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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field during summer months  
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

Wow what a month. July seems to be the busiest month yet, so many things have been going on I want to make sure I cover them all.

First off congratulations to flight school students on making it through the season, and remember if you still need help many of the members who help with flight school will be willing to continue helping you. You only need to call and make arrangements with them.

Secondly many thanks to Bob Noll and the fence crew for doing a GREAT job on painting the rails and replacing the chain link fence at our flight pavilion. Also to Art Reigal for resetting the flight lines and adjusting the mowed areas of the runways and for painting and installing the flight line taxiway bricks.

Third item up, Awesome job by Wayne Kunsman with the reworking of the road. Wayne squired the use of a bulldozer and on his very limited time off spent the better part of a day working on the road, Then came up later with his backhoe and recut some of the ditches all at a very minimal expense to the club, basically the price of fuel for the equipment. Make sure to Thank Wayne for smoothing out some really rough areas in our road when you get to see him.

Fourthly, I want to personally thank all the members who helped out with Aviation Day.

Special thanks go out to Bob Noll who with out his behind the scenes efforts Aviation Day would have been a flop or near total disaster. Bob put together the connections with the press and television and got some really good coverage for us. He also got a good portion of the

membership to sign up for various jobs to make the day happen. Secondly I want to thank my very good friend Jim the "Iron man" Quinn for putting in about forty to fifty training flights to me, I think seven for the day. The wind was a major challenge to all who flew for the days activities but to keep putting those trainers up was awesome. The real beneficiary of those efforts is the club because the people were very excited that we would do this kind of thing for the kids and several expressed interest in returning to become members. I also want to Thank Paul Rahn and his team in the AGS mobile hotdog kitchen for seeing to the food and drink needs of the members and spectators also for his efforts before the event to help in preparation. Next, thanks to Brent Bryson and his team of roadies for making traffic run smoothly up and down the hill. Special thanks to Rebecca Bryson, Brent's wife, for giving up her day to help out at our event. I would also like to thank my own wife Denise for running back home to pick up the things I forgot to bring and for speaking with some of the spectators about the activities going on and about our club. Another unsung hero, Joe Perucci, for trimming the edges of the road, and for running a great preflight class. Although the Delta Dart program did not fair very well thanks to Bob Balsie for his efforts. Thanks to Bob and his wife Jackie for all the snacks and extras at the food area, GREAT IDEA. To all the others who I haven't mentioned, Thanks to you all for a great day. On this topic one more note of thanks. To my son Derek, thank you for helping with everything and for letting the club use your airplanes, of which his Kadet Sr. was the only airplane casualty where a heavy wind gust flipped the plane over and broke the tail

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## Coming Events

Aerobatics Contest.....Aug 5,6,7  
Blue Swan

Intra-Club contest .....Aug 27  
AGS Field

Vintage RC Reunion .....Sept. 3,4.  
AGS Field

Float Fly.....Sept 24  
Greenwood Park



## 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.

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off. And to my daughter Courtney, thanks for letting me take so much time to play with my toys.

Finally, the next prestigious event of the Aeroguidance Society is the 50<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Annual Precision Aerobatics Contest. This is no small feat, many years of hard work by fellow club members and countless hours of preparation by Bob Noll have gone into making this a reality. It is quite an accomplishment to be able to reach such a milestone in this hobby and we should all be proud that we can say we are members of such a great club.

I have been informed that the AGS has been selected to receive a major AMA award. The contest was selected as the time to receive the award due to the number of additional people from around the northeast who will be in attendance. It would be great if the members of the AGS were all present for this presentation. It is not often clubs are chosen to receive major awards, so hopefully all will plan to stay for the dinner or come down for the dinner and be there in support of our club. We will have more info at the meeting which is the Tuesday prior to the contest. Plan to attend so we can finalize plans and get a head count for dinners. Like I said, WOW, what a month. Until next time , Blue skies and up.



## TOP AEROBATIC PILOTS TO COMPETE AT SAYRE

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

This will be the last Connector before we host the largest precision aerobatics contest in the Northeast on August 6 & 7 at the Blue Swan Airport in Sayre, PA. We hold this event at the Blue Swan because it is an ideal location - large, accessible (just off Rt. 17 at exit 60), unlimited airspace, picturesque and highly approved by our contestants. We enjoy a great contestant following due to our reputation for running a quality event.

I have included a list of assignments and I ask that the chairmen be sure to contact each of their teams in order to provide specific details and organize their shifts.

There is one important thing that I need to emphasize. ***The contest goes on in spite of bad weather so please be sure you are there to do your job even if the weather doesn't look flyable.*** Our contestants come from great distances and we must be ready for them. Flying starts at 9 AM Saturday and continues until about 6 PM. On Sunday we start at 9 AM and finish up around 3 PM. We have a reputation for starting our opening ceremonies on time and so if you are working the early shifts, please be there at 8:30 AM each day.

Many club members and contestants will be camping for the weekend at the airport. This is very convenient and a lot of fun, so you may want to consider this if you have a tent, camper or motor home. Port-A-Johns will be available but there will be no hookups.

This year we will again have a catered chicken dinner at the airport on Saturday evening. Tickets will be available at the contest.

And don't forget that club members can compete in all classes so why not try your hand at some aerobatics competition. The entry-level class is Sportsman and an average pilot with a trainer can do the maneuvers.

## **AGS Meeting #696 July 5, 2005**

The meeting was held at Kristofer's as severe weather arrived at the AGS club field just prior to 7:00. President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 17 members.

### **Meeting Minutes**

Approved as published.

### **Officer Reports**

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

No report.

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

Minutes from the June Board Meeting were read.

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

The financial report was given and accepted.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

The AGS has 1 new associate member.

#### **Field**

The mowing list for this year has been started and will be brought to each club meeting. It will be published in the Connector and on the club website.

We are still looking for a Field Chairman. Contact any Board Member for details on what is involved.

#### **Librarian**

No report.

#### **Racing**

No report.

#### **Aerobatics**

An informal report was given on the Pocono Pattern Contest.

#### **Field**

Art Riegel installed bricks to mark our runway in accordance with AMA Safety regulations. All flying should be **beyond** the marked area.

Bob Noll led a team that installed new chain link fence which has greatly spruced up the fields appearance.

#### **Show-N-Tell**

Bob Noll had the new AGS "Retro" at the field, and Scott Wallace had a new CA Models "Widebody" 3-D model at the field, unfortunately rain forced us indoors to Kristofer's which precluded really showing the models.

### **Program**

No program was given this month.

#### **Flight School**

No report. Again, we are looking for a Member to Chair this position for next year.

#### **Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at Doug Breneman's home on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

#### **General**

Due to the rainout at the July meeting, we will try again for the photo at the Aug meeting.

***NEXT CLUB MEETING: Please come early, and wear your club hats and shirts. Bring an airplane- no need to fly it. Why...because Bob Noll and Art Riegel have arranged for an aerial photograph to be taken of the club members on the runway. This will be a great photo for use in our club calendar and magazine articles. Please come out and be there Not Later Than 7:00.***

Bob Frey will be hosting the Fly-In Breakfast for CHOW on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Stay tuned for further details.

## **RACING UPDATE**

Jerry Roscoe

Race 4 June 21th

The 4th race was our best weather so far and the pilots must have their planes more tuned in since all 8 (5 in Nextel and 3 in Busch) managed to fly each of the 3 heats without incident. The only mishap occurred at practice when my plane broke the wing mount when I was "practicing" a cartwheel landing, but a little CA and rubber band got me back in time for the race. Bob Noll got a little nervous (since Frank got left out of the startup a few weeks back) when the 2nd heat of Nextel was called and he hadn't raced yet but Mark, who was filling in for Doug, assured him the program would take care of it and it did. Since our regular starter had a previous commitment we broke in Joe Perrucci a new starter and he did a great job.

Race 5 July 12.

Race 5 is halfway though the season and looking down into the valley you would never think we were going to start. The rain looked heavy in Vestal and could be heading to the airfield, but we lucked out and it passed right by us. Again we had 8 racers with 3 in Busch and 5 in Nextel. In Busch, Don Shugard had a new Q500 racer but the fuel system wasn't fully checked out and it wouldn't cooperate, he never finished a heat. Scott and Jeff are still in the process of building new Racers. Nextel racers went without a mishap and all 5 racers managed to finish 3 heats each. The biggest problem we had was Frank forgot the cups for the soda and had to go back to the Giant to buy some more. We really lucked out because after the hot dogs were over and everyone started to leave the rain finally came.

## **MODEL AVIATION DAY 2005**

by: Jim Quinn

As Saturday evening unfolded I began to think of the many happy times I had at the AGS airport when it was located in the Town of Maine. I was thinking of the many wonderful times I have had at our "new" airport, now 30 years old. I asked myself what was my favorite time in the past 40 years? I know one of the highlights has to be the picnic I had the honor of hosting in the year 2000 for "Field Founders' Day." Another of those fond memories that will bring joy to my heart for my remaining years will be our Model Aviation Day 2005.

Almost a whole year ago a group of us got together as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and began to brainstorm about what would be wonderful things to do during our 50<sup>th</sup> year as an aviation organization. One of the brainstorms was Model Aviation Day. Now that it is history I must say what a wonderful idea it was.

I am really grateful to Frank Gioffredo, the chairperson for this wonderful event, to allow me to participate in the day. I had the distinct pleasure of flying my favorite airplane, my Smaragd, in several demonstration flights. I also had the real pleasure of giving many, many buddy box flights to some of our young people. The only other thing I had to do was to watch some of the spectacular flying of several of our club members and announce the thrilling flying of Bob Noll.

There was a lot of work to be done as the morning began. Safety ropes were placed and then because of a wind shift they needed to be moved to a different location. The Food tent needed to be moved, as well as the airplanes and everything that was on the normal "Pits" side of runway 15/33. We hadn't but finished moving things around and people started to appear.

We had a spectacular opening flight with Bill Markowicz flying his Blue Angel biplane. That plane rolls faster than you can count. It wasn't long after that when Joe Perrucci's first ground school class graduated to the flight line for a buddy box flight. I was flying Derek Gioffredo's trainer. I think that plane was on the ground only long enough to get fuel and check the battery capacity. The students were great and I

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## **REMINDER**

**THIS MONTH'S  
MEETING IS AT  
THE AGS FIELD**

## **FOR SALE**

Brand new UltraStick ARF, yellow and blue...RTF...Saito 71 4 stroke FA, all servos (ailerons and flaps, etc) no receiver...built, but never flown. Engine has had less than one tank of fuel for taxi tests in my yard.

Contact Jamie Arnold at 754-5888.



## **AERIAL FIELD PHOTO**

by Bob Noll

Don't forget that we will try again to take the aerial photo of our field with YOU, the members standing on the runway. As a reminder, all members are asked to attend the next meeting with a plane and your club shirts and hats. If you don't have a club shirt, wear a sky blue shirt. We will spell out AGS on the 6-24 runway and ask that you are on the field at 7 PM.

Please support your club and this 50th anniversary effort. It will be a classic picture for our 2006 calendar

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hope they all had as much fun flying as I did instructing them. When I dream this evening I think it will be something like this, "a little left, now more right, try to level the airplane, now I mean the other right, pull the stick toward you just a little, oops! That was too much, now more left, can you still see the airplane? Make it go right, I'll take it for a moment, we can't fly over the people..." Several of those young pilots did their first loop, roll, and even a few did an Immelman! Was that scary trying to talk them through that maneuver. Oh! Did I forget to tell you how very windy the conditions were? This made the instructional flights twice as interesting.

I know we received a \$300.00 gift to sponsor the day, but even if that money came directly out of our treasury it would have been a wonderful way to spend some of our money.

My two disappointments of the day were not seeing Don Shugard's Mud Dog and Bob Noll's Lawnmower fly. When I saw them fly at our practice on Friday they were a hoot!

My hope for Model Aviation Day is that we make it an annual event and 100% of our club members have as much fun participating as I did.

Wayne, thanks for a great road to drive up on and Charlie for two tasty hot dogs!

### **Aeroguidance Society To Receive Prestigious AMA Award!**

By Bob Noll

I have just received confirmation from our AMA District II Vice President Dave Mathewson that our AMA President, Dave Brown, will be attending our Aerobatics Contest. Dave will be making the trip from Ohio to present the club with a very significant and rare award from the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

The award will be made on Saturday evening after the competition is completed and just before our chicken dinner, which will be served at about 7 PM. The significance of this award is very important to our club and its members. For that reason, I ask that the club show its appreciation by having as many members as possible attend the presentation ceremony. Our club is being recognized for its fifty years of contributions to aero modeling and the AMA.

While the recognition is for much more than for holding our 50<sup>th</sup> aerobatics contest, it has been decided to make the presentation at this event because it is probably the most significant accomplishment on our lengthy list. By making the presentation at the contest, our contestants and their families can share in the celebration.

Please plan to have your Saturday evening meal at the contest and help the club show its appreciation to our AMA President for this very significant award. Frank Gioffredo will be taking a headcount for dinners at the club meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting but want to enjoy a very special experience, contact Frank at 748-9858 or [fgioffredo@stny.rr.com](mailto:fgioffredo@stny.rr.com). Lets make this a club experience that will be long remembered.

### **Activities**

Brent Bryson

Our next event is The AGS Aerobatics Contest is on August 6th and August 7th, with setup on August 5th. Be sure to see Bob's article and staffing plan elsewhere in the Connector. The Intra-Club contest will be held on August 27th. Don Shugard will be chairing the event and will conduct an RC Baseball Contest (see rules of the game elsewhere in the Connector). The Intra-Club contest will start at 10am and go till about 2pm. It will be immediately followed by the Annual Picnic. The Annual Picnic is in need of a chairperson, and may be cancelled, or modified into a grill and fly afternoon for anyone that is interested. The Vintage RC society Reunion will be held at our field on Sept. 3rd and 4th. The Float Fly will be on September 24th, and 25th. The Fly-In Breakfast for Chow will be on Oct 1st.



### **Chairperson needed for Annual Picnic**

The annual picnic is in need of a chairperson. It is planned to be on August 27th immediately following the intra club contest at approximately 2PM. The budget for this event is \$150 this year. If you are interested please contact Brent Bryson, or any board member.

# R/C Baseball

Created by: Stan Berger, Jr.  
Jersey Coast Sport Fliers  
[www.jcsportfliers.org](http://www.jcsportfliers.org)

## SCOPE OF GAME

The object of R/C baseball is the same as a regular baseball game. The idea of the game is to land your plane on the painted baseball diamond which will be divided into segments that represent various 'hits'. The team with the most runs scored after nine innings will be declared the winners. Two team captains will be chosen and the remaining pilots will be selected by means of an alternating draft. A coin toss will decide which team bats first.

## TEAMS

Two team captains shall be chosen. Players will be chosen by alternating picks of both team captains until all pilots have been selected. If time allows, the best four individual pilot performances from each team will fly in a three inning fly off for bragging rights after the main game.

## STRATEGIES

Team captains will submit their team names, batting orders, and frequencies to the scorekeeper. Team members on the same frequency should not be positioned next to one another in the line up. It is suggested that the better pilots be inserted into the clean up position of the order to allow for the scoring of most possible runs.

## RULES

*Permitted Aircraft*-Only combustion fired fixed wing aircraft will be permitted to fly in this event. Electric airplanes, helicopters, sailplanes, gliders, and bungee launched aircraft will not be permitted.

*Scoring*-Pilots should land their planes on the playing field. Scores are determined by the box in which the two main landing gear wheels come to a stop regardless of whether the plane has crashed or is upside down. In the event that both wheels are not in the same box, the lesser value box will be used as your score. One wheel on line will be scored with other wheel. Both mains on a line will be re-flown.

*Don't do it*-Any pilots who manipulate their throttle after the wheels touch the ground will automatically be considered out. Go arounds are ok provided the wheels have not yet touched the ground but will be considered as a strike. Three strikes will be scored an out. *Don't forget to fuel*-Dead stick landings are ok and will count for your score. No re-starts or takeoffs are allowed once your wheels leave the ground.

*Batter up*-Once the airplane lands and is cleared from the playing field the next hitter takes off and also lands his plane on the field. His score is noted and will advance any previous players the same number of bases as his hit. On deck pilots will receive a strike for each sixty second period he is not in the air after the previous hitters plane is removed from the field. Once again, three strikes is considered an out.

*Ouch*-If a pilots plane is damaged he is permitted to use or borrow another plane in the next round. If a pilot misses a round for any reason he is considered out of the game and

an out will be scored for each time his turn comes up.

*Not yet Ace-Any pilots flying out of turn will be scored out.*

#### **SPORT FLYER OF THE YEAR (JCSF members only)**

Individual pilot performances will be recorded for SFYA points. The number of 'at bats' used will be determined by the highest number shared by all pilots who completed the game. Pilots with an excess of 'at bats' will be permitted to use the higher value hits.

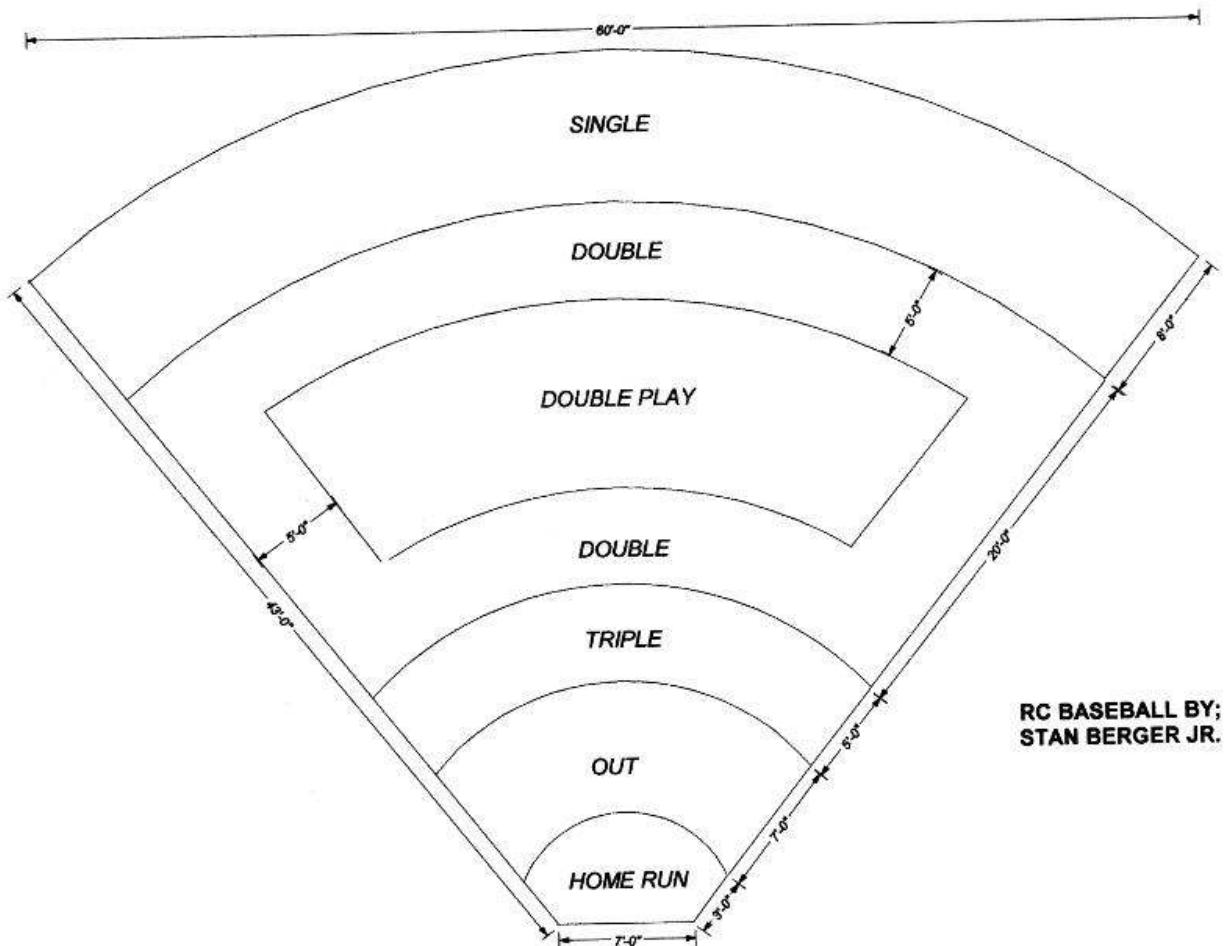
Individual ties will be broken by a three landing fly off.

Out zero points Triple three points

Single one point Home Run four points

Double two points

*Items needed, marking paint, marking flags, 100' tape, glove for painting, stop watch, score book*



**2005 AGS AEROBATICS CONTEST, AUGUST 6 & 7**  
**CONTEST DIRECTOR'S STAFFING PLAN**  
(chairmen are underlined)

Contest Director: Bob Noll (754-5279) \*

Assistant Contest Director: Frank Gioffredo (748-9858) \*

Flight Line Coordination: Art Riegal (785-2055) \*

Registration: Tony Cammarata (754-0209)\*      Ralph Jackson \*

Tabulation: Matt Struck (687-4860) \* Charlie Lecher \* Doug Brenemen (Sat) \* Bill Markovitz (Sat.) \*

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Impound: Ken Maroni (625-2491)\* Ed Helinski \* Joe Perrucci \* Dave Lewis \* Brent Bryson \*

Field Prep and Setup: Frank Gioffredo(748-9858)\* Jim Quinn \* Bob Frey \* Matt Struck \*  
Bob Jennings \* Paul Rahn \*

Prizes/Trophies: Jim Quinn \* Frank Gioffredo \*

50/50 Raffle: Scribes not on duty

Judge Coordinator: Jim Quinn \* Rick Allabaugh \*

We will be using contestants as judges.

Scribes: (Sat) Charlie Hatton (754-5262)\*  
Bob Balsie \*      Dave Merithew \*      Scott Wallace \*      Don Shugard \*  
Bob Murray \*      Afzel Rehman \*      Bob Jennings \*

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(Sun) Bob Balsie (748-1074)\*      Paul Rahn \*      Joseph Wanchissen\* Roy Dickson \*  
Anette Cimini \*      Bob Jennings \*

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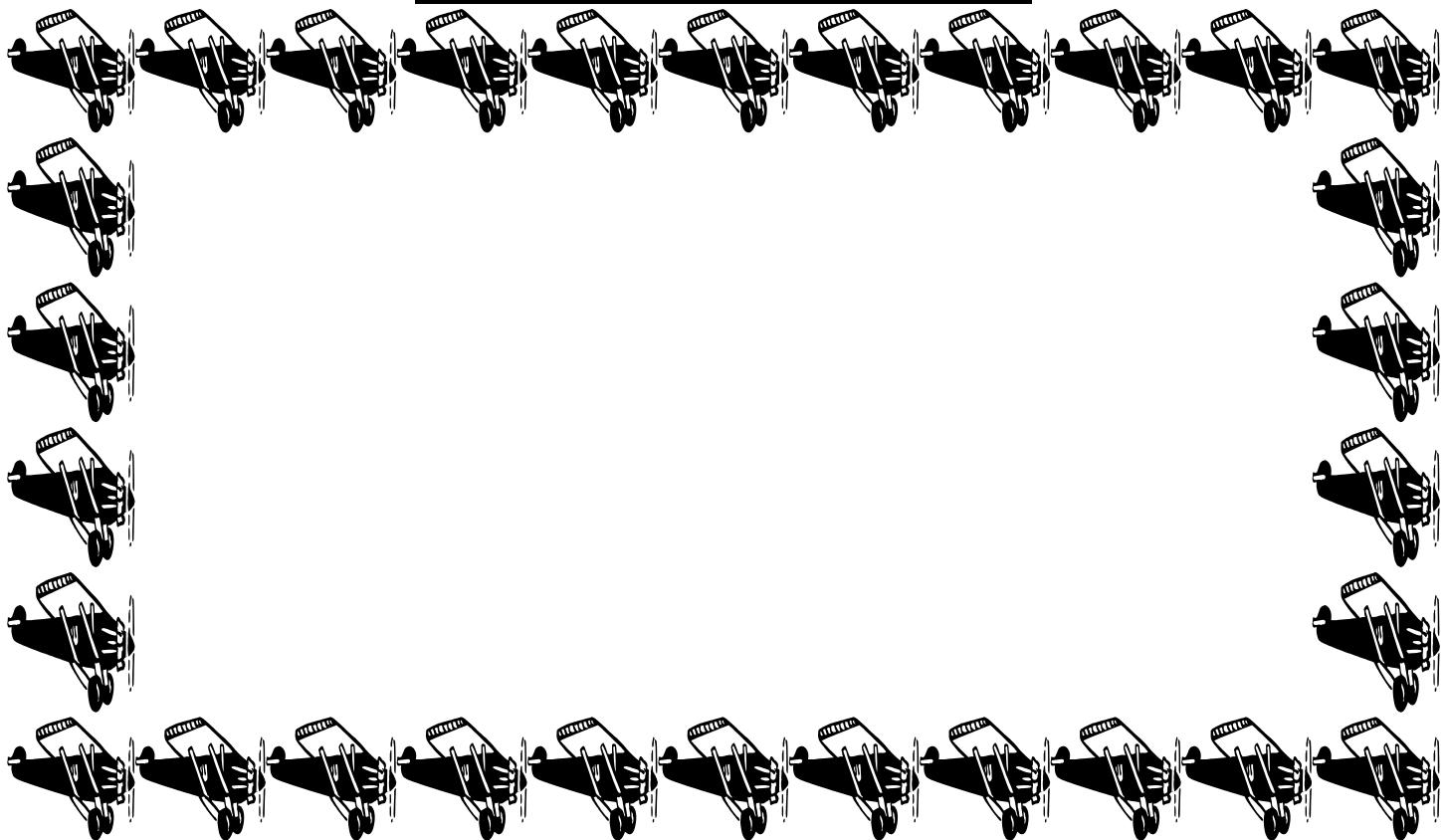
NOTE: Terry Terrenoire is our Contest Manager and will need help in the concession stand.      Concessions  
helpers: Jerry Riegal \*      Mark Lecher \* Rick Curtis \* Carolyn Secor (Sat) \*

\* = CONFIRMED AS OF 7/16/05.





# AUGUST PROGRAM



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