

# THE CONNECTOR

The Official Newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc.

Endicott, New York



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THE CONNECTOR is the monthly newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc., Radio Control Model Club. The club owns and maintains its flying field in Endicott, N.Y. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact any of the officers listed below.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION, 1991 CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE LISTED HEREIN FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

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NEXT MEETING: February 19, 1991 @ 7:30pm Place: Vestal American Legion

## AGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
February 17	11:00am	Moore Park, Vestal	5th(?) AGS Annual Ski Fly
February 19	7:30pm	Vestal American Lgn	Regular AGS Meeting
March 23	TBD	Vestal American Lgn	Annual AGS Banquet
April 16	7:30pm	Vestal Amer. Legion	AGS Project night

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NEXT CONNECTOR PUBLISHING DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 1991  
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Safety Is As Safety Does.....Tony Cammarata

Last months Connector contained some basic safety rules for minimizing an R/C flying accident. One of the safety rules stated that you should not mix alcoholic beverage with flying as this could void your AMA Insurance protection. As there was a question to this being the case, I spoke to AMA Headquarters who sent me a letter stating a position on Alcoholic Beverages at Club Activities, by their insurance broker (Alexander & Alexander)....continued on page 2.

Prez Sez:

Hi gang! How are all those winter projects going? I am scratch building a pattern airplane which is turning out to be a lot of work, but I can't think of a better way to spend a saturday afternoon when the thermometer says it's too cold to fly. The Hanger Session held at my house on January 12th seemed to be enjoyed by all those who attended. Topics included pushrod construction, wing and stabilizer incidence, effects of C.G. location, types of glue for various applications, and weight reduction while building. Stay tuned to the Connector for the time and date of the second Hanger Session to be held at Wynn Aker's house sometime this winter.

As of this writing, there are several important committee chairman positions that need to be filled including Contest Manager and Field Building/Road Chairman. Don't be afraid to volunteer if you have never held a committee chairman position. I'm sure there are plenty of club members who will be willing to help, and you will get the satisfaction of a job well done.

As a result of the past Hanger Session, I realized that there is a lot of building and flying tips used by some of the more experienced members that don't get passed down to the newer members. I'm sure this is not intentional on the part of the more experienced members but rather due to the lack of a direct channel of communication. In an effort to help facilitate this flow of information, I will include a "Tech Tip" in the Prez Sez column each month. I will try to come up with a helpful building tip during the winter months and a flying tip during the summer months. If any of the experienced modelers have any suggestions for tips let me know, I'll be glad to publish them. This months Tech Tip arose as the result of a question at the Hanger Session:

When butt gluing two pieces of balsa together (such as wing skins or fuselage sides), an alphetic resin type glue such as "Wilhold" or "Titebond" is best. This type of glue sands easily and results in a seam that won't show through the covering material. Epoxy and cyanoacrylate type glues are difficult to sand and if you try to sand the seam, you will end up sanding away the balsa adjacent to the seam rather than the seam.

See you at the meeting.

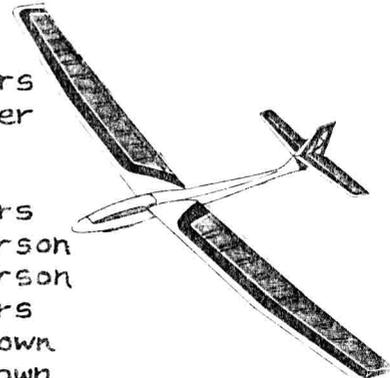
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(Continued from page 1) This position was taken March 31, 1989 and is an alcoholics beverage coverage exclusion. An excerpt follows. "However, and more important than the above mentioned exclusion, the AMA Liability insurance policy contains an endorsement which can be cited to void coverage related to the use of alcohol or illegal drugs. This endorsement says coverage may be voided if there is "any willful and/or deliberate violation of the AMA Safety Code". General Rule #3 of the AMA Safety Code applies. Rule 3. "Where established, I will abide by the safety rules for the flying site I use, and I will not willfully and deliberately fly my models in a careless, reckless, and /or dangerous manner".

The simple fact regarding alcohol or illegal drug use is that coverage may be voided if these are contributing factors in bodily injury or property damage situations. An example of this situation would be a club or member sponsored AMA activity where alcohol is consumed and a person later has a model flying accident while under the influence". "It is recommended that this type of activity be controlled and/or curtailed; otherwise, members and clubs face the risk of having an accident and not being covered."

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A.G.S. CALENDAR 1991

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ORGANIZER</u>
Sat. Jan. 19	Mall Show	T. Terrenoire II
Sun. Jan. 20	Mall Show	T. Terrenoire II
Sun. Feb. 17	Ski Fly	J. McKeown
Sat. Mar. 23	Annual Banquet (Vestal American Legion)	T. Terrenoire II
Tues. Apr. 16	Project Night	T. Terrenoire II
Sat. May 4	Field Opening	R. Punckar
Tues. May 14	Pylon Racing	T. Rogers
Sun. May 26	Electric Fly-in & Contest	T. Terrenoire II
Sat. June 8	36th Annual Pattern Contest	R. Noll
Sun. June 9	" " " "	R. Noll
Tues. July 9	Pylon Racing	T. Rogers
Sun. July 28	Annual Picnic & Intra-club Contest	C. Engler
Sun. Aug. 4	Fun-Fly Contest	W. Aker
Tues. Aug. 13	Pylon Racing	T. Rogers
Sat. Sept. 14	Annual Float Fly	S. Anderson
Sun. Sept. 15	" " "	S. Anderson
Sun. Sept. 29	Pylon Racing	T. Rogers
Sun. Oct. 6	Annual Scale Contest	J. McKeown
Sun. Oct. 20	Annual Intra-club Electric & Glider Fly-in	J. McKeown
Tues. Oct. 15	A.G.S. Annual Meeting	—
Sun. Oct. 27	Pylon Racing	T. Rogers
Tues. Nov. 19	Annual Auction	T. Terrenoire II
? Dec. ?	Annual Christmas Party	T. Terrenoire II



PYLON RACING ..... Tim Rogers

As mentioned during the January A.G.S. meeting, I have some proposals for the upcoming 1991 season for pylon racing. They are as follows:

I. The adoption of the AMA's Quickee 500 rules for .40 size racing in place of what was called "modified sport pylon" during last year's season. The rules for this class (AMA event 428) were published in last month's "Connector".

II. The adoption of the following dates for the 1991 racing season: Tues., May 14th, 6:00 p.m.; Tues., July 9th, 6:00 p.m.; Tues., Aug. 13th, 6:00 p.m.; Sun., Sept. 29th, 11:00 a.m.; Sun., Oct. 27th, 11:00 a.m. All of these racing dates will be for both classes (1/2A and Quickee 500).

III. A system of scoring for each racing heat. After each 10 lap heat, points will be awarded as follows: 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd. If there are only two contestants per heat on a given racing date, 1st and 2nd will receive 3 and 2 points respectively. If a pilot cuts one pylon and still finishes the race, only one point is awarded. If a pilot cuts twice a "0" is awarded for that heat. Planes finishing without cuts will be given full points awarded, i.e., the first across the finish line with one cut will be awarded only one point. Second to finish, no cuts, will receive 3 points, etc. Points will be totaled for each contestant at the conclusion of each racing date. For those contestants who participate in at least three of the five racing dates, points will be totaled for the best three dates. This will allow the determination of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the season in each class (1/2A and Quickee 500). Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded in each racing class at the November 1991 A.G.S. regular meeting.

A decision as to whether these proposals will be adopted, rejected or amended will be made by those racing enthusiasts who attend a meeting at the Vestal American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m. on February 19th. This meeting time is one hour prior to the regular monthly meeting of the A.G.S. For those who cannot attend, a proxy vote on each proposal can be placed by calling me at 786-0413, evenings.....

GO FAST AND TURN LEFT!!

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

## New Regular Members:

Jeffrey Ayres has completed his Associate Membership and was voted in Regular Membership at our last meeting. Jeff's father Bob is already a Regular Member and both have spent considerable time enjoying their new hobby over the past 6 months. Jeff and wife Kim live in Endicott and have a daughter Kristin.

Aaron Mills was also voted into Regular Membership at our January meeting. Aaron attends Owego Free Academy and lives in Owego. He is one of our youngest members at the age of 14 and his progress at learning new skills required for R/C flying has been exceptional.

Visitor at January Meeting : Jim Pecha - Binghamton

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by: TERRY TERRENOIRE

## ANNUAL DINNER 3-23-91

Following the January meeting, I signed a contract with the Legion to have our annual dinner there on Saturday, 3-23-91. The menu will be your choice of Chicken Cordon Blue, or Prime Rib. Other than the entree, all food will be served family style. We will have a cash bar from 6:00 to 7:00, dinner from 7:00 to 8:00, and a cash bar from 8:00 to midnight. Here is the best part.....The meal will cost only \$25/couple.

By the time we add some entertainment and prizes we should be able to do it easily for \$30 to \$35 / couple.

There will be a sign-up sheet passed at the next meeting, and we will have to have the checks in our hands by the March meeting which will be only 5 days prior to the dinner.

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**ATTENTION**

**MEETING CANCELLATIONS WILL BE TIED TO BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE EVENING CLASS CANCELLATIONS. IF BCC CANCELS THEIR EVENING CLASSES DUE TO BAD WEATHER, THEN THE AGS MEETING IS CANCELLED ALSO. MONITOR YOUR RADIO STATIONS FOR THE WORD.**  
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### SYRACUSE SYMPOSIUM

On January 26th the Central NY Model Aircraft Association hosted it's 15th annual show and symposium at the NY State Fair grounds in Syracuse.

Once again, they did a very nice job, but the attendance seemed to be down from prior years. The clubs involved had some very nice displays. There were some interesting discussions and our AMA District II vice-president conducted one of the 2 District meetings of the year. The next District meeting is scheduled to be held during the WRAMS show in February.

According to my count, 9 AGS members made the trek to Syracuse. Two members returned with 2 plaques each from the the static display, Bob Noll a 3rd and 1st in pattern, Terry Terrenoire a 2nd in pattern and a 2nd in electric.

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#### MALL SHOW

Our second biggest event of the year is history. The annual mall show was once again a huge success. Six clubs participated, Four RC flying groups, The boaters, and the IPMS. Following the show I contacted the Mall Management and they were very pleased with our performance and we have been penciled in for January 18 and 19, 1992.

According to the information received from the other clubs, this was a record year for participation.

At the Sunday afternoon meeting of the club reps the main topic of discussion was table covers. It was agreed that the MOB has the most attractive display. This is due to the white skirting and orange table covers used. I will be contacting the mall and will attempt to get them to spring for new covers for all the clubs next year. Each club will then be responsible for retaining them from year to year.

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#### WRAMS SHOW

On February 23rd and 24th the Westchester Radio Aero Modelers will be hosting the largest hobby trade show on the east coast. It is also one of the oldest in the country. If you are new to the hobby, or just want to get together with about 12,000 other R/C nuts, the WRAMS show is for you. Several of us in the club have missed few editions over the past 25 years and really look forward to this winter break.

This will be my 3rd year as a distributor at the show. If you make it down be sure to stop by and see our booth.

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#### ELECTRIC FLY 5-26-91

At the January meeting the general membership overwhelmingly approved an AMA sanction Electric Fly/Contest to be held at the club field. The date will be Sunday May 26th. This is the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend. At this time I have 12 club members who have signed up to help, and a sanction has been applied for.

Still to come are details of the type of events to be run. We want to keep it rather low key for this first time as we have no feel for the type of response we may get, so we are going to have to be very flexible. One thing we will have to provide is a concession stand of some kind, possibly the best move would be to use the main pavilion for this function. If there is someone who would like to handle that aspect, please give me a call.

Round Trip to Guelph Canada: by Bob Noll

I just returned from the 4th Annual Pattern Fun & Fellowship hosted by Ivan Kristensen in Guelph, Canada. This mid-winter gathering of the pattern fraternity has been getting larger every year since its inception in 1988. It is held at a local motel/conference room facility and brings together over 200 pattern flyers from Canada and the States. I was privileged to be part of the formal program this year and presented a program on Sound Reduction Techniques and Products, in the morning. Speaking to over 100 modelers was a joy and my entire slide presentation including a question and answer session lasted about 1 1/2 hours.

The afternoon featured a "panel of experts" which included AMA President Don Lowe, Tournament of Champions competitor and Best of Show award winner John Britt, owner of Aero Composites Inc., who used to produce some of the most popular pattern kits but who is now concentrating solely on military RPV's, and plane designer Wayne Ullery who is most famous for the Vortex with the belt drive Webra flown by Dean Koger at the 1989 World Championships.

The evening banquet speaker was Al Hauff, Ray Ban Gold Show Team Pitts Special pilot and L1011 Captain for Air Canada.

Of course, the informal sessions at breakfast, lunch, between speakers and at the bar were also highlights of the weekend. Learning more about what's going on in the high tech world of R/C aerobatics is what everyone in this pattern game wants to know and Guelph is definitely one of those places where you can find out.

Of course, Ivan Kristensen had his TOC Ultimate on display along with many other beautiful pattern planes brought to the fellowship by many of those who attended.

The AGS was well represented by Scott Anderson, Todd Kopl, Chris Engler and Terry Terrenoire III along with myself. Many pattern flyers from south of the boarder invade Ontario for this annual gathering and this year was no exception with cars from Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan.

Boy, talk about a shot in the arm! I can hardly wait to finish this article so I can get down to the shop and my Ultimate Bipe and Runaround pattern ship.

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**Third Tuesday Each Month  
Vestal American Legion  
Legion St, Vestal  
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**Directions: Rt 434 to Jensen Rd.  
South on Jensen to Legion St.**

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