

# THE CONNECTOR

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NEXT MEETING: October 18, 1988 @ 7:30pm

Place: NYSEG

## AGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
October -16	11:00	AGS Field	Glider, electric-fly
October -18	7:30	NYSEG	Annual AGS Meeting ***
November-15	7:30	NYSEG	Auction By T. Terrinoire Sr
December-20	7:30	NYSEG	Regular AGS meeting

### \*\*\*NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT.....Ralph Jackson

The function of the nominating committee is to provide a single slate of candidates for all of the elected officers and members of the board of directors of the club. On election night, nominations may be made from the floor for additional candidates for any of the positions. The AGS elections will be held at the October 18 meeting.

The nominating committee, Dick Allen, Ralph Jackson and Terry Terrenoire are pleased to present the following slate of nominees:

President: Bob Noll  
Vice President: Frank Gioffredo  
Treasurer: Marshal Linder  
Secretary: Wynn Aker  
Board Member at Large: Bob Punker

NEXT CONNECTOR PUBLISHING DEADLINE IS November 4, 1988

## THE PREZ SEZ - by Bob Noll

Accomplishments for '87-'88 - As another administration approaches the end of its term, it is always a good time to look back and review the things that were accomplished during the past fiscal year. Many of these items go unnoticed by the general membership since the majority if not all of the work is done by the Board of Directors and committee members outside of the general membership meetings.

Here is a list of what I consider to be the major accomplishments during this administration.

- Updated and published club By-Laws to all members - this was the first update since 1981 and has incorporated some improvements as well as clerical updates.
- Simplified and clarified membership process - reduced the amount of letter writing and eliminated several confusing procedures.
- Located and catalogued all club documents.
- Completed annual audit of financial records.
- Established club major asset listing.
- Reduced Social Membership dues to make it more affordable for modelers who want to enjoy the many club benefits without flying.
- Provided a new bulletin board at GJ's - this is a living board that provides current information on meetings and club activities.
- Updated the club information brochure that is given to visitors at our Mall Show booth and visitors to our club meetings.
- Implemented a new AMA license verification system to insure that only AMA members are allowed to fly at the club field.
- Initiated a program exchange with other local clubs by having several AGS'ers present programs at meetings of the MOB, AEROS and Valley Flyers.
- Installed a new frequency board at the field to reflect the new frequency allocation as well as control 3IM interference.
- Provided a new transmitter impound rack at the field which is more useful and accessible than the old one.
- Installed a bulletin board at the field so that Field Rules, AMA Safety Code and other information can be easily displayed and read.
- Purchased and rebuilt side cutter for our tractor in order to facilitate better maintenance of our road.
- Placed additional emphasis on Show and Tell at meetings by providing a gift certificate to a winner at each meeting.
- Adopted a sound limit and established a future sound goal for all engines flown at the club field starting in 1989.
- Increased club membership by greater than 25%.

Safety Corner.....by Tony Cammarata, Editor

Things That Go Bump In the Night or Making It Not Happen.\*p27,70\* 1. All screws, particularly engine muffler and servos. (Locktite is a good idea or aircraft nuts on engines and mufflers).

Wheel collars, Kwik links and control horns (don't forget to check these).

Loose hinges and control surfaces that are not solid

Fuel leakage inside fuselage especially around the battery pack and receiver.

Clunks that don't clunk

Connectors that don't connect. Check for looseness and signs of chaffing wire around servos, receiver and battery.

Mechanical inspections are a must after a day of flying. A good time to do this is during the wipe-down after each flying session. Since your going over the plane anyway to clean it up, check it out!

No preflight check list. This is a must, the least of which is a range check of your radio (even if it worked flawlessly your last outing). How do you know that your receiver pack isn't beginning to fail?

Aimless flying. Use a flight plan. To improve quickly you should fly with a purpose in mind. What is it you want to accomplish this flying session?

Flying to low. Practice at a safe altitude.

Repeating the same mistakes. Try to identify what the airplane is trying to tell you on each flight. Reading the airplane tells you its capabilities and limitations.

Rule busters. Follow the field flying rules. They are for all of our safety.

This is the last Connector I will oversee during this "Administration". For those of you that contributed to the Connector, I extend my appreciation on behalf of all club members. The Connector was, without doubt, the better for it. A special thanks from me to Terry Terrenoire Sr and Jr for their EDITING AND PUBLISHING, respectively, of the Connector when I was unable to do so.

Safety Is No Accident, Make It Not Happen

In addition, the club carried on a list of activities and other programs that contributed to a very active year;

- Coordinated and participated in the Annual Mall show which brings our hobby to many people in the Southern Tier.
- Held our Annual World Famous Pancake Breakfast at the field in order to muster up enough strength for our field opening work party.
- Hosted our 33rd Annual Pattern Contest which was the largest in the East other than the Nats and brought together some of the top fliers in North America.
- Sponsored both Spring and Fall Float Flies which provided opportunities for club members and guests to participate in a somewhat different aspect of our sport.
- Held a Family Picnic and Intra-club Contest that was very well attended and had plenty of food and prizes for everyone.
- Continued operation of our Annual Flight School where 8 new members soloed for the first time.

All of the above did not happen without a significant amount of help from your club officers and committee chairmen. I am grateful for all of the help from these people and for those members who supported their efforts. A sincere thank you to all.

**Challenges For 1989** - There are still a few things that I believe need some attention and I will provide a few suggestions for the next administration;

- Hold new member orientation sessions on a quarterly basis in order to assist the new Associate Members learn more about the club, the things we do, how we operate and membership responsibilities.
- Take the lead to examine the intent and objectives of the STRCA (Southern Tier R/C Assn.) in order to expand the association and provide more active STRCA get-togethers in 1989.
- Continue with the program exchange and organize several gatherings between the local clubs for the purpose of sharing talents and experiences and foster improved relations with our neighbor clubs.

**Trip to England** - If my business plans hold up I will be at some meetings in the UK during our next meeting. Your Vice-President, Frank Gioffredo, will run this Annual Meeting at which time election of officers for the new administration will take place. The candidates presented by the nominating committee will appear later in this issue. Also, the next installment of dues are due in October and you will find a personalized bill included in this Connector compliments of the Treasurer Bill Underkofler.

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\*\*\*\*\* CHRISTMAS PARTY \*\*\*\*\*

At the September meeting we passed around a sign-up sheet for those who were interested in attending a Christmas party. We had 32 people indicate an interest. On the strength of that response the following arrangements have been made.

Where: Brother's Two in Endwell  
What: Buffet, same as last year  
When: Friday night December 9th  
Cost: \$10.00 per person  
\$12.50 if you want appetizers and dessert

The menu will be:

GARDEN SALAD BAR, VEGETABLES OF THE DAY, GARLIC BREAD,  
COFFEE OR TEA, ROAST BEEF, BAKED LASAGNA, SAUSAGE W/ PEPPERS,  
BROILED FISH FILLETS, OVEN POTATOES, AND BAKED ZITA.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN BAR AVAILABLE.

At the October meeting we will also discuss the interest in a random gift exchange as we had last year. We restricted the value of the gifts to the \$2 to \$3 range and the method of exchange provided the entertainment for the evening.

We are looking for firm commitments by this meeting and the payment must be made no later than the November meeting. Since the November meeting will be the annual auction it would be nice if payments could be made at the October meeting. Any payments received will be held until the November meeting.

\*\*\*\*\* CALENDARS 1989 \*\*\*\*\*

The 1989 R/C calendars have arrived!!! There were 8 people signed up at the last meeting so 15 were ordered. The cost is \$6.00 each. We will have them available at the October meeting on a first-come, first-served, basis. See you at the meeting.

\*\*\*\*\* ANNUAL MEETING \*\*\*\*\*

As will be discussed in other places in this issue, the October meeting will be our "Annual" meeting, where we will choose the leaders who make policy for the next 12 months. Please come to the meeting so you can cast your vote and make the new officers aware of your desires for the coming year!!! Please don't show up at this important function disguised as an empty chair!!!

\*\*\*\*\* PAVILION REPAIRS \*\*\*\*\*

On Saturday, 10-8-88 the pavilion was repaired. It was enlarged by 8 feet, new trusses were put in place and covered with roofing plywood, then a full shingled roof was completed. While the roof was being taken care of, others were painting the new wood and repainting the old. The crew started work at 8:00 AM and we were cleaning up at 5:30. At one point about 3:00 in the afternoon I counted 18 workers. There were at least another 6 that had helped in the morning but had to leave early. That means that nearly half of our members helped in this huge undertaking. Thanks to all of you for a job truly well done. A special thanks to Tom Billingeri for giving us the estimate, getting the materials, and supervising the entire process. Another special thanks to the perennial food procurers, Bob & Bonnie Punkar, who showed up with chicken, rolls, chips, baked beans, coffee, and soda about 11:30.

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROJECT

October Program.....by Ralph Jackson Ralph Jackson will give a demonstration of how to build racks for models using plastic pipe.

November Program.....by Terry Terrenoire Sr. November meeting will be the AGS Auction. This is a reminder for those of you that are hankering to get rid of some goodies, to get 'em cleaned-up and sparkley.

Letters To The Editor.....Tony Cammarata  
None for September (come on folks...).

#### Guests At September Meeting

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Nice of you to visit with us, please come again.



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