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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.

*The Prez
Terry
Terrenoire & Seg*



Once again I will be absent from this upcoming meeting; I was looking forward to the demo of the turbine engine. My wife and I will be camping in the Adirondacks that week. It is the one week a year we get away from everything, and go "rough" it on a lake in our camper. I am taking an electric boat, an RC sailboat, my new pattern ship, and a small J-3 on floats, just to fill some of my quiet time.

For those who don't know, my new Synergy has flown, 4 flights so far. I am planning to fly it in the Glenn contest 8/16-17.

There are just 2 months left for this year's officers. Early indications are that most, if not all, of the current officers would be willing to extend their tours for another 12 months. Even if that is the case, we will be needing a Board member at large to replace Bob Noll, who has been in the position for 2 years. If you are interested in that, or any other Board position, please contact any Board member. We will be finalizing the process of nomination at the Board meeting on the 25th.

Have a great meeting, and I'll see you all at the September meeting back in the Legion.

Terry T.

ANNUAL AGS PICNIC

Bill Quinn

Everything is ready for the 2003 AGS Annual picnic, except for your reservation! Janet and Gib Vandling will host us for our before dinner hors d'oeuvres. If you remember last year, the entire picnic is worth coming for just for the hors d'oeuvres. We will still have the Triple Cities favorite dinner catered by Phil's Chicken House. You can't miss that. Our entertainer Bill Frye should be great; his performance is entitled, "It Feels Good."

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Coming Events

August 19 -----	7:30 PM
Monthly Meeting AGS Field	
August 23 -----	10:00 AM
Annual Picnic AGS Field	
August 30 - 31 - - - - -	All Day
VR/CS Reunion Zaverton Airport	
September 6 -----	8:00 AM
Fly-In Breakfast AGS Field	
September 16 -----	7:30 PM
Monthly Meeting American Legion	

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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.

Fall Float Fly

by Dave Lewis

The twentieth annual Fall Float Fly is scheduled for September 20, 21 at Greenwood Park in Lisle, NY. Flying will be from 9:30 am to 4:30 PM both days. Landing fees are \$5 for one day, \$8 for two days. There will be night flying on Saturday night. Lunch will be available both days.

Once again the hobby distributors and manufacturers have been generous in donating prizes.

The prizes will be awarded by the luck of the draw and everyone goes home a winner.

Lunch will be available both days and the park camp sites will be open.

If you haven't tried to fly off water now is the time to try. If you don't want to fly, come out and watch fun. If you have any questions call me at (607)748-2513.



Membership Report

by Tony Cammarata, Membership Committee Chairman

New Regular Members. None this month.

Regular Members to be voted on. None.

New Associates. None

Visitors. None

Correction. My apologies to Wayne Kunsman and Michael Kunzman (note spellings) as I mistakenly believed that Michael Kunzman was Wayne's nephew, which he is not. However, Michael is a friend of the Kunsman family.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
AGS CLUB FIELD
AUGUST 19th @ 7:30 pm**

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Fly In Breakfast

Sat. September 5

by Bob Frey

Come and bring your appetite and some planes to fly. Bob and Rosemary Frey will be doing the cooking again this year. Breakfast is planned for 9:00 am. with open flying to follow. Remember this is also a fund raiser for CHOW. Bring some canned goods or nonperishable foods or a monetary donation. This is a good time for flight and fellowship plus an opportunity to help those who are less fortunate in life. I will be taking breakfast reservations at the August meeting or by phone at 748-3854 or email at rafrey637@aol.com

Bob Frey

2003 NEAT Fair

by Bob Frey

The NEAT Fair is a great event to attend if you are an electric flyer, or if you just want to see what the electric guys are up to. All the latest motors, batteries and plane designs are either in flight, on display or for sale. This is the largest electric flight event east of the Mississippi. The Fair is Sept. 12-14 this year and is held at Peaceful Valley Campground near Shinopple NY just off Route 30 between East Branch and Downsville. See Bob Frey if you need directions. It takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes to get there. Just take NY 17 east and exit north on NY 30 at East Branch. I plan to be there on Friday this year.

ed: Additional information and Pilot registration (if you want to fly at NEAT) can be found at www.neatfair.org

**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR
THE CONNECTOR IS THE
1ST MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH**

AGS Meeting #673 July 15, 2003

The meeting was held at the AGS Field and was called to order by vice president Blazicek at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 22 members and one guest.

Meeting Minutes

It was stated by Gib Vandling that the date for the Flight School picnic was incorrectly stated in the minutes as July 24th and should have been listed as July 23rd. This differed from the Secretary's notes on the subject. The new date for the picnic was given to all members present.

Officer Reports

VP's report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's report:

The board meeting minutes from June were read.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was given by Paul Cushing and was accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

No membership vote will take place at this meeting.

Activities:

The annual *Celebration of Flight* took place at our field July 5th. The turnout was smaller than had been hoped, but a good time was had by all present.

The annual AGS Family Picnic will be held on August 23rd. Please contact Jim Quinn to make your reservation.

Field:

Frank Gioffredo gave some hints and tips for the proper mowing, trimming, and cleanup of the field.

Annual Pattern Contest

The club thanked Frank Gioffredo and other members for their outstanding work on the contest.

Old Business

Flight School Picnic

Don Green volunteered to head up the Flight School picnic.

New Business

New AGS Bylaws

The newest version of the AGS bylaws was voted upon and approved by a vote of 22-0. Thanks go out to Doug Breneman for his effort in updating our bylaws.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the AGS Field on August 19th at 7:30 p.m.

R/C Car Track

Work is still progressing on the R/C car track at our field.

Show and Tell

Bill Oltmer displayed a Sig 4-Star 120 which he has purchased and which he plans to upgrade with a new engine.

Gib Vandling showed his electric Zagi which flies up to 12 minutes with NiMH batteries.

Bob Balsie displayed a book entitled *Aircraft of World War II* which details 300 popular aircraft.

Bob Frey shown a NiMH battery pack.

Show and Tell Raffle

The show and tell raffle was won by Bob Frey.

Program

Discus Launched Gliders, given by Marc Trudeau.

AGS Annual Picnic

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Denise Gioffredo had a great idea for the children this year. She suggested having a craft session rather than games for a change.

So, you can treat your children to some fun. You can get ready to eat some great food, and finally an evening of wholesome fun for the whole family. As in the past we will end the evening with a campfire. Be sure to bring your musical instruments so we can have some instrumental support when the singing begins.



AGS is an AMA chartered club; to fly at AGS's field you must be covered under AMA insurance.

You can sign up or renew your membership online at

<http://modelaircraft.org>

For 2003, the rates are:

Regular Members—\$58

Seniors (proof of age required) - \$48

Junior Members (< 19yrs old)

\$15 w/magazine

\$1 w/o magazine

AGS FLIGHT SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR'S PICNIC

Gib Vandling – Flight School Coordinator

The now-annual party for the AGS flight instructors and helpers hosted by the students was held Wednesday July 23. Don Green readily agreed to coordinate this feast and he brought hamburgers and both chicken and beef spiedies, buns and other such. Other students brought essentials like potato salad, baked beans, dessert and other things that make a picnic a picnic. A tip of the hat to Don and the others that made this event a success.

The instructors were well represented and really seemed to enjoy themselves: the students less well represented but those that came seemed to have a good time as well.



Picnic Photos on the right:

Top: Lots of great food was served at the Instructor's Picnic

Middle: Students say "Thank You" to the instructors and helpers with a great picnic.

Bottom: Gib Vandling (left) oversees operations at the Instructor's picnic.



Attention!

Field Speed Limit: 10 mph

Now that flying season is in session, watch your **SPEED** on the road to the field. Keep it around 10 mph or less.

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.

VR/CS Golden Eagles Chapter to Host Vintage Plane Reunion

by Bob Noll

It's called the Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion, named after the RC gatherings held in the 50's and 60's in Selinsgrove, PA on Labor Day weekend. It is the annual reunion held in the Northeast where many members of the Vintage Radio Control Society gather to fly planes designed prior to 1970.

This year's event will be held at Zaventon Airport in Montrose, PA and is hosted by members of the AGS who have formed the VR/CS Chapter III, Golden Eagles. Flying will take place both Saturday, August 30 and Sunday, August 31 and a banquet will be held on Saturday evening.

If you have a plane designed prior to 1970, drop by and fly and see some of the designs that were flying in the Golden Age of RC. Note that the plane can be newly build as long as it is a copy of the old design.

AGS'er at the Precision Aerobatics Nats.

by Bob Noll

If you haven't been to the AMA International Aeromodeling Site at Muncie, IN, do so when you get a chance. It's a twelve hour drive, including stops for food and gas, but it will be worth your while. Besides the magnificent site for model aircraft of all types, the AMA Museum and new headquarters building are a great visit.

Several AGS members have been making that trip for several years each summer during the Precision Aerobatics National Competition. I was the Event Director for three years for this event and recruited several AGS members to help me. Jim McKeown, Terry Terrenoire and Art Riegald are still working as part of the event staff that work hard to put on this prestigious national event.

This was the first year that I flew in the competition at this fine facility. I now have seen the Nats operation from both sides and it is great to meet friends from all around the country, no matter what side of the flight line you are on.

STRC Pylon Races #5 and #6

by Rick Allabaugh

On July 8th, we held our fifth STRC pylon race. Unfortunately for me, it was a night I won't ever forget. Anything and everything went wrong with the McDonalds racer. But with the help of Art Riegald, Bob Noll and Frank Gioffredo, I was ready for my first racing heat. Just as Frank let go of the plane, the rudder fell off due to a very poor glue joint. Just minutes before, I was flying some practice laps. I'm just thankful that the rudder didn't fall off during that time. To make matters worse, Jerry Roscoe and the John Deere racer were having radio interference problems so he was forced out of racing for the night. Regardless of these minor incidences, the racing between Bob Noll's Niagara racer, Jim Quinn's STP racer, Art Riegald's Jeff Gordon racer and Terry Terrenoire's Tide racer was extremely tight. In the end Bob and Art tied with 8 points, Terry and Jim tied with 7 points, Frank captured 5 points, Jerry received 1 point, and I got a big goose egg.

On August 5th, we held our 6th STRC pylon race. Even though the weather looked rough, we had a great night of flying. My thanks to those helpers who came out to give us a hand. We were quite understaffed for this race, some guys pulled double duty, but by the end of the night, we had all of our heats completed. Prior to starting the races, Art sat down with me and explained how to properly set up the races to ensure that they were more equally balanced. This way, an extremely good pilot can't always race newer pilots and easily take first place. It took a while to figure out, but in the end, the races were much more exciting. Jim Quinn's STP racer, Terry Terrenoire's Tide racer and Bob Noll's Niagara racer were all running quick. Frank and I tried to catch them with the Budweiser and McDonald's racers, but in the end we were better off flying a straight course and hoping that the others would cut a corner and lose a lap. Must be beer and grease are no competition for well oiled, clean, stiff racers. At the end of the night, Bob received 9 points, Terry and Art each received 7 points, I received 6 points (and I kicked Frank's butt...), Jim received 5 points and Frank received 3 points. I'll have the season point standings at the next meeting.

AGS Member Heads Special Children's Activity
by Bob Noll

I was invited to take pictures at the closing session of an Airplane Appreciation Activity held recently at the St. James School in JC. Steven Bard, assisted by past AGS members Charlie Tarricone and Myron Cary, have been devoting much of their time teaching model aviation to 9 thru 12 years olds at the Endicott Boys and Girls Club as well as at several schools in our area.

It was a delightful experience seeing these young people's excitement when the planes they worked on for several hours took to the air. Both boys and girls build the original design rubber powered planes from stick and tissue. Plans are available at JG's.

The course consists of four sessions. First, they put the sticks together using white glue. Steven says he uses the white glue rather than CA glue because it is harmless and makes the children understand the importance of patience. "No instant gratification here", said Steven!

The covering goes on during the second session. Again, white glue is used and in the third session the dihedral is placed in the wing and the stab is glued to the fuselage. At the fourth session the students are taught how to find the CG and glue the wing in place. The fourth session finishes with the first flight on the planes. The expression of satisfaction on all of the children's faces is worth a million bucks as they witness the results of their work and patience.

My hat is off to Steven, Charlie and Myron for their effort to help our young people appreciate the worthwhile endeavor of model aviation.



Steve Bard assists a student at Airplane Appreciation

AMA Nationals Pictures



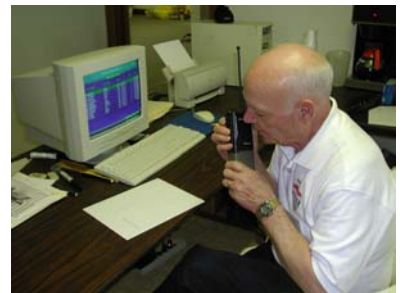
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