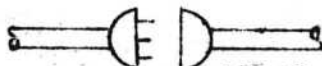


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THE PREZ SEZ: Len Wallace

This past month the club activity has been overwhelming, to say the least. To start with, Art Riegal volunteered, and has been appointed Vice President for the remainder of the term of office. Thanks, Art, and welcome to the AGS Board.

The Club property, entrance, gate, road and field needed work as you all know. Well, Dick Allen got started on working in conjunction with the Town to put in 26 ft. of drainage pipe, drainage ditches and ten yards of gravel at the property entrance. It has all been completed.

The hill on the side of the entrance gate collapsed, blocked the ditch and made the gate inoperable. A work party headed by Dennis Seely cleaned up the dirt fall and ditch, put in a new gate post and installed our new metal gate. But wait: they removed the old junk car from the side of the hill and dug a drainage ditch (we have talked about) to keep the road to the pits dry. How could they have accomplished this in one day?

Well, Dennis showed up this day with a back hoe/payloader machine. Wow. It had a million levers and control sticks and Dennis made it look like magic. I don't understand why he has trouble with his flying when he has only two sticks to worry about. Dennis, you're something else.

Bob Jennings and his field work party were all set to roll the field, but were stopped by the weather. "Never say die, Bob" and his crew were back at it this last weekend and the job is completed.

Roger Sanwald and his crew put together a spectacular Project Day despite some last minute major crises. The whole thing went off like clockwork, made a nice profit with minimal cost to the club. Roger, you should be running your own business.

A special thanks to Dick Allen and Ralph Jackson for donating trophies and to Don Godfrey for donating the Quarter Scale trophies.

This last month I have been in almost continual contact with your Board members on Club items too numerous to mention. All of these items plus more were covered at a recent Board meeting and all are being pursued and worked on. Also, there will be another work session Board meeting again in two weeks.

The Board has me somewhat worried/wondering as they're all overly aggressive and never say no. But, as the saying goes - Don't stop, I love it.

Now back to the road. Dick Allen has been trying to get the section that slid away repaired since last fall. Well, it's all fixed and from the looks of the job that was done, it should last forever.

Now that I've told you what has been accomplished in the last month, and thanked a few key people by name, how do I thank the people that were on all the work parties, Board meetings, committees, or just pitched in and helped? List their names? It would be easier and shorter to list members that weren't involved in something this month. But we won't do that either.

You know, being the Prez of AFS or any Club can be a drag if people

don't respond. I had mentioned earlier that Club activity this last month was overwhelming, and so was the AGS Club members response and participation including new members. I want to extend my personal thanks to each and everyone of you for your effort and making my job easier and more enjoyable.

See you all at the Pancake Breakfast on May 6th and at the next meeting.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Bob Noll

This coming Saturday, May 6, we will be having our annual pancake breakfast at the field. If you haven't attended before, it's a great feed (all you can eat).

On the menu will be:

Homemade Pancakes (a la Bob Noll's special recipe)

Eggs (fixed any way you like them)

Breakfast Sausage and Coffee

Time: 9:00 am we start serving

Cost: About \$1.00 per person to offset the expense.

We would encourage you to bring your family/kids. They'll have a great time.

WORK PARTY: Wayne Sittler

After the breakfast there will be a work party to get the field and road etc. in shape for the coming flying season. There will be a dump truck, back ho<sup>o</sup>/payloader, and our tractor with a grading blade attached, there for the day to do the bulk of the work.

You should show up with a shovel, dirt rake, and grass rake and any other hand tools that may come in handy for the day.

Put your plane in the car and time permitting where will be flying late in the day.

MODEL'S CORNER: Mary Wallace 748-7139

The Models meeting has been changed from May 12 to May 19. It will be at Sharon Grodevant's, 6 Oakwood Drive, Apalachin at 8:00 pm. Don't forget to bring your material for our project.

Judy and John Seitz moved into their new log-cabin house. Their address is: Cemetary Road, Little Meadows, Penna. 18830  
Phone - 623-4396

MEETING PROGRAM: Don Godfrey

At the May 9th meeting, Ed Abrams, of Oquaga, NY, will give a slide presentation and talk on the AMA National Championships and Len Wallace will describe his L-39 Albatross scale jet model.

THREE CHEERS: Dick Allen

The club owes a big THANKS to Dennis Seely and his hearty crew who did such an outstanding job on the road on April 15th. This was all made possible by the loan of a Front loader/back hoe from Stan Ford to Dennis, and to a lot of hard work by the following club members. Al Bohner, Ron Grodevant, Bob Hoag, Don Leaf, Wolfgang Rohde and Len Wallace.

ROAD REPORT: Dick Allen

The road is officially open for the flying season. Please drive carefully and observe the following:

1. Don't leave the combination numbers showing on the club locks. Spin the wheels after opening the locks.
2. If you are going to stay up on the hill after dark, lock the gate behind you or you may get unwanted company.
3. Don't use the road when it's muddy after heavy rain.
4. Drive on the high spots - not in the pits.



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