophies awarded at the ST R/C A annual dinner, 7 of them went to AGS members. The honored recipients were:

Bob Noll - 1st overall, 1st Class III racing, 1st Formula II  
Bob Jennings - 3rd overall, 2nd Class I racing  
Art Riegal - 4th overall, 1st Class II racing

### ANNUAL DINNER - Art Riegal

Arrangements have been made to hold the Annual Dinner at the Fountains on February 13, 1971. Details as to the time, menu and price will be made available sometime in the middle of December. Keep this date open on your calendar as it always proves to be a very enjoyable evening.

### GLIDER GUIDERS??? - Jack Hostettler

Several members have indicated an interest in organized R/C glider activities. Some suggestions have been a glider fun fly, glider contests and perhaps an annual award for proficiency in glider and sailplane flying. If you're interested in promoting these activities please contact either Dick Allen or myself.

### COMING EVENTS

January 16 & 17 - Buffalo Bisons Mid-Winter Conference

February 13 - Aeroguidance Society Annual Dinner & Party

February 27 & 28 - Toledo Weak Signals R/C Conference,  
Maumee, Ohio

March 20 & 21 - WRAMS Show - White Plains, New York