

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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NEXT MEETING: July 20, 1993 - 7:30pm

Place: VESTAL AM. LEGION

| | <u>AGS</u> | <u>CALENDAR</u> | <u>OF</u> | <u>EVENTS</u> |
|---------|------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| DATE | TIME | PLACE | | EVENT |
| July 26 | 7:30pm | TBD | | AGS Board Meeting |
| July 27 | 6:00pm | AGS Field | | Pylon Racing |

CONTEST AND FUN FLY DATES

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| July 17-18 | 9:00am | Round Top Park Athens, Pa. | Valley R/C 21st Annual Fun Fly Contest - Dan Luchaco CD (717) 888-1856 |
| July 24-25 | ? | Toronto, Ontario | FF & Hot Dawg Championships contact Humber Valley RC (416) 616-3208 |
| August 7-8 | 9:00am | Chenengo Brdg Arpt | Bing. Aeros Giant Scale Fly-in |
| August 14 | 9:00 | Cash Bash Fun Fly | Carlisle, Pa. |

PROGRAM FOR THE JULY MEETING

Glassing wing center sections by Terry Terrenoire

NEXT CONNECTOR INPUT DEADLINE IS AUGUST 6, 1993

Flying for fun.

PREZ SEZ

by Wynn Aker

July, 1993

I don't think too many people can complain about crummy weather for flying this year, unless you don't like the heat. We've had a great first half, and have graduated some flyers from the Flight School now, thanks to Dick Allen and the entire crew of guys that turned out to help. Thanks to all of these people for taking the personal time to give back to the beginners what we were given in our humble beginnings.

In case anyone noticed, we had a bit of a SNAFU regarding the lock on the gate. It sort of goes like this: when changing the combination on the lock, and checking to make sure that the new combination works, it didn't. Unfortunately, said checkout was done by putting the lock through the hasp. Mea culpa. At least it wasn't with the gate closed! Afterwards, Dick and Ralph cut off the recalcitrant lock and replaced it with the lock from the upper pavillion housing the tractor. The combination still reads the original. So, until we can get a new lock and insure that the combination will take successfully, it will stay the same. So, to no-one's liking, one day very soon the lock will be replaced on the gate and a new combination will appear. Now, either nobody is reading the Connector, or the only people flying are those at the June meeting. I don't believe that either is true, but I know of no instance where a member called for the new combination! Somebody isn't going to get in one day, guys! If you were not at the June meeting and given the new combination, you must call a board member to get it.

The new Flight Board seems to be holding up well, don't you think? The only things remaining to be done are some signs/labels announcing narrow band, etc. to go on the back. These will be done shortly. In the meantime, all of the pins are still around: no one has as of yet walked off with any! Lets keep it that way!

The Annual Summer Picnic will be held in August, on an as of yet undetermined date. More details at the meeting and in next month's Connector.

This month marks the 21st Annual Valley R/C Fun Fly, in Sayre, PA. If you haven't ever made it to one of these, you should try: it's a blast! Danny Luchaco and crew put on a helluva good contest that's a lot of fun. Once I discovered it, I won't miss it!

A tech tip for the month: CA glue sticks carbon fiber to fingers better than it does to balsa wood! Be careful with carbon fiber when handling, sanding, cutting and gluing. It has all sorts of nasty characteristics, its good points notwithstanding.

Example is not the main thing in influencing others.
It is the only thing.

Albert Schweitzer

EDITOR'S ENTR'ACTE.....by Tony Cammarata

Another really, really good month! The RC gods have been with me, please, please don't go away (the winter was rough)! Well off to Olean I went this month, along with Dick Allen and Ralph Jackson, to the S.T.A.R.s Scale Fun Fly. Any size plane is eligible. As last year, a 10 foot B17 flew making a bombing run and dropping his bombs. Nice show. This was the first time I took my Morrissey Bravo to a meet. I must report that providence was with me. On my second flight, after checking my control surface movements, I cranked up the Zenoah G38 and I discovered that I had no control when I tried to advance the throttle! The engine went to FULL RPM by itself and ran there for a few moments; then returned to idle. While the engine was at the top end, I was frantically working the on-off switch to see if control could be obtained. No luck (yes I had turned on my radio). So I killed the engine and parked the plane for the rest of the weekend. Although temporarily depressing (thinking I was not able to fly on such a beautiful weekend) I did not consider the trip to be a wipe-out, considering the alternative. Back at my tent, I checked out the system with the engine running and it checked out just fine. This was spooky. I decided to work through the problem at home.

On safety, this speaks well for a kill-switch on big bangers. As for two-strokes, one should provide a way to kill the engine in the event of loss of control on the ground. You should be able to kill the fuel flow.

For the uneducated, my observation at these fun-fly is that there is an element of risk of higher proportion than at pattern contests. It is very difficult to control five or six pilots ON THE AIR, some in flight or all in flight, if not impossible. I have never failed to whiteness at least two close calls at these meets. Pilots need permission to take off. But dead sticks and emergency landings happen all the time. The biggest two problems are related to cross runway winds. First of all, many of these pilots do not use rudder to control their take-offs and those folks at the downwind end of the tent line must be alert not to become an inadvertent target. And this is the one that really bugs me; some the pilots fail to observe the zero line and they are not even chastised for the "violation", and continue to fly with (as the man said) with TOW-AH-TILL IMPUNITY! Nuff for now...

J U L Y B I R T H D A Y S

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 10th John Mrozinski | 17th Ray Aldridge |
| 18th Scott Campbell | 19th Gib Vandling |
| 25th Chris Engler | 25th Yi Shen |
| 26th Len Wieczorek | 28th Joe Filice |
| 30th Linh Nguyen | 31st Mike Lewis |
| 31st Elwood Campbell | |

FUN FLY COMPETITION

A couple of weeks ago I made the trip north to Canada to compete in a Fun-Fly. This was just my 2nd FF competition; the first was about 10 years ago in Sayre. I had a very good time, in spite of 2 days of drizzling rain. There was an excellent dinner Saturday night and some impromptu musical entertainment on Friday evening. Both Tim and I flew our "night flyers" and a lot of interest was generated. Some after dark competition next year?? probably not!!

Although I had a very good time and came away with a 3rd in the mission event, don't be looking for me to be trading my "Conquest" for a fleet of "Sticks" anytime in the foreseeable future, but I am rather looking forward to next year's event. If you have been giving the Fun-Fly events some consideration, this contest should be on your calendar too.

PATTERN COMPETITION

Other than a couple of one day contests in NJ and southern PA, ours, and a two day event in Brockport, the contest trail in our area has been very dry this year. We had a "first" in Brockport. Yi Shen accompanied me, and flew his yellow Bipe to 5th place in novice. He liked the competition so much that he bought Jerry Skreckoski's Kaos .40 from GJ's and traded the Bipe and all it's equipment in for a new Futaba 6NFK. The plane has been seen once again burning up the skys at the field, Jerry would love it! Now that he has a good flying, true, plane, Yi will be improving his technique rapidly. We are already looking forward to the Lehigh Valley contest on the 17th.

NFL FILMS

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June 18, 1993

Dear Bob,

I had to take a minute to thank you and all of the club members for providing me with one of the most memorable and fun times I have had in modeling.

All of you deserve accolades beyond which I am capable of.

I have traveled all over the world covering modeling events for AMA since 1971. In my mind, you certainly stand out as one of the best organized and most concerned for the contestant group I have run into. Not to say the least for your getting the most "bang for the buck" for all of us.

I am sure that everyone knows how much work and effort your club puts into making this event happen. I am also sure that after listening to so many glowing comments from other contestants that I can safely say that everyone was very appreciative of all of the efforts by the Aeroguidance Society.

I have already marked the calendar for next year and wouldn't miss the event under any circumstance.

Even the hamburgers were delicious, no small feat in itself.

Cordially,

Jay Gerber



38TH ANNUAL PATTERN CONTEST - A GREAT SUCCESS! by Bob Noll

Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's edition. Over forty AGS'ers participated and it was again the prime club sponsored event of the year. Letters from our guests are the best way to let you know why pattern flyers keep coming to our contest. So I'll let them speak for themselves.

The following letters were received from contestants at this year's pattern contest. The first was from Marlin Groninger, a contestant of many years. Marlin was also one of the two unfortunate flyers that had a mid-air collision this year. Marlin's letter was hand written and so I did the old PC wordprocessor thing to make it easier to read.

The second letter is from a first time contestant and is a copy of the very flattering letter by Jay Gerber.

June 16, 1993

Bob,

I just had to take a few minutes to tell you what a great, well organized contest you and your club run every year.

With 4 rounds Saturday completed by 6/6:30, a banquet Sat. night, 2 rounds Sunday, tabulating & trophies completed by 2 PM and a good breakfast and lunch at the field both days; if you want to fly pattern in competition, Sayre is the place to go.

You and all the AGS club members who worked hard on or behind the scenes (registering, judging, tabulating, cooking, etc.) make the Sayre contest the one that sets the standard for all others in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

Marlin Groninger

P.S. Feel free to read this to the club members (especially next year's judges) or publish it in the newsletter.

Reprinted from LAST MONTH

A.G.S. FIELD MOWING LIST

Contact Don Leaf (Mowing Master) to get on the list. One person of each mowing team (pair) must be checked out on the mower. It's fun!

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| June | 18-20 | <u>Charles & Mark Lecher</u> |
| | 25-27 | <u>Duane Smith and TERRY T.</u> |
| July | 2-4 | <u>Jerry Bernhardt and</u> |
| | 9-11 | <u>Wynn Aker and</u> |
| | 16-18 | Pat Molina and Bob Kip |
| | 23-25 | Jim Pecha and Tim Rogers |
| | 30-31 | LOTS OF HELP NEEDED HERE! |
| Aug. | 6-8 | Wynn Aker and |
| | 13-15 | Dick Allen and Ralph Jackson |
| | 20-22 | Bill Underkofler and Herb Spicer |
| | 28-30 | Bob Kip + TERRY TERRENOIRE |
| Sept | 3-5 | Wynn Aker and |
| | 10-12 | |
| | 17-19 | |
| | 24-26 | |

Flying for fun.

Answers to last months brain teasers:

① WEAR
LONG

ans: long underwear

②

R
ROAD
A
D

ans: CROSS ROAD

③

CYCLE
CYCLE
CYCLE

ans: Tri Cycle

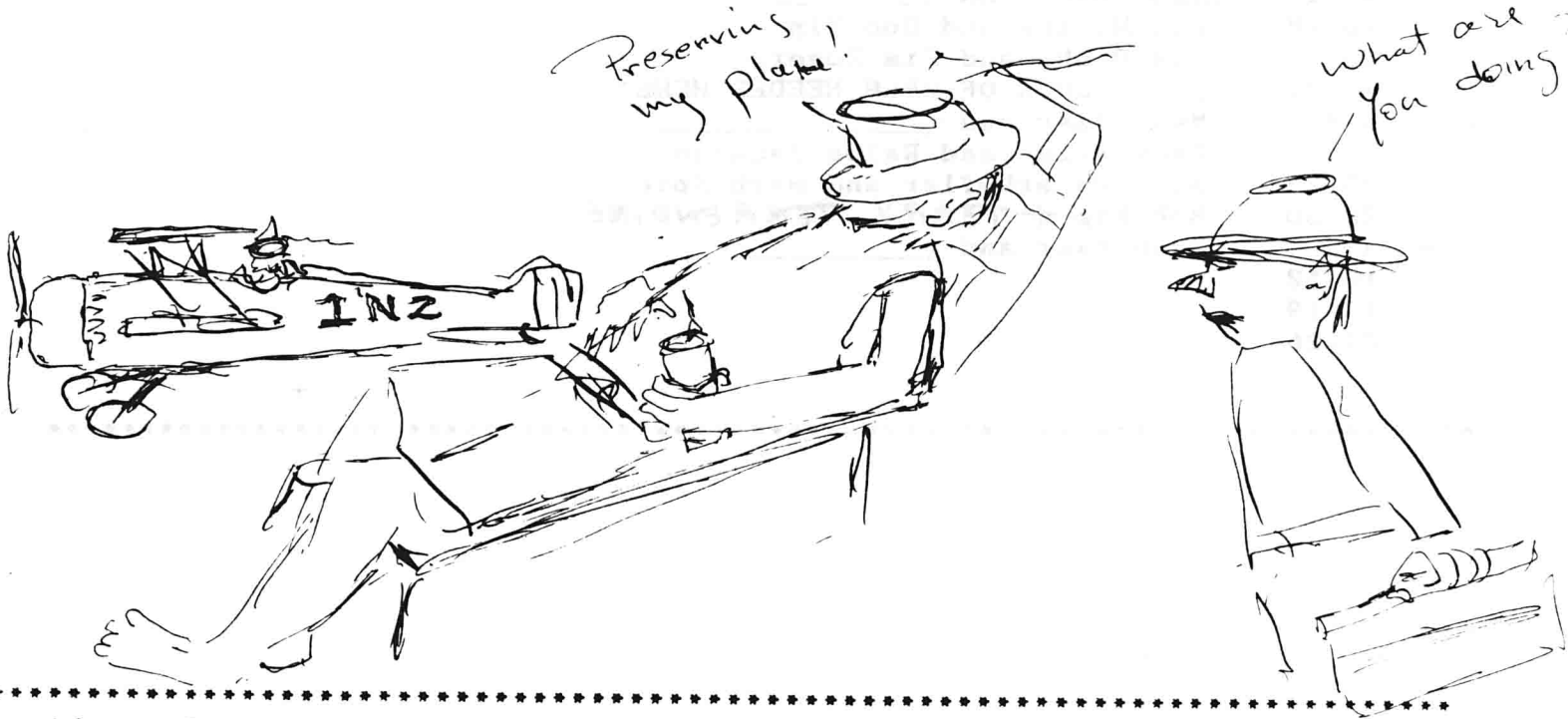
Here are two tough ones:

①

Q
M.D.
B.A.
PH.D.

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