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

Terry Terrenoire

Another month and some more progress. The tractor is now ready for mowing duty, as well as some other tasks we may demand of it. My personal thanks to Rick Curtis for the extended use of his garage, and his mechanical knowledge, and to Bob Noll for his weekly dedication and driving over 20 miles each way for several weeks to get the tractor back in running order. In addition, Bob has been ordering parts and spending a lot of time on the phone talking with "experts" when problems arose. And I dare not forget Frank, without whom we may still be trying to reassemble the bendix!! Frank has also contributed his professional assistance and advice over the past few weeks. Many thanks to all three of you.

By now you all know of the recent passing of long time member and former Board member, David Merithew. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends in this time of deep sorrow.

At the last Board meeting we

closed several key items. The club now has a debit card that is in the hands of the treasurer. Our Leader club application has been submitted to AMA. We established a web update procedure. The property taxes, and General Liability insurance have been paid for 2007. All club officers have been given "membership packets" by the Chairman, Scott. The frequency sharing agreement for this year has been signed.

In addition to closing out those items, we did a first review of this year's budget. My goal for the year was to keep our capital expenditures to 1/2 the income from the log sales, and we are going to be very close.

I used 3 categories of expenses: events, uncontrollables, and capital, or one time expenses. Under the Events I have budgeted for \$670 in expenses, and we have already paid out \$110. Under Uncontrollables I am budgeting for \$3163. We have paid out \$1222 so far.

Under capital improvements we are planning for \$5500. So far we have spent nearly \$1000 on the tractor.

On the income side of the ledger, we are planning just \$3300 in

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

March 6th

Pre-meeting at 7:00 for interested pylon racers

AGS Dinner

March 10th

FIELD OPENING

APRIL 21st

Toledo Trade Expo

April 13th—15th

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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dues income. If you take out the last category, that is being covered by the timber sale, that leaves us with a shortfall of \$700. Obviously we can cover that this year, but it will have to be addressed as time goes by. Maybe we can make some of it up with profits from the contest, and the float fly. The VRCS may also be able to "pay some rent" for the use of the field over Labor Day weekend.

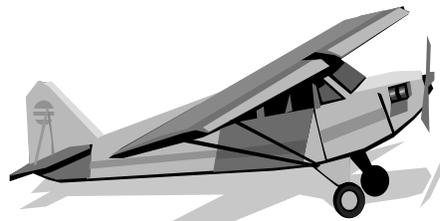
At any rate, we are in good condition and plans are under way for the field opening, and for the extensive road repairs.

Back to last month's column. We still need to fill some key slots. I am not one to twist arms so there are some things that may not happen this year if someone does not volunteer to help. the primary openings are for Activities, Field, librarian, flight school, historian, and PR. Those of you who have not held an office, or organized an event need to do some soul searching, and step up to the plate!! It is really unfair to let a few do all the work!!

A club up north, the Chiefs, have an auction scheduled for late in March.

I hope to have the details for the meeting. I was given a flyer, but cannot lay my hands on it as I write this.

See you on the 6th. Please don't come as an empty chair!



SKI FLY

Jim Quinn

The great job Frank Gioffredo did at the New Year's Day fly inspired me to volunteer for the Winter Ski Fly in February. The week before the Ski Fly I was very nervous for our lack of snow. Mother Nature must have listened to my distress because Valentine's Day was a snow fest of major magnitude. So I became doubly distressed. As late as the day before the Ski Fly was to take place one of the counties that I normally travel through to get to my home in Endicott, Madison County was in a state of emergency with no unnecessary travel. The other distress was wondering with all the snow if we could even get into the soccer fields for runways?

All the fixings for the chili were purchased and the roads were clear Saturday morning so it was an early start from Clinton, NY for my 10:30 appointment with Doug Brenaman who was going to open the gate and give us access to the soccer fields. My friend Mary started the chili while I was frantically opening cans of beans and tomatoes. The chili was looking and smelling good when I left for the soccer fields. Oh, did I say I tasted the chili too? It tasted great!

When I arrived Doug was there with the gate opened. Doug had enough sense to bring a snow shovel along as well. Doug started the shoveling and had some relief from Mark Lecher. It wasn't long before Tony Cammarata arrived. I can't recall a winter fly when Tony wasn't there. Tony certainly has the formula for great skis down to a science. Frank Gioffredo had the Coleman stoves and the bowls from the New Year's Day fly and everyone smiled when he drove up. Unfortunately, Frank had a ski problem so he came just to show support. Thanks Frank. Terry Terrenoire arrived with a beautiful Fazer and followed Tony in the air with our second flight of the morning. I had a difficult time starting the OS.26 four stroke on my Tiger Moth, it doesn't like cold weather, but thanks to Jeff's propane fueled hand warmer the engine was finally coaxed into life and warmed up to the beautiful blue sky.

Things seemed to be in order so I left for home to pick up Mary and the chili. She prepared chili for 25, but the 10 of us who were there put a major dent into her "Italian sized proportions." The sun was shining and the winds were light, but the hot chili and the coffee and hot chocolate kept us warm. By this time a new member, Dennis, arrived and dug into the chili. Ken Maroni joined us a few minutes later.

One interesting feature of the 2007 ski fly was getting to the runway. The snow was so deep that the runway was almost at eye level. Only once did a pilot have to climb up onto the runway to retrieve his airplane. Once was enough! That snow was really deep!

All in all it was a great day. Thanks to all who came and to Mary for some great chili. I hope our President, Terry, will consider me for hosting the ski fly 2008. Terry took several beautiful pictures, some of which you can see at GJ's and here in the Connector as well. Thanks Terry.



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
Deadline for Next Connector is 3/23/07.

**AGS Meeting #715
February 6, 2007**

The meeting was held at Maine Endwell HS Library. AGS President Terry Terrenoire started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 22 members. Also, there were 3 guests present.

Meeting Minutes

Connector minutes approved as written. Correction to the Connector Page 2 Scott Wallace is no longer Field chairman

Officer Reports

President's report:

President Terry Terrenoire informed the group that the next board meeting will focus on budget and asked for input from the group. Terry also reviewed that on February 17th the Winter fly starts at 11:00 am will run to 2:00 pm.

Vice President's report:

Presented by Terry Terrenoire, the Club Dinner Party will occur at March 10th, the location is the Tioga Trails restaurant. Everyone encouraged to attend. There is not a dress requirement.

Treasures report:

Frank Gioffredo reviewed the current status of our various accounts. Largest expenses include the rebuild of the club's tractor and property taxes.

Secretary's report:

Secretary Rick Curtis reviewed highlights of the board meeting.

Mall Show: Good Response from Public Questionnaires handed out last meeting.

The majority of the people that responded were regular fliers, thus results are biased.

Use of Sports Complex for indoor flying: Matt Struck to review the opportunities and limitations with the club at the next meeting.

Proposed Bylaws change: Due in March, will require a vote

Field Rules Update: Due in March.

Jim Rogers: Dinner Party Plans, Terry to present at February Membership meeting.

Dues: Curtis to send out letter reminding of past due dues

4 New Pins for Spread Spectrum to be ordered

Scott submitted TAG Application

Reviewed action items.

Committee Reports

Membership

Membership Chairman Scott Wallace. Thanked Doug Breneman and Mark Lecher for their assistance. 9 people expressed interest in joining the Club at the Mall show.

1 attended today's meeting. Scott also discussed the Introductory Pilot Program Instructor Program which identifies specific club members as trainers and allows potential new members to fly on a buddy box for a period of up to 60 days without joining the AMA. The board to review this program at the next board meeting.

Unfilled Committee Positions

The Board is looking for volunteers to serve as committee chairs or members of the following committees. Please contact Terry Terrenoire if interested.

Activities

Field

Flight School

Historian

Librarian

Public Relations

Old Business

Terry Terrenoire briefly reviewed the highlights of the questionnaire responses that had been turned in. Terry encouraged the Members present to complete the form and turn it in by the end of the meeting

New Business

Terry Terrenoire stated that the club has obtained a debit card for use to procure items for the club when it is not feasible to use a club check.

Terry Terrenoire also stated that the use of Pins will be required if a Spread Spectrum system is used. The use of Pins will still be required to reduce of chance of error when translating between Spread Spectrum and conventional radio transmitters. The use of AMA cards to check out a pin from the control board shall be used for all transmitter types.

Matt Struck reviewed the indoor flying opportunity at the Greater Binghamton Sports Complex. Before the program can start, we are waiting on Certificate of Insurance from AMA. Matt reviewed the guidelines to use the facility. Need to be an AMA member and either an AGS member or in attendance with an AGS member. There will be a sign-in sheet entitled "Indoor RC Flying at the Greater Binghamton Sports Complex" at the site office. Weight limits 12 oz for mono wing and 16 oz for bi-wing aircraft. Matt pointed out that there is cost advantage to be a Complex member.

Terry Terrenoire also reminded the group of the upcoming WRAMs Show

Show and Tell

Scott showed his new plane SEGAL ARF YAK 54.

Matt Struck showed his Brolet FP3 Indoor precision aerobatic airplane.

Terry showed his Slow Jaz 2 an extremely light aircraft.

Bob Frey showed his SE5A Great Planes ARF

Program

This months program focused on Electrics was present by Bob Frey. "Anything that you can do with fuel you can do with electrics". Highlights of the well received program included the history, basic system elements / requirements and suggested power requirements



Tractor works so well that Bob lifted Rick right out of the picture

DINNER PARTY

Jim Rogers

People are beginning to pour into the small town of Deadwood for the biggest poker tournament west of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals and saloon girls to southern belles, everyone has made this small western frontier town THE place to be. The poker tournament is set to start in just a few days and the \$100,000 seems to have attracted interest from every corner of the country.

As the festivities of the poker tournament conclude, a huge celebration party is planned at the Deadwood Saloon to award the prize money and to celebrate what should be a very financially successful venture for the saloon. With a smattering of bandits, bankers, saloon girls, sheriffs, gamblers, east coast debutantes, and of course the locals, this will make for a very interesting evening indeed.

I'll see you at the poker awards party March 10, 6:30 PM

Membership

Scott Wallace

I'll begin this month with a few members I would like to thank. Thank you to Doug Brenema for picking up and returning the the club trainer & flight simulator to GJ's following the Mall show.

Also a big Thank You to Mark Lecher who donated a Futaba 4 channel radio for use in the club trainer plane. GJ's had a new transmitter battery in stock and our club trainer is now ready to go!

Mark has also done some good work with our club website and has added membership information recently. Pending final Board Approval we will submit forms to AMA to enroll the Aeroguidance Society in the Intro-Pilot Program. This essentially allows someone to fly on a buddy box with a club designated instructor for up to 60 days to get a feel for the hobby and then hopefully join both the AMA and .

MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

A night of mystery and mayhem in the Wild West

It's the 1st Annual Deadwood Poker Tournament Party!

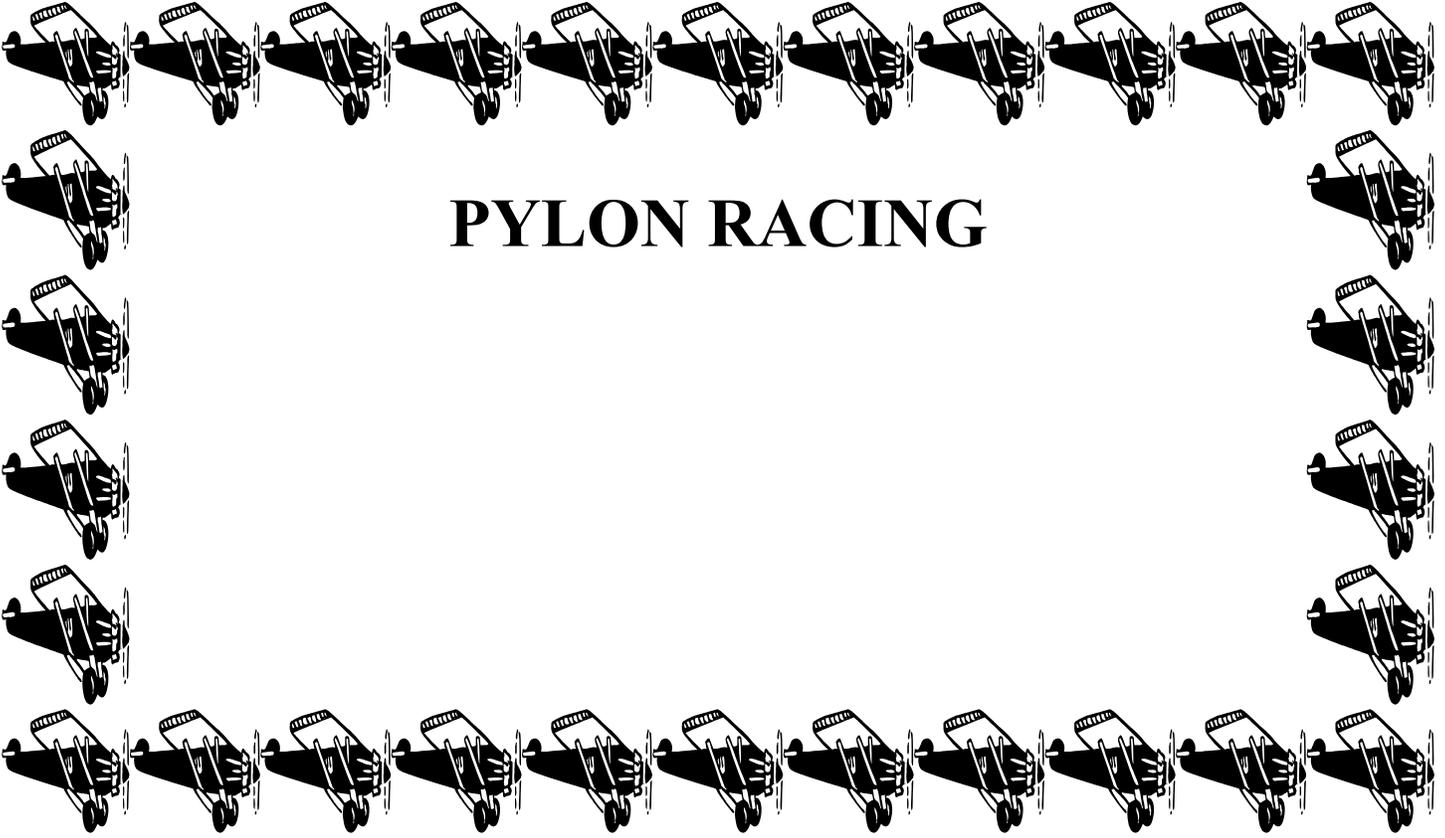
For weeks, people have been pouring into the small western town of Deadwood for the biggest poker tournament this side of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals and saloon girls to southern belles, everyone has made this small western frontier town THE place to be.

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You would be a fool to miss this celebration!

MARCH PROGRAM



PYLON RACING

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