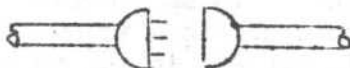

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THE PREZ SEZ: Stan Bogaczyk

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc. The AGS has a fine record and excellent reputation due to the efforts of the numerous individuals who worked to make a success of the club in the past. The truth is, an organization is only what its members make of it. The club needs those who are willing to devote some of their time to keep everything moving. I urge the membership this year to get involved in your club. You will enjoy the extra activity and benefit from it. Contribute. Don't sit back and wait for the next guy to do it. Instead, let's all pull together to improve our organization. The objective of this year's board will be to keep the club moving forward in "75". To do the job right, we will need the help, cooperation and continuing support from all members. If you have an idea or suggestion, feel free to give me a call to discuss it, or draft a proposal for presentation to the board.

As we move into this year, let us remember that the primary purpose of this club is to promote the sport and enjoyment of building and flying model aircraft. Building that new plane or getting together with other members at meetings or at the field for a relaxing afternoon of flying and idea exchange is what we enjoy most. This type of activity will always be at the foundation of our club. Let's hear it from you on ideas which will promote more group activity, especially at the field. We want to come up with a solid slate of activities for this year. Hank Farrell, our activities chairman, is working on a schedule now. If we can promote a more active club membership, I

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believe we can share the load and put more fun into our contest and other club projects.

Secondly, we need to direct our attention to the beginner and help him get through the crucial early stages of this hobby when the learning curve is rather steep. These newcomers are the future of the club and are welcome and encouraged to get into the mainstream of activities. More on this subject in the near future.

One of my first duties is to organize the club structure and appoint committee chairmen. A number of new committees will be added this year and willing workers are needed. We all have personal responsibilities and other commitments, but if you can, volunteer your help if I or a committee chairman calls to enlist your aid. If you would like to help out and want more information on committees and I haven't contacted you, call me at 748-7876.

See you at the March meeting.

CLUB PARTY: Dick Allen

Last call for the Annual AGS Party. King Arthur's has informed me that I can add a few more people to our total count until Friday, March 7th. As of this writing, we have 60 people signed up, which is adequate, but the more the merrier. The menu is a buffet with the same three main courses as last year:

1. Barbecued chicken
2. Steamship round of roast beef
3. Baked ham

Dont forget the cash bar at six to get things started. A note to the ladies: Most of you don't know Dave Fox, our guest speaker so let me assure you that Dave is not about to deliver a technical treatise on aerodynamics. Quite the contrary. Dave combines a rare wit with a humorous delivery which makes him a popular speaker at mixed groups.

For reservations, call Dick Allen at 785-1641

MEETING PROGRAM: Dick Allen

The program for the March 11 meeting will be talks on "What's New at Westchester in '75". Be sure to attend for all the latest scoop.

Since this will not take all the time available, I would like to ask each of you who has a spray mask he could

recommend for spray painting, to bring it to the meeting for an informal "shorty" program on safety while spraying.

1975 Dues Reminder: Bob Jaynes

To all 1974 members who have not paid their 1975 dues. The time to act is now. If you are flying on the club FCC license it is now expired. We must also submit to the AMA a current roster in order to maintain insurance coverage.

SOARING: Don Leaf

RC soaring has become very popular the past several years. It offers the experienced flier a new challenge and is a good way for the beginner to learn how to fly. A glider's slow, stable flight is relaxing and gives the beginner time to make corrections and develop his flying reflexes.

Glider kits cover a wide range of cost and complexity. The Pierce-Arrow is a good "First" glider that you can pick up a George's with a roll of Solarfilm for less than \$30. It is small (78" span), simple to build and a good flyer. The Harris Hill Lift over Drag (HHL/D) glider club has adopted the Pierce-Arrow as its club fun-fly glider.

If you would like to watch some glider flying and handle the stick a bit, call Dick Allen, Terry Cribbs or myself. The two sites where we generally fly are within 15 minutes of George's. One is suitable for slope flying and the other for thermal flying. With the wind blowing from the South to West quadrant, a glider will remain airborne above the slope for as long as its battery charge will allow. Thermal activity at the other site is fair to good with several flights of almost 30 minutes made last year. We fly the year around and you are welcome any time.

In addition to sport flying, soaring offers the challenges of contest flying and the League of Silent Flight (LSF) Achievements Program. The LSF program takes the flier through progressively harder tasks in spot landings, thermal flight, slope soaring, goal and return flights and contest participation. Glider contests are relaxed and informal with minimal entrance fees. Very little organization or preparation is necessary. Since no judges are required and contestants time each other's flights. Contest activity is heavy in this area; I attended eight contests last year with the Syracuse meet being the most distant. I didn't win anything, but had a lot of fun and accumulated more than enough contest points for level 2 of the LSF program. If you would like to see a large glider meet, the HHL/d is having two contests over one weekend in May.

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We'll get you in as a helper so you can see everything at first hand.

So - wash that sticky oil off your hands, remove your earplugs,
clean the broken props out of your flight box and come soar with us.



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