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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
Frank
Gioffredo

Here we are heading into March. Spring is right around the corner. Fortunately winter has been reasonably mild, and there is light at the end of that cold tunnel; warm weather is coming. For those of you who did not attend, the winter fly was a lot of fun. Temps were not too bad, and there was almost no wind. The only thing we had to deal with were a few stubborn snow flurries. We had five pilots and four or five spectators/supporters. I believe all had a good time; each of us got several flights in. I personally got four flights on the new Funtana, which I think lives up to its name. I am having a great time flying it. It was good to see Rick at the controls again, I think he got five flights in. One note of interest, of all who attended, four of us were board members, three being pilots. Terry supplied some chili and coffee but we could not get the grill going to cook the dogs. I still think everyone had a good time. Thanks, Terry.

The logging has been put on hold due to road and field conditions. The board listened to some points of interest brought to our attention about logging the field but concluded that Mike Finnerty would still be doing the logging. Mike made an attempt to get to our field but could not even take his truck onto Warrick Rd. He immediately contacted me to inform me of the situation. Mike recommended that we wait for the field and road to refreeze or for things to dry out to allow better access. I will be staying in touch with Mike and hope we don't have to wait until next winter's freeze to get in. He shows genuine interest in keeping us happy; I like that.

I noticed that we had great attendance at the last meeting. I attribute that to Bob Noll and the movies he has shown. We will be showing additional movies the month; look for info from Bob in this issue on times again. I wish I could get there sooner, but work and family don't allow.

The Annual Dinner Party is right around the corner. Make plans to attend; it sounds like it will be a lot of fun. Brett and Gib have been pretty busy setting things up. Well it is getting late and I've got airplanes to work on. So keep the nose up and we'll see everybody at the meeting



Activities

Brent Bryson

The Winter Fly was a great success despite the ongoing snowfall and cold (the cold was mitigated by good company, and also by the hot chili and hot coffee that Terry served). Bob Frey made the first flight of the day. I don't remember the order after that, but soon Frank Gioffredo, Rick Allabaugh, Terry Terrenoire, and myself were joining Bob and braving the deadly icing conditions by taking to the snowy skies. Bob flew off wheels. Frank, and Rick flew off skis. Terry and I flew off floats.

Our next activity is the Annual Project Night, at the regular Tuesday general meeting on April 5th. This is a chance

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Coming Events

Annual Dinner PartyApr 9
6:00 PM Two's Company

Field Cleanup.....Apr 23
AGS Field

Busch Development Day.....Apr 24
AGS Field

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 classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

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to show the membership what you have been building, and also to see what your fellow members have been working on.

After that is our Annual Dinner Party, held on Saturday evening on April 9th, starting

Annual AGS Dinner Party

Brent Bryson

This is a once a year opportunity to hobnob, socialize, consort, and otherwise mingle with our fellow modeling enthusiasts and their spouses or significant others. It is also an opportunity to provide our spouses or significant others (who have had to tolerate our modeling indulgences throughout the year) with a well deserved evening out.

This year is our Club's Golden Anniversary, and we would like to get 100% attendance. Members of neighboring model clubs, and other friends of AGS (as well as their spouses or significant others) are also welcome (help getting the word out to our friends is welcome).

This year, our annual dinner party will be held at the Two's Company restaurant, located at the famous Enjoie Golf Club (Host of the BC Open) in Endicott, NY. This is a wonderful location with panoramic windows that look out onto the golf course. Dinner will be buffet style with a choice of three entrees and three side dishes. Dessert will be provided in the form of a special 50th Anniversary cake, and other specialty cakes.

There will be multiple forms of entertainment: Ancient Photos Board, Name Bingo during cocktail hour (a cash bar will be available), there will be a Trivia contest during dessert, wide screen TV for viewing videos (suggestions for videos is welcome), and there may also be a few other surprises.

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Did You Know?

By Bob Noll

DID YOU KNOW - THAT THE AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY AND SEVERAL OTHER AREA CLUBS FORMED AN ORGANIZATION TO GET TOGETHER AND FLY FUN EVENTS AT EACH OTHER'S FIELDS. CAN YOU NAME THE ORGANIZATION, NAME THE CLUBS INVOLVED AND NAME THE YEARS THAT THIS ORGANIZATION WAS IN EFFECT?

AGS Meeting #691 February 1, 2005

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Frank Gioffredo. Present at the meeting were approximately 31 members and 2 guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published in the Connector with 2 exceptions.

AGS shirts are available now- details under Old Business.
Winter Fly date was published as 1/12 under "coming events", date is 2/12.

Officer Reports

VP's report:

The Annual Dinner will be held the evening of April 9th at Two's Company. Please advise Brent Bryson if you & your spouse plan to attend so we can get an approximate headcount.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the January Board Meeting were read.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

A vote was held and associate Michael Budnovitch was welcomed as a full member of the AGS. In March we will be voting on Roy Dixon.

Librarian Report

Nothing to report.

Field

Refer to "New Business" section for details on a logging to be done at the field.

Field Opening (clean up) is scheduled for April 23rd.

Program

The March program will be given by Bill Underkofler and Ralph Jackson and will cover development of the early multi-engine RC models.

Old Business

AGS shirts are available through Rick Allabaugh. Cost is \$18.00 each; please contact Rick ASAP with your size if you want a club shirt. Rick will coordinate a group order similar to what was done last year with the Club Jack-ets.

If you have an old photo of yourself w/ a model-please contact Gib Vandling as he will use them in display at the banquet. This year's theme will involve the AGS 50th Anniversary. **Please** take a few minute to contribute something, this is a FUN idea and will be quite something to see at the Annual Banquet.

The Mall Show was a resounding success, the club recognized Bob and Jackie Balsie for their efforts to make this years show something special.

Next Board Meeting

The board meeting will be held at Frank Gioffredo's home on March 8th.

New Business

General

Mike Finnerty from 2 Brothers Logging was on hand to give a presentation and answer questions concerning logging to be done one the AGS property. He has received a unanimous vote from the AGS Board to log several areas within the AGS property. As the club is facing a serious expenditure to repair our road, the Board felt this was a win-win situation for the club. We hope to garner between \$6,000-

\$10,000 for the club from the sale of the timber.

The logging is expected to last 2-4 weeks. The club is looking for members that can meet Mike on Friday mornings at the field to attend to the weekly sales of the timber. Bob Noll has volunteered but we could use one or two other members. Please contact Frank Gioffredo is interested.

The AGS sign at the Pavilion is badly in need of replacement. Please contact Rick Allabaugh if you want to make a contribution to make that happen. It won't take too many of us donating \$5 each to make this happen.

Loss of a family member

Should an AGS member suffer the loss of an immediate family member, please contact any board member so that the club may make either a donation or provide flowers in accordance with the family's wishes.

Show-N-Tell

Terry Terrenoire displayed his Exceleron 90 pattern ARF. Model powered by a YS .91 engine. Terry also displayed the AGS and VRCS coffee mugs, which are available from Terry for \$7.50 each. These mugs can be customized with a photo of you and your aircraft.

Tony Cammarata displayed his framed up PT-17 Stearman biplane. Tony developed these plans himself and can make them available to club members. Model qualifies for Giant Scale events and will be powered by a Saito .91 engine.

Frank Gioffredo showed off his Funtana 3D ARF powered with a Saito .72 engine. Frank reports the engine has impressive power.

Program

Bob Noll put on a fabulous display and clinic covering early radio systems, complete with working mock-ups. Early escapements, compound escapements, Galloping Ghost and "reed" systems were displayed.

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Modelers that have entered the hobby in the last 20 years got a real taste of what the early RC modeler had to endure just to get a system wired and be able to fly a model on rudder only control. Anyone interested in learning more about the early days of RC can contact Bob Noll or any of the AGS members that are also involved with the VRCS (Vintage Radio Control Society). We fly airplanes designed prior to 1970, and the vast majority of us use current engines and radio systems.

“Did You Know” Trivia Quiz

The winning answer to which AGS member was a pioneer in multi engine RC models was submitted by Terry Terrenoire. The correct answer is Ralph Jackson, and his multi engine models include the Aero Commander, B-24 Liberator, and Handley-Page 0-400 WW1 bomber.



AGS 50th Anniversary Shirts

Rick Allabaugh

As part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the club, we have made a deal with The Face Place to produce a commemorative shirt. I'll be putting together the order for the shirt which will cost \$18.00 and be available in S, M, L and XL sizes. At the next meeting, I'll have the shirt with me so those attending can see it before deciding whether or not to buy it. For those members who cannot make the meeting, I'll have a picture of the shirt in the next newsletter so you can get an idea of what the shirt looks like. I'll also have a deadline in the next Connector for when I will stop taking orders.

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Dinner Party Details:

Date: Saturday April 9th, 2005

Time: 6:00PM (dinner at 7PM)

Location: Two's Company (At the Enjoie Golf Club)

Dinner: Buffet (includes: Chicken Marcela, Beef Tips, Baked Fish, Tossed Salad, Salt Potatoes, Peas and Mushrooms, coffee, tea, rolls and butter)

Dessert: Special 50th Anniversary Cake, and specialty cakes

Cash bar

Entertainment:

Ancient Photos board

Name Bingo during cocktail hour

Trivia Contest during dessert hour

Approximate cost: We are trying to keep the costs down. I think it will be in the \$25 to \$30 per person range, and I will get the information out as soon as I know.

Membership

Rick Allabaugh

We had a busy February meeting regarding membership. We had three visitors; Ed Lancki, Richard Buchinsky and Paul Rahn. Two of the gentlemen were interested in becoming members of the club. The third heard about us through GJ's and was interested in seeing what our club was all about.

Also last month, we voted Mike Budnovitch into the club as a Regular Member. Congratulations to Mike and we look forward to seeing you at the field and meetings.

At the March meeting, we will be voting on Bill Bliss for Regular membership.

AGS Pavilion Sign

Rick Allabaugh

In the last newsletter and at the last meeting, I brought up the idea of club members contributing to a fund so that we can purchase a new front Pavilion sign for \$160. So far, I have received about \$20 in donations. So as you can see, I'm still quite short. I'm not planning on calling members and asking for money in that manner. I'm not going to beg and plead at every meeting and in every Connector. I made my pitch in the last newsletter and at the last meeting. Unfortunately, if I do not receive the total \$160 by April 1, 2005, I'm going to assume that there is no interest from the club to purchase a new sign and the monies received will be returned to those who contributed.



OLD TIME MOVIES TO CONTINUE BEFORE EACH MEETING

by Bob Noll

Because of the outstanding response last month, I will again be showing movies of old Nats and club events prior to the next meeting.

I was overwhelmed with the attendance and you won't want to be a minute late. The projector will start promptly at 7 PM (maybe a few minutes before).

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



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