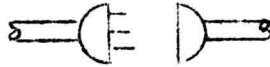

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THE PREZ SEZ: Art Riegel
CONTEST

To each that worked on the preparations for or at the recent AGS contest, I would like to personally say thanks for a job well done.

Due to a conflict with vacation reservations I did not get to see the results of many hours of effort put in by the Board of Directors in the planning of this, our best contest yet.

For those of you who did not in any way contribute to this year's effort, I can only feel sorrow. Only when you take part can you experience the deep feeling of success.

For a success it was. Not only did we once again run the smoothest, contestant appealing contest in the east, but from a financial standpoint we should wind up with a net profit of between \$1800 to \$2000.

As you should all know by now, the largest share of the profits came from the exhibitors and program ads.

The final report will be submitted at the next regular meeting in September.

NEW FIELD

The Hodges property site has been seeded and the grass is growing very slowly due to the dry weather. At this time it looks like the middle of September before it will be ready for use.

INTRA CLUB CONTEST

The intra club contest will be held August 25 and is to be combined with a family picnic and corn roast. See Bill Sebesta's article.

Once again, my personal thanks to all of you that worked to make this year's contest the huge success that it was.

Art Riegel,
President

CONTEST BUSINESS NOTE:

Will the members who obtained the program advertisements from DONALOW BROTHERS and WEST'S SOFT ICE CREAM please call Tom Tomasky 862-9598

CLUB CONTEST AND FAMILY PICNIC: Bill Sebesta

The AGS Club Contest and Family Picnic will be held Sunday, August 25 at the club field. The contest will start at 1:00 pm. The Picnic starts at 5:00 pm. Bring your own picnic. The Club will furnish the Beer, Cokes and Roast Corn.

The contest will have events for the Novice, Intermediate and expert Flyers. Everyone wins a prize. The Novice event is for beginners and has a very simple flight pattern. Bring your plane and enjoy the day.

MESSAGE FROM AN OLD TIMER: Hank Farrell

At the last club meeting I observed many new members and perspective members in our midst. In fact, about half of you attending fit this category. I hope this message gets to all of you, even though some of you may not yet be members. Flying an RC plane is not the easiest thing in the world to do so it is important that one gets started right. That's what this message is about. First of all, the time to get help is now. There is a lot around, just ask for it. That is one of the main functions of the club. Second, come to the field, observe and ask questions. That is where some of the best help is going to come from. Third, make a wise choice for your first plane. I have seen too many people go wrong here and this has turned them sour on RC for good.

At the field last Sunday, I saw two members attempting to fly with a plane called the "RCM Trainer" and another fellow making his first attempts with a Jr. Falcon. Let me comment on why I think these planes are bad first choices and mention, in general, what a good first plane should be like. In the first case mentioned above, the term "trainer" probably misled our neophytes. The plane will train you to fly the pattern (up to a point) all right, but will give the new flyer a lot of difficulty getting up and down in one piece. The difference between this plane and a better first plane is like the difference between the primary and advanced trainers used to train military pilots. Both are trainers, but you should start with the right one.

The Jr. Falcon was a slightly better choice as a first plane, but in the case noted, the plane sported a heavy landing gear and had what appeared to be a heavy silk and dope covering. This plane could have been made about a half pound lighter by leaving off the landing gear and using one of the iron-on covering materials.

What characteristics should a good first plane have?. I think I can answer this based on my own experiences in learning to fly and in helping others to learn.

A good first plane is any plane that will correct itself from any calamitous attitude simply by taking ones hands off the control stick.

Not many planes meet this idealized criterion, but some come close. Probably the one that comes closest is the deBolt Champ, a plane that has been in production for about 15 years. Other good first planes include the H-Ray and Falcon 56.

RHINEBECK WW1 JAMBOREE

The Rhinebeck WW1 Jamboree will be held at the Old Rhinebeck Airdrome Rhinebeck, New York on September 7 and 8. In addition to the RC WW1 Model Airplane Contest, held on both days, Cole Palen will present a "Lindberg Era" airshow on Saturday afternoon, September 7 and his regular WW1 airshow on Sunday, September 8.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

The enclosed membership list was printed more than a month ago so some of the new members do not appear on it. They will be included in a future list.