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Meetings of the AGS are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Vestal American Legion, Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

*Rick
Allabaugh*

The Prez Sez



Well, it's definitely been a unique flying season. As a club, we've had to deal with serious and difficult issues this past year (I'm sure we all remember what they were...). When Jim Pecha, Ken Maroni, Doug Breneman, Art Riegal, Bill Oltmer, Bob Eilenberger and I had our first meeting as the new Board, we wanted to accomplish a few things. We all agreed that besides growing the membership, repairing the road, and keeping the membership closely involved with what was going on, we wanted to make this a fun year.

I hope as club members, you feel that this Board has accomplished these goals. While everything did not go as smoothly as I had wanted, I believe that this Board has served the membership well. Since attendance at our meetings has been averaging between 30 - 40 people (~ 40% of the total membership), I'd like to think that we did things right. What a perfect lead in to my next item...(hint, hint)

Nominating Committee

This year's Nominating Committee consisted of Mike Hill (Chairperson), Frank

Gioffredo and myself. I won't steal Mike's thunder, so elsewhere in the Connector is the proposed slate of Officers for the next year. If you wish to challenge one of the nominees for a position, please contact Mike Hill ASAP so that we can be prepared prior to the October meeting. In order to challenge the proposed slate of Officers, you must be in attendance at the October meeting.

AGS in Model Aviation

Hopefully you saw under the District II Report in the November issue of Model Aviation the brief write-up the AGS had on the 46th Annual Precision Aerobatics Contest. I'd like to thank Bob Noll for providing me the photos. This was the third PR article I sent our District VP, so it was nice to finally have one published.

Field Winterization - November 3rd @ 9:30 am

A few new members have asked me if the field actually closes after the 3rd meaning that we can't fly there any more until spring. The answer is "No, the field does not close." All we are simply doing is winterizing the field. As far as I'm concerned, the field officially closes once cars can no longer track through the snow up to the top of the field. In talking with Todd, we're going to have a busy day. He's going to get a few members to work the ditches on the road to eliminate high spots and hopefully slow down or eliminate the run-off we've been seeing lately. If I remember correctly, he's also planning on taking some of the concrete pads we removed from the pit area earlier this year and creating a walkway from the pavilion to the pits.

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My Final Thoughts...

After each meeting, I always invite the membership to stop by at Kristofor's for food and drinks. Besides talking about airplanes and current events, as a first time AGS President, I also get the opportunity (sometimes good, sometimes bad) to be critiqued. While at times I took the negative criticism personally, I later realized that people said the things they did to help me, not to tell me what a horrible job I did. Even thought at times we got into heated debates and didn't agree on things, at the end of the night, we all left friends. For those who helped me grow as a person and AGS President, I'd just like to say THANK YOU...

Rick

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AGS Board Meetings

Board meetings of the AGS will generally be held monthly on the Monday of the week following the general membership meetings and are open to all members who wish to bring business to the board. Please contact our President prior to the meeting to notify him of your interest and to get the location of the meeting.

THE TREV SEZ

*Ken
Maroni*



The month of September has been busy and exciting for me. To start the month I went to the VR/CS meet at the Blue Swan airport in Sayre. There were many fliers and all types of aircraft. The weather on both days was just perfect. Since the vintage was for any aircraft 1970 and earlier, I had just the right thing, my J-3 Piper 1/4 scale. The exciting part was I had the opportunity to fly it, it is such a lazy beast. A week later I went to the Old Rhinebeck Museum and air show. The aircraft of the era was fantastic and the flying was just as spectacular. My dad was an aviator during the years 1926 thru 1934 for the army air core and he had flown some of the old timers. I remember stories that he use to tell me as a boy. At the same time they had their annual RC meet. The entire experience was a day I will never forget.

Another good day was the fall float fly 2 weeks later at Greenwood Park. I was there most of Saturday and Sunday. The weather was as good as it was for the Old Rhinebeck. There were members of AGS there and lots of others. Bob, Jim and Art all flew well. Maybe next year I will think about the float fly as a pilot. Why not, let's experience all avenues.

The last event of the month was the combat at the AGS field on September 29th. There was a good turn out and the flying was very exciting. I don't think this is my bag....

By the time you read this months connector, you should have received the statement for the annual club **DUES**. Please review the statement and if there is any question or problems please call or see me at the meeting.

To close, I would like to say "thank you very much" to Scott Blazicek for the donation of the new Quicken software to the club.

Remember, stay in the blue and away from the glue.....see you all at the meeting.

Ken

AN AGS THANK YOU

Once again Bob I would personally like to thank you as CD of the VR/CS Annual Labor Day Reunion. Last, but not least, the entire Aeroguidance Society of Endicott, NY. I personally had a great time as usual. To me it's always been fun and fellowship as well as the camaraderie we all share.

On a personal note as your neighbor to the north, please except our deepest sympathy as Canadians for that tragic Tuesday Sept. 11/01. God bless the USA as well as the entire North American Continent.

Sincerely,

Charles Chomos
Burlington, Ontario, Canada

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AGS ACTIVITIE'S

- Oct 13 Precision Aerobatic Primer
AGS Field 10 A.M.- P.M.
- Oct 16 AGS General Meeting 7:30 P.M.
Vestal American Legion
- Nov 3 AGS Field Winterization 9:30 A.M.

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**REMINDER
THE MEETING
IS AT THE
VESTAL AMERICAN
LEGION @ 7:30**

STRC RACE No. 5

By Bob Noll

First let me thank Jim Quinn for overseeing this race in my absence. Lanny and I were in Watkin's Glen attending the Vintage Grand Prix Festival, which is a great 3-day event. Friday's activities take place in downtown Watkin's Glen while the Saturday and Sunday events are held at the racetrack. Over 200 vintage racers compete in ten groups depending on their design and horsepower.

Here is Jim's report on STRC Race 5

The fifth STRC race for 2001 saw less than half of the full racing field present. Our Race Director was out of town, Dan Luchaco was out of town, Steve Luchaco was working, and Jim Champion was away also. So there were no Valley R/C members racing. Brian Tyler is currently rebuilding, John Hall and Vinnie Quarataro were also among the missing from the MOB. The AGS was missing Rick Allabaugh, Ken Maroni, and Don Stento,

Todd Kopl who won all three of his heats dominated the day. Terry Terrenoire and Art Riegal were hot on Todd's tail, but they couldn't catch him. Jim Quinn had cutitis. He seemed to cut more pylons in STRC #5 than he has all season. Regretfully, Bob Eilenberger had a vision problem. Three planes rounded the first pylon very close to each other. When they came out of the turn Bob's eyes picked up Jim Quinn's plane and flew it for a few seconds, long enough for his plane to make a sudden vertical landing.

There were 5 racers and so there were 5 heats. We started promptly at 4:00 and were eating hotdogs at 5:00. The entire day of racing took a little more than 45 minutes. The support team was great. There were more than a dozen members who came out to help make STRC Race #5 a great time for everyone. We even had several members come as a family. Thanks to all the support team.

Jim

Here are the race 5 results and current season points standings counting the best four races. If the sixth race cannot be held then the standing will reflect only three races.

RACE 5

BUSH GRAND NATIONAL

Bob Eilenberger 0

WINSTON CUP

Todd Kopl 9

Terry Terrenoire 8

Art Riegal 6

Jim Quinn 4

SEASON STANDINGS

BUSH GRAND NATIONAL

Bob Eilenberger 19

Don Stento 11

Ken Maroni 8

WINSTON CUP

Bob Noll 31

Terry Terrenoire 31

Todd Kopl 27

Art Riegal 26

Steve Luchaco 24

Jim Quinn 23

Jim Champion 18

Dan Luchaco 17

Vinny Quartararo 17

Brian Tyler 7

Rick Allabaugh 6



I recently had some trouble with my YS 63. I spoke with the guys from Performance Specialties and they said they have had some problems with the heat treating on the rings and to send the engine to them. This was a little discouraging but at least they are going to fix it.

My family and I attended three AGS events last month. The first was a wonderful breakfast put on by the Frey's to benefit our local CHOW organization. For those of you who missed it don't worry I ate your share. The second was STRC race number 5. My wife and I worked the corner and she had a **blast**, just ask Jim Quinn. The third was the fall float fly at Greenwood

Park. We camped overnight and got a chance to witness a gentleman from the RC Gypsies fly at night. This was one of the wildest things I've ever seen. He could turn sections of the plane on and off using red white and blue lights. At one point in the display he took the plane so high it was hard to tell it from all the stars, then he turned all the lights off! **Awesome!**

The following was sent to me just after the attack on America....

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When class began, wordlessly he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks right to the top, rocks about 2" diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them in to the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. The students laughed. He asked his students again if the jar was full? They agreed that yes, it was. The professor then picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children - anything that is so important to you that if it were lost, you would be nearly destroyed. The pebbles are the other things in life that matter, but on a smaller scale. The pebbles represent things like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff." "If you put the sand or the pebbles into the jar first, there is no room for the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your energy and time on the small stuff, material things, you will never have room for the things that are truly most important. Pay attention to the things that are critical in your life. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal." Take care of the rocks first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just pebbles and sand.

Bill

MEMBERSHIP 2001:

By Jim Quinn

It is a great pleasure for me to welcome two Associate Members into Regular Membership. Bill Jayco and Bill Tozer were both voted into Regular Membership at our September meeting. As the ink is drying on Bill Tozer's application he is busy getting ready for the first Combat Meet to be held at our field in several years. We also have one new Associate member to welcome this month, Scott Blazicek. Scott wrote a check for his associate membership, which was double the actual amount due. He was generous enough to offer to donate the balance to our treasury. Welcome to Bill, Bill, and Scott.

It is with mixed emotions I write my final membership column. I have really enjoyed being membership chairperson for the past two years. It was a real pleasure to introduce so many R/Cers to the AGS and to R/C flying itself. One dimension of this chair that I really enjoyed was trying to promote a positive outlook for those of us who are currently members. I especially enjoyed the "Field Founders" celebration a year ago. I hope my successor will enjoy this position as much as I have.

I thought it would be appropriate to "promote" an AGS member as I write my final paragraph as Membership Chairperson. I know I was a great "thorn" in the side of our President, Rick Allabaugh, for road repairs. As Rick's first term as President draws to a close I certainly hope our membership gets behind him and offers him all the support he deserves. Rick has done a great job this year with some major challenges. Great job Rick.

AGS THANK YOU: I would like to express my gratitude to the AGS for the most generous "stipend" of \$200.00 to supplement my first NATS competition. The \$200.00 was a generous amount directly applied to the National Competition. The entrance fee alone was \$90.00. Since Bob Noll, Terry Terrenoire, Art Riegal, Jim McKeown, and I cooked our own meals at the campsite, food was not expensive and the camping was free right on the competition site. It was great. I was greatly touched by the generosity of our club. Thank You.

HONORARIUM: I was most pleased to return the \$200.00 stipend that was given to me for my first NATS competition in R/C Aerobatics to the AGS treasury. It is most appropriate that I return this stipend to our treasury in honor of the members who were most instrumental in getting me to the point of feeling competent to compete at the national level. I would like to honor Frank Gioffredo who has been my faithful and helpful practice partner for the past three years. I would like to honor Terry Terrenoire who has been a most supportive contest companion for the past three years. Most of all I would like to honor Bob Noll who has been a teacher, guide, coach, building instructor, and inspiration. Thank you all. Donating the competition stipend to our treasury is the least I could do to say thank you to the three of you. \$200.00 is a significant donation by a most generous club. On the other hand what you have given me cannot be measured in dollars and cents. I am also returning this stipend in honor of Denise, Ann, and Lanny, the wives of the three honorees. I am very grateful to them for the countless hours their husbands have spend with me guiding me along the competition trail. Thank you all very much.

Jim

Nominating Committee

This years Nominating Committee consisted of myself, Frank Gioffredo and Rick Allabaugh. We'd like to present the following list of candidates to the AGS membership:

President - Rick Allabaugh

Vice President - Jim Pecha

Treasurer - Ken Maroni

Secretary - Doug Breneman

Board Member at Large - Bill Oltmer (2nd yr of 2-year term)

Board Member at Large - Bob Noll

At the October meeting, we will be voting on this slate of Officers. If you wish to challenge one or more of these candidates, please contact either me, Rick or Frank prior to the October meeting so that we have time before the meeting to prepare.

Sincerely,

Mike Hill

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contacting the editor.

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather again, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Broome Community College night classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

Labor Day weekend is a major event in the Vintage R/C Society's calendar and for the second year in a row, the Aeroguidance Society was host for this annual event. The site was the Blue swan Airport in Sayre, site of our annual precision aerobatics contest.

Thirty-one pilots who enjoy flying the older plane designs were there for a great weekend of flying and fellowship. Pilots from as far away as Illinois, Indiana, Delaware, Virginia and Ontario arrived at the flying site Saturday morning, some with a carload of planes, made possible due to the smaller planes flown prior to 1970.

The AGS was well represented by pilots Dick Allen, Tony Cammaratta, Terry Terrenoire, Jim Quinn, Ken Maroni, Bob Eilenberger and Steven Bard. Dave Lewis and Steven Bard served as judges for those pilots who competed in the 1950's pattern classes of rudder only, intermediate (rudder and elevator) and multi (rudder, elevator and aileron). While the majority of flying is just open flying, there are some who enjoy putting their planes through a maneuver sequence similar to the old days.

I must not forget to mention four people who assisted Terry and I with this event. Frank Gioffredo installed our R/C road signs and Bob Jennings took his garden tractor to Sayre to insure that the runway was in great condition for takeoffs and landings. Ann Terrenoire assisted Terry with the concession stand and Lanny Noll helped me with registration.

Saturday evening saw a large group meet at the headquarters hotel, The Best Western Grand Victorian Inn, for a delicious dinner and fellowship. Sunday afternoon yielded to fond farewells as the cars full of planes headed home full of new experiences and fond memories of reunions past. This was the 12th reunion since the organization was founded 13 years ago and the 2002 reunion is again planned for Sayre.

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PATCH ON jacket	shirt	\$ 3.23	_____	_____

Name (spelling) wanted on jacket or shirt: _____

Paid by (circle one) check # _____ cash _____ **ORDER TOTAL \$** _____

October Field Report

Not much to say this month... field winterizing will take place (at the field) on Saturday November 3, 9:30am. Last month I requested that members bring picks and shovels if they have them for making a walkway from the fence opening to the flight line pavilion with the old concrete pads. Secondly, our President has asked me to put the word out that we also need to do some ditch cleaning and road repair due to the torrential rainfall in late September. With enough help these jobs do not take long. During field opening this year I began to cut back some brush in a previously cleared area. If anyone is able and willing please bring chain saws and brush cutters and we'll continue to cut (should be perfect weather for these activities). I look forward to seeing you on the 3rd.

Todd

The meeting was held at the Vestal American Legion and called to order by President Rick Allabaugh at 7:30 p.m.. Present at the meeting were approximately 35 members and 4 guests.

Minutes:

Approved as published in the Connector.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: (Rich Allabaugh)
Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: (Jim Pecha)
Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report: (Doug Breneman)
Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Ken Maroni)
A membership roster was passed for any updates by the members. Ken is still looking for the AGS copy of Quicken. Scott Blazicek has volunteered to donate a copy that he has. (Thanks Scott!) Membership dues is due on November 1st. If you pay your dues prior to Nov. 1st, you will get a discount. You must have a current AGS sticker on your AMA card to fly at the field.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report: (Jim Quinn)
Jim welcomed all of the visitors. There were 2 persons who were candidates for membership.

Program Report: (Brent Bryson)
October will be covering techniques. November will be the auction. December will be Bob Eilenberger's AT-6 flight.

Activities Report: (Darrell Sperbeck)
The activities in the near future include:
STRC Racing - Oct. 7th 4 p.m.
Aerobatics Primer - Oct. 13th 10 a.m.
Display at BU - Oct. 20th

Historian Report: (Rick Allabaugh)
Nothing reported

Public Relations Report: (Terry Terrenoire)
There will be a static display at BU on Oct. 20th. At least one more volunteer is needed. Please contact Terry T.

Librarian Report: (Steve Hermanovitch)
Steve sent a Thank You note to Airplane News who gave several donations to our club. RCM is willing to give donations and free advertising for club events.

Racing Report: (Terry Terrenoire)
See the racing report elsewhere in the Connector. Terry gave us the results of the AGS racing. Jim Q. reported that there was a small turnout for the STRC race. He did have a great support crew.

Sound Report: (Tom Kopl)
Nothing reported

Safety Report: (Art Riegal)
Nothing reported.

Field Report: (Todd Kopl)
Rick Allabaugh reported the \$180 was spent for further repair of turn #1. This turn is getting washed out and needs more work. Terry T. suggested that AGS might want to purchase rakes for road maintenance. Bill Hendricksen has volunteered to brush hog the field at cost.

Connector Editor Report: (Bill Oltmer)
One person is having problems with the online Connector. It might be the level of Adobe Acrobat Reader that is being used.

Aerobatics Primer: (Bob Noll)
This event will be held on October 13th at 10 a.m. at the AGS field. Bob handed out a Guide for Precision Aerobatics. This event is being sponsored by Jim Q., Terry T., Bob N., and Frank G. There will be clinic in the morning on aerobatics. In the afternoon will be a judged competition with prizes. The contestants will be doing the Sportsman maneuvers.

Vintage R/C: (Bob Noll)
Thanks to all those who helped with this event. A special thanks to Dave Lewis, Steve Bard, and the flyers. Contestants came from far and wide, such as Michigan, Indiana, and Canada. No expenses were incurred by AGS. There were some proceeds from the concessions. Terry T. purchased a 20 cup coffee carafe. Other funds were given to the treasurer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Fall Float Fly: (Dave Lewis)
The Fall Float Fly will be held at Greenwood Park on Sept 22nd & 23rd. It will cost \$8 for both days and \$5 for one day to participate. Food costs extra. Every flyer gets a prize. Watching is free. Volunteers were requested for set up Fri. 4:30 p.m., registration on Sat 9-12 and 12-3, and tear down Sun 3:30 p.m. Dave got the volunteers. Neil Travers donated a very nice shirt as a prize. Thanks Neil.

Combat Meet: (Joe Felice)
There are still opportunities to help with this event on Sept. 29th. Please contact Joe to see how you can help. There should be approximately 7 flyers and 4 rounds.

Miscellaneous:
There is a possibility of decreasing the amount of NYS tax we pay if we qualify under Real Property Tax Law 480 A - Property Tax Exemption for Forest Land. The Board will pursue this.

A Nominating Committee has been formed to propose leaders for next year. Please contact Rick Allabaugh or Mike Hill if interested in being on the Nominating Committee or if you would like to fill one of the leadership positions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote on candidates for membership:
Bill Tozer and Bill Jayco were both voted in as members of AGS.

Road Repair Chairperson: (Rick A)
Rick Allabaugh made a motion to create the position of Road Repair Chairperson. This person will be responsible for creating a plan for the road maintenance and to execute the plan while in this position. The motion was passed. This position will be filled for 2001-2002.

Indoor Flying Season: (Steve Bard)
We be flying at T.J. Watson school on the 1st Monday of each month (except April) from 6-8 p.m. We will also be flying at Vestal Jr High on Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th, Jan 16th, and Feb. 13th from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m..

Miscellaneous:

Marc Trudeau donated a JR buddy box. This buddy box needs nicad batteries to operate. It may need to be quick charged at the field to be used.

Thanks to all who are taking responsibility for the cleanliness of the field. If you bring it in - please take it out.

Show and Tell:

Bob Frey - Multiplex Twin Jet. 2 speed 400 motors. ~\$100. He also showed a PBY from Hobby Lobby. It has a fiberglass hull, balsa over foam wings, and 2 speed 400 motors. ~\$200.

Jim Quinn showed a newly finished Sonic 500 pylon racer. It was mentioned that he has never had a cut with this plane.

Bob Noll showed a vintage Futaba radio. It is rudder only with throttle control. He also contrasted it with his much more up to date Futaba radio. (Gift certificate winner).

Terry Terrenoire showed his Fun Fly high-performance electric Great Planes Fundango. It is covered with Ultralite with a speed 400 motor. ~\$200. It weighs about 14 oz with batteries.

Gib Vandling showed his Ultra Stick. He uses 7 channels and 7 servos. There are all sorts of control and mixing possibilities.

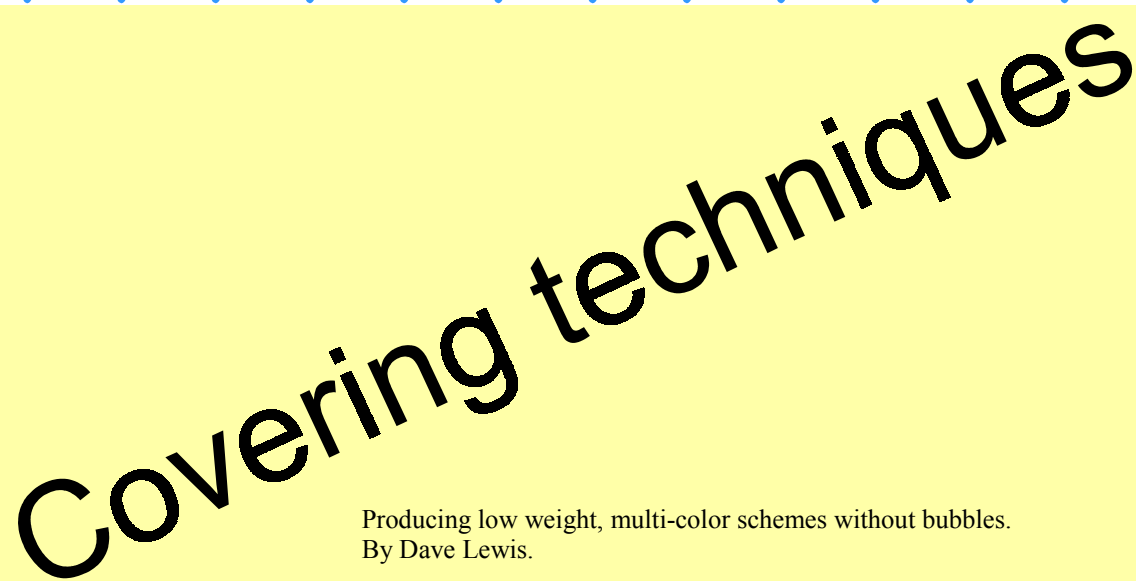
Raffle Winner: Bob Noll

PROGRAM: Electric Flight Record by a guest professor from Cornell University. CTA2@cornell.edu)



Now that flying season has almost come to an end, watch your speed on the road to the field. Keep it around 10 mph or less.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



Covering techniques

Producing low weight, multi-color schemes without bubbles.
By Dave Lewis.

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