

# 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, maybe we can finally put the roof debate to bed. During the April Board meeting all seven members discussed the pros and cons of all 3 options. Six of the seven favor the installation of a new standard shingle roof over the existing shingles. One of those 6 was willing to support a steel installation if the majority went for it. Here is a summary of the discussion.

**Facts:**

*Rolled roofing:*

Easy to apply  
Costs: approximately \$270;  
Life expectancy: 10 to 15 years.

*Shingles:*

Labor intensive to install;  
Cost: approximately \$265 for 25 yr, \$365 for 30 yr  
Life expectancy: 25 to 30 years.

*Steel:*

Easy to apply  
Cost: approximately \$730  
Life expectancy: 75+ years.

**Objections:** Objections to the steel were cost, and a general unfamiliarity with the material. Objections to the rolled roof were cost relative to life expectancy, appearance, and additional cost in manpower and money for the removal of the old shingles, or the risk of reduced life if installed over the existing shingles. There were no objections to the shingle option. It is a medium everyone is familiar with, the cost is the same as the rolled roof material, and the life expectancy is well understood.

**Conclusion:** The Board is recommending that we replace the roof with new shingles.

Now, on to another difficult subject, new officers are needed in the next 5 months. At the Board meeting, Bob Balsie said that he would be willing to move into the position of Treasurer next year. Thank you, Bob. That leaves President, VP, Secretary, and Board Member at Large available for some enthusiastic individuals. In the past we have established a nominating committee to recruit for these positions. This method has been met with varying degrees of success. At this point, I am encouraging all Board members to recruit members to fill their positions. If you are interested in serving, either on a nominating committee, or as an officer next year, please contact any Board member.

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*Coming Events*

**May 4 - - - - - 7:30 PM**  
Monthly Meeting  
Maine-Endwell High School

**May 5 - - - - - 7:00 PM**  
Primary Flight School Begins  
AGS Field

**May 11 - - - - - 7:00 PM**  
STRC Race #1  
AGS Field

**May 25 - - - - - 7:00 PM**  
STRC Race #2  
AGS Field

**June 1 - - - - - 7:30 PM**  
Monthly Meeting  
AGS Field

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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.

**Membership Report**

by Rick Allabaugh –  
Membership Committee Chairman

**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL**

**MEMBERS:** Please make sure you're up to date with AMA. At last check we still had a few members in the club who paid AGS dues, but as of a few weeks ago, did not have current AMA.

We had one guest at our last meeting. John Herzing wishes to join the AGS and has already purchased a plane with the guidance of Art Riegal. John has been involved with R/C cars for many years and is not new to the hobby.

No new Associate Members were voted on at the last meeting and there are no Associate Members to vote on at the next meeting.

**ITS TIME TO  
GO RACING!**

by Bob Noll

**Sunday, April 25, 4 PM** - Get those racers ready for a new season of racing. We will be holding our annual Busch Development Day. This is a chance for all pilots to test fly their planes and for the Busch pilots to practice on the race course. All Nextel pilots who are in town should plan to help at 4 PM when we will set up the race course and help the newer pilots get accustomed to flying the course.

**Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM**  
- STRC Race #1.

**Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 PM**  
- STRC Race #2.

***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  
MAY 4th @ 7:30 pm**

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

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## AGS FLIGHT SCHOOL

By Gib Vandling – Flight School Coordinator

The AGS flight school starts Wednesday May 5, with an introduction by Bob Noll at 6:30 sharp. Both Wednesday and Saturday students are urged to attend. Bob gives a great talk and just walking with him to the center of the runway and getting oriented on the runways can save you a plane, a crash or a difficult retrieval. May the 5th is the first Wednesday in May and is easy to remember because it is the day after the May meeting.

To date the participants are:

### **Students:**

John Harzing	625-2481	JHERZING88@stny.rr.com
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Gil Vandling	785-7948	Ombro0147@stny.rr.com
Wed		
Don Green	754-0087	keebling87@aol.com
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Coordinator: Gib Vandling 785-6598  
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There is plenty of time to sign up at the May meeting, at flight school May 5, or you can call the coordinator.

There is one important GROUND RULE. A student is required to make an appointment with an instructor each time INSTEAD of just showing up at flight school. The helps ensure that an instructor shows up and has no student on a particular night or vice versa.

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

## **AGS Meeting #681 April 6, 2004**

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by vice president Scott Blazicek. Present at the meeting were approximately 30 members and 1 guest.

### **Meeting Minutes**

There were two corrections to the minutes from the March meeting.

The AGS patch to be affixed to our new hats will be printed, not embroidered.

Art Riegal agreed to get prices for rolled roofing on our pavilions, but not for shingles or steel.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President's report:**

Bill Heinrichsen has just purchased a new stone rake for his tractor. He told Terry that he will bring them to the field for road maintenance if we need them.

#### **VP's report:**

The annual banquet was a success with the exception of the space available at the dinner.

Scott also discussed the mowing list, and the list was passed around for signup.

#### **Secretary's report:**

The board meeting minutes from March were read.

The secretary also informed the members present there were still Gold Leader patches available for those who did not get one at the March meeting.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer's report was given by Paul Cushing and was accepted. Paul also informed the members that copies of the new bylaws were avail-

able for pickup after the meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

There are no associate members eligible for a vote at this meeting. There was one guest at the meeting.

#### **Committee Chairmen Needed**

A chairperson is still needed for the Field Committee. This is an important position in the club. If you can see your way to filling it, please contact Terry.

#### **Librarian Report**

The librarian was not present.

#### **Activities**

The Field Opening is scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, with the rain date being April 25<sup>th</sup>. Brent Bryson will coordinate this activity. Please call Brent if you have questions.

### **Old Business**

#### **Explorer Scouts Modeling Class**

Classes for the Explorer Scouts modeling class are continuing. Please contact Terry if you can help.

#### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at Terry Terrenoire's house on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Hats and Jackets**

Rick asked if there were any objections to the design that he had picked for our new jackets. None were voiced. Rick will recommend to the board that the design be accepted. The color chosen is navy blue with white stripes. He is still waiting for information from AMA on a new hat design. If it is not forthcoming, he will contact Zappia's to see what they can offer to us.

### **Pavilion Roofing**

Atr Riegal offered to head up the re-roofing of the pavilions if roll roofing is used.

### **Connector Distribution**

The Connector is now being distributed electronically to all but a few members. Jim McKeown thanked Pete Brayman for his help in getting some of the problems resolved with his electronic copy.

### **Frequency Sharing**

Bob Jennings has the agreement for 2004 in place. It will remain in effect until next year, or until AMA decides that there is no interference problem.

### **New Business**

#### **Golden Anniversary Committee**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the AGS. Bob Noll asked for volunteers for a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, to help plan events to celebrate the anniversary in a fitting manner.

#### **Flight School**

Gib Vandling asked students to bring their models to the next meeting. Gib also passed around a signup sheet and asked people to register as students, instructors, or helpers. Students should come to the first night of instruction at 6:30 pm. Advanced students are also welcome to attend the flight school.

#### **U.S. Scale Team Donation**

A donation of \$50.00 for the U.S. Scale Team (R/C and Control Line) was approved by a vote of 28 – 2.

### **Program**

Project Night.



**AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY**

**AEROBATIC PRIMER**

**SATURDAY  
JUNE 5, 2004**

**AGS AIRPORT**

**10:00 AEROBATIC SEMINAR**

**12:00 LUNCH**

**12:30 SPORTSMAN CONTEST**

For more information contact Jim Quinn

**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.

## AGS AEROBATIC PRIMER 2004

by: Jim Quinn

June 5 should be a great day for the AGS if the weather cooperates. This is the date for our Annual Aerobatic Primer. This event is for all non competitive aerobatic pilots. Anyone who has ever competed in a sanctioned AMA aerobatic contest will not be permitted to fly in this event.

As I always say there is a particular challenge in flying maneuvers on demand. That maneuver could be as fundamental as straight flight, or a loop, or a roll. Doing it in a particular location at a requested time makes even the most fundamental maneuver more challenging.

If you want to get serious about improving your flying skills please join us at 10:00AM on Saturday, June 5, 2004

There will be flying and setup tips at 10:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00N and the contest will follow lunch.

The maneuvers to be flown are the SPORTSMAN (401) series as set forth in the AMA rule book. The maneuvers are: TAKEOFF, STRAIGHT FLIGHT OUT, HALF REVERSE CUBAN EIGHT, STRAIGHT FLIGHT BACK, HALF CUBAN EIGHT, TWO INSIDE LOOPS. TWO POINT ROLL, STALL TURN, COBRA WITHOUT ROLLS, IMMELMANN TURN, ONE HORIZONTAL ROLL, SPLIT "S", DOUBLE IMMELMANN WITHOUT ROLLS. Now you set up for your final maneuver, obviously LANDING.

This year there will be three judged flights. The first flight will include all the above maneuvers but they will be flown one at a time, in the center. not in the AMA 401 scheduled sequence. The second flight will include all the above maneuvers as flown in the AMA 401 schedule with centered and turn around maneuvers. The third flight will consist of any eight (8) maneuvers you select out of the above list. You will have to select centered and turn around maneuvers. You may repeat one centered and one turn around maneuver.

Turn around maneuvers are underlined and in italics.

If you are confused by any of the maneuvers they will all be flown with a hand model and in the air, if you wish, before the contest starts. If you would like some extra practice time, please feel free to contact me any time.

## Put These Dates on Your Family Calendar

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

I have received the AMA sanction for our Annual Precision Aerobatics Contest. Put the dates of **August 7 & 8** on your calendar now and alert the family. This traditional event is the largest event on our activities calendar and will require the help of many members.

We will be hosting this prestigious event for the 49<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and will be returning to the Blue Swan Airport in Sayre, PA. There are jobs for everyone, from our experienced to our newest members.

## AGS Jackets

By Rick Allabaugh

The AGS has a new Jacket! The picture in last month's Connector showed the style of jacket I was looking at. The model shown was the "Heritage". Unfortunately, it should have been the "Veteran". They are identical jackets but the "Heritage" is made over seas and the "Veteran" is made in the USA. There was only \$10 difference between the two jackets, so I opted to go with the "Veteran".

The "Veteran" is available in Small - 3X and Tall LT--3XT. At the next meeting, I'll have samples of a Large and X-Large. Zappia's will also transfer our patches from the old jacket to the new jacket for a fee.

I'm going to try and organize a club order. In the next Connector, I'll have an order form with the applicable prices in it. See you all at the next meeting with our new jacket!

## SHOW OFF YOUR RACERS!

by Bob Noll

A call to all STRC racers! Bring **all** of your pylon racers to the May meeting. Let's see how many we can have on display. It should be a colorful collection and should get the adrenaline rolling.

I will have the 2004 STRC Race Booklet there for all who plan to race this year. Since the race registration fee is \$5, you will get a free book when you pay your registration fee.



### 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.

## Field Mowing List 2004

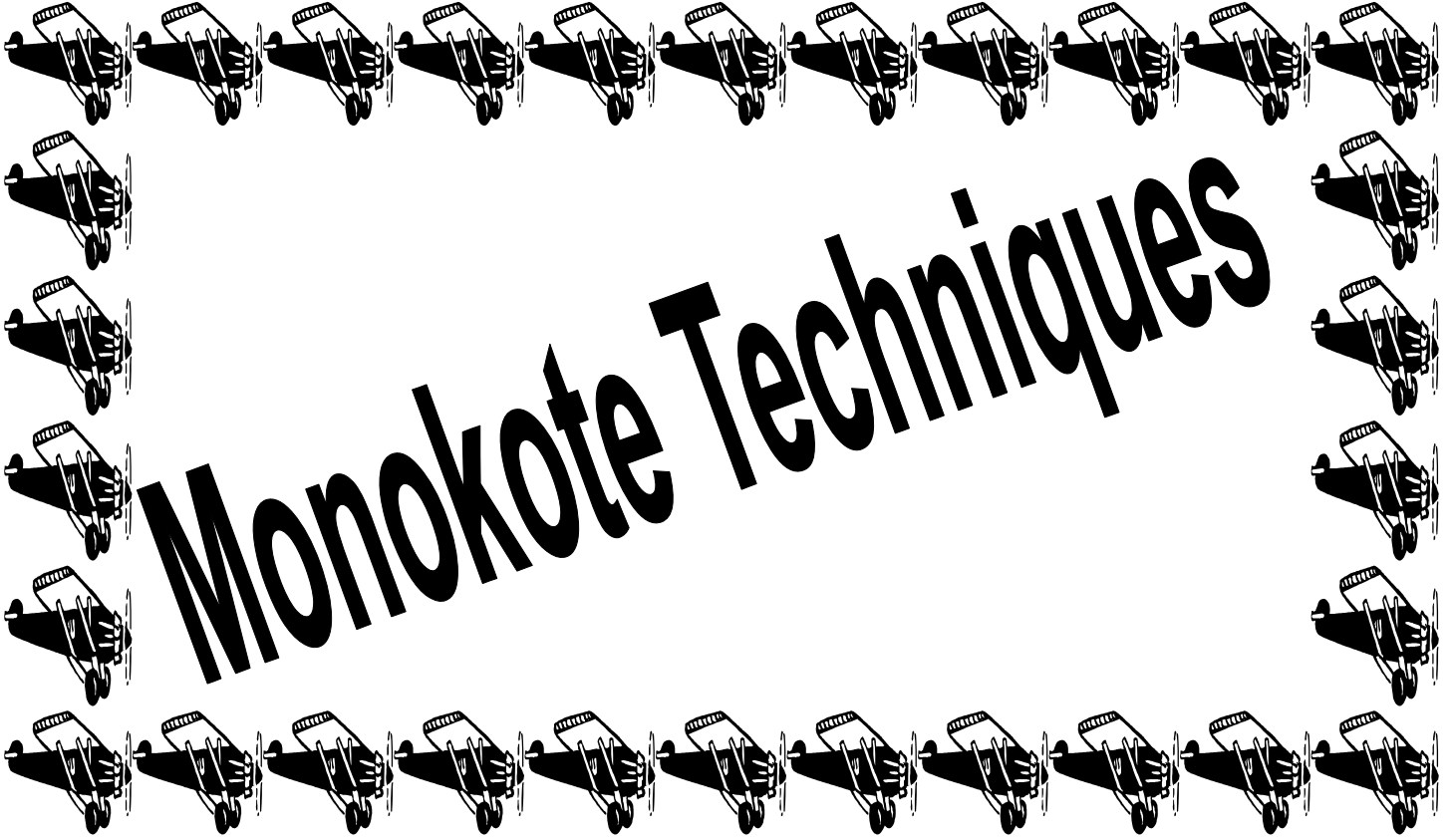
**YOU WILL NOTE THAT THREE PEOPLE ARE ASSIGNED TO EACH MOWING TEAM  
LEAD TEAM MEMBER MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH TRACTOR AND MOWER OPERATION.**

Responsibilities:

- 1) **Ensure that all mowing is completed between Thursday and Saturday noon.**
- 2) Use the tractor/flail mower set at low height for runways.
- 3) Use tractor/flail mower set at high for parking area and around small pavilion.
- 4) Use the tractor/flail mower set at high for road to pavilion and around large pavilion.
- 5) Use hand mower for area near fences and around both pavilions.
- 6) Use personal weed whacker if possible around bottom of fence and pavilion posts.
- 7) Clean outhouse with water and detergent, sweep floor and replenish toilet paper.
- 8) Report any problems to the Field Chairman.

WEEK of		LEAD TEAM MEMBER	MEMBER #2	MEMBER #3
Saturday:				
May	1	Paul Cushing	Charlie Pearsall	Scott Blazicek
	8	Bob Balsie	Brent Bryson	
	15			
	22	Charles Lecher	Mark Lecher	
	29	Art Riegal	Bob Noll	
June	5		Don Green	
	12			
	19			
	26			
July	3			
	10	Bob Balsie	Scott Wallace	
	17	Rich Allabaugh	Frang Gioffredo	Dave Lewis
	24			
	31	Bob Frey	Bill Underkoeffler	Jim McKeown
Aug	7		Don Green	
	14			
	21			
	28	Ken Maroni	Jerry Riegal	
Sep	4			
	11	Bob Balsie	Dave Merithew	Don Shugard
	18		Gib Vandling	Gil Vandling
	25			
Oct	2	Ed Helinski	Bill Markovitz	

# MAY PROGRAM



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