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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.

Bob Balsie
The Prez Sez

Hi, everyone, and welcome to another year of membership in the AGS. I'm your new President, and I'm looking forward to serving you and the club in 2005-2006. In going over the roster, I can see that there are a number of names of people whom I have never met personally, and who have never met me. So before going further, let me say that I reside on the West Side of Endicott and I've been building models of one type or another since I was five years old. I started flying control line planes back in 1957 when I was 11 years old. I've been a member of the AGS since joining as an Associate in the fall of 2001, shortly after Terry Terrenoire asked me to give a program to the club on control line flying. At the moment, I am employed as an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin in Owego where I design avionics for various types of military aircraft. If all goes according to plan, though, I will be leaving that position at the end of January and entering into the eternal bliss of retirement. Hopefully, this will give me more time to build and fly, and to participate in AGS activities as well as doing a lot of other things that I've never had time for before.

During the 2004-2005 season, we've been celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the AGS and in addition to including some fun activities, such as Model Aviation Day, there have been some programs given at the meetings which have given me an even higher level of respect for the people (and their spouses) who established the club in 1954. For one thing, members of the AGS have been responsi-

ble for a lot of the innovative ideas in R/C. Dick Allen's program on the origin of the air shows at the Old Rheinbeck Aerodrome showed how events which were really begun by the AGS have gone on to blossom into big-time events. Even more impressive, to me at least, were the programs that gave us insight into early radio control activities. Bob Noll's program on early radio equipment, and a companion program given by Ralph Jackson and Bill Underkofler illustrated the commitment and dedication that flyers had to have in order to put a model plane up in the air and control it. Perhaps the one program that illustrated this dedication to me most clearly was Dick Allen's slide show at the October, 2005 meeting where he talked about all of the flying fields that the AGS has had over the years. Literally thousands of labor hours have been put into these sites over the years, and it's the hard work of the original members, and many who have come after them, that is the reason we have the great flying site that we enjoy today.

Now, having said this, it seems that many of the people who are still doing a lot of the work at the field and at events are the same people who have been doing it for many years, often because there doesn't seem to be enough other members who are willing to fill the necessary positions. For example, we didn't have a Field Chairman last year because no one was willing to take on the responsibility. Fortunately, in addition to his duties as Secretary, Scott Wallace picked up the task of composing and maintaining a mowing list so that at least the field got mowed on a regular basis. In fact, most of the members of the Board of Directors also served as a chairperson on one
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Coming Events

Field Winterizing - Nov 5th at 9AM.

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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Bylaws Change

As a result of discussion and voting at the October meeting, the membership approved the imposition of an Initiation Fee of \$100.00 to be charged to all those joining the AGS on or after January 1, 2006. The text below describes the new wording to be included in the bylaws. This bylaws change will be voted upon by the membership at the regular meeting to be held at the Maine-Endwell High School on November 1, 2005.

Initiation Fee - As of January 1, 2006 new Associate Members, shall be charged an initiation fee of \$100, payable in two installments. The first installment of \$50 shall be paid at the time the prospective member becomes an Associate Member. The final installment shall be paid at the time the Associate Member is voted in as a Regular Member. This initiation fee is in addition to the payment of one half (1/2) of the annual dues and the full amount of any Special Assessment as specified in paragraph 3.2 above. If the Associate member declines to accept Regular membership in the organization, or if the Associate member fails to be voted into Regular membership as described above, the \$50.00 installment on the initiation fee, paid at the time that the person was accepted as an Associate member, will not be returned. In addition, former Regular Members who are returned to Regular membership status after January 1, 2006 shall pay the \$100.00 initiation fee. The fee shall be paid in a lump sum.

Flight School

By: Frank Gioffredo

I have offered to take on the responsibility of flight school coordinator for the club for the up coming season, at the next meeting I will be asking for sign ups for just those who would be instructors for the training. If you can not make it to the meeting please give me a call at 748-9858 or email me at fgioffredo@stny.rr.com.



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of the club's committees. In the spirit of our "AGS Founding Fathers," one of my goals as President this year (and it's a goal of the Board as well) will be to get more of our membership actively involved in the club and its activities, not only in working at the necessary tasks, but also in getting out and making use of our field. Currently, we have 75 members, but probably only about forty percent of our members actually come out to fly. I'd like to see that number at least double this year. Not only is model airplane flying fun, but it's a great social activity as well. Can the AGS count on your help this year? Is this the year when you'll take out that dusty model, brush it off, and come up to the field to fly with friends, both old and new?

**AGS Meeting #699
Oct 4, 2005**

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School library. AGS President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 36 members and 4 guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as amended. The addition was to add for the record that profits from the Float Fly were donated by the club for Hurricane Katrina relief.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Discussed the 2005 budget, explaining that this Board will absorb about a \$1,900 loss. This is primarily due to the fact that over the years dues money coming in during September had been applied to that current year rather than the coming year as it should have. This Board felt it in the best interest of the club to correct the error and provide the incoming Board a correct set of books to begin their term.

VP's report:

No report other than an intro to the Activities reports.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the September Board Meeting were read. The AGS assets list has been updated and approved by the Board and is ready to turn over to the new slate of officers.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted. A "thank you" card from Rick Allabaugh to the AGS was read.

Committee Reports

Membership

Paul Rahn was voted in as a full member. We are still looking

for a membership chairman. Contact any Board Member if interested.

Field

Scott Wallace & Paul Rahn have agreed to serve as joint Field Chairman. First order of business will be the Field Winterizing taking place Saturday Nov 5th (rain or shine) from 9AM until finished. A sign up sheet was passed around at the October meeting and 15 members volunteered to help. Thank you!

Librarian

No Report.

Historian

Jerry Roscoe would like anyone with photos from this years club events to contact him for inclusion in his CD documenting the clubs activities.

Racing

Jerry Roscoe provided a season wrap up and handed out trophies to the winning racers. Results were published in the previous AGS Connector. A "thank you" party for the volunteers that helped out at the races will be held at Kristofer's, date TBD.

Activities

Bob Frey gave a report on the Chow Breakfast. Had a low turnout of 12 members but did raise \$120 & 2 bags of groceries for CHOW.

Dave Lewis gave a report on Fall Float Fly. Despite excellent weather the turnout was not so great, but those there got in a lot of good flying. Profits from the event were donated to Katrina relief.

Flight School

Again, we are looking for a Member to Chair this position for next year.

Old Business

If you would like to purchase a copy of the aerial photo taken of the club field

with our members spelling out "AGS" on the runway please contact Bob Noll.

Jim Quinn gave an update on the book covering the History of the AGS. This is a very big project but will certainly be a keepsake every AGS member will want in their personal library.

Next Board Meeting

Oct 11th at Bob Balsie's home. Time is 7:30.

New Business

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

By unanimous vote the following members were confirmed as AGS officers for the 2006 term.

President: Bob Balsie
Vice-President: Brent Bryson
Secretary: Don Shugard
Treasurer: Roy Dickson
Board Member at Large: Bob Noll.

Frank Gioffredo will serve on the Board as a Past President and Doug Breneman has one year remaining on his term as the other Board Member at Large.

General

Outgoing President Frank Gioffredo presented an award to Dick Allen in recognition for being one of the original founding members of the AGS. Thank you to Dick for all he has done for this club the past 1/2 century.

Frank Gioffredo suggested that for 2006 each race pilot just a pay a \$35 entry fee at the beginning of the season rather than the \$5.00 up front and \$3.00/race as is currently done.

Terry Terrenoire has confirmed that the dates for the Mall Show are Jan 21 & 22.

Tony Cammarata invited the members of the AGS to attend the Binghamton Aero's annual "Chili-Fly" coming up on Oct 30th. An email reminder will be sent as the event will take place before

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Annual auction night

Terry Terrenoire

Bring in your unwanted, used, abused, partially built, wrecked, or just plain forgotten about items for sale to your fellow club members. Also bring in some cash, or your check book, so you can purchase some of the above items.

For the more "seasoned" in the group, here is a chance to help some of the newer members. Yes, maybe you can get a little more on E-Bay, but let's keep some of the good stuff in the club and lend a hand to our newer members.

On auction night you will sign up and receive a #. This # will go on all the items you are selling, and will be your buyer #. The secretary will supply the signup sheet, and will keep track of all seller and buyer transactions during the night. This will help everyone at the end of the night.

If you have something that you would like to donate to the club, that is fine too. We will sell it and the club will keep the proceeds.

Happy selling.....and buying!!



PRECISION AEROBATICS GROUP

by Bob Noll

The precision aerobatics group will again be gathering on Friday evenings several times each month to share our building and flying skills.

If you are interested in flying precision aerobatics and building planes for this exciting aspect of our hobby, contact me at BOBRC@aol.com so I can add you to our meeting distribution list.

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Show-N-Tell

Jeff Hatton displayed a very nice Stephens Aero "G-Ride" model. This is a nice laser cut "stick built" type aerobatic model. Very well engineered and reasonable at \$60.

Terry Terrenoire displayed his old reliable Formosa on floats. The model is an excellent float flier as many that attended the float fly will attest.

Also, Terry displayed a beautiful electric ARF pattern type model called the "Quiet Storm".

Terry reports the model flies even better than it looks, but even though an ARF had some building challenges due to marginal instructions. This one is more for the experienced modeler.

Program

Dick Allen gave a splendid slide presentation covering the AGS flying fields. Again, we all owe a huge thank you to our pioneer members for their efforts that have rewarded the AGS with one of the best flying sites in the Northeast.

RAFFLE

We will be restarting the raffle again at the club meetings. We will start with a 50/50 and as we build the kitty may proceed onto other goodies. The intention of this is to promote attendance at club meeting, more than to increase the club treasury. We will draw a winner at each meeting. So plan to attend.

Q500 Party

Jerry Roscoe

The end of the Q500 race season is here and the Q500 Pilots threw their annual Pizza / Wings / Soda / Beer party for all the race helper on Wed, October 19. This year, as many of the past years, it was held at Kristoffers on Route 17C. We had a real good turnout of 8 racers and 12 helpers. Everyone had a great time and I don't think anyone went home hungry or thirsty.

This was a good year for racing since we only canceled one race due to weather, although there were several that were a little shaky due to the wind and threatening weather. Most of the races were looking forward to next years season and hoping that we would get more new racers. If anyone is thinking about racing now is the time to start planning and put that Q500 plane and motor on you Christmas wish list - You never know Santa might just come through for you. Its a lot of fun believe me.

A few rules changes were proposed and accepted for next year.

1. Assigning pilot numbers on a random basis each race
- the idea was to try and make the heats fairer.
2. Each Racer would pay \$35 at the beginning of the season instead of \$5 and then \$3 a race. This would help prime the kitty for the first food buy and not require the pilots to throw in \$3 at each race for the hot dogs and soda.
3. Pilots will go behind the other planes on the starting line instead of in front of them when they move back to the position they race from - this was a safety concern.



Activities Chairperson

needed

Brett Bryson

We are in need of an activities chairperson. Please contact a member of the board if you can fill this important position.

Activities:

Our next event is the Field Winterizing. This will take place on Saturday November 5th at 9AM. Please come and help out if you can make it. This is usually a quick and easy task if enough people show up. Not that this year there will be no rain date, so attendance is rain or shine.

Field Winterization

Scott Wallace

Field Winterization will be held Saturday Nov 5th from 9:00 until completed.

We had 15 volunteers sign up at the October meeting- thank you all in advance.

Event will take place on the scheduled day- any weather concerns call Scott Wallace @ 206-0928 (cell)- I will be up at the field that morning.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Auction Night



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