

THE CONNECTOR

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NEXT MEETING: June 21, 1988 @ 7:30pm

NYSEG BUILDING - OLD VESTAL RD.

<u>AGS</u> <u>CALENDAR</u> <u>OF</u> <u>EVENTS</u>			
DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
06-21-88	7:30 PM	NYSEG	AGS Regular Meeting
06-25,26-88	8:00 AM	SAYRE PA.	AGS ANNUAL PATTERN CONTEST
06-28-88	7:30 PM	Noll Residence	Board Meeting
07-19-88	7:30 PM	At AGS Field	AGS Regular Meeting (Sound Measurement Program)
07-26-88	7:30 PM	TBD	Board Meeting
08-16-88	7:30 PM	NYSEG	AGS Regular Meeting
08-07-88	11:00 AM	AGS FIELD	Intra-Club Contest & Picnic
09-17,18-88	TBD	Greenwood Park	Float-fly
10-01-88	TBD	Damascus	Float-fly
10-01-88	TBD	AGS FIELD	Pylon Race Day
10-16-88	TBD	AGS FIELD	Glider Electric Fly
<u>OTHER</u> <u>EVENTS</u> <u>OF</u> <u>INTEREST</u>			
07-09,10-88	-----	CHENANGO BRIDGE	WAR BIRDS LTD GIANT SCALE
07-09,10-88	9:00 AM	STRATFORD, CT	PATTERN CONTEST
07-09,10-88	9:00 AM	OLEAN, N.Y.	STARS SCALE RALLY
07-16,17-88	9:00 AM	ATHENS, PA	VALLEY RC FUN FLY
07-16,17-88	9:00 AM	ORANGE, MA.	PATTERN CONTEST
07-23..31-88	-----	TIDEWATER, VA	1988 NATIONALS
08-13,14-88	-----	GAI EVILLE N.Y.	MID-HUDSON RC SOCIETY PATTERN
08-20,21-88	-----	CHENANGO BRIDGE AIRPORT	BINGHAMTON AEROS 5TH ANNUAL GIANT SCALE AIR SHOW

Reminder: Feature event of June is AGS Annual Pattern Contest at Sayer Blue Swan Airport on June 25-26. Be there!.

NEXT CONNECTOR PUBLISHING DEADLINE IS July 8, 1988.

THE PREZ SEZ - by Bob Noll

New Impound Rack in Use - In case you haven't noticed, there is a new impound rack at the field. Thanks to Bob Jennings, our tireless field chairman, the rack is of the all weather type and can accommodate 18 transmitters. Most transmitters will fit on all shelves except those single stick variety which need to use the top shelf. It is located at a very convenient place, directly under the flight board so that it will be used at all flying sessions. Please extend your appreciation to Bob for yet another important improvement to our field.

New Club Treasurer - The resignation of Grover Ellis was accepted and Bill Underkofler was voted in as the new Treasurer by the Board of Directors. The Board extended its appreciation for the many years of service by Grover who has been our Treasurer since 1982. Please join me in welcoming Bill to the Board. Bill is an experienced Treasurer having held the office several times in the past.

33rd Annual Pattern Contest - This is the month that the AGS features its major activity of the year. On June 24, 25, and 26, we will be hosting some of the greatest pattern flyers in the Northeast U.S. and Canada for a weekend of major competition in the sport of R/C Aerobatics. All members are expected to assist in the contest and there are plenty of jobs to go around. If you have not been contacted about a job, don't hesitate to call Tom Kopl our Contest Manager or myself. Neither Tom or I want anyone to be there with nothing to do.

This year we are allowing club members to enter the competition in any class. We previously allowed club members in the Novice category only. This change has been made to allow AGS members to compete for the NSRCA Top Gun Awards which will be presented by the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics District I. So here's your chance AGS members to enter a major competition without having to travel a few hundred miles. Oh by the way, those members who do compete will be expected to hold down a major job at the contest as well. The three Contest Directors, Jim McKeown, Terry Terroniere and myself will not be competing in order that we may devote our total attention to the operation of the contest and uphold our tradition of one of the finest contests in the East.

See you at the Blue Swan Airport, June 24, 25 and 26.

Members in The Winners Circle - Six AGS members competed in the Thundervolts R/C Pattern Contest at Saratoga Springs over the Memorial Day weekend. The big winner was Wynn Aker who took home first place in Sportsman. Dick Fish was right on his heels for a solid second place and Terry Terroniere Sr. finished in fourth after holding on to first place throughout the first day. Congratulations!

Club Shirts & Patches - Don't forget to get your club shirt and wear it to the contest in Sayre. The shirt is a light blue dress shirt, either short or long sleeves, and can be purchased in all men's stores. Patches are available at GJ's or from Frank Gioffredo and should be placed so that the top of the patch is about 5 inches below the base of the collar. If you're interested in a club jacket, get a dark blue "coaches jacket" and put a patch on the back.

Sound Level Proposal - As most of you are aware there is a considerable amount of attention being paid to sound control by the AMA and many clubs. The AMA has recommended a limit of 90 db at 9 ft. and recently a club in Florida enacted a club rule that limits flying at their field to that maximum.

Since there are many new homes and more being built in the vicinity of the AGS field it is important that we begin a program for reducing the sound level at our field as soon as possible. Our knowledge of sound reduction techniques has grown significantly over the past year since we began taking sound measurements in 1987. We now have a significant amount of data and are in a good position to implement a sound reduction program.

The board of Directors has received a recommendation from our Sound Chairman, Ralph Jackson, regarding sound limits. The recommendation, which is supported by the Board, suggests a goal of 95 db maximum when measured at 9 ft. While Ralph did not recommend a maximum allowable limit, the Board feels that such an absolute limit should be implemented at some time in the future. However, the Board could not agree on what that limit should be but only that it should be implemented by October 1 of this year.

Our approach to implementing a sound reduction program will be to discuss the subject at the June meeting and then establish a program by vote of the general membership at the July meeting. To do this, I have asked Ralph to present his data and answer questions at the June meeting. I would also like to know your thoughts regarding the goal and the absolute limit at that meeting. Then at the July meeting we will act on a plan based on your input and recommendations.

So please give this very important subject your attention and contribute to the determination of the approach that you want your club to take toward a sound reduction program.

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Safety Corner

By Tony Cammarata.....Editor

Potpourri

Well, you all get pot luck again this month. On a note of safety, I myself was the benefactor of an experienced fellow flyer just this evening (Sunday evening). As I had not flown for quite some time, and I was going to put a "maiden" flight on a completely rebuilt Cub, I had another flyer do a check-out of my control surface throws. Yep, you guessed it, I had ailerons connected backwards. I bench checked those ailerons several times to be sure they were correct, but still got the installation wrong. I still can't believe it! (Thank you Dick.) That, my friends, is one of the benefits of belonging to the AGS.

Safety is no accident; make it not happen!

JUNE 21 PROGRAM.....Ralph Jackson

The program will be a discussion of field boxes and the various tools and gadgets that are useful to have in them.

JULY 19 PROGRAM

Since the July meeting will be held at the AGS Field, it will be a good opportunity to measure the sound level of engines. The measuring equipment will be there early that evening, and all those who wish are urged to get some flying and sound level measurement made.

New Associate Members

Clark F. Crawford 2 Martha Road, Binghamton, N.Y. 13903
Patrick Shannon 1812 Gary Drive, Vestal N.Y. 13805
Mark Wheeler 5 Beach Road Apalachin, N.Y. 13732
George Wheeler 5 Beach Road Apalachin, N.Y. 13732
H.S. Luft (Herh) 50 Vestal Ave., Binghamton, N.Y. 13903
Welcome to all Associate and New Members -- good flying to you.

Guests At May Meeting

Michael J. Pellicini 135 Meadowbrook Lane, Vestal, N.Y. 13580
Bob Johnson 3635 Country Club Road, Endwell, N.Y. 13760
Jake Harrison 9 St. John Avenue, Binghamton, N.Y. 13905
Mark Fisher 850 Apalachin Blvd, Apalachin, N.Y. 13732
John F. Mrozinski 91-26 92nd Street, Woodhaven, N.Y. 11421
Welcome to all guests.

AGS FIELD MOWING DUTYBob Jennings

June 30 -July 2.....Joe Felice and Frank Gioffredo
July 7 -9Elwin Spencer and ? (Elwin needs an assistant!)
July 14-16.....No Mowers
July 21-23.....No Mowers
July 28-30.....No Mowers

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOB JENNINGS, OUR FIELD CHIEF, IS LOOKING FOR FOLKS TO SIGN-UP TO MOW THE FIELD ON THOSE NO MOW DATES YOU SEE ABOVE!
Please note: The AGS field rules require the presence of two club members for operation of the tractor.

WANTED

I am a young man (still in high school) who wants to purchase a used airplane suitable for learning to fly with (a trainer), equipped with an engine (used also). Also am in the market for a reliable, used radio. Contact Jake Harrison Phone (607) 723-0949 Binghamton, N.Y.

MARVEL OIL (Air Tool Oil)

Bill Hinrichsen can purchase Marvel Oil in 4 ounce and quart size containers, in quantities of 12 (by the case) at very competitive prices. He is willing to take orders to purchase the same by the case. The prices are: 4 ounces for 75 cents, and 1 quart for \$2.45. Again, he will take orders, and given the order(s) amount to at least a case, will purchase the same for "subscribers". You can contact Bill at (607) 754-7332.

Bill is also offering to purchase quantities of Chain-saw-motor spark plugs (Champion). These plugs will fit most lawn mower motors and garden tractors. Cost per plug - \$1.38. Plug types are RCJ7Y and RCJ8.

ACTIVITIES NEWSby Jim McKeown

The STRCA meet was a real Blow Out. Winds in excess of 25 mph made it almost impossible to fly. As a result, we got to talk among ourselves a bit, run-in engines and check idles or radios. Perhaps the one at Sayer in the fall will be better.

As discussed at the last meeting, due to the heavy commitments for the weekend of July 9th, the electric and glider fly is being postponed to October 16th. As the time draws near, I will endeavor to organize this activity.

After the pattern contest is completed, the next formal club activity is the Intra-Club Contest and Picnic. This will be on August 7th. The Intra-Club Contest will take place from 11:00 am to approximately 3:00pm at which time all flying will be curtailed and the picnic festivities will begin. Terry Terrenoire III has consented to act as CD and organize the Intra-Club contest to include the format as well as the prizes. As the time approaches, he will be asking many of us for assistance and will need all our support. Bob Punkar has consented to arrange the logistics of the picnic to include hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks as necessary. In the area of culinary efforts, he, with the able assistance of J. Felice, will do the honors. As with any of the other functions, we will most certainly need as much help as we can get. Anyone interested in helping to plan activities, helping in the kitchen or has suggestions concerning this day, please contact either Bob or myself.

*** Spring Float-Fly ***

On Sunday, 5-22-88 we had our first spring float-fly at Greenwood Park. To say the flying turnout was disappointing would be an understatement. Only 3 club members were there with planes and Danny and Steve Luchako from came from Sayre. We did have a good turn out of spectators, 25 or 30. There was also one park patron who expressed interest in the club and asked about our next meeting. We did consume most of the food and I bought what was left over so we broke even, and had a good time. My plane was damaged on landing when I hit some floating debris and one other plane suffered an in flight wing failure at about 100 feet. Greenwood must have hard water because the fuze, wing, and floats that hit at full bore were badly damaged. The plane was an ARF Royal kit and a post-mortem showed that the wing joining spar had almost no glue on it. Since this piece of wood was virtually the only thing holding the wing halves together it is a wonder the wing did not fail on it's first flight.

The next Greenwood Float fly is scheduled to be a two day event Sept 17th and 18th. Since this will be our first 2 day event I hope some of the people who voted to have it are going to be willing to work to make it successful. Last year we had some prizes from a few manufacturers and we should do the same this year. If any one has any suggestions of some fun-type, informal events we can start a little competition. We could offer some awards for such things as best finish, best scale, flyers choice, etc. What are your ideas? What do you want the event to be and what do you want it to become? I will work to make it whatever you want it to be.

*** Kit Reviews ***

We currently have 10 airplane reviews on file as well as one electronic kit and one float kit review. Approximately 25 more blank reviews have been distributed and not yet returned. Please, have the reviews at the next meeting. One excellent one to have would be a review of the Royal kit that came apart Sunday. That review and post-mortem could very well save someone else from a similar fate. Everyone's reviews are important as a beginner will view a kit quite differently from an "old-timer". It would not hurt to have 2 or 3 reviews af any kit. If you are just starting out and looking for your first or second kit give me a call and maybe I have a review that can help you make an informed choice.

33rd ANNUAL Aeroguidance Society R/C CONTEST

& NSRCA

DIST. 1

CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 25&26, 1988

PLUS JUDGING & FLYING SEMINAR

FRIDAY JUNE 24 - 6PM

Blue Swan Airport, Sayre, PA



SANCTION 301

PATTERN

- NOVICE
- ADVANCED
- MASTERS
- SPORTSMAN
- EXPERT
- F3A-TURNAROUND



Here are some quotes from past contestants:

"Great club members, great flying site and a tradition of contest excellence add up to a meet that we eagerly look forward to every year."

Marge and Jim Chadwick
Lincolndale, NY

"Great contest in a scenic location, excellent flying site, congenial, friendly people, good food and most pleasant atmosphere."

Karl Mueller
Brampton, Ontario

"Good competition and good comradery go very well together and this contest satisfies both - that's why I keep coming back."

Dean Pappas
Lodi, NJ

"The Sayre, PA contest we attended a couple of years ago was without question one of the best on the circuit. It was well run, had an outstanding chicken BBQ, and excellent prizes. It was well attended and a lot of fun - everything a contest should be."

Dianne and Ivan Kristensen
Guelph, Ontario

Don't miss our Saturday night buffet!

P R E R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

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Address: _____

Class: _____
AMA #: _____
NSRCA #: _____
Frequency: _____

Mail to: Bob Noll, 2317 Acorn Drive, Vestal NY, 13850

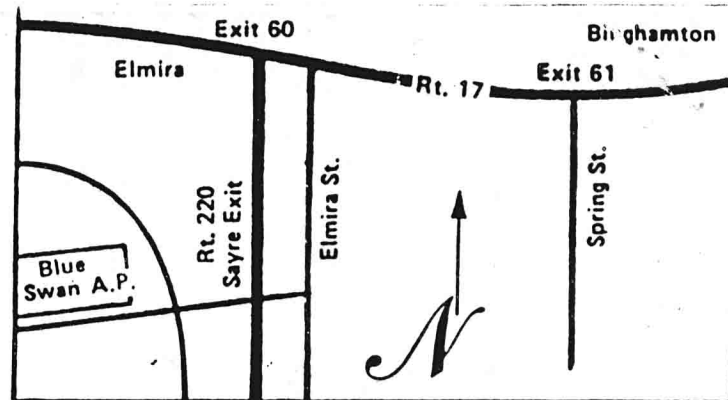
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P.B. Box 489
Elmira, NY 14902
(607) 734-1616
7 miles west on Rt. 17

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Rt. 17C
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REGISTRATION — \$20 CONTEST DIRECTOR

CLOSES AT NOON SATURDAY

FLYING SCHEDULE

9AM—7PM SAT. 8AM—End SUN.

BOB NOLL

2317 Acorn Dr.
Vestal, NY 13850
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CAMPING ON SITE
GRASS RUNWAY

CONTESTANT JUDGING (Except F3A)



ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS

5/9/88

Mr. Robert Noll
2317 Acorn Drive,
Vestal, NY 13850

RE: 33RD ANNUAL R/C CONTEST & DIST.1
NSRCA DIST. 1 CHAMPIONSHIP.

Dear Bob,

Though I had planned to attend the above, I shall be deprived of that pleasure by virtue of official notification that, as an AMA Vice-President, my presence shall be required in Reno, Nevada, during the entire period of June 22 through 27, for our Spring AMA Executive-Council Meeting, coupled with the Academy's first "NATIONAL FUN-FLY".

I wish YOU and EVERYONE CONCERNED the greatest success in this worthy and highly commendable project. LONG LIVE PATTERN!

Cordially,

John Byrne
John Byrne, V-P, AMA Dist. 2
NSRCA No. 45,
USPJA No. 84 (LEVEL 1)
AMA 171(CD)

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Fellow R/Cer's;

The AERO GUIDANCE SOCIETY INC. is proud to announce that it will again be hosting a major AMA sanctioned pattern contest for the 33rd consecutive year. The dates and details are outlined in the attached flyer.

We are particularly pleased to be working with both the NSRCA and the USPJA this year to expand the weekends activities for the interest of all R/C pattern enthusiasts in the Northeast and Canada.

This year the AGS Annual Pattern Contest will serve as the NSRCA DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS. NSRCA members placing highest in each class will be declared the NSRCA District 1 TOP GUN for his class and have the honor of representing the district at this year's Nats. Along with this lofty title will be special trophies and NSRCA shirts.

Another feature that will be a part of this years event will be a USPJA supported JUDGING & FLYING SEMINAR which will be held on Friday evening starting at 6 PM. The following USPJA members will be there to share their judging expertise with us;

Jim Parker - USPJA Eastern Vice-President and 1988 Nats Chief Judge.

Larry Pappas - Nats and Masters judge.

In addition to these experienced judges, two of the top FAI pilots in this part of the country will provide hints on better flying through discussions and demonstrations.

Dean Pappas - designer, writer, competitor, FAI team mechanic.

Ivan Kristensen - designer, competitor, Nats winner, Canadian FAI (tentative) team member, world traveler.

Blue Swan Airport will be available for practice flying on Friday afternoon starting at 3 PM.

Contest registration will begin on Friday evening so we can get a head start setting up our flight lines. We are planning 3 lines this year to maximize flights.

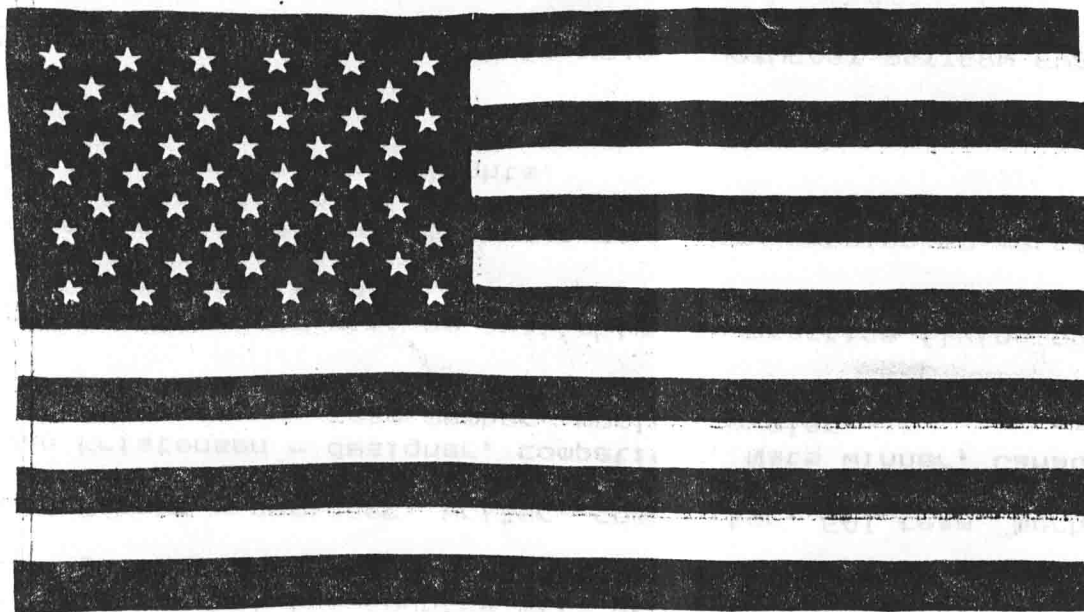
Please send the pre-registration form as soon as possible.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S MAJOR NORTHEAST PATTERN EVENT!

Sincerely;

Bob Noll

BOB NOLL, Contest Director



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