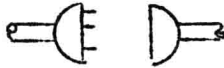

THE CONNECTOR



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY

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THE PREZ SEZ: Art Riegal

Your field committee continues to pursue the elusive new site that we all would like to obtain. However, at this time we do not have a new site.

My real message for this month is to notify all members that at our next meeting on Tuesday Evening, April 9 we will be voting on one of three proposed methods of paying for a new mower.

Our present mower status is as follows:

- a. One tractor that has been worked on and is now in good running order.
- b. A mowing attachment that is worn out and beyond repair.

On March 29 a meeting of the Board of Directors was held to discuss the mower situation and to review Bill Sebesta's findings with regards to obtaining a price on a flail mower.

After a two hour discussion, it was unanimously decided that a flail mower was the proper type of mower since we already have the tractor to pull it and it has few moving parts therefore requiring very little maintenance.

An examination of our operating account shows that we do not have enough available funds to purchase the mower (\$427.00) and still meet all of our known expenses for 1974. This is due largely to the unusually high repair costs to our tractor and the fact that we did not make our usual profit from our 1973 contest.

Since we do not have the necessary funds available in the operating account, a choice of several methods of payment are being proposed to the membership. They are:

- a. Levy a one time \$10.00 special assessment
- b. Levy a one time \$5.00 special assessment and borrow the remainder from the new field account.
- c. Borrow the entire amount from the new field account with the intent that we replace it with this year's contest profit.

I am sure that some of you, after reading this, will say that we do not need a new \$427 piece of equipment.

In answer to this, I can only say that since 1965 we have spent nearly \$2000 on purchasing, repairing and maintaining second hand equipments largely because we chose to buy inexpensive used equipment. This figure can be substantiated by examining our books.

Let's not continue to be penny wise and dollar foolish.

See you at the meeting Tuesday evening, April 9.

The program will be on the League of Silent Flight by Bill Johnson.

Bring your projects to the meeting.

AGS ANNUAL AMA CONTEST

Because of a conflict in dates, the AGS 1974 pattern and scale Contest will be changed to July 13 and 14. Also, the Class D event will be flown instead of Class C.

Art Riegal has appointed Bob Noll as Contest Director.

GLIDER GUIDERS: Dick Allen

The Elmira Glider Club (Harris Hill Lift Over Drag Society) announces two ECSS contests to be held at Harris Hill on May 18 and 19. A pilots meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a. m. each day. Competition classes are:

1. Standard Class (under 100 inch)
2. Open Class

LAKEHURST SCALE INTERNATS

Several present and former AGS members will be involved in the Scale international Competition which will be held at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, New Jersey, during the first week in July.

George Buso is the scale contest Director, Hale Wallace is the scale team manager and Ralph Jackson is a member of the scale team.

AMA NEWS

Membership Report:

A total of 42,343 had signed up as of March 22, almost 3,000 more than for last year at the same date. Most of the increase came during the last three months of 1973 -- 2,213 more signed up during that period than during the last quarter of 1972.

FROM THE AMA PRESIDENT'S CORNER

PERMANENT "NATS" SITE AND MUSEUM: Funny, but we haven't done any more than hint at the plans I have to establish a permanent location for a "NATS" Site and Museum. But from just the hints I have dropped the idea has met with more instant enthusiasm than anything AMA has ever done. We have even had some fine DONATIONS to a fund for establishing the facility. I had intended to recognize the donations in this report, but the 'flu' bug has made me delay it till next month.

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AMA IS NOW STRONG ENOUGH to have our own facility. Just as soon as I can get it put together I will have out an in-depth booklet outlining what we need, where it should be, and how to start it rolling. And, although it is intended that the facility will be a permanent "NATS" Site, it will NOT be just a place for our 5,000 competition flyers, but will be a park that our entire 50,000 membership can enjoy and be proud of. We are already looking hard at two locations. Watch for my thoughts on AMA's MINIATURE AVIATION PARK AND MUSEUM, and lets dream together.

ON THE 1974 NATS SITE

"Fantastic" is the only word that can describe the Lake Charles, La., "Nats" site! It is difficult to visualize a concrete ramp 1200 feet wide and a mile long, let alone the runway almost three miles long, until you have seen them! This promises to be the greatest National Championships ever, with events for everyone.

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