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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

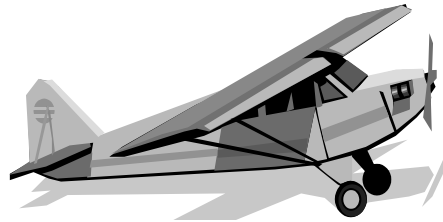
All of you on the E-mail distribution have gotten my comments on the Aviation day, so I'll not repeat it here. Suffice to say that the only improvement we could have had was a slight decrease in wind speed! I would like to have a short recap from all the prime people, Brent on road and traffic control, Scott on organization, Bob Noll on publicity, Steve Bard on Delta Dart building, Joe Perucci on flight training, Someone on flight simulators, Frank G. and Scott W. on buddy box training, and I'll do something on the food and door prizes. I'll put together a folder we can use in future years to make it all a little easier.

I don't know what more there is to say. By the time we get together again the pattern contest will be history, and I am sure Bob will have some final words to say. With July winding to a close, the planned flying activities are also getting fewer. Just 4 more races scheduled, the Float Fly in Sept and the VRCS "reunion" over Labor Day weekend.

One last thing! We need to get some volunteers to run for Pres, VP, Secty, Treas, and one BMAL, (2 yr term) If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact any current Board member. I will be on the Board as "Past President" and Scott Wallace will remain for his second yr as BMAL. This year has been tough,

with the loss of Jim Rogers as VP in the middle of the year, Bob Balsie choosing not to stay on the Board as Past President, Scott Wallace and Rick Curtis having to travel so much have missed several Board meetings and regular meetings. But somehow we got thru it and I am looking forward to summarizing the accomplishment of this administration at the September meeting. Next year should be a "walk in the park", so it would be a good time for a newcomer or two to step up and get some valuable experience, as well as making a considerable contribution to the club and promoting its wellbeing.

My new Part time work schedule has me working until 9:00 PM on Tuesday the 7th, so I will not be able to make the meeting. See you in September!



**WEAR YOUR CLUB HATS AND  
SHIRTS FOR THE PATTERN  
CONTEST**

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### Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**

*August 7th*

**Pattern Contest**

*August 4th, 5th*

### REMINDER:

**SUMMER AGS MEETINGS ARE AT THE AGS FIELD.**

**The Aeroguidance  
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**Model Aviation Day 2007**

**Thank you** to everyone that participated in making the Aeroguidance Society Model Aviation Day 2007 an overwhelming success!

We had many positive comments from all that attended and much praise from AMA district 2 VP Dave Mathewson for putting on exactly the kind of community event that the AMA envisioned.

Each of us can be proud of a great day, everything from advertising, road crews, the lunch crew, ground school and flight simulator helpers, Delta Dart builders (we went thru 50 kits!) to the trainer instructors and their helpers did an amazing job. It was hard work, and lasted well past 4:00 but when have we ever seen so many kids smiling when they took their turn to fly the models, and the same big smiles from the adults that took a turn.

I know it's tradition for over 50 years that the annual pattern contest is our "big" event but as the hobby is changing and evolving events like this will become our marquis event of the year in the future. I will recommend to Board we continue this event, if not every year at least every other.

Thanks again,

Scott Wallace  
Event Chairman

**THE GOLDEN EAGLES ARE FLYING!**

by Bob Noll

Members of the AGS who are also members of the Vintage Radio Control Society have formed a VR/CS chapter known as the Golden Eagles. They will be displaying and flying their planes from the past at our August meeting. These planes were designed before 1970 and reflect the variety of planes available at that time.

## **18<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 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion the weekend of September 1st and 2nd at the AGS field. VR/CS Chapter III, The Golden Eagles, are continuing the tradition that was started 18 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.



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 8/24/07.**

## **ON AUGUST 4 & 5!**

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

One of this club's biggest events is our hosting of our annual precision aerobatic contest each year. August 4 & 5 will be the club's 52<sup>nd</sup> running of this event. The site is the Blue Swan Airport property in Sayre, PA. Follow the yellow and red R/C signers after you exit Rt 17 at exit 60.

**I have included a list of assignments and I hope each chairman has already contacted their teams in order to provide specific details and organize their shifts.**

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 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.

**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

**AGS Meeting #719  
July 3, 2007**

The meeting was held at the AGS Field. AGS President Terry Terrenoire started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 24 members. Also, there were 2 guests present.

**Meeting Minutes**

Connector minutes approved as written.

**Officer Reports**

**President's report:**

President Terry Terrenoire gave us a summary of the board meeting. Some items completed include: by-law updates approval, Model Aviation Day plan, and Committee Chairperson assignments. Open items include: G.J. bulletin board maintenance, creation of corporate records book, and getting activity financial reports. Other things to do include: Doug Breneman will update the Field Rules with spread spectrum considerations, the librarian report will be given at a general meeting, the AGS roster will be updated by Frank, Brent will publish how to get AGS jackets and hats (done in The Connector), tax forms are to be submitted in September, and the nominations committee needs to start in August.

**Vice President's report:**

None

**Treasure's report:**

Frank Gioffredo gave us a high-level review of our current financial status. He is currently transferring all financial data from the old computer to the new computer and updating the data with current information. A complete report will be given at the next meeting.

**Secretary's report:**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

Membership Chairman, Scott Wallace, introduced three new Associate Members – Andrew Slocum, Paul Slocum, and Derrick Miller  
Pylon Race Chairman, Frank Gioffredo gave the current standings for pylon racing. The results will be in The Connector. The next race will be on 7/10. Helpers are welcome and needed.

**Old Business**

The Aerobatics Contest will be held August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. See The Connector for details. Contact Bob Noll for any change in status for the jobs you have volunteered to do. Bob will be providing to the chairpersons a list of items they need to do. Breakfast will be available both Saturday and Sunday. Judge assistants will have a separate

meeting to learn what they need to do at the contest. Frank and helpers need to meet at the AGS field at 8 AM on Friday 8/3/07 to pack up the equipment for the contest. Tear down will occur near 3 or 4 PM on Sunday. Your help is appreciated. There will be a chicken BBQ catered by the AGS on Saturday night. The cost is \$5. Saturday night is a free fly. You can watch some excellent flying. AGS members are encouraged to wear their club hats, shirts and jackets.

Model Aviation Day will be held on 7/21 from 10am to 4PM. A banner for this event was shown. This is an Open House for the public to see the AGS. Any one else who can assist with this event is encouraged to help. There is a special need for more planes for the static display. Joe suggested that we weedwack the areas along the road where cars can safely pull off. The event will be held at the upper pavilion at our field.

**New Business**

Jim Quinn told us about the STARS Model Air Show that will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Show and Tell**

Scott Wallace showed and flew a delta dart. These planes will be built at Model Aviation Days on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Jim Quinn showed a newly finished Focus pattern plane. This plane is for sale. He also mentioned that AGS members do not need to pay a contestant fee at the AGS Aerobatics Contest.

Neil Hunt, a guest and a member of the Binghamton Aeros, showed a pattern plan his son, Mark, designed and built for him. This is Mark's second design. It is called a Pentathlon and will be available as a kit. You can go to the URL: [www.insight.com](http://www.insight.com) for more information. Neil plans to fly this plane at the AGS Aerobatics Contest.

Terry Terrenoire showed a small electric balsa plane from [www.stevensaero.com](http://www.stevensaero.com) The all-up weight is about 3 oz with a 150 mAH LIPO battery. He also showed a Spektrum 6 transmitter with 4 JR servos that is for sale.

**Program**

The program was Precision Aerobatics and hosted by Jim Quinn. The goal of the presentation is to encourage all pilots to fly better. This does not mean that they must compete. In addition, demonstrations were given by Terry Terrenoire, Bob Noll, and Frank Gioffredo. They showed that precision aerobatics can be flown using a wide variety of planes – an aerobatics plane, a small electric plane, and a sport plane.

**MOWING LIST**

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Those members who enjoy flying at the AGS field, should consider pitching in to help keep the field in tip-top shape. There have been some week ends when helpers were available, but no tractor driver volunteered.

Mowing should be done either the Thursday or Friday preceding the weekend you are signed up, Saturday mornings as a last resort. In addition to cutting the runways, parking and pit areas need to be cut with push mower, and latrine needs to be cleaned & supplies replenished as required.

Tractor driver is in charge for that weekend, helpers coordinate with your driver.

## Race Report

Frank Gioffredo

Race# 5

| Name            | Best 6 | Race 1 | Race 2 | Race 3 | Race 4 | Race 5 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| NEXTEL          |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Bob Noll        | 36     | 7      | 9      | 6      | 8      | 6      |
| Jim Quinn       | 36     | 7      | 7      | 9      | 7      | 6      |
| Scott Wallace   | 27     | 0      | 8      | 6      | 6      | 7      |
| Frank Gioffredo | 21     | 0      | 5      | 8      | 3      | 5      |
| T Terrenoire    | 20     | 7      | 5      | 0      | 0      | 8      |
| Jerry Roscoe    | 5      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 5      |
| BUSCH           |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Don Shugard     | 23     | 6      | 4      | 0      | 5      | 8      |
| Bill Markowitz  | 16     | 3      | 3      | 4      | 3      | 3      |

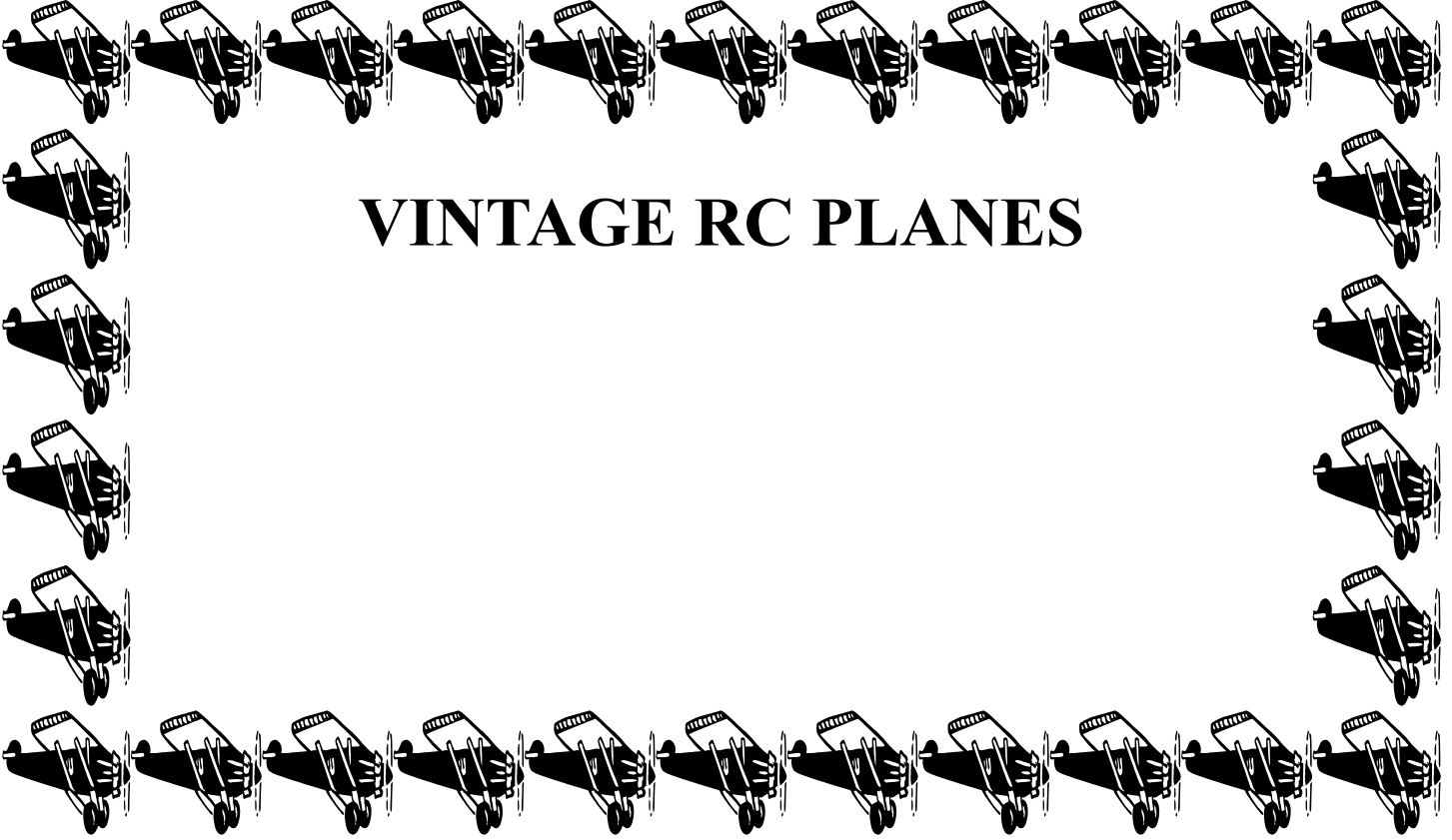
A few fun facts:

- Another beautiful evening of fun. The weather was just about perfect.
- We had a great crew and eight pilots. Welcome to Jerry Roscoe who ran his first race this season.
- We started the first heat with three planes that were mostly red or at least had some red in the color scheme.
- We had two cut-free heats. Of course this also means that we had cuts in the other six heats. In fact, we probably set a new record by having fourteen cuts in those six heats. In one heat, one racer cut once and the other two racers cut twice. This is certainly a record for this race season.
- We had two pilots who did especially well this race; Terry got eight points in Nextel and Don got eight points in Busch. Well Done.
- Jim and Bob are tied for first place in Nextel and they were also tied at the end of race 4.
- We certainly welcome everyone to come and fly, come and help, or just come and watch. We had several spectators for Race five. I believe Model Aviation Day might have produced a couple of these folks to come out.
- We also had some nice flying after the races were over. Did I mention that the weather was just about perfect?

From myself, I would like to thank all the helpers who have been coming out to make it so much fun for the racers. Doug does such a fine job of sending me report info I do not even need to edit, just add a couple of comments and it is off to the editor. Also I would like to recognize Don Green for his diligence in being our newest starter and doing a fine job. You guys are all Great. Thanks for allowing us to have such fun.



# AUGUST PROGRAM



## VINTAGE RC PLANES

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