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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Main 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

First I would like to apologize in advance for such a short article. Time has seemed to have gotten away from me and I am quite late getting this to Jeff this month.

I am still looking for members to be on the nominating committee. We need to have a slate of officers for the up coming year. The candidates are supposed to be listed at the September meeting. There are four positions that need to be filled, President, Vice President, Secretary, and one Board member at large. If anyone is interested in any of these positions please contact myself or any of the board members to let us know. It is each member's responsibility to serve on the board if asked and I know there are several members more qualified than myself to be heading up this club. So please consider taking an office and helping out.

The Board has been discussing several alternatives to raising the dues some of which will be presented at the next meeting, so please plan to attend. We would like to see the future boards be able to grant funding for standard activities without having to expense funds from our CD. We feel that a plan needs to be set to insure appropriate funds are available for major unforeseen necessities and for miscellaneous activities that happen in our club. Keep in mind there has been no dues increase in nearly twenty years, but just the common expenses of running the club grow each year and income is starting to out weigh expense. If you have suggestions please plan to attend a board meeting to present them or pass them on to a board member to bring to the meeting.

It's hard to believe we are almost

through the summer, getting kids ready to go back to school, days getting shorter. I just can't believe this season is passing so quickly. Fortunately there are still some great flying days left so make sure you get out there and do some flying.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting

NOTICE



At the September meeting the Board will introduce a proposal for a vote to the general membership. Be present if you wish to vote.

Proposal: As of Jan 1, 2006 new AGS members will be charged a \$100 initiation fee to be paid in two installments as follows:
\$50 due at the time they become an Associate member, and
\$50 due once voted in as a full member of the AGS.

Student members are exempt from this fee.



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Coming Events

- Vintage RC Reunion.....Sept. 3,4.
9-5 AGS Field
- STRC #9.....Sept. 11
4 pm 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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Another One Is In The Books

By Bob Noll, contest Director

We did it again for the 50th time in a row. Quite a milestone and one that no other club has ever done. We were honored by the presence of AMA President, Dave Brown and AMA District II VP, Dave Mathewson. Dave Brown presented the club with the AMA Presidents Award, for the clubs fifty years of contributions to aeromodeling and the AMA.

Frank Gioffredo, Assistant Contest Director, and I want to thank all of our members who helped with the event. Over 40 club members were there to enjoy the event, rub elbows with other club members and watch some outstanding precision aerobatics flying. We had the privilege of watching Dave Lockhart fly in the FAI class. Dave placed fourth at the recent AMA nationals, which puts him up there with the best in the country.

Seven AGS'ers flew in the contest, three of which flew in their first AMA contest. Ed Helinski won the gold watch for first place in Sportsman on Saturday and Bill Markovitz won the gold watch for Sportsman on Sunday. Jeff Hatton and Brent Bryson also flew in Sportsman. Frank Gioffredo flew in Intermediate, Jim Quinn flew in Advanced and I flew in FAI. Terry Terrenoire decided not to compete in order to concentrate his efforts on making sure everyone was fed good food at the concession stand.

The Chicken BBQ Buffet on Saturday was a great event and those club members who stayed and even brought their wives said they greatly enjoyed it. Two of our club members were the lucky raffle winners. Gerry Roscoe won the Futaba T9CAP radio system and Bob Balsie won the Realflight Simulator.

Thanks to Mark Lecher, the results of the contest have been posted on our club web site.

Again, thanks from Frank, Terry and I for all of the club support. It was good seeing so many new members there. A unique feature of this event, as mentioned by Dave Mathewson, is the large club participation.



BUTTONS and TRIVETS

by Bob Noll

Each contestant at the aerobatics contest received a commemorative golden anniversary button and tile trivet. Frank Gioffredo and I have decided to make these available at no cost to all club members who helped at the contest. I plan to have these available for distribution at the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please designate a friend to pick up your stuff.

Buttons and trivets will be made available to non-workers for the cost of \$1.00 for the button and \$6.00 for the trivet. I will circulate a sign-up list at the next meeting or you can send your request to me at BOBRC@aol.com.

**AGS Meeting #697
Aug 2, 2005**

The meeting was held at the AGS club field. President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There was a very good turnout with 38 members and 1 guest (former member Scott Anderson up from Tennessee).

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published.

Officer Reports

VP's report:

No report.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the July Board Meeting were read.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

Field

The club needs help with mowing for the weekend of Aug 27-28 and then on into October. See the attached mowing list and sign up today.

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

Bob Noll, Frank Gioffredo and Terry Terrenoire discussed the task list

for the 50th Annual AGS Pattern meet. Once again there is a lot of participation and enthusiasm from the club.

This is milestone event and AMA President Dave Brown will be on hand with a special award for the AGS. Look for a full report elsewhere in this issue

Old Business

We had a nice turnout and a lot of models brought prior to the club meeting. Art Riegal was able to get some aerial photos of the members and our models out on the runway spelling out "AGS".

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 Frank Gioffredo's home on Aug 16th.

New Business

General

Jim Quinn made a motion, and it was accepted by the membership that from now on once a new pilot has successfully soloed his flight instructor will cut off his or her shirttails and hang them in the pavilion. This is a long-standing tradition in full scale aviation and one practiced by many RC clubs.

Show-N-Tell

Dave Merithew had a nice scratch built deBolt P-Shooter vintage R/C model. Come up to the field Labor Day weekend & see many cool older machines at the VR/CS Reunion.

Program

Bob Noll gave a narrative outlining the history of the AGS pattern meet. Full details will be available in the AGS history book being produced by the 50th Anniversary Committee. One interesting and very important detail is that

money earned from spectators in the 1960's and 70's paid for the beautiful flying site we all enjoy.

16th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion

by Bob Noll, Event Director

The AGS chapter of the Vintage RC Society will be the hosts for the 16th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion the weekend of September 3rd and 4th at the AGS field. VR/CS Chapter III, The Golden Eagles, are continuing the tradition that was started 16 years ago to commemorate the Pioneers of RC who gathered at Selinsgrove, PA in the 60's to show off the latest in plane and radio designs.

The Vintage RC Society is an AMA Special Interest Group that was formed to preserve and promote the memory of Radio Control Aeromodeling activity and fly planes designed prior to 1970. Modern engines and radios can be used and the plane can be newly built as long as it is based on a pre-1970 design.

Events for the weekend will include a pattern contest for Class I (rudder only), Class II (rudder and elevator) and Class III (rudder, elevator and ailerons.) Of course throttle control can be used in all classes.

There will also be a Concours event that recognizes the best representation of a vintage plane, and a vintage scale event. The "Designer of the Year" is Hal deBolt and so many of his designs will be flying. Open flying will be available for those who do not want to compete in any of the events.

Flyers do not have to be a member of the VR/CS to enter so any AGS member who has an old design plane lying around should join the fun. Dust off that Falcon 56 or that deBolt Champ and have some fun.

Flying will start both days at 9 AM and there will be a banquet on Saturday evening at the Treadway Inn in Owego. The event usually end about 3 PM Sunday.

If you aren't able to fly, come and see what we used to fly in the 50's and 60's. There will probably be some planes controlled by rudder only and some interesting "galloping ghost" control systems.



On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the AGS for the contribution made to the Cancer Society in my mother's name. The past summer has been extremely difficult for my family and I can't thank those enough from the club who showed their support by sending cards, coming to the viewing, and attending the funeral. Thank you very much...

Rick Allabaugh

Membership

By Rick Allabaugh

Over the last two months, Membership has been going strong. At our July meeting, James Trucker, became an Associate Member. Jim heard about our club through GJ's and is also a Binghamton Aero's member. At Model Aviation Day, Matt Quinlivan became an Associate Member and Arthur Felton filled out a membership application and I'm waiting on confirmation from him regarding AMA membership. Matt is an accomplished helicopter pilot who's been up at our field a few times. Arthur heard about the club through the newspaper and came up to our field for Model Aviation Day. He was so impressed with what he saw, that he decided to join.

Also, I'd like to welcome Richard Buchinsky and Annette Cimini to the club. They actually joined us a few months ago. I've just been a little slow in welcoming them... Richard first heard about our club during the Mall Show, then filled out a Membership Application in April. Annette heard about our club from GJ's and joined us in June. From what I heard, she made good strides in Flight School.

Please join me in welcoming Richard, Annette, Jim, Matt and Arthur to the AGS

MOWING LIST

Weekend of Sep 3-4

Tractor: Frank Gioffredo

Helper:

Helper:

Weekend of Sep 10-11

Tractor: Ken Maroni

Helper: Jerry Riegal

Helper: Jerry Roscoe

Weekend of Sep 17-18

Tractor: Terry Terrenoire

Helper: Scott Wallace

Helper:

Weekend of Sep 24-25

Tractor: Bob Balsie

Helper: Rick Curtis

Helper: Scott Wallace

Racing Update

by Jerry Roscoe

The Q500 races turned the corner. August 9th was our 7th race of the season. This is kind of a milestone because the Q500 race results only account for the top 6 race scores out of a possible maximum of 10 races.

There's a lot of good reasons for only counting the top 6 scores that weren't obvious to me before I started Q500. It allows racers to miss up to 4 races and still have a chance to win the season. Racers can start late in the season or, miss a few races due to business, vacation, illness or some accident to their racer and still be in the running for the season. I would have mentioned weather but so far we have really lucked out (Oops - perhaps I shouldn't have written that - too late).

In race 6 there weren't enough Busch racers to have their own Busch heats but for race 7 we were lucky enough to have 3 Busch racers. Jerry Riegal and I had a good time in Busch flying right down to the wire for a photo finish in two of the races. Jerry took a dive at the finish to overtake me on one race but was a propeller behind on the next. In the excitement of one of the races I think my lap counter forgot how to count to 10, the race videos are still under reviewed! I keep telling the lap counters the only requirement for a lap counter is to be able to count to 10. I guess the next race besides taking their word for it I'll have to test them.

Results after Race 7 (top 6 races counted)

Class Nextel

Name	Best 6
Bob Noll	46
T Terrenoire	44
Jim Quinn	40
Frank G.	20
Art Riegal	35

Class Busch

Jerry Roscoe	41
Brent Bryson	26
Scott Wallace	13
Jerry Riegal	13
Don Shugard	8

Note that several of the above racers haven't completed 6 races to have a 6 race total; their scores only reflect the races they entered.

Since it starts getting dark in September the races will move to Sunday at 4PM. We also thought there would be a conflict with the Race scheduled on Sept 24th with the Float Fly but after checking with the racers it was determined that the float fly would be over by then and all the racers could make the race.

FIELD PICTURE A SUCCESS!

by Bob Noll

Thanks to Art Riegal and his pilot friend and a photographer friend, we have some great pictures of our flying field. Over thirty members made it to the field before our last meeting to spell out "A G S" on the 6-24 runway. With a club of over seventy members I am disappointed that more members were not able to support this special activity. However, by placing our planes between our bodies and by laying down on the runway, the letters are very visible in the picture.

Framed prints of the picture were presented to Dave Brown and Dave Mathewson at the contest and each of the trophy winners received the picture as part of their plaque.

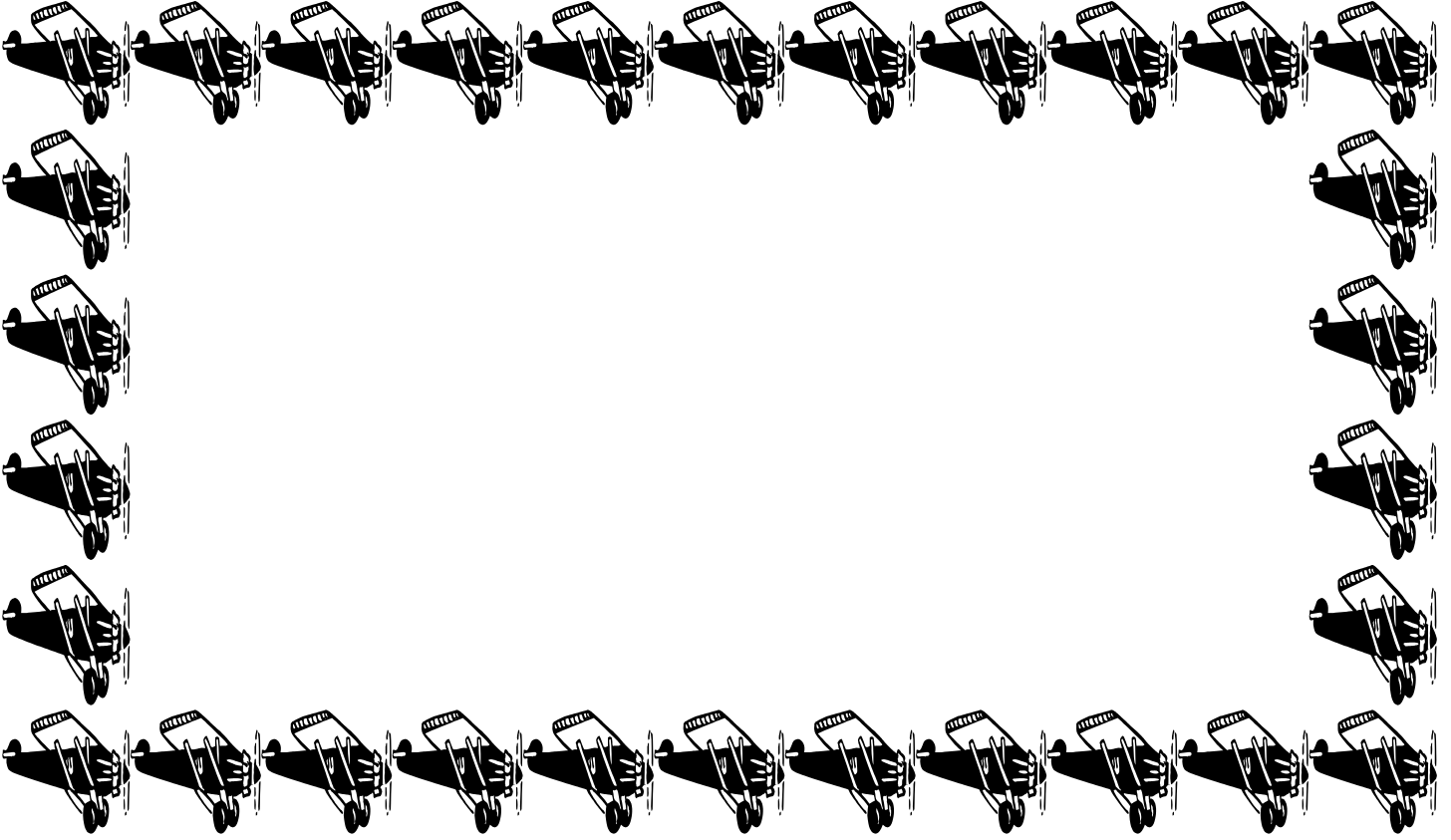
Several members have asked me for a copy of the picture. I will make copies for those who want them and will circulate a sign-up list at the next meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting and want a picture, send me an e-mail request at BOBRC@aol.com.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
MAINE-ENDWELL HS
SEPTEMBER 6 @ 7:30 pm**

Activities:

The next event is The Vintage RC society Reunion will be held at the AGS field on Sept. 3rd and 4th, see Bob's article elsewhere in the connector. The Float Fly will be on September 24th, and 25th. The Fly-In Breakfast for Chow will be on Oct 1st. STRC Race # 10 will be held at the AGS field on Sunday, September 25th. The actual time will be announced, but will probably start at about 5PM.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



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