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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 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez

Terry Terrenoire

Boy, the flying season is really in full swing. I have attended one contest and another is coming up. Sorry to say that I have not been able to get to the field nearly as much as I want.

In this issue you should find a full report of the intra club event and picnic that we has last week. If you were not there you missed some great food and some not so great flying!!!

Coming up we have a few more pylon races and the annual pattern contest, and the Aviation Day.

Bob Noll will have a signup sheet available at the next meeting to finalize the staffing for the contest in August.

I will be finalizing the staffing for the Aviation day on July 21st. If you can help in either of these events, but will not be able to make the meeting, please call me, or Bob.

To date we have signed up 1 new member, Gary! I have had contact with a father son team that will be joining by the next meeting night, and we have 2 signed up for the AMA training program. There is another young man, Derick, who has indicated an interest, so we should easily reach our goal of 5 new members for this year. If we get anywhere near the turnout for the aviation day that we are expecting, that could easily produce several more new members!

Happy landings everyone.....See you at the field!!

Official AGS Shirts and Hats

Brent Bryson

The official AGS hat is a light blue baseball cap with the official AGS emblem. The official AGS shirt is a light blue golf shirt with the official AGS emblem. AGS hats and shirts may be purchased from the Instant Face Place, located at 281 Front St Binghamton, NY 13905, Phone (607) 722-4446. Heading west on 17, take exit 72, turn right on Front Street, and the Instant Face Place is 1/2 mile on the right side.

Since they do not stock the shirts and hats locally you should call in advance to order them. It usually takes about a week for the shirts and hats to come in. When ordering a shirt specify that you want the light blue Gilden brand Ultra-cotton Golf Shirt with the AGS Logo. When ordering a hat, specify that you want the light blue Anvil brand 6-panel hat with the AGS logo.

Cost is:

Hat \$12.00 each, or \$9.00 each in quantities of 10 or more.

Shirt \$15.00 each, or \$12.00 each in quantities of 10 or more.\

I have an order for 10 hats that should be in time for the next meeting, so if you want one that would be a good time as they will be only \$9.00 each.

WEAR YOUR CLUB HATS AND SHIRTS FOR MODEL AVIATION DAY AND THE PATTERN CONTEST

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

July 3rd

Pylon Racing

July 10th, 24th

Model Aviation DAY

July 21st

Pattern Contest

August 4th, 5th

REMINDER:

SUMMER AGS MEETINGS ARE AT THE AGS FIELD.

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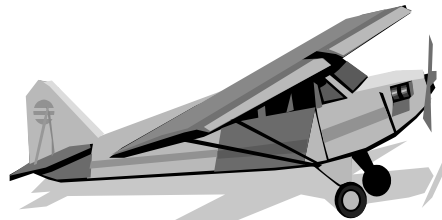
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July Program

Guillermo León

The July program topics will be: Pattern Planes: Break Down of Basic, Intermediate, Advance maneuvers by Jim Quinn. We will also have visitors, Mr. Neil Hunt and his son will be at the field showing a Pattern Airplane designed by them which will be also available for test at the field. He will be taken orders also if anyone is interested. They will be at the field from 4 or 5 PM for the AGS those AGS members that would like to test the plane.



Southern Tier Model A's Say Thank You

by Bob Noll

The members and their spouses of the Southern Tier Model A's club would like to thank the AGS for their hospitality on June 6. Eight beautiful 1929 thru 1931 Fords arrived at the field about 6:30, as part of their June meeting. Only one overheated coming up our road but no damage was done.

The group was treated to some demonstration flying and one of the wives, who is a pilot, enjoyed flying one of the club trainers. She was heard to say that these little planes are more sensitive to control inputs than her full size Cessna.

Thanks to Jordan Adams, the helicopter flights were the most popular. Jordan has become a very accomplished helicopter pilot. Thanks also to Frank Gioffredo, Guillermo Leon and Terry Terrenoire for their contributions to the evening. Terry flew his Elan through the Advanced maneuvers sequence as I called for him loud enough for our audience to hear. They were very impressed with the power, maneuverability and gracefulness of the Elan.

Prior to the flying, I gave an orientation talk to the group by showing them the flight control center and explaining our frequency control system. About 7:30 the group held a covered dish picnic with the AGS pilots as their guests.

Model Aviation Day 2007

Scott Wallace

We are fast approaching our marquis event for 2007, Model Aviation Day. The event is to be held at our club field on July 21, from 10-4 PM.

I have approximately 18 volunteers lined up, but certainly every club member is welcome (and encouraged) to come out. We're not planning to work anyone all day, so come out, help a while, and enjoy the day! Even if you really cannot help "work" the event please come out and bring a model or two for static display, and if you would like to help with demo flights I'm sure we can use all the fliers we can muster.

The basic event will consist of greeting and welcoming visitors, giving a brief tour of our flying site and getting folks into a "ground school" and have them spend a few minutes on a flight simulator. From there they are welcome to fly as much as possible on our 3 club trainers with buddy boxes. Younger kids will be able to build and fly Delta Dart rubber powered models, I'm planning two building sessions for these models.

Throughout the day we'll do demo flights with sport planes, pattern models, mock racing, warbirds, electrics of all types, heli's...the full spectrum of the hobby.

A FREE picnic lunch will be served to all our guests (and helping club members), and it will cost the club nothing as both Lockheed Martin and BAE Systems have contributed \$300 each for our event. Additionally, this event is co-sponsored by the AMA which has donated 2 complete RTF trainer model setups along with Flight Simulator software, all because the AGS was a winner in the AMA's Take Off and Grow (TAG) program.

We'll have a table set up with free promotional material provided by the AMA as well as lots of AGS promotional material. Be looking and listening for our event flyers, posters, newspaper and radio ads...and help spread the word! If you have questions please contact any AGS Board member.



Membership

Scott Wallace

A warm AGS welcome to our newest associate member Gary Hendrick. Gary has already made a huge contribution to the club by doing a lot of the heavy equipment work to improve our road. I have been working with Gary with a club trainer and he is now flying his own model as well. Please introduce yourself to Gary next time you are at the field and help him get acclimated into this great hobby. We have also signed up Dan Williams to the AMA's Intro-Pilot Program. Dan has his own trainer model and will be working with myself, Frank and Terry over the next 60 days.

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 7/27/07.

**2007 AGS AEROBATICS CONTEST, AUGUST 4 & 5
CONTEST DIRECTOR'S STAFFING PLAN**

(team leaders 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 Tom Kopl*
(Sun) Joe Perrucci (625-2376)* Ed Helinski* Dave Lewis*

Field Setup: Frank Gioffredo (748-9858)* Jim Quinn* Bob Frey* Bob Jennings*
(Friday) Jeff Hatton* Tom Kopl* Joe Perucci*

Prizes/Trophies: Jim Quinn*

50/50 Raffle: Derek Gioffredo*

Judge Coordinator: Jim Quinn*
We will be using contestants as judges.

Judge Assistants: Guillermo Leon (258-0174)*
(Sat) Don Shugard* Wayne Kunzman* Afzel Rehman
James Trucker* Gary Hendrick* _____
(Sun) Bob Jennings* Don Green* _____
Brent Bryson* Galen Richmond _____

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

* = CONFIRMED AS OF 6/25/07

If you cannot help, PLEASE write your name below.

Scott Wallace (out of town)
Ralph Jackson

If you can help but need an assignment, write your name below.

Mike Gazy – Sunday clean-up

TOP AEROBATIC PILOTS TO COMPETE AT SAYRE

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

This will be the last Connector before we host the precision aerobatics contest on August 4 & 5 at the Blue Swan Airport property 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; 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 chicken dinner at the airport on Saturday evening. Tickets will be available at the contest. Terry and his kitchen staff will be handling this rather than hiring a caterer in order to maximize our profits.

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.

One more thing, if you are working on Sunday when the contest ends, please help with the teardown and clean-up. We must leave the site better than we found it.

I'm looking forward to another great contest and a club event that will gather most members to help. This is a great time to get to know your fellow club members, have some fun and watch some excellent aerobatics flying

Intra-Club Picnic for CHOW

Scott Wallace

On a very warm Father's Day we held the annual Intra-Club contest, the annual club picnic and a CHOW benefit; all in one nifty event! Terry Terrenoire & his able assistant Chuck Krapf cooked up a nice picnic lunch, and the 30+ members and guests present had a good time. As it also happened to be Terry's birthday, a special cake was brought out and a rousing version of "Happy Birthday" was sung. I don't recall seeing that many candles on one cake before but Terry was up to the task of blowing them out.

The Intra-Club had 7 participants, and 4 rounds of various events were flown. By nailing the bomb drop event Terry came from behind to win, followed by Bill Markovitz and Ed Helinski. Flight after flight Bob Noll had the "ability" to bring strong swirling winds just as he fired up his engine! Thanks to GJ's for awesome discounts on the prizes and thanks to Doug Breneman for his help in running the event.

We collected \$32 for CHOW and xx pounds of food...was hoping we can do better. We are going to be collecting for CHOW again during Model Aviation Day on July 21 so we will make our club donation at that time.

MOWING LIST

Weekend of June 30-July 1

Tractor: Frank Gioffredo

Helper: Rick Allabaugh

Helper: _____

Weekend of July 7-8

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of July 14-15

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of July 21-22

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of July 28-29

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of August 4-5

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of August 11-12

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of August 18-19

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

Weekend of August 25-26

Tractor: _____

Helper: _____

Helper: _____

**AGS Meeting #718
June 5, 2007**

The meeting was held at the AGS Field. AGS President Terry Terrenoire called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 22 members and 1 guests.

Tonight's program pylon racing was cancelled due to high winds.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes as published. The motion was made Jim Quinn and seconded by Art Riegel . Prior to accepting the minutes in the connector, Scot Wallace identified numerous errors with connector calendar that are not part of the minutes. The board has the action to insure that the dates of club events are corrected in the next Connector and associated calendar. During the discussion Terry Terrenoire also stated that as it stands now, we would not be part of the Broome County Aviation days (all "program slots" are currently filled.)

At the end of the discussion, the Connector minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Open the field was very successful, accomplished all of the goals set forth, road repair and shed cleanup.

Secretary's report:

2 key items were discussed at last months Board meeting
Club's Model Aviation Day that included was changed for to July 21st to allow time for adequate promotion.
Reviewed the Bylaw changes and method of distribution prior to the June General Meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Frank presented financial report. Report included cost of rental and insurance for the equipment used at the field opening.

Membership

Welcomed Gary Hendrick as our new member and Derek Miller as a guest.

Field

Mowing List Signup sheet. Need signups. At the meeting Terry Terrenoire was able to find volunteers for most of June. Terry stressed the need for the Club members to sign up.

Safety

Need to post the 2007 Official Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code. Rick Curtis is to download and print a copy from AMA website and post at the field.

Old Business

Field opening Work party went off well, still need to move the gate. We need new hardware.
Primer, Jim Quinn, low participation due to the change in the date and holiday. However it was a nice day with good flights.
Club thanks Jim who has run this activity for 4-5 years now.

Next Board Meeting

Please contact a Board Member to find out the time and location for the next board meeting.

New Business

Intra club Contest will be June 17th at 1:00 pm. To include contest & picnic. Proceeds to benefit CHOW. Club will be purchasing main ingredients. Request that all bring a dish to pass. In addition bring something for Chow, can either be money or food.

Tag Plans presented by Scott Wallace. Will be a focus of the AGS Model Aviation day that will be held July 21st from 10-4.
BAE and LMSI donations are expected. Will include display's, demos, ground school with simulator, trainer flights, delta darts, lunch (a donation will be collected and donated to CHOW). Help is needed to run the event, see Scott Wallace.
Note: Walkie-talkies are needed.

Model A club will be up at the field Wednesday's night (June 6th), weather providing.

Pattern Contest Signups – Presented by Bob Noll. Bob encouraged everyone to sign up. Everyone needs to contact Bob and let him know if you are not able to assist.

Bob Noll has identified a list of items that still need repair, contact Bob if interested.

- New outhouse
- Plastic container and lime for outhouse
- New spools
- Post updated field rules (frequency control)
- Fix eaves trough and downspout on small pavilion.
- More parking barriers on side facing runway 15-30
- Hang tire swing for kids

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- Procedures that need to be published,
 - Outhouse cleaning
 - Mower 3-point hitch operation
 - Mower height adjustment (runways, other)
 - Mowing pattern
 - Gas supply (refill tractor tank, hand mower, weed-wacker after use)
 - Fill empty gas containers and return to shed

Also it was pointed out that we are not to cut a direct path between the upper and lower pavilions.

By-laws changes

Motion to vote (all up/all down) Doug Breneman, Second by Art Riegal.

Article III.G. and Article XVI.C, which defines an active member status and the ability of the board to remove a member, brought about a lot of discussion. The discussion centered on the board's ability to remove purely social members, elderly members and others that at times may be unable to fulfill the active member definition now can be removed by board. Terry Terrenoire stated that it was not intended to vote out long time members who have contributed to the club. Bill Markovitz stated that members should be voting out membership, Bob Noll read Article XVI E, the procedure for general membership re-instatement. Doug Breneman stated that this was extracted from other clubs by-laws and procedures. Terry Terrenoire stated that nothing says that this is mandatory, but a board option to remove. Discussion continued for a while and then was closed by Terry. The motion was then brought up for a vote. Final vote 15 for, 6 against. Motion passed with a 2/3 majority. Updated by-laws to be placed on the Club's website.

STRC Pylon Racing

Frank Gioffredo

Well the first two pylon races for 2007 are in the books.

I would like to thank all the members who came out to help and a special thanks to Pat Breneman and Jenn Hatton for their assistance at the races. I would also like to Thank Doug Breneman for the following information and race results thus far.

The current standings are:

IN NEXTEL:

Pilot	Race 1	Race 2	Total
Bob Noll	7	9	16
Jim Quinn	7	7	14
Terry T.	7	5	12
Scott Wallace	0	8	08
Frank G.	0	5	05

IN BUSCH:

Don Shugard	6	4	10
Bill Markovitz	3	3	06

Congratulations to Bill Markovitz on his joining the racing group as a competitor.

Good luck to all in the weeks ahead.

Some highlights from the past couple of races:

The first night was very gusty and fortunately all races were completed without incident.

We had the pleasure of two fellow modelers from the Paradise group Jim Quinn flies with attend the races. One of them brought a nice Tigermoth and tested the winds before the races started.

We were very short staffed on the first night and most of the helpers doubled up on jobs. Thanks again for that. Apparently some racers that become lap counters have a little trouble counting to ten.

Week 2

AWESOME WEATHER . A perfect night for flying.

TWO MEMBER'S WIVES came out and helped THANKYOU AGAIN ladies.

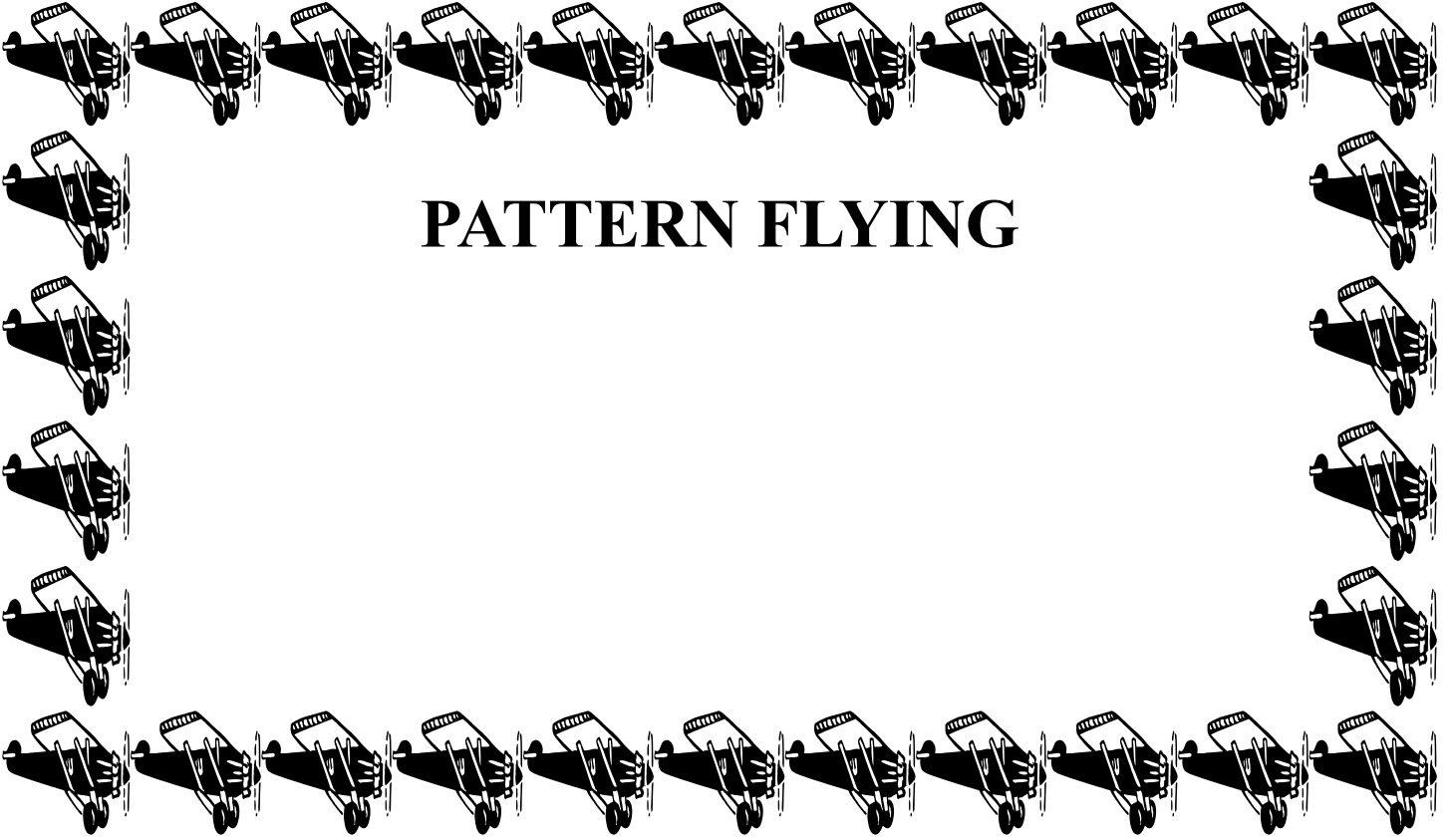
Bob "Smooth as Glass" Noll scored a perfect 9 Thanks to his amazingly skilled caller Tom Kopl.

Scott and Frank flew their first races of the season.

We can always use more helpers and flyers so feel free to come up and have some fun and a hotdog or two. Our next race is on June 5th so come on out. And once again Thank You to all who come to help because without you, We could not race.

Remember full throttle and turn left.

JULY PROGRAM



PATTERN FLYING

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