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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

I hope some of you diehards are getting a chance to get out, even if it IS a bit cold. Unfortunately, I have not! Partly because of some very interesting stuff I have been doing for the club...let me explain!

You may have heard about the current mineral rights leasing that has been covered by recent news media conversations. Well...we are in one of the prime areas and it seems that our 96 acres has the potential of creating a substantial windfall for the club. A minimum of \$15,000...up to ??? it could be in the hundreds of thousands!! Now before we go out and start "spending" this windfall there are many considerations to be made. I attended a 3 hour "town meeting" meeting with 3 men on the 11th of this month. I learned a lot about the risks we would be taking, the REAL meaning of a lease and the length of this lease. We were also told how to protect ourselves from some of the hazards. At the Board meeting last Tuesday we spent most of the time discussing various options and deciding just how we can best protect ourselves, and at the same time insure the maximum income for the club. I will cover some of the details at this month's meeting. Once I sit down with the atty maybe we will need to have a special meeting to bring everybody on board. Until then, the Board will continue to act in the club's best interest, and will inform you of any pending important decisions.

Now back to flying!

Thank you to all who showed up at Bill Underkoffler's going away dinner on the 11th at Uno's Grill. I realize it was very short notice and Bill and Judy appreciated the very nice turnout. We gave them a nice wall clock as a going away present and bought Bill's dinner. the Underkoffler's have now relocated to the Boston area, but still have their house here in Vestal. Judy will be returning soon to get it cleaned out and ready for sale. It has already been listed with a realtor. Judy is going to need help from as many of us in the modeling community as possible when she returns. Several of us have volunteered to help with cleaning out all of Bill's modeling stuff. What we plan to do is move everything to the garage, clean it up and price it for a big garage sale, probably on a Saturday morning. Please keep this in mind and plan to stop by and pick up a bargain or two. Bill has some great stuff and Judy needs to get some return on Bill's long time accumulation.

By the time of the May meeting we plan to have some recommendations for some major changes to the flying surface at the field. Jim Quinn is heading up a committee to come up with a plan to change the way we face for most of our flying in order to eliminate facing the sun for most of the day.

Good flying weather is not far off, and with that comes some of the planned activities, all of which need organization and participation. In the questionnaire I sent out last fall, the results indicated enough interest in nearly all planned activities to keep them going. Now it is time to step up and run, or participate in these activities you indicated you would support. The first one

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Coming Events

March 29th Indoor flying

12:00—2:00

April 1st AGS Meeting

7:30 PM ME High School

April 19th Field Clean Up

AGS Field

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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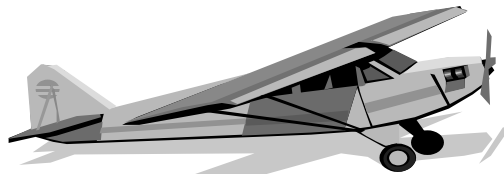
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on the calendar is the field "spring cleanup". We still need 2 members to run the "intra club contest" and the "Family Picnic" If you would like to head up either of these events please give Bob Noll a call.

I have had no suggestions or volunteers for the April program. I tried to get the gym for indoor that was lost last month but spring sports are now being scheduled for the gym until they can get outside, so it is not available to us. In past years we had our annual "project night" in April but moving the meetings to the first week cut some projects short, so we moved it to May. I have a couple of ideas for April, so I guess we will plan May for Project night, and the April program will be a surprise. Just a quick note, I will be doing a Monokote demo at the Aeros meeting on April 2nd, the day after our meeting.

OK, get to the workshop to finish that winter project for the May meeting, and start checking last year's models to make sure they are ready for this year.



RACING SEASON IS ALMOST HERE!

by Bob Noll, STRC Race Coordinator

The snow has almost all melted and the buds are on the trees. So it must be time to think about flying and racing. May 4 is our Nationwide Development Day. This day is set aside to help the new racers get used to flying the race course and to check out our racing equipment. Sprint pilots are also invited to fly.

The hosts for this event are the current Sprint Cup pilots and here is the list of those who have said they will be racing this year;

Rick Allabaugh
Frank Gioffredo
Jim Quinn
Jerry Roscoe
Don Shugard
Terry Terrenoire
Scott Wallace
Bob Noll

The Nationwide pilots that are on my list are;
Guillermo Leon - new racer this year
Bill Markovitz
Brent Bryson

The time will be 4 PM so we won't interfere with the Sunday afternoon general flying. We should be finished by 6 PM.

I will have copies of our 2008 STRC race booklet for all racers at the April meeting. The booklets cost \$35 which is the entry fee for the entire 10 race season. This money is used primarily for the food that we have after each race. This food is free to all those who help us run the races.

Oh yes, STRC stands for Southern Tier racing Circuit and all races are open to any AMA licensed pilot.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

by Doug Breneman

There are two proposed changes to our current by-laws, last updated September 2006. The intent is to vote on these two proposals separately at our next regular meeting. I remind you that our by-laws can be amended as follows:

Article XI - AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments may be made to the by-laws at any regular or special meeting of the membership, provided the members have all been notified in writing at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all directors or to any members who may request same. Approval shall be by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

Proposal 1 submitted by Jim Quinn:

Current Article IX

Article IX - DUES, FEES, and ASSESSMENTS

- A. Dues will be imposed upon the members of the AGS in order to meet operating expenses.
- B. The dues year begins November 1st and ends the following October 31st.
- C. Dues are to be paid in advance at the October and April meetings. The amount paid at the October meeting is determined by dividing the total amount due (membership plus special assessment, as applicable) in half and rounding up to the nearest dollar, the balance being payable in advance at the April meeting.
- D. Regular Member dues shall be seventy-two dollars (\$72) per dues year.
- E. Senior Member dues shall be sixty dollars (\$60) per dues year.¹
- F. Student Member dues shall be eighteen dollars (\$18) per dues year.
- G. Family Member dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30) per dues year. A Family Member who is a full time student or under the age of eighteen (18) shall pay the same dues as a Student Member.
- H. The total dues for a family living in the same household shall not exceed ninety-six dollars (\$96) plus special assessments.
- I. As of January 1, 2006, persons applying for membership will be charged a field maintenance fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) payable in two installments, the first fifty dollars (\$50) paid after the person has been an Associate Member for three months and the second fifty dollars (\$50) paid at the time the person becomes a Regular Member.
- J. Special Assessments may be imposed upon the members of the AGS.² These Special assessments must be for a defined purpose.
- K. Special Assessments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.
- L. Special assessments will not be levied on Student and Family Members. Field maintenance fees will not be levied on new Student Members, new Family Members, or Former Members.
- M. Any member more than two (2) months delinquent in meeting his financial obligations may be removed from the AGS roles as provided for in Article XVI.
- N. Any dues, fees, or special assessments paid to the AGS will not be refunded.
- O. All Officers and the Newsletter Editor, shall be exempt from paying one-half (1/2) of their dues while in office with the exception of the President who shall be exempt from paying any dues. All officers and the Newsletter Editor are subject to paying any and all Special Assessments.
- P. The club newsletter will be made available to the general public for a nominal fee to cover printing and mailing expenses. A subscription to the newsletter costs \$8.00 per year.

Proposed change:

- G. Family Member dues shall be one dollar (\$1) per dues year.

Proposal 2 submitted by Scott Wallace:

Current Article X:

Article X - AGS ACTIVITIES

- A. The AGS shall annually conduct:
1. An AMA sanctioned contest.
 2. A social party.
 3. A closed contest for members

Proposed change:

Article X - AGS ACTIVITIES

- A. The AGS shall annually conduct an AMA sanctioned contest.

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 4/25/08.

AEROBATIC PRIMER 2008

By: Jim Quinn

*AGS AIRPORT
May 10, 2008
9:00: Instruction
11:00 Flying
12:30 Lunch*

The day will start at 9:00 with morning instruction and “dry flying of the maneuvers.” Several aerobatic pilots will be on hand led by Bob Noll. The Contest will start at 11:00 with a break for lunch around 12:30.

Now to the good part, the flying! AMA has issued a new set of maneuvers for the 2007/8 aerobatic season. This is true for all four of the AMA classes, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters. The best way to get information about the new sequences is to go to the National Society Radio Control Aerobatics’ (NSRCA) website, www.nsrca.us. On the home page’s left margin there is a title, “Judging Rules” click on it. On the next page in the center, near the bottom will be four links, one for each of the AMA competition classes. Click on your sequence and you will get a wonderful description of each maneuver for each class.

Remember for the 2008 season is take offs and landings are now judged maneuvers. This year there will be down grades for a variety of reasons, as it had been in the past. Check the website for this information. Another significant development for 2008 is the “progressive” sequencing. Each level prepares you for the next higher level. For example, there is a 45 degree down line in all four sequences. In Sportsman it is just that 45 down. Intermediate it is 45 down with a ½ roll; Advanced has it with a snap and Masters has it with a snap and a half.

Lastly let me say I hope every member of the AGS comes to the primer. If you currently compete in AMA sanctioned contests as Masters, or FAI come as a judge and helper. Everyone else should come and fly. Bring your favorite airplane, the one you like to fly most often and the one you fly the best. I guarantee you will finish the day a better pilot. You may not come in first place, but you will be a better pilot. We all fly STRAIGHT and LEVEL, or so we think. That is the second maneuver in the Sportsman Sequence, right after TAKE OFF. Flying truly STRAIGHT and LEVEL takes a lot of skill. Come to the contest you will leave a better pilot. OH! Did I mention free food? Actually, it is not free, it is included in the entry fee of \$20.00.



Membership

Scott Wallace

Another month closer to outdoor flying season, seems like a long time since we last flew at the AGS field! Since last months meeting was cancelled due to weather the offer is still there for anyone to bring their trainer (or any model) to the April meeting for a checkout. This avoids frustration and lost time at the field if problems can be corrected beforehand.

Reminder, we could use a few volunteers to serve as mentors for our next crop of new members.

The older members of the AGS will recall the Lou Andrews kits from the 1960’s; I’ve been working (slowly) on an S-Ray model for the Vintage RC events this year. The H-Ray and S-Ray were nice trainer models in their day but we have come a long way in trainer design when they’re compared to the outstanding SIG LT-40 or similar.

The AGS Board will discuss flight training at our next meeting, looks like we once again will not have a Flight School Coordinator but anyone desiring flight training will be absolutely be accommodated. Please contact me by email or phone if you would like flight training we’ll work out the details.

I’m sure it will be mentioned elsewhere by the Field Chairman but the Field Opening work party is scheduled for April 19. We’ll see you all there!

Pattern Primer

Sportsman 401
Intermediate 402
Advanced 403

May 10, 2008

10:00

Aeroguidance Society R/C Airport
Endicott, NY

Directions:

The AGS Flying Field is at the end of Warrick Road in Endicott. Warrick road is off Day Hollow Road which runs between Endicott and Owego. From Route 26 turn West on Day Hollow Road for 3.4 miles and look for the AGS sign on the road leading to our R/C airport. Following the road as it curves left between the two houses drive all the way up the hill to the top.

10:00 A.M. **Ground School with BOB NOLL**

The ground school will be hosted by Bob Noll and other veteran aerobatic competition pilots. They will give a courtesy check to all airframes, checking for good linkages, proper throws, etc. They will also review all maneuvers in the Sportsman sequence, giving tips, flying strategies, and possible down grades. They will make appropriate AMA rule book comments.

11:00 A.M. Lunch

11:30 A.M. Aerobatic Contest for AMA 401, 402, 403 **ALL AEROBATIC CONTESTANTS WILL JUDGE**

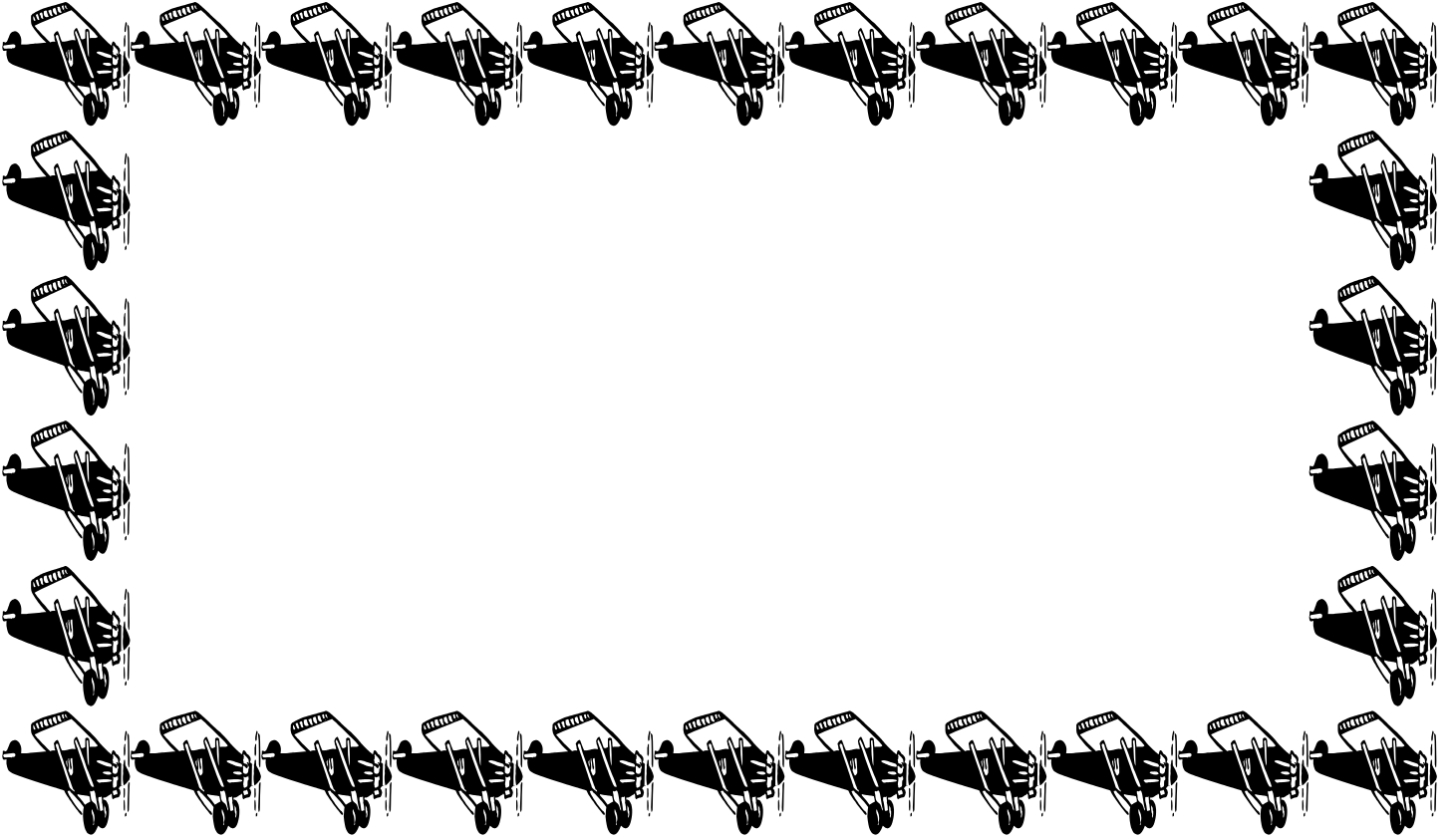
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Cost: \$20.00 which includes lunch

APRIL PROGRAM



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