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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 has passed and as we look forward to the Holiday Season, It is also fun to look back on our accomplishments of the past year and plan for the upcoming flying season. That may seem a bit far away at this time but Spring will be here sooner than most of us want to realize. The outdoor flying has really dropped off, what with the cold and winds, but that just means that many of us are gearing up for some good indoor flying for the winter months. I tried to get the gym at UEHS for a night or two a month this winter, but they have no time available, so Matt's plans for the facility on the old Vestal Rd. are being implemented. Matt should have some details in this month's Connector, or next. In the meantime we can fly in Sayre a couple times a month. December 18th is the next time I will be going. If you are interested and want to carpool, give me a call.

I would like to thank Leon for organizing the field fall work party. I was out of town that weekend so I particularly appreciate all of his efforts, and those who were able to help.

Start planning now for the 25th annual Mall Show. This year's dates are January 19th and 20th. After Christmas I will be getting with the mall management to see just what we can do to promote the 25th anniversary.

This show is the longest running event in the Mall's history. Once again I will attempt to have an empty store front available for some small electric indoor flying. Hopefully a little closer to our display area.

By virtue of the December meeting being a family gathering and dinner, I will make the meeting portion VERY short so that we can enjoy the important things in life, our families and friends.

For those who like to get in that first flight of the new year, Jan 1st is not far off. Time to get out the heavy coats and mittens with the thumbs cut off so you can fly and possibly keep your hands warm. Might as well try on the skis too...we might need them!

A couple of items came up at the last meeting that the Board has taken some preliminary action on. I mentioned the interest Dan has in purchasing 3.5 acres from us. During the Board meeting we discussed the pros and cons, and decided to invite Dan to submit a proposal! We have come up with a minimum figure we should consider, now we will see how close Dan comes. There will be more on this as conditions warrant. We are NOT looking to just pad the club's treasury, but have declared that we must have a specific project in mind so that the income will be spent to enhance the field.

Another subject brought up at the

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Coming Events

Dec 4th AGS Meeting

Main-Endwell High School

Jan 1st New Years Fly

BC United Soccer Fields

Jan 19th 20th MALL Show

Oakdale Mall

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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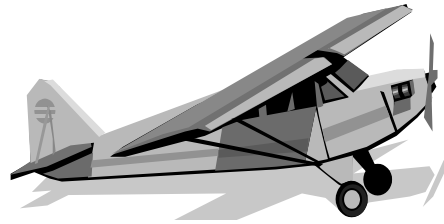
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last meeting was the possible relocation of the runway. Again, we made no firm commitments, but Jim Quinn will head up a committee to take some measurements and study the feasibility of the plan. Once a firm proposal and plan is in place we will discuss it at length during a general meeting for membership consideration. The primary reason for the proposal is to allow for more flying time by putting the sun to our backs. As it is now, flying before noon can be a bit of a challenge to keep the sun out of your eyes.

For those of you who can not make the Dec meeting, let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!



2008 NEW YEARS DAY FLY

Frank Gioffredo

Attention all flyers it is fast approaching, the beginning of another year and as always we want to start it out right. So come out on Tuesday JANUARY FIRST to help get the New Year started right. We will be meeting at the BC United Soccer Fields Right behind the Ann McGuiness School in West Corners around 10:30 am and run until we stop usually around 2:00 pm but this is totally controlled by the weather. I will have the normal bill of fair, my semi famous Chili, hot dogs, coffee, and hot chocolate. I would like to extend an invite to the other clubs in the area to come and join us for some fun and fellowship. Spectators are also welcome to come and bring a friend that may be interested in flying. So mount up those skis or take a chance on the wheels but come on out for the first fly of the year. And we will have a great time. See you then.

AGS Runways

by: Jim Quinn

Our greatest asset is our R/C airport. For the past several years we have heard a lot about our road. Actually, without a road there would be no airport so focusing on the road is a good idea. We've made some progress on the road in the last 12 months so I would like to turn our attention to the airport itself.

Could we get more pilots flying at the AGS airport if the runway(s) had a different orientation? My first question is do we really need two runways? Much of the time there is some cross wind component to landing on any one of our four runways. The sun is the major deterrent to using the airport all day long. I would like to look into rotating the runways to have a single 9/27 runway to fly from and put the pilot stations looking north. Our AGS airport is the only R/C airport I fly from (and I am usually at 10 to 15 different R/C airports each season) out side of AMA headquarters that has more than one runway.

Terry Terrenoire provided a little bit of history for the current configuration, not the least of which consideration was the wet ground. We all know how the AGS airport holds water when we jump up and down on our current runways in the early spring. You can hear the water squish beneath your feet as the ground moves with your body's jumping motion.

Each year we hold our breath in the spring hoping that the abandoned Sayre airport will be available for our precision aerobatic contest. Our current configuration at the AGS airport would not facilitate an aerobatic contest. The AGS is the only place where I fly at an aerobatic contest which is not held at the host club's airport. Even when we host our Vintage R/C Society's Reunion Labor Day weekend we move everything to the other side of runway 15/33.

There are three factors that might make this question more practical at this point in our history. Logging has provided us with a very healthy bank account. Secondly, logging might get rid of some of our airplane hungry trees at the perimeter of our runways. Thirdly, we have the possibility of realizing several thousands of additional dollars if we sell some of our property below our pond.

AGS WINTER FLY 2008

by: Jim Quinn

No, this is not the great Year's Day Fly that fabulous Frank Gioffredo hosts. That Fly-In is still scheduled and I hope all of us will join Frank for some tasty Chili and... Yes, This is the second time we fly in the winter which is scheduled for February 16/17, 2008. Yes, this is a two day Winter Fly. I'm writing this reminder early because there are some special preparations that might need your attention.

Saturday, February 16, is our traditional, "Let's go out and freeze and see who else is nutty enough to come out." So get your skis ready for the 16th. The twist to this two day Winter Fly is that we are hoping that Sunday will be an indoor Fly-In! This might take a little more attention from some of us who need an airplane that is under 12oz for a monoplane and 16oz for a bi-plane. Obviously, this airplane is also electric powered since it will be inside.

This early reminder is so we can all get our skis ready and get a light indoor electric prepared as well.



Aeroguidance Society Meeting 723

President Terrenoire called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

Guests: Nels Christensen

Minutes of meeting #722 will be reviewed by Rick Curtis and resubmitted due to errors and omissions. The published minutes were not approved.

Vice President Hatton had nothing to report.

Committees:

Mall Show will be January 19-20, 2008 (Terry Terrenoire)

December Meeting party in ME Cafeteria (Bob Balsie)

Focus on Families.

Pizza/Salad/Drinks/

Cookies/Holiday Deserts

Bring a holiday dish/

desert to pass.

Prizes

January meeting will be January 8, the second Tuesday because the first Tuesday is January 1.

Old Business

Field Winterization on Saturday November 10 at 10:30AM (Guillermo Leon)

Fencing Runways

Inventory of all items

removed from AGS airport.

Doug Breneman has secured permission for use of Soccer fields for both winter flying events.

Review items transferred from Old Board to New Board was not completed.

New Business

President Terrenoire brought a proposition from our neighbor, Dan, to purchase the 3.5 acres of AGS property east of his house at the bottom of our road. More discussion will follow at the Board meeting.

President Terrenoire mentioned important committees that need chairpersons: Program, Historian, Activities, Flight Training, and Field. (Field has one person, Guillermo, but needs a second person.)

President Terrenoire introduced the idea of transferring old home movies regarding the AGS to DVD format. He has 120 feet and Bob Noll has a significant amount as well.

Winter Fly: Avoid Presidents' weekend. Invite other Clubs. Weekend Fly with Saturday outdoors and Sunday indoors. Food will be provided for both days.

Jim Quinn introduced the idea to reorient the AGS airport runways to be more sun friendly.

Show and Tell

Bob Balsie showed his Hangar 9 Pulse XT for Glow/Electric. A very complete kit at \$159.00

Ken Maroni showed a new charger from Germany with the potential to reprogram the unit when updates come in from battery suppliers. Radical R/C in Ohio produces the unit. Ken found it on line at a price range from \$110.00 to \$139.00

Scott Wallace showed a beautiful Mini Mambo from Early R/C. This is a repro kit from the 1961 version for Rudder Only and a 1/2 A Baby Bee engine from Cox. It was covered with a polyester tissue. "Light Span" frequently used by the Free Flight community. The fuselage is covered with silk span and it is all completed with dope.

Terry Terrenoire showed his Stagger wing Beach with a brushless motor with Rudder/Elevator control. The new motor has 6-8 flights. He also showed a Mini-

Telemaster covered with Solar Film Lite. The uncovered wing was 34g and the covered wing was also 34g. Go figure!

Jim Quinn also showed a Mini-Telemaster. Jim has over 20 flights on this airplane over powered by an E-Flight 370 motor. At 10.2oz flying weight the motor allows for outside loops and inverted flight. Jim is using a 3 cell 450 Li-Po battery. Bob Balsie suggested an Easter Bunny pilot to complete the purple/yellow color scheme. As suggested Jim will add a pink stripe down the side of the fuselage.

Program

Terry Terrenoire led an informative and animated discussion on Li-Po Battery Safety. Many members contributed informed comments.

Meeting 723 adjourned at 9:23PM and several members met at Kristofers for food and fun.

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 12/2107.

DECEMBER PROGRAM



Holiday Party

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