

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.

President: Wynn Aker

Vice President: Jerry Bernhardt

Secretary: George Kelsey

Treasurer: John Raney

Board Member: Donato Martino Board Member: Terry Terrenoire II

Past President: Chris Engler

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NEXT MEETING: September '21, 1993 - 7:30pm

Place: VESTAL AM. LEGION

<u>AGS</u> <u>CALENDAR</u> <u>OF</u> <u>EVENTS</u>			
DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Sept 19	1:00pm	AGS Field	Pylon Racing
Sept 21	7:30pm	Vestal Am. Legion	Regular meeting; Nomination for new board members
Sept 25, 26	9:00am	Greenwood Park	Float fly

CONTESTS AND FUN FLY DATES			
Sept 19	9:00am	Woodstown, N.J.	Competition fun fly; \$1000 in prizes
Sept 17, 18	---	KRC Electric Fly	Quakertown, Pa
Sept 18, 19	---	Pattern Contest	Chicopee, Ma

PROGRAM FOR THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Bill Underkofler will present an educational program on the grading, selection and application of balsa wood in model construction.

NEXT CONNECTOR INPUT DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 8, 1993

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PREZ SEZ

September, 1993

by Wynn Aker

No news of major import this month, but that doesn't mean that you can stop reading here! At least place the newsletter in the bathroom for "quiet time" reading.

The year is winding down, eh? The AGS Annual Picnic is history, Rhinebeck is now over, and the Fall Float Fly is in about a week. The September meeting will include the finalization of nominations for the new officers for the 1994 Fiscal Year, another harbinger of changing of the seasons.

The turnout for the picnic was a little small this year, in terms of flyers, but there were more kids than I think I've ever seen up there. I want to extend a big thanks to Donato Martino for organizing the picnic, especially since he didn't fly, and didn't have time to stick around, due to family conflicts. Everyone who attended appreciated the chance to have some fun and participate in games, horseshoes, airplane destruction, BBQ'd chicken, and all on a day with great weather. Thank you, Donato.

The 1994 AGS Float Fly is coming next weekend, so hurry and slap those floats on the plane, wrap the receiver and batteries in a plastic bag, and make sure that everything is working properly. We owe a big thanks to Terry T. for picking up the CD responsibility for this at the last minute, due to the ball being dropped by others. Terry has always been willing to pick up where others have left off, and he puts tireless energy into club activities. Thank you, Terry.

Try to make both the September and October meetings, if you can, in order to make sure that your voice is heard for a nomination and ultimately for voting for your choice in officers for the 1994 Fiscal Year. The nominating committee has put together a solid list of candidates again this year, but the September meeting is to add your candidate to the list to be voted upon in October. Make your voice heard.

That's all for now; you're all probably getting pretty tired of me after two years, I'm sure. Just one more Prez Sez for me, and it's someone else's turn. I've enjoyed most of it, and hated some of it. But I suppose that comes with the job. C'est la vie.

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

Things are getting exciting in eastern Tioga, (as opposed to western Broome), as we prepare for our annual trek to Rhinebeck. If you have never been or have not been for a long time, consider going. They put on a nice show of old time full scale, weather permitting. Their show is entertaining.

On glow plug heaters. Many of us have a McDaniel glow heater. They are a real convenient product. At the A.G.S. annual picnic, one of our club members was talking to me about using one at his home (I believe in his driveway). He put it in the side pocket of his Bermuda. After a short while, he began to feel "something warm" in his pocket, which rapidly became hot, REAL HOT! He tried to reach into the pocket to remove it, but it was too hot to handle, so he quickly removed his Bermudas right on the spot (while outside) and "dumped the contents of the pocket onto the driveway. Not having put the cap on the glow heater, it came in contact with his keys with the related results. It may have looked funny to the casual observer, but the "hurt" could have been a good deal more serious than it was.

A excerpt on safety from THE FUN FLYER of Naples Fl. follows. "The topic in this issue will be mechanical aircraft restraints. Their use is required by all members, per the by-laws of this club. Their use is two-fold: for safety and for convenience." The article goes on, "Their use will prevent accidental aircraft run-away upon engine start-up, engine run-up, and adjustment. A run-away aircraft could cause major personal injury and property damage. (I have personally seen several almost disastrous accidents that a restraint would have prevented.) A run-away could happen while you are starting and running the aircraft by yourself, or even with the assistance of a helper who could accidently release the aircraft.

The above dangers are reason enough to mandate the use of mechanical restraints. There are also convenience reasons for the use of a restraint:

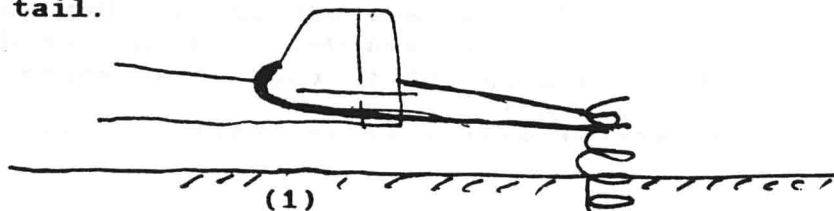
1. It frees both hands to make engine adjustments and operate the transmitter.

2. It allows you to stand BEHIND the aircraft and the spinning propeller while you make high throttle run-ups. (The prop could break or come off.)
3. The aircraft will remain more stationary during needle valve adjustments thereby reducing the chance of a finger strike from the prop.
4. It should give you a more secure feeling knowing your aircraft is secure while running before you are ready to fly.

There are many more good reasons to use a restraint, all of which make their use more important.

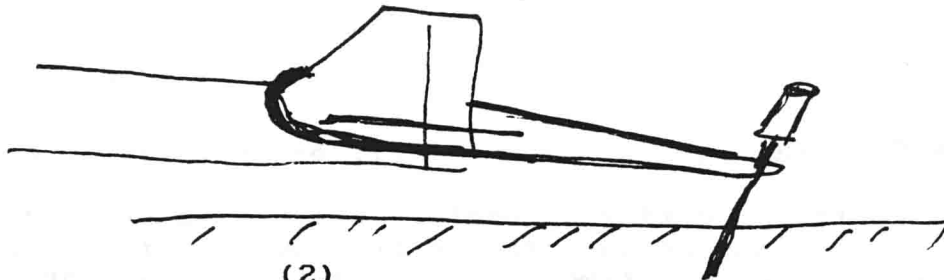
There are many inexpensive (less than \$10.00) and easy ways to make a restraint:

1. Use a corkscrew type pet restraint and a rope or even a transmitter neck strap around the tail.



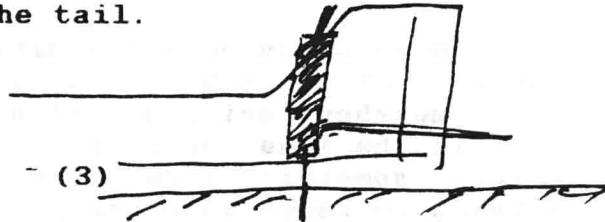
2. Use a long metal rod or large, long screwdriver plus the strap.

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3. Two metal rods fastened to an angle iron base type, with padding on the rods to prevent damage to the tail.



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There are many more easy and inexpensive ways to make a simple and effective restraint. You might even dream-up something more marketable than currently available. Just be sure the restraint is large enough to hold the size model and power you are restraining!!"

Bruce Hoffman

A.G.S. Family Picnic. The Annual Picnic was attended by thirty plus AGS members and their families and guests. The weather, by anyone's standard, was perfect for both a picnic and flying. Dinardo Martino did a great job barbecuing the chicken (thirty some birds and two dozen hot dogs) all of which delighted the pallet; augmented by many delicious dishes which were brought by the participants and "passed" one to each other, appreciatively.

Prior to the tasty repast, fliers "competed" in: bomb drop, duration, and timed touch-and-go events.

Winner of the Bomb DropWynn Aker

Winner of the DurationTim Rogers

Winner of timed Touch-And-Goes.....Wynn Aker

Several kits were distributed to participants. Our sincere thanks go to G.J.'s for supporting our picnic by donating a Miss Los Angeles kit. We are very lucky to have G.J.'s as a hobby shop, and especially for George's support and generosity whenever we ask for support.

Other events were conducted after lunch. The first was a horseshoe toss for the adult females, the object of which was to accumulate the greatest number of hits on the array of models that lay before them, about 20 feet hence. Two of the ladies made three hits in three throws (the maximum), so there was a toss-off between Teresa Aker and Theresa Sadeghi. Teresa Aker won the toss-off and the \$20.00 gift certificate to the Fashion Bug. The children's event was a duration flight with AMA Racers (Delta Darts). The winners were:

First.....Evan Rogers; awarded \$3.00 McDonalds gift certificate

Second.....Hope Spicer; awarded \$2.00 McDonalds gift certificate

After the contests, the children got to toss horse shoes at those planes; did they have a great time or what!

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd	Dick Allen	23rd	Don Leaf
5th	Matt Struck	24th	Duane Smith
12th	Bill Hirschman	25th	Nels Christensen

A M A N E W S

All AMA functions are now located in Muncie!

The new address is: 5151 E. Memorial Dr.
Muncie, IN 47302

New phone numbers:

General information 317-287-1256

317-288-4899

Membership info 800-I FLY AMA. (435-9262)

New Executive Director: Bob Underwood. In July, Vince Mankowski resigned from the AMA and Bob was appointed to take his place.

PATTERN COMPETITION

Over Labor day weekend Bob Noll and I traveled to Glen, NY for their 2nd annual contest. We both took 5th place in our respective classes. We had excellent weather at a very good flying site.

Only one more pattern contest left in our area for this year. The 18th & 19th in Westover, MA.

FIELD ACTIVITY

There is a report on the Annual AGS Club picnic on page 4 of this issue (Editors comment).

F L O A T F L Y

The sanction has been requested, but not yet received. (as of 9/12)
We have been approved for our first choice of the 25th and 26th.
All has been cleared with the parks dept. Bob Noll has made up a flyer
for me to send out to all the prior participants, and that has been done.

If you are new, or have not had an opportunity to fly from the water, come on out to Greenwood park on the 25th or 26th. You will have a ball!!!

A.G.S. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT.

The nominating committee: messrs Tim Rogers, Dick Allen and Bill Underkoffler met mid-August and together enlisted and will put before the general membership, at the September Regular meeting, the following proposed slate of new A.G.S. officers. The slate will be voted on by the general membership at the October regular meeting.

PROPOSED SLATE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1993-1994

President.....	Tony Cammarata
Vice-President.....	Tim Rogers
Treasurer.....	Bill Underkoffler
Secretary.....	Steven Bard
Board member at large.....	Bob Punker

The current sitting board member at large, Donato Martino continues for one more year. At the October meeting, Past President will subsequently be filled by Wynn Aker, our current President.

Note 1: Only the proposed slate of officers shall be voted on by the general membership at the October meeting.

Note 2: Nominations for all positions cited on the proposed slate will be entertained from the floor at the September meeting; thereafter nominations are closed.

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