

The CONNECTOR

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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Maine-Endwell High School, Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez
Terry
Terrenoire



Well, that went pretty badly! All in all, I really did not introduce my idea very well at the last meeting, and I only sent it out as a teaser in the last Connector. The subject, you ask? Why the new roofing for the pavilions, of course! Since I had received a resounding "no response" from my repeated pleas for the past 6 months to have someone volunteer to be Field Chairman, I had an opportunity to get some ideas from a client who has nearly 10 years of selling and installing steel roofing, along with the more "conventional" roofing. What I did was simply get an opinion and preliminary cost estimate of this potential alternative. It turns out to have a cost of 3 times the rolled roofing, with about a 6 times life expectancy. This is also very close to the cost of a 30 year shingled roof, but with about 3 times the life expectancy.

Since Art seemed to be the only one in the room with years of experience installing all types of roofing, I am glad that he agreed to follow up on the various alternatives and I hope he will be able to give us a summary at the next meeting. He did call me at the Board meeting and told me that we could do the rolled roofing for both pavilions for about \$400. At this point my main concern is for the removal and disposal of the existing shingles from the main pavilion, if we choose to go this way. My second concern is for the members of the club who will have to do it all over again in 12 to 15 years.

One of the "objections" voiced at the last meeting was that we did not know how long we would be up there, and maybe it would not be another 10 or 15 years. That may be the case, but with a 50 history for this club, don't we want to plan long term? If the founders had not planned long term we never would have purchased the property in the first place. That long term planning began in 1958 with the purchase of our original 16 acres, then proceeded to the purchase of 68 acres in 1975, and then resulted in the purchase of an additional 24 acres in 1988.

Over and above our budget, we have put \$600 of receipts into our checking account in the past 2 months.

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Coming Events

April 5 - - - - - 6:00 PM

Indoor Flying
T.J. Watson Elementary

April 6 - - - - - 7:30 PM

Monthly Meeting
Maine-Endwell High School

April 12 - - - - - 6:00 PM

Indoor Flying
Root Two Aerodrome

April 24 - - - - - 9:00 AM

Field Cleanup
AGS Field

April 25 - - - - - 9:00 AM

Field Cleanup Rain Date
Busch Development Day
AGS Field

May 4 - - - - - 7:30 PM

Monthly Meeting
Maine-Endwell High School

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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 Prez Sez

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It looks like we will be able to significantly cut the number of Connectors that have to be mailed in the next few months, and that will result in several hundred dollars in savings. I can think of no better way to turn these dollars into long-term benefits for all club members, both current and future, than to invest in a roof that will last a lifetime for the main pavilion.

My personal vote is for the steel, but it is only 1 vote, so I will back out of the fray, and let the membership decide. I feel bad that we will have to take precious time from the Project night meeting for this, but we have to get the material in place for the 4/24 work party.

On to a less controversial subject: The annual Project Night meeting. Once again it is time to pull the new projects out for the world to see. Whatever you have been working on this winter, finished or not, take it to the meeting, and let us know about it. For every project shown, your name will be entered for a drawing at the end of the night. We will be giving away 4 gallons of fuel to 4 lucky winners. Maybe those who have converted to electric could trade it back to GJ's for a battery!

Good luck!
Terry T.

***New Distribution
Guidelines for Hard
Copies of the Connector***

A motion was made and carried at the March general meeting to move to email distribution of the Connector in order to save money on the high cost of printing and mailing the Connector. As a result of this motion, distribution of the Connector will default to email soft copy for all members. Hard copies of the Connector will still be available. In order to continue to receive the hard copy of the newsletter, each member must specifically request that they receive the hard copy by contacting Paul Cushing at 748-9033 or PaulFCushing@worldnet.att.net.

Members who have email addresses but do not want them to be disclosed to the rest of the membership may request that Paul keep their address confidential, and it will not be published in any form, or appear in *The Connector* distribution.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
MAINE-ENDWELL HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 6th @ 7:30 pm**

AGS On-Line

* **Bold type** indicates additions or changes to e-mail address

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Historian Report

By Jerry Roscoe – Club Historian

Paul Cushing (AGS club treasurer) sent me a note saying the AGS Photo CD's (includes all the photos taken in the years 2002 and 2003 and a copy of each month's Connector) were going like hot cakes at the last meeting and there are only a few left. The CD also includes photos other members gave me and has many more photos than the Club Photo album.

One thing I forgot to mention in the last connector is that the photos are organized in separate subdirectories for each year containing separate subdirectories for each club event. The *Connectors* are organized by year. This should make it easy to find the event photos or *Connector* you're interested in without having to look at hundreds of photos. Several of the photos even have descriptive names.

In case you're wondering how to view the photos: In Windows XP, use Windows Explorer to look at each subdirectory. Once in the subdirectory go to the view menu at the top of the window and turn on thumbnail. This gives you small thumbnail view of each photo on the CD. If you prefer to view them as a slide show highlight / select the photos you want in your slide show (*ed: Control-A will select everything*) then right click on the highlighted photos and select PREVIEW. Once in preview you can select Slide Show in the bottom of the screen or go through them one at a time manually with the arrows. Another program I like to use is Thumbsplus. If you have any questions give me a call.

If you missed out and didn't get one, this is a great way to remember the year and have a copy of each month's *Connector*. You can't beat the price of only \$5.00 and it will help the club out also. Club members are welcome to browse through the Club Photo Album at any time.

BTW the CD comes with a satisfaction guarantee. If for some reason the CD doesn't work in your PC, please let me know and I'll burn you a new one or we can give you, your money back.

AGS Meeting #680 March 2, 2004

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Terry Terrenoire. Present at the meeting were approximately 25 members and no guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published in the Connector.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Terry mentioned that both of the pavilions at the field need to be re-roofed. He stated that he had investigated the possibility of using steel roofing materials this time, which should make further roof maintenance unnecessary. This issue was described at length, and a full report of this subject is given later in these minutes.

VP's report:

Annual Banquet – The annual banquet will held on March 27th. The evening will begin with dinner at Russell's Steak House in Endicott at 5:45 pm, followed by a play at the Cider Mill Playhouse at 8:15 pm. Tickets for the play may be purchased by calling 748-7363. All are encouraged to attend.

Scott also noted that the new Field Rules need to be voted on.

Secretary's report:

The board meeting minutes from January and February were read. (There was no general meeting in February due to inclement weather).

The secretary also informed the members present that AMA had sent our club a plaque, and a set of embroidered patches for all members, to commemorate our ten years as a Gold leader club.

In addition, the secretary informed the members present of a request by

the U.S. Scale Team asking us to donate funds to help them to defray the expenses of traveling to Poland for the Scale World Championships. They are selling raffle tickets as well to raise funds, and are offering an impressive group of prizes. Please contact the secretary if you are interested in making a personal donation, or if you would like to purchase a ticket for this raffle.

Treasurer's report:

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

Committee Reports

Membership

There are no associate members eligible for a vote at this meeting. There were no guests at the meeting. Don Shugard is our newest associate member.

Rick also mentioned that he is in need of sponsors for new members.

Committee Chairmen Needed

Chairpersons are still needed for the following committees:

Program
Field

These are both important positions in the club. If you can see your way to filling one of the positions, please contact Terry.

Librarian Report

The librarian was not present.

Activities

The annual banquet is our next activity, as mentioned in the Vice President's report.

The Field Opening is scheduled for April 24th, with the rain date being April 25th. Both pavilions need to be re-roofed and it is planned to do this at the Field Opening.

Old Business

Explorer Scouts Modeling Class

The next classes for the Explorer Scouts modeling class will be held on March 9th, and possibly March 16th or March 30th. Please contact Terry if you can help. Terry also needs four Monokote irons and four Monokote heat guns for use at the class. If you can help with one (or both) of these items, please drop them off at G.J.'s Hobbies for Terry to pick up.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at Charlie Lecher's house on March 8th.

Field Rules

The new Field Rules were voted on and approved by the members present.

Hats and Jackets

Rick reported on his work in choosing new hats and jackets for the club. Zappia's quoted a price for a newer style hat at \$7.95 each, for a quantity of 48 hats. The price includes an embroidered AGS logo. Their price for jackets was \$45.00 each, plus the cost of the AGS patch. Rick also reported that AMA sells hats which can have our logo printed on them at a cost of \$5.00 each. Rick asks that the membership get back to him with their opinions.

Annual Aerobatics Contest

The annual Aerobatics Contest will be held this year, once again, at the old site of the Blue Swan airport on August 7th and 8th.

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**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR
THE CONNECTOR IS THE
3RD SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH**

Meeting Minutes

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New Business

Leader Club Status

Our status as an AMA Gold Leader Club was once more confirmed by AMA.

Pavilion Re-roofing

As mentioned in the President's Report, Terry noted that the roofs on both of the pavilions at our field were in need of replacement. He further stated that he had looked into the cost of metal roofing, which would make it unnecessary to do any roof maintenance in the future. He stated that the cost for metal roofing would be approximately \$700.00. In general, this suggestion was met with a negative reaction from the members present, who felt that the cost was too high. Most felt that ordinary shingles or roll roofing was more affordable. After some discussion, Art Riegel volunteered to get prices on having the roofing replaced with each of the three aforementioned materials.

Connector Distribution

It was noted that the cost of printing and mailing hard copies of the Connector each month amounted to an expense for the club of approximately \$700.00 per year – our largest single expense. Since distribution of the Connector by email is possible and is presently being done, the Board had suggested that those people who wanted to continue to receive a hard copy of the Connector be asked to pay \$12.00 per year to defray the expenses of printing and mailing.

A motion was made and seconded that members who currently receive hard copies of the newsletter, and who still wish to receive hard copies, must specifically request the hardcopy, or distribution to them will revert to email softcopy.

During the discussion, the following points were discussed:

Since many members did not want their email addresses to appear in email correspondence, it was suggested that Blind Carbon Copy (BCC), be used in the distribution list to hide email addresses.

Keep the current hard copy distribution and raise dues to cover the extra expense.

Put email distribution in image file format to prevent the information from being read by other programs.

A notice about the need to request continued distribution by hard copy will be printed in the next issue of the Connector.

The above motion was approved by a vote of 23 – 2.

Show-N-Tell

Charlie Lecher showed a foam electric biplane which comes with an electric motor winder.

Dave Merithew displayed the March and April, 1964, issues of American Modeler, and the May and June, 1966, issues of American Modeler which contained plans for models by our own Dick Allen and Ralph Jackson. He also displayed his *Rumpus* vintage model with proportional escapement controls and real Veco wheels. In addition he showed his Aeronca *Defender* electric model.

Ken Maroni showed his plans for the *Extra 300*, along with laser-cut parts for the model.

Tom Kopl displayed his nicely done Sig *Kougar*, .46 sized model.

Ed Helinski showed a home made sander for sanding large pieces of wood.

Tony Cammarata displayed his *Top Dawg* which he describes as a work in progress.

Bob Frey showed his electric *Zagi Fixx*. He did not recommend it because its aerobatic capabilities are limited. He also showed his Potenski *Cobra* from Hobby Lobby which uses a PJS *Outrunner* motor.

Terry Terrenoire displayed his *Angelis 400* model which uses a Hacker electric motor.

Jim McKeown showed his plans for the *Santos Dumont*, a 30" electric model.

Mark Lecher brought his laptop computer and showed a screen saver program he had designed that incorporates photos from the last Mall Show.

Show-N-Tell Winner

The show and tell drawing winner was Bob Frey.

Program

A slide show detailing the most recent World Aerobatics championship was given by Bob Noll.

Cancellation of AGS Meetings: In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Maine-Endwell High School night activities are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

Membership Report

By Rick Allabaugh
Membership Chairman

I'd like to thank those people who volunteered at the last meeting to be sponsors for new members. They are: Tom Kopl, Ken Maroni, Frank Gioffredo, Tony Cammarata, Charlie Hatton, Jim Quinn, Charlie Pear-sall, Gib Vandling, Bob Noll, Matt Struck, Bob Frey and Dave Merithew. Once a person has submitted a membership application, proven AMA membership and paid the initial dues, I'll be assigning him/her two sponsors. The role of the sponsor will be to answer questions an Associate Member may have regarding our club, club policies, building or flying.

I don't think this made it into the last Connector, but we have one new member this month; Don Shugard. Don is currently in the process of moving to our area from New Jersey so he may not be around as much as he would like to be this summer. Don has a wife, Ann, two daughters, Danielle and Jackie, and is interested in sport flying. He will be up for voting in as a Regular Member at the August meeting. Welcome to the AGS Don!

At the last meeting there were no visitors and there are no members to vote on at the April meeting.

Ed: The following wasn't included last month, so I've included it here

February Membership Report

By Tony Cammarata

Greetings and salutations to all. As you all may know by now; Rick Allabaugh has assumed the responsibilities of Membership Chairman. I take this opportunity to thank all members that graciously served as sponsors and helped our new associates along the way to regular membership.

AGS Jackets and Hats

By Rick Allabaugh

Over the last few months, I've been working with Zappia's out of Vestal to "bring up to date" our club jacket and hat. After many meetings with staff at Zappia's, I have finally narrowed it down to the following:

Jacket: Made in the USA, Oxford Nylon shell; special water and resistant finish, quilt lined with an inside pocket and two exterior pockets. For those who may not see this picture in color, I am proposing to go with the navy blue jacket with white accent stripes. The jacket has fitted cuffs, fitted waist, and fitted collar. The cost for the jacket is approximately \$45.00.



This is where I need the Membership's help!!!


Review the pictures, e-mail or call me if you have any questions. I'm looking for negative feedback only.

If you are not at the April meeting and I have not heard any negative comments from you, I'm going to assume that you are in favor of the new styles. At the April meeting, I'm going to ask for a final club vote and either proceed with the new jacket and hat or drop the whole thing in its entirety.

Hats: 6-panel, 100% Cotton, one size fits all hat with adjustable plastic strap in back. The cost for the hat and AGS logo screen printed on an iron on patch (similar to what we have now) would be between \$7 and \$12 depending on quantity ordered.

I'm also working with AMA's Custom Products Department because in conversations I've had with them, they can provide a similar quality hat product with AGS logo for \$5 per hat. Hopefully by the April meeting I'll have more information from them.





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.

AGS FLIGHT SCHOOL 2004

By Gib Vandling –AGS Flight School
Chairman

AGS conducts a flight school annually. Members interested in participating in the flight school may sign up at the April or May AGS meetings or contact Gib Vandling the flight school coordinator. We are looking for students, instructors and helpers.

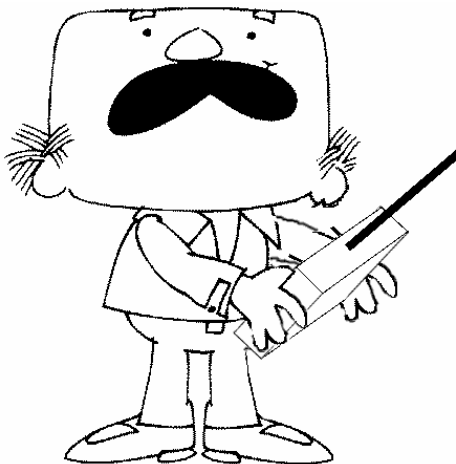
Flight school is held Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings and it begins on May 5th. EVERYONE, including those who plan to attend Saturday flight school, is encouraged to attend an introduction at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday May the 5th.

In order to fly your plane it must be FIRST determined to be airworthy. There are a number of ways to do this. First, you can bring your plane to the May AGS meeting a half hour early at seven o'clock and someone will be there to check it..

Second all members have been assigned sponsors. You could contact your sponsor, or another experienced AGS member, and ask him to check your plane BEFORE you show up to fly at flight school.

Traditionally the flight school students host a picnic for the instructors and helpers on the Wednesday night following the last flight school session. This has always been a lot of fun for all and we'll eventually be looking for a volunteer/draftee to coordinate the picnic.

You can contact Gib Vandling by phone at 785-6498 or by email at "gvandlin@stny.rr.com".



Activities Report

By Brent Bryson – Activities Chairman

By the time you read this, the Annual Banquette will have been a success. I am sure it will have been a good time for all who attended.

The next activity is the Spring Field Cleanup Day. The date and time is April 24th at 9AM, with April 25th as a rain date. Terry will be making breakfast. The following is a list of the tasks that are planned:

- Set up sign (requires tools)
- Put up wind sock
- clean cob webs from outhouse and make sure there is paper and relatively clean (requires broom)
- put out benches
- put up field box (freq pins, trainer boxes and cords, etc.)
- set up utility box
- clean foreign objects from runway and pits
- road gravel work (requires shovels, and rakes)
- check out all the mechanical operations of the tractor and mower
- Also, we may be repairing the pavilion roof. This will be discussed at the April Meeting, (Art Riegel is looking into roofing options, so if you have an opinion about roofing and costs, you should be at the meeting.).

Activities Calendar Change

Pattern Primer originally
scheduled for June 12, 2004
Has been changed to
June 5, 2004

Firebirds R/C swap meet
April 3, 2004 10am-3pm

Location:

American Legion Post 25, 43 West
Main Street, Mohawk, NY
(about 2.5 hours from Binghamton)

More info www.mvfirebirds.com

Our Golden Anniversary is Coming

by Bob Noll

The Aeroguidance Society will be celebrating a very special milestone next year and it's not too soon to begin the planning. It's time to think about how we should recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of our club and its many contributions.

In order that this milestone receives the proper recognition that it deserves, I am asking for all those who would like to join me on a 50th Anniversary Committee to sign up at the next meeting or contact me if you cannot attend the meeting. I hope that all of our long term members will contribute to this effort.

I will be getting the committee together in April to start the planning. It's not too early to begin and the bigger the committee, the better. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.



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 2004, the rates are:

Regular Members—\$58

Seniors (proof of age required) - \$48

Junior Members (< 19yrs old)

\$15 w/

magazine

APRIL PROGRAM



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