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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



New Chairmen

At the last meeting, I introduced some of the new Committee Chairs for the upcoming year. In case you were not at the meeting, here they are:

Road Chairman – Ed Helinski
Activities – Bob Noll
Historian – Jerry Roscoe

I'd just like to thank these people for taking over these positions...

Welcome to our New Members

I was in such a hurry to get going with the auction last month, I forgot to announce to everyone the result of our membership votes. We have five new members!! Congratulations to: Tom Coolbaugh, Red Lupold, Bruce Schmidt, Matt Schmidt and Neil Traver.

Open Committees

At this time, I still have three committee chairs open, Membership, Program and Field. Out of the three positions, I

honestly believe that Membership is one of the most important Chairs the club has. At the last meeting, I passed around the Duties and Responsibilities for the Membership Chair. In general, I would like to get someone who is friendly, able to talk to complete strangers, active in the club, has good organizational skills and can make most of the monthly meetings. Since this position is critical to fill, I'll be placing phone calls to members to get it filled.

Club Insurance

At the last meeting, Tony Cammarata handed me a letter from our insurance agent stating that our insurance carrier, CNA, would not be renewing our insurance policy. No explanation at all... we were being dropped. I got on the phone with our insurance agent who informed me that CNA was dropping all of its small accounts. However, she did say that they will work hard to get us the best rate possible from either CNA or another carrier and not to be overly concerned. What's ironic is that a few days later, I received a letter from CNA stating that they would renew our insurance if we agreed to the following term: They wanted to RAISE our insurance by 108%. This would have increased our cost from roughly \$300 per year to \$624 per year. Needless to say, I still asked our agent to find us the best rate...

Mentors

This subject is sticking in my mind since I found out this morning that one of my professional mentors suffered a

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minor heart attack at our office yesterday while I was out. Art has been in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning business, mainly engineering and design, for all of his professional life. Art has retired from this profession three times, but keeps coming back to teach the "new guys". There is not an engineering firm in the surrounding area that does not know of Art or had Mechanical Engineers trained by him. When we brought him in to Sear Brown, I was told to take full advantage of it and absorb information like a sponge.

So what's this got to do with R/C? Our hobby is filled with mentors. From the person who teaches you to fly, to the people who help you build the newest plane. Our club has a unique advantage in that we have experts in free flight planes, electric planes, gliders, giant scale planes, combat planes, aerobatic planes, etc. No matter what aspect of the hobby you like, you'll have an easy time finding a mentor in our club. The important thing is to become a sponge and learn as much from fellow members as long as you can.

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



Here it is December and the weather has just been perfect for more flying. But I would not get use to it because this can not last forever.

Not too much business this month but to remind a few that remain, their dues are still due.

Other than that enjoy the rest on the connector and see you all at this month's meeting.

Ken

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2002 Mall Show

January is just around the corner, and that means the annual Mall Show can't be far behind. In just 5 weeks after the December meeting we will be gathering at the Oakdale mall once again. I will be giving details at the Dec meeting for those who are new, and I'll be passing around a work schedule sheet. Plan now how you will be able to assist. We have 5 work shifts: Saturday 1/26: 10AM-2PM, 2PM-6PM, and 6PM-close, Sunday 1/27: 11AM-3PM, and 1PM-5PM. In addition, we need a lot of help setting up and tearing down as well as supplying airframes. Setup will be Friday night from 9PM until done-usually about an hour. Sunday's teardown begins around 4:30 and we are usually out of there by 5:30 or 6:00.

Please be prepared to commit for at least one of these periods at the December monthly meeting

Terry

THIS MONTHS RAFFLE IS A

Winter Building Accessories:
Z-Poxy finishing resin
NHP 30 min epoxy
NHP 12 min epoxy
NHP 5 min epoxy
1 oz Flash thin CA
1 oz Flash medium CA
Epoxy mixing cups

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THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF ZAGI:

More and more I have been hearing phrases like, "Have you hugged your Zagi today?" or "A day without Zagi is like a day without sunshine." Phil and Bob Nestoryak, Jerry Roscoe, Jerry Riegal, and many others frequently call me at 10:00 and ask, "It's 10:00 do you know where your Zagi is?" Less and less do I hear people say, "Got Milk"; now they are saying, "Got Zagi?" So I decided it was time to get something going in the AGS for Zagis.

Zagi events will be a proprietary one design. This means if it is a Zagi it is fine; if not you need to see George and have him order you one. I am currently developing Zagi events. On January 1, 2002 during our New Year's Day Fun Fly I would like to host the first Zagi event. It will be Enduro-Zagi. How long can you keep your Zagi in the air?

I would like to host an event per month for the winter months from January to April. Events will be on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00N. They will all be at Moore Park.

During the family picnic in July, I would like to have a Zagi Ballet competition to be judged by a panel of our wives for artistic composition. More on that later.

Calendar of Zagi events:

Zanuary 1	Enduro-Zagi	
Zanuary 5	Racing Zagi and Combat Zagi	12:00N
Zebbruary 2	Racing Zagi and Combat Zagi	12:00N
Zarch 2	Racing Zagi and Combat Zagi	12:00N
Zpril 6	Racing Zagi and Combat Zagi	12:00N

Zacing Zagi:

Races will consist of 6 laps.
Racers must provide one Support Team Member (STM) for each race.
STMs call pylon cuts, count laps, start races, etc.
STMs are not racers, racers' helpers, or callers.

ZombatZagi

Combat lasts 4 minutes
Leader is 20' Streamer is 20'
200 points per cut
10 points per foot of streamer length
50 points for 4 minute flights
-400 points failing to engage in combat

Your Zagimaster,
Zim Zuinn

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather, 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.

Good news

I just was interviewed by Bernard Fi-anti (WNBF) and he is going to advertise our New Year's Day Fly. Attached is some of the information that we discussed. I am the VP of a local Airplane Modeling club. The name of the Club is the AeroGuidance Society (AGS). We are a non-profit organization that provides assistance with model building techniques and specializes in flight instruction. The membership is currently at eighty-five (and growing) as the largest club of its kind in the area. During the year, we have many activities that provide hours of entertainment that are free to the public. An upcoming event is the annual "New Years day" snow fly. That's right snow fly !! We meet every year at Moore Park in Vestal on January 1st, strap the skis on the planes and fly. This event is absolutely free to anyone that would like to attend and we ask for nothing in return. Clearly, our intention is to promote the hobby. Does WNBF provide advertising for non-profit organizations like ours ?? Can you point me to others that may ? Any help would be appreciated. You can respond via my e-mail address (JPECHA@STNY.RR.COM <mailto:JPECHA@STNY.RR.COM>) or call me at (607)-723-3799. I look forward to hearing from you.

Jim

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IS AT THE
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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

By Bob Noll, Activities Chairman

New Year's Day Fun Fly

This annual event features cold weather, sometimes snow, always hot food and drinks and a great time.

Next year's event will be hosted by Bob and Phil Nestoryak who will be providing hot drinks and a variety of hot and tasty food. Bring your plane and wear proper clothing including your New Year party hat to:

Moore Park in Vestal
11 AM start

You might want to bring some lighter fluid to prime the cold engines. However, you may also want to bring your electric plane to avoid all the hassle.

Zagi Days

Zagimaster, Jim Quinn, will be telling you about events that will take place the first Saturdays of January, February, March and April. If you haven't gotten your Zagi 400X yet, better hurry before GJ's sells out!

Oakdale Mall Show

January 26 and 27 are the dates for our annual static show at the Oakdale Mall. We will again be joined by other local clubs and the event director is Terry (I like the indoors in January) Terrenoire.

Winter Fly

Get ready to bolt on the skis and put antifreeze in your tank for the annual Winter Fly on Sunday, February 10. This event will be held at Moore Park in Vestal and be directed by Frank (it's not cold) Gioffredo.

A Float Fly Thank You

Doug,
Thank you very much for sending me the pics of the Spruce Goose, I didn't have any of it flying off the water, until now.

We had a great time this year at the AGS float fly. The weather was great and we always have a good time with your group.

Say hello to Dave (Lewis) for me and we hope to see you again next year.
Thanks again,
Paul

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 37 members and 5 guests.

Minutes:

Approved as published in the Connector with the exception that the rubber band powered plane that Jim Quinn showed last month was built from a kit and not scratch built.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

Vice President's Report: (Jim Pecha)
The minutes from last month's board meeting were read.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Ken Maroni)
The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Report: (Jim Quinn)

Six persons are candidates for membership this week.

If anyone is interested in being the new membership chairperson, please let one of the board members know. A description of the responsibilities for this position was passed around at the meeting.

Program Report: (Bob & Phil Nestor-yak)

Bob and Phil were introduced as our new Program chairpersons.

Activities Report: (Darrell Sperbeck)

The activities in the near future include:
New Year's Day Fun Fly - Jan 1st at Moore Park.

Mall Show - January 26th and 27th at the Oakdale Mall.

Historian Report: (Jerry Roscoe)

Jerry was introduced as the new Historian.

Public Relations Report: (Terry Terrenoire)

The static display at BU on Oct. 20th 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. was very well received. The organizer of the show received many compliments for the AGS display. We already have an invitation for next year. At least two persons should staff this event. All brochures were handed out as well as the business cards.

We need volunteers for the January Mall Show. Please sign up at the December meeting.

Librarian Report: (Steve Hermanovitch)

Two new videos and one new book have been added to our library.

Racing Report: (Terry Terrenoire)
Awards were handed out to the AGS Pylon Race leaders in both Winston Cup and Bush Grand National categories. Congratulations to the winners.

Sound Report: (Tom Kopl)
Nothing reported

Safety Report: (Art Riegal)
Nothing reported.

Road Maintenance: (Ed Helinski)
Ed was introduced as our new Road Maintenance Chairperson.

Field Report: (Todd Kopl)
If anyone is interested in being the new field chairperson, please let one of the board members know. A description of the responsibilities for this position was passed around at the meeting.

Bill Hendricksen finished brush hogging the field. He suggested that this gets done annually instead of every two or three years.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

none

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote on candidates for membership:
Six persons were voted on for membership: Bruce Schmidt, Matt Schmidt, Neil Traver, Jerry Roscoe, Tom Coolbaugh, and Red Lupold. Congratulations to these persons, our newest members.

Doug agreed to make more voting slips.

Miscellaneous:

Lanny Noll sent us a thank you card for the flowers sent to her after her recent operation.

There will be an auction sponsored by another club next February 2nd in Batavia, N.Y. See Rick for details.

Tuesday, November 27th will be the Pizza Night at Christopher's for the STRC pilots and helpers.

G.J.'s will be closing early next year.

Show and Tell:

Bill Tozer showed his Predator combat plane after a bit of rebuilding. (Gift certificate winner)

Raffle Winner: Matt Struck
PROGRAM: Annual Auction

The December program Reading Aresti Diagrams (aerobatic maneuvers)

Aresti diagrams are the charts which describe aerobatic maneuvers. They are used by all IAC aerobatic pilots. Bob Noll will be doing the presentation. Bob is experienced to the extreme in aerobatics as a competitor, judge, and contest director. This is a must see for those of us that are new to aerobatics (especially those of us who plan to compete in the next club aerobatic contest), as well as a refresher for the experienced guys. I would like to thank all of the members who have presented, and suggested programs over the past few years.

Thanks,
Brent

FOR SALE

Two adult full day lift tickets at Greek Peak
Asking \$40 each.
Bob Noll 754-5279

Ski Fly

Hi again gang it is getting to be that time of the year again, although as I write this article it is almost 70 degrees outside. I am hoping that we will once again be able to fly off the snow at Moore park on Feb. 10. Last year's attendance was a little low but I am hoping to see a bigger crowd this year. We will have the normal bill of fair, with hot drinks and something to warm the insides. Flying will commence around 10:30 and go until around 2:00 or until we freeze up, so get those skis mounted for January's fly and don't take them off until the snow melts away. If you haven't tried flying off the snow you don't know what your missing, so come and join in for some fun, food and friendship. See ya there,
Frank G.

DECEMBER PROGRAM



Reading Aresti Diagrams

By Bob Noll

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