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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

First, let me apologize to Jeff for not getting this in. I just plain forgot.

On the other hand, not much for me to say at this point. Club functions are being handled very well. Thanks to Guillermo for taking on the mowing list. As far as my flying...the only event I have been able to give priority to is pylon, and last night's race was "blown out" and the one 2 weeks ago was "rained out". Oh, well, there is always the next one! My E-Bay activity for Bill U. has been very successful and I was able to send Judy a check for nearly \$1000 for the first round. For those interested you can go to "amaterryt" and check out all the listings, bid on them and you will save the shipping charges!!

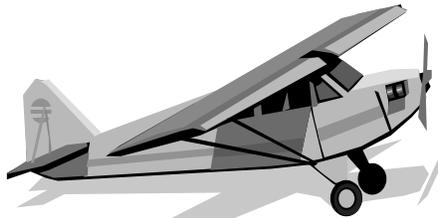
No further news on the mineral rights lease. I was told by Wayne K. last night that there has been a group formed in our area to negotiate and they have settled on a \$2500 per acre figure as their minimum. Wayne is going to have one of them get in touch with me and I will keep the membership informed.

I think it will be in our best interest to combine resources, but I am sure there are some down sides to this too.

The next BIG event for us is the annual pattern contest a little over a month away. I am sure Bob Noll has more information in this issue, but you can call him for more info, and to

volunteer to help out.

That is it for this month.. Hope you are getting in more flying time than I am. See you at the field.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

July 1st

STRC Race

July 1st and 15th

Pattern Contest

Syare August 2nd and 3rd



Attention!

**Field Speed Limit: 10
mph**

Now that flying season is in session, watch your SPEED on the road to the field. Keep it around 10 mph or less.

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My first RC model by Scott Wallace:

Since Jim Quinn and Bob Noll did an interesting program on Vintage RC at the June meeting, I thought I would share the story of my first RC model, an Andrews S-Ray. During the summer of 1970 I saved my allowance for most of the summer and bought my first RC kit from George Brooks' basement hobby shop for around \$5.95. It took forever to build (no CA glue back then), but I got an Enya 15 for Christmas and by spring it was ready to go with one of my Dad's radios.

If you're familiar with the Broome County Airport the last house just before the airport was reserved for the airport commissioner (at least in those days). Back then it was Bill Shea, and he was friends with my dad. Bill had tried a 1/2A RC model with little success and was building his own bigger model. We sometimes flew small models in the big field and the first nice day that spring we headed out to try my new model. Mr. Shea came out to watch and commented he was building the sister ship to the S-Ray, the H-Ray. The Enya 15 had already been broken in and soon my Dad took my plane up for a quick flight to get it in trim. Mr. Shea asked if he could take a turn at the controls and I figured it was OK with my Dad standing right there; there were no buddy boxes in 1970.

Well, lets just say my new model lasted another 17 seconds before spiraling into the ground and shattering into a hundred pieces! I never even got to try it once...Bill got disoriented and froze and before my Dad could take the transmitter back and it was all over.

I went back to building gas FF models, and even competed in the 1971 AMA Nationals in FF but didn't build another RC model until 1981.

Fast forward almost 40 years; I have just finished a new S-Ray for this year's VRCS events. It's complete with an Enya 15 and finished in silkspan and dope just like I did back then. I'll bring it to the July AGS meeting and then do a few test flights before our Labor Day weekend event. I can only hope this one has a longer life!



RACING NEWS

By Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

There is not much to report this month since both Race #3 and race #4 were cancelled. Race #3 was cancelled when nearby thunderstorms threatened our airport and Race #4 was cancelled due to high winds. My thanks to those helpers that came for Race #3 in spite of the threatening weather.

The next race will be held before our next meeting as part of the meeting program. Racing starts at 6:30 so come to the meeting early and enjoy the excitement.

The point totals remains as follows;

<u>Racer</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Race 1</u>	<u>Race 2</u>	<u>Season Points</u>
Bob Noll	Sprint	8	7	15
Scott Wallace	Sprint	8	6	14
Terry Terrenoire	Sprint	7	7	14
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	6	5	11
Jim Quinn	Sprint	5	6	11
Bill Markovitz	Nationwide	4	4	8
Don Shugard	Sprint	0	6	6

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 7/25/08.

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 2 & 3 at the Blue Swan Airport property in Sayre, PA. This will be the 53rd annual contest of this kind hosted by the AGS. 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 am still working on my staffing plan which includes the names and assignments for all those who have volunteered to help with this major event. Because we are over a month away from the contest, this list will be sent to all volunteers closer to the end of July.

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 hook-ups.

This year we will again have a chicken dinner at the airport on Saturday evening provided by Terry and his kitchen staff. Tickets will be available at the contest.

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.

Here is the Sportsman flight sequence. Look it over and with a little practice you might be able to win one of our historical awards.

- Takeoff
- Straight Flight Out
- Stall Turn
- Straight Flight Back
- Half Reverse Cuban 8
- Two Inside Loops
- Two Point Roll
- Half Cuban 8
- Cobra
- Immelmann Turn
- 45 Degree Downline
- Vertical Upline
- Split S
- One Horizontal Roll
- Half Reverse Cuban 8
- Double Immelmann Without Rolls
- Landing



For descriptions of the maneuvers, go to the following page on the NSRCA (National Society of Radio Control Aerobatics) web site - <http://www.nsrca.us/ama-classes/sportsman.html>. Give me a call if you would like some help learning these maneuvers. The most important thing in precision aerobatics is to have instant maneuver recognition when your helper tells you the next maneuver. Learn this by "dry flying" the maneuvers with a dollar store glider while sitting in your easy chair.

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 728

President Terrenoire called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 on Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Guests: There were no guests.

Program: All meetings at the AGS airport begin with the program so there is light for flying, if necessary. This program was on vintage R/C presented by Jim Quinn. Jim, Bob Noll and Terry Terrenoire showed "vintage" R/C airplanes, especially rudder only airplanes. Jim and Bob displayed and spoke of the development of early R/C airplanes and control systems. For the second year in a row there was no flying due to weather restrictions.

Minutes of meeting #727 Approved.

Vice President Hatton had nothing to report.

Treasurer, Frank Gioffredo gave a brief report

Jim Quinn read the Board Minutes from May 9, 2008.

Committees:

Activities: Bob Noll reviewed and updated the volunteer list for our Aerobatic Contest.

Field: Guillermo updated the mowing list.

Sound: Tom Kopl reported the sound equipment is ready to be used.

Flight School: Scott Wallace reported on the IPP and other students.

Old Business

Mineral Rights: A second company has made a bid at \$750. per acre.

Scott Wallace made mention of a third company, Chesapeake Bay Company.

President Terrenoire will send letters to all three companies with our conditions for drilling.

DR Grader: This item was reviewed and thought not necessary at this point.

New Business

Bob Noll brought up "Lock Etiquette."

1. Roll tumblers after opening the lock. Do not

leave the combination on the lock.

2. Do NOT lock the lock on the open gate.

3. Lock the gate with the lock going from left to right for the numbers to remain in the upright position for the next person to read them correctly.

Bob also mentioned many of our AMA cards do NOT have AGS stickers for 2008.

A discussion was had on the Nitro situation in China.

Jim Quinn requested we purchase 4 Walkie-Talkies to be used at AGA races. Several members mentioned they had them for our use.

Bob Noll suggested we buy air horns.

Bob will also look at the battery in our current horn system.

Show and Tell

There was nothing to show.

Meeting 728 adjourned at 8:40PM and several members met at Kristofers for food and fun.

Membership / Flight School

Scott Wallace

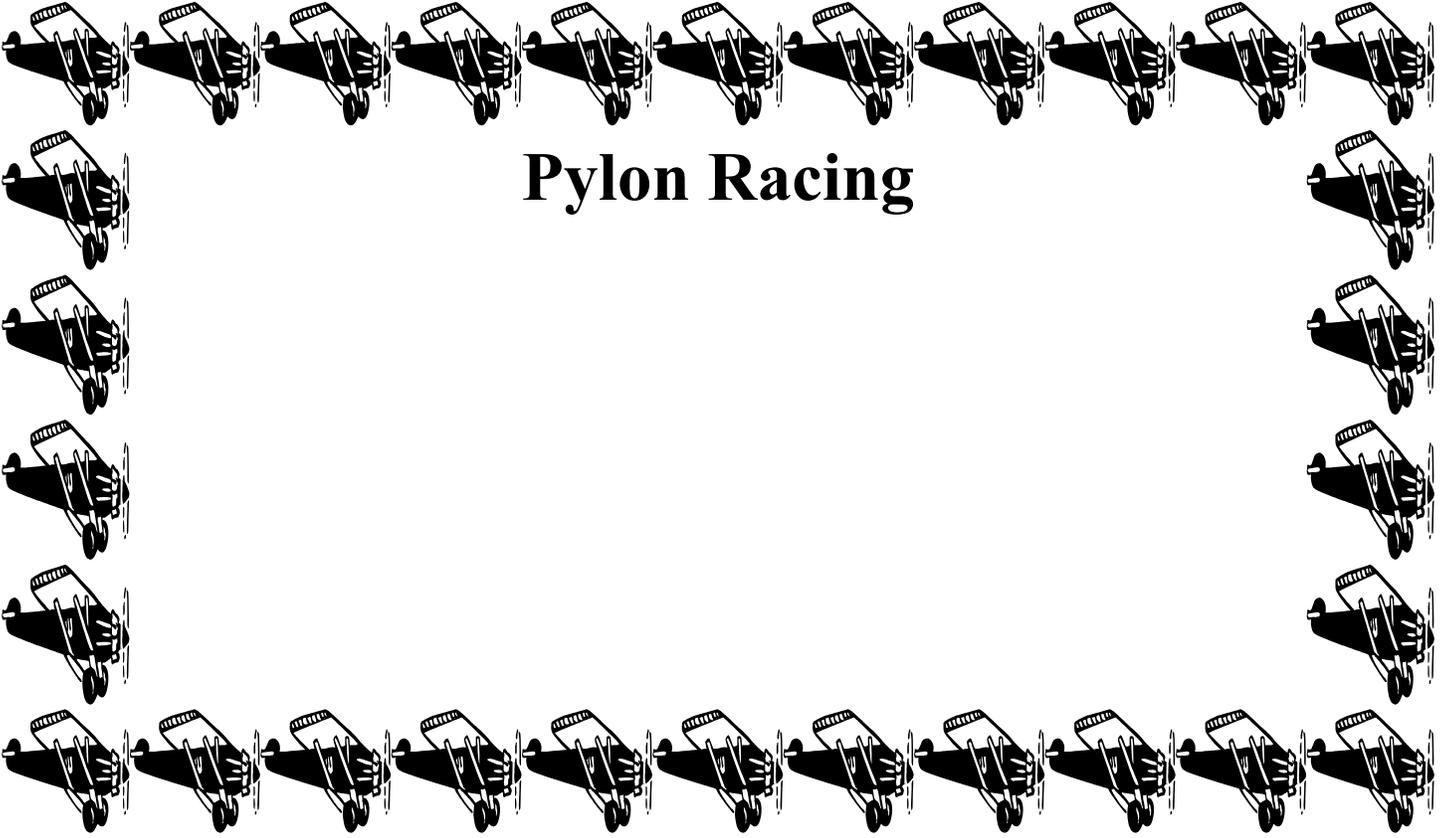
Flying season is now into full swing and the AGS has several new members taking their first flights. Whether your first flight was in the last several years or over 35 years ago like myself, those early flights are memories that will last a lifetime.

Les Baldwin and John Loomis are new Associate members via the AMA's Intro-Pilot program. Les has taken his first few flights on a buddy box with me and John will have flown by the time you are reading this.

John Carril is also just beginning his initial flight training, while the father-son team of Paul and Andy Slocum are well on their way to soloing!

Flight training takes place every Wednesday from 6:30 til dusk.

JUNE PROGRAM



Pylon Racing

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