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Summer Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field. Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:00 P.M.

*The Prez Sez*  
*Bob Balsie*

Well, by the time that you read this, the Summer season will be about half over. I haven't been up to the field recently, but I've been told that flying is difficult due to the heat that we've been having. If you go up there, be sure to bring plenty of cool liquids to drink and don't forget your sun screen. I recently read an article which stated that many sun screens block the UVB rays (the ones that make your skin get tan) but they don't do an effective job of blocking UVA rays (the ones that contribute to skin cancer). The article stated that your sun screen should contain zinc oxide which will give you the best protection.

I've only got a couple of things to mention this month so let's get to it and make it short and sweet.

## Changes to Meeting Time...

Just a reminder that the starting time for the August meeting will be 7:00pm and as you know, the meeting will take place at the field. Also, based upon a suggestion from Frank Gioffredo, we

will hold the meeting at the upper pavilion (where the tractor is stored). Frank pointed out that there is more seating up there, and there is also more parking. So that's what we'll do.

## The Annual Picnic...

...which will be held on August 26th. The picnic will be combined with the annual Intraclub Contest. Scott Wallace is the chairman for the contest, and my wife and I and Scott's girlfriend, Caroline, are going to handle the picnic. We propose to have the club supply the meat items (burgers, hot dogs, etc.) and ask all of the members to bring one of their favorite side dishes to pass. And Scott is working to put together a series of exciting contest events. It should be a fun day of flying and feasting, so be sure to set aside time in your schedule to attend. We'll be activating the phone tree to personally invite each member to join in the festivities, so look forward to a call from one of our illustrious Board members as the day approaches.

## The Annual Aerobatics Contest...

...which will take place at the former Blue Swan airport in

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## Coming Events

August 5th and 6th  
51st Pattern Contest  
Blue Swan

Aug 8th.....STRC Race 7

Aug 22nd.....STRC Race 8

Sept 10th.....STRC Race 9

Sept 17th.....STRC Race 10

August 26th  
Annual Picnic

## REMINDER:

This Months Meeting is at the AGS Field

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Sayre, PA, on August 5 & 6. If you can help at this event, please give Bob Noll a call and he'll find a job for you to do. You'll see some excellent flying and have a lot of fun. And if you sign up please be sure to show up at your appointed time. In the past some people have said that they will help, but then they don't come and this leaves Bob short-handed and puts an extra load on the rest of the members.

That about does it for this time, and I bid you farewell until next month. **Don't forget the August meeting to be held at the AGS field on August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm. Happy Flying!**

**Racing News**

Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

Race #5 was held on Tuesday, July 11 as scheduled and the evening started out with a bang. There was a mid-air collision in the first heat, which knocked out Frank Gioffredo and Bob Noll in that heat. Frank was done for the night, but Bob was able to use his backup plane. Brent flew to victory.

Bob had a big comeback by winning his next two races. Brent came in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in his three heats. Scott had a very consistent night with three 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes. Terry had a great night with three 1<sup>st</sup> place victories.

The next two races are scheduled for July 25 August 8.

The current season championship points are;

<u>Racer</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Race 5</u>	<u>Season Points</u>
Bob Noll	Nextel	6	20
Terry Terrenoire	Nextel	9	22
Jerry Roscoe	Nextel	4	13
Frank Gioffredo	Nextel	0	7
Scott Wallace	Busch	6	11
Don Shugard	Busch	0	3
Brent Bryson	Busch	6	6

# 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 5 & 6 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. We could use a few more scribes to ease the workload. Please consider this front row job with the best seat in the house by agreeing to record scores presented by the judges.**

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.

There will be something new this year! Because of bad weather at the Pocono, PA contest in June, it was not possible to hold the electric aerobatics events that were planned. I was asked if those events could be held at the AGS contest on Saturday evening and I said they could. Ed Alt, CD for the Pocono contest, will be running these events and I am hopeful that Ed will send me the maneuver sequences for the two classes of flying. As soon as I get them I will ask Bob Balsie to distribute them to the club e-mail list. My understanding is that one class will be for "foamies" and the second class will be for other small electrics.



## MOWING LIST

### Weekend of July 29-30

Tractor: John McGrath  
Helper: Guillermo Leon  
Helper: Bill Markovitz

### Weekend of Aug 5-6

Tractor:  
Helper:  
Helper:

### Weekend of Aug 12-13

Tractor: Tom Kopl  
Helper: Joe Perrucci  
Helper:

### Weekend of Aug 19-20

Tractor: John McGrath  
Helper: Scott Wallace  
Helper:

### Weekend of Aug 26-27

Tractor: Bob Frey  
Helper: Matt Struck  
Helper:

### Weekend of Sept 2-3

Tractor:  
Helper:  
Helper:

The Deadline for Connector articles is two Fridays before the meeting. Please have submissions to the editor before then.

Electronic submissions are preferred, E-mail them to [jeff@priusonline.com](mailto:jeff@priusonline.com)

**Deadline for Next Connector is 7/2106.**

**2006 AGS AEROBATICS CONTEST, AUGUST 5 & 6**  
**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)\*

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

Impound: (Sat) Ken Maroni (625-2491)\* Rick Allabaugh \*  
(Sun) Joe Perrucci (625-2376)\* Ed Helinski \* Dave Lewis\*

Field Setup: Frank Gioffredo(748-9858)\* Jim Quinn\* Bob Frey \* Matt Struck \* Bob Jennings\*  
(Friday) Paul Rahn\* Mike Budnovitch\* Jeff Hatton\* Tom Kopl\* Joe Perucci\*

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

50/50 Raffle: Derek Gioffredo \*

Judge Coordinator: Jim Quinn\* Rick Allabaugh (Sun) \*  
We will be using contestants as judges.

Scribes: Jim Rogers (687-7823) \*  
(Sat) Don Shugard \* Guillermo Leon \* Afzel Rehman\*  
Ed Lancki \* John McGrath\* James Trucker\*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Sun) Paul Rahn\* Anette Cimini\* Gilbert Vandling \*  
Ed Lancki (?) Bob Jennings\* John McGrath\*  
Guillermo Leon \* Brent Bryson\* \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Terry Terrenoire is our Contest Manager and will need help in the concession stand. Concessions  
helpers: Charlie Hatton\* Mark Lecher\*

\* = CONFIRMED AS OF 7/26/06

**AGS Meeting #708  
July 11, 2006**

The meeting was held at the AGS flying field. AGS President Bob Balsie called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 37 members. No guests were present.

**Meeting Minutes**

Approved as published.

**Officer Reports**

**President's report:**

The Picnic has been rescheduled to August 26 at 10:00. The nominating committee consists of the following club members:

Ken Maroni  
Rick Allabaugh  
Tom Kopl

**VP's report:**

No Report.

**Secretary's report:**

Minutes from the June Board meeting were read.

**Treasurer's report:**

No Report

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

The club voted in 3 new members:  
Courtney Gioffredo  
Derrick Gioffredo  
John McGrath

**Field**

Scott Wallace reported that Bill Markovitz had repaired the starter on the tractor. He circulated the mowing list. Frank Gioffredo offered to instruct anyone on the operation of the tractor. Joe Perrucci pointed out that the grass along the road needed to be addressed. A crew of volunteers was assembled to weed wack the grass along the road.

**Librarian**

Brent Bryson had a subset of the club library available for loan.

**Historian**

No Report.

**Activities**

No report from the Activities chairman.

Bob Frey announced the annual breakfast for CHOW will be held August 19.

Due to the condition of the road caused by the recent storms Frank Gioffredo made a motion to cancel Model Aviation Day for this year. Ken Maroni seconded and the motion carried. Don Shugard will send a letter to Lockheed-Martin regarding the decision.

Bob Noll passed around sign up sheets for the 51<sup>st</sup> annual pattern contest. Bob still needs some help, especially in the area of scribes. There will be a chicken dinner after the contest. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00.

**Flight School**

No Report

**Public Relations**

No Report.

**Sound**

No Report.

**Safety**

No report.

**Connector**

No report.

**Program**

No program.

**Old Business**

Frank Gioffredo brought up the condition of the road. Jeff Hatton made a motion that the club allocate \$1100 for the rental of two excavators and a roller to clean/re-establish the ditches and repair the road surface. Frank seconded and the motion carried.

**Next Board Meeting**

July 18th at Don Shugard's home at 7:30 PM.

**New Business**

Dick Allen's wife Marilyn fell and broke her hip.

Jim Quinn announced the Paradise RC big meet on July 22, 23 2006.

**Show and Tell**

Jerry Roscoe had an EPP foam "Bug". \$45 kit and \$40 motor

Bill Markovitz had a Top Flite 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Nobler that he converted to RC.

## **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion**

by Bob Noll, Event Director

The AGS chapter of the Vintage RC Society will be the hosts for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd at the AGS field. VR/CS Chapter III, The Golden Eagles, are continuing the tradition that was started 17 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.

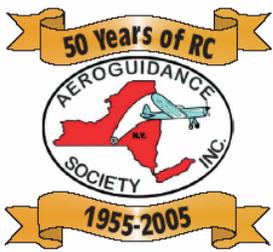
There will also be a Concours event that recognizes the best representation of a vintage plane, and a vintage scale event. The "Design of the Year" is the Class II Falcon 56 by Carl Goldberg. Open flying will be available for those who do not want to compete in any of the events.

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.





# 2006 AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY

## Intra-Club Contest & Picnic

When: August 26, 2006 starting at 10:00 AM

Where: AGS Club Field



Dust off those sport planes (glow or electric), bring the family and enjoy a few hours of flying fun!

**Two events, one for experienced fliers and one for those not so experienced.**

### **Flying events: Experienced**

**Roops (roll & loop combinations)**

**Touch and Go's**

**Balloon Bust**

**Dixie Death (takeoff, 3 loops, 3 rolls, 1 spin, landing)**

### **Flying events: Not so experienced**

**Timed Flight**

**Spot Landing**

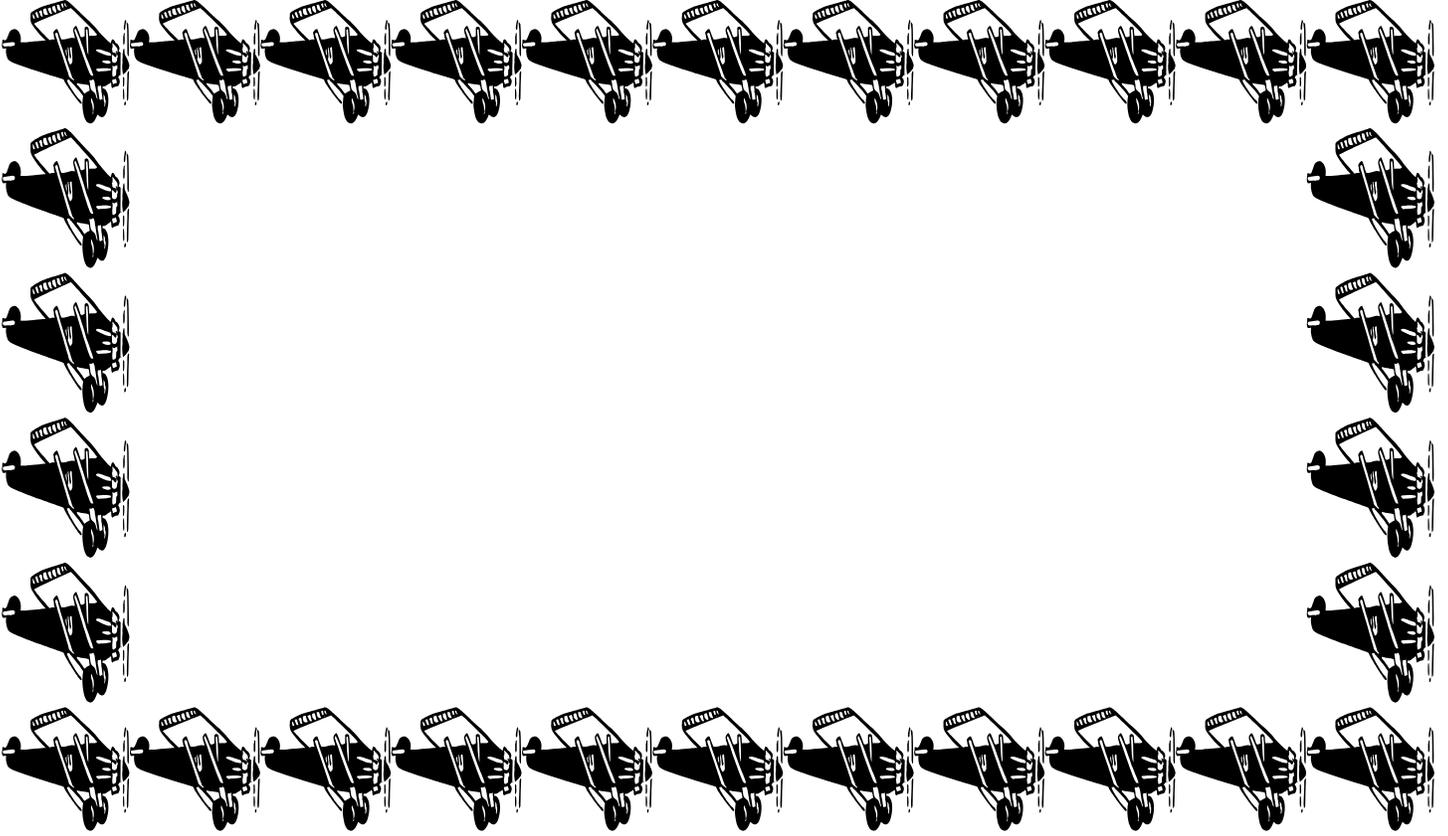
**Loops**

**Bomb drop (materials provided)**

We will break for lunch about 12:30, main dishes will be provided by the AGS! Please bring a dish to share- sign up sheets will be available at the July club meeting.

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# AUGUST PROGRAM



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