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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*  
*Bob Balsie*

Happy New Year, everyone! Well, it won't quite be 2006 when you read this, but it will be pretty close. I hope that all of you and your families have had a great holiday season so far and that you are looking forward to a fine year of flying. There are a lot of exciting events planned for '06, so let's review a few of them.

## New Years Day Fly

...coming up on (you guessed it) January 1<sup>st</sup>. Frank Gioffredo is the chairman of this event, as well as the head chef. You won't want to miss the chili that he will be making for the event. This will take place at the soccer fields near Anne G. McGinnis school in West Corners. You will find an article by Frank elsewhere in this issue. Even if you don't plan to fly, why not stop by anyway just to socialize and enjoy the food and flying. You'll certainly have a good time!

## Annual Mall Show

Once again, for something like the 26<sup>th</sup> year, the AGS will be participating in the Mall Show to be held at the Oakdale Mall on January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. And this year, we've got a fancy new name for the event: "Model Aviation of the Southern Tier Expo". Terry Terrenoire will be chairman for this event, and he will need your assistance to make it a success. He needs people to help with the setup on Friday night, to work on Saturday, to work on Sunday, and to assist in dismantling everything on Sunday afternoon.

And one of the most important things...he needs planes for display. So plan on bringing your prize models to show the public. He needs everything; conventional models, helicopters, gliders, electrics, and anything else with wings. There is an article about the show elsewhere in this issue. Please contact Terry and let him know how you can help.

## Winter Fly

The Winter Fly is still a little ways off, but it's not too soon to start thinking about it. The event will take place in February, and our Activities chairman, Bob Murray is still in need of a chairman for the event. If you are planning on attending the event, why not give Bob a call (741-0068) and volunteer to help out?

## January Program.

I'll be presenting the program at the January meeting, and the subject will be "Warthog Weapons"; a discussion of the various types of weapons that are carried by the A-10 Warthog, including the newest Smart Weapons. You should find this an interesting and informative subject. So if you haven't been to a meeting for a while, this is a good excuse to stop by, renew some of your old friendships, and enjoy a good time. You'll find a short article on the program elsewhere in this issue.

## Membership Issues

So far, most of you have renewed your membership in the AGS, but at last count there were still 13 of you that haven't yet sent in your dues for 2006. Bob Noll has graciously volunteered to contact all of you personally, so if that

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## Coming Events

New Years Fly.....Jan 1  
BC United Soccer Fields  
11:00AM—2:00PM.

## 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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check is still languishing in your checkbook, you can look forward to having a friendly chat with him in the near future.

**And Last but Not Least...**

Meet our new Treasurer, Charlie Lecher. Charlie has served the AGS in many capacities in the past, and has now volunteered to assist the club again as Treasurer. Please join me in welcoming Charlie to his new position.

That about does it for this issue. I hope to see a lot of you at the New Years Day Fly and the Mall Show. Till then, my best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.



**Mall show 2006**

Terry Terrenoire

While I am planning to be at the meeting on the 3rd, I may not get back from Pittsburgh in time. Please put the weekend of 21st and 22nd on your calendar to assist with this major PR event. We need to cover 5 work periods, 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. In addition, we need 8- 10 men to set up the tables Friday night, and a like number to help tear down Sunday afternoon.

Once again, this year, I am planning to do some building during the show. I have not figured out just what I am going to work on yet, but you can bet it will be a plane!!

If someone has a TV and VCR that we could borrow to play some tapes, that would be great. We have permission to use GJ's simulator again this year, but I'll need to have someone commit to picking it up Friday, and getting it back to them Tuesday.

If you plan to help, but will not be able to make the next meeting, please drop me an e-mail so I can add your name to the list.

**January Program**

Bob Balsie

The Program for the January meeting is entitled "Warhog Weapons" and will cover the types of weapons carried by the A-10 Warhog. This will include conventional bombs and rockets, the Maverick missile, and the newest types of Smart Weapons. (And don't forget the 30mm GAU-8 cannon!). Each of these weapons will be described in detail, along with short video clips of the weapons in operation. Plan on stopping by for this interesting and informative program

**AGS Meeting #701  
Dec 6, 2005**

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School cafeteria. AGS President Bob Balsie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 37 members and 14 guests.

Pizza, salad and an assortment of holiday goodies were served at the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Approved as published.

**Officer Reports**

**President's report:**

Bob updated us on the committee chairpersons filled to date. We still need a program chair and a treasurer.

**VP's report:**

Brent reported that the banquet will be held at Two's Company on the last Saturday in March.

**Secretary's report:**

Don read the minutes from the November Board meeting.

**Treasurer's report:**

The financial report was given and accepted.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

The following associate members were voted into the club at the November meeting:

Afzal Rehman  
Joe Wanchissen  
Ed Lancki  
Richard Buchinsky

New associate members are:

Jim Rogers  
Glenn Norton  
John McGrath  
Courtney and Derek Giofredo

**Field**

No Report.

**Librarian**

No Report.

**Historian**

Jerry Roscoe presented the 2005 History album.

**Activities**

Bob Murray will be looking for members to head up the club activities.

**Old Business**

The proposed amendment to the bylaws were read. Terry Terrenoire motioned that the bylaws be changed as read. Bob Frey seconded. The motion carried.

Terry Terrenoire reported that the Mall show is scheduled for January 21 and 22, 2006 with setup on Friday night January 20<sup>th</sup>. The following shifts need to be filled for the show.

Saturday:  
10am – 2pm  
2pm – 6pm  
6pm – 10pm

Sunday:  
11am – 3pm  
1pm – 5pm  
4pm begin tear down

Club members are needed to bring airplanes to display at the show.

Jim Quinn gave an update on the History of the AGS book. Jim thanked Bob Jennings and Doug Breneman for proof reading the book.

Afzal Rehman has agreed to print the book on his laser printer at the following costs:  
\$5.00 printing \$2.00 binding

Calendars are ready at a cost of \$10 each. See Mark Lecher to purchase one.

**Next Board Meeting**

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at Don Shugard's home.  
Time is 7:30pm.

**New Business**

No new business.

**General**

Frank Giofredo Is looking for an old 40 size engine for the club trainer John Aselta donated last month.

Bob Noll presented the pattern contest article that appeared in Model Aviation and Flying Models coverage of the spirit of Sprielsburg reunion.

Tony Cammaratta invited the members of the AGS to the Binghamton Aeros meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> in the Maine Endwell

High School Library. Bob Balsie presented a program on the A10 airplane.

Jim Quinn mentioned that stands made plastic fencing cut in half could replace the safety barriers that were destroyed this past spring.

**Show-N-Tell.**

Jim Quinn brought in his 1963 Virus and a new Virus. Jim shared a photo of the 100th flight of the Virus.

Scott Wallace showed his Quickee 500 that he will be racing this year.

Frank Giofredo told us about his son Derek's EB pattern by Scott Anderson.

Charlie Hatton had a Stevens Aero Little Squirt Laser kit electric.

Terry Terrenoire showed the pieces of the modified Tiger 2 which is 60 size airplane with shortened wings and a lengthened fuselage for pattern.

**Door Prizes**

Courtney Giofredo -- F22 plane  
Jim Schwab -- Ornament  
Jerry Roscoe -- Kite  
Tom Kopl -- Kite  
Don Harrington -- F18 hornet  
Ralph Jackson -- Kite  
Frank Giofredo -- Strawberry shortcake kite  
Olga Jackson -- F16 Glider  
A. Rudy -- Glider

**Program**

Before the meeting Bob Noll showed some more of the vintage films from early in the club's history.

Bob Noll and Ralph Jackson presented the "Planes of the AGS". Bob gave a little story behind each of his planes:

The Continental 600  
Skybolt  
Nieuport and the Yankee

Ralph Jackson displayed his Comanche and Royal Aircraft Factory F.E.2

# JANUARY PROGRAM



## Warthog Weapons

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