



# The CONNECTOR

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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 7:00 P.M., program to follow.

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Well, I didn't think I would be serving another term on the Board and here I am President again. I felt it was important to try and keep as many of the existing Board as possible to keep working on the Gas Drilling issue. I believe we have a well rounded group to run the business of the club, and hope you do as well. We are going to try some things this year to try and get more activity at the field. One of the first things we are going to do is bring back the programs to the meetings and allow plenty of time to have them. We are also going to put more emphasis on Show and Tell with the return of the gift certificates for the hobby shop as prizes to be drawn one at each meeting for the members bringing show and tell. This can include anything related to our hobby, and not just aircraft. Terry will be handling prize arrangements and we will start at the next meeting. We would also like to know if there is interest in a pre-meeting aimed at problem solving for the new guys or the more experienced with a problem in their build. I would like to incorporate all aspects of our Hobby so we can deal with fixed wing and rotary winged aircraft. I have ask Bob Noll to head up this activity but will need the additional help of the experienced copter guys as well as the electric gurus to make this work. I will bring this up at the next meeting with the hope of starting it up in December. I will also be contacting each member with a few questions to find out what you the members want to see from the club.

**IMPORTANT TIME CHANGE. We will be moving the meeting start time back to 7:00pm to make sure we have**

plenty of time to get in show and tell and the program. I will do my best to keep the Business part of the meeting to twenty to twenty-five minutes. Any major new business requests I would like to have presented to the board, then it will be brought to the membership for discussion. I really do not want to tie up all of our meeting time with business unless absolutely necessary. We will be having a combination meeting/Christmas party in December. I would still like to see us have show and tell and something for entertainment. I will discuss that with the party chair person.

Don't forget we have field winterization coming up November 8<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of November 9<sup>th</sup> there will be more info later in the newsletter about this. We will also be changing the Gate Combo at field winterization. The combo will be distributed at the meeting and in the members only section of the website or ask any board member.

One more thing I would like to touch on is the subject of the non-member flying at the field. We the board would like to ask all members not to give out the gate combo to any one they bring as a guest. Field access is a member privilege. Please ask your guests if they are local people and enjoy our facility to join the club. Membership info can be obtained from any club officer.

The Board touched on many things at the meeting and I hope I have covered the most important things for now. Watch for the changes and I hope to make this a really great year in the AGS and get back to the fun. Don't forget suggestions are definitely helpful, if you have thoughts or ideas you would like to try, contact me either by e-mail or phone so we can check them out.

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### Coming Events

#### AGS Meeting

November 4th 7:00

#### Field Winterization

November 8th

### 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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**STRC Final Report by Doug Breneman**

Race 10 brought us wet weather and so the race was canceled. However, there was a tie for first place in the Sprint class between Bob Noll and Don Shugard. The 'fly-off' was scheduled for the following Tuesday night. The fly-off consists of one heat between the two racers. Whoever wins the heat wins the Sprint class Season Championship. The volunteers and racers arrived. The course was set up. The starting flag was dropped. Bob and Don were neck and neck for the first two laps. Then the horn blew; the flag was turned and Bob had cut the pylon. Don completed the heat and became the 2008 Sprint Class Champion. Congratulations Don. The 2008 Nationwide Class Champion is Bill Markowitz. Congratulations Bill. Again, special thanks to all of the helpers. We could not have pylon racing without you. Below you will find the final season standings:

<b>Sprint</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Don Shugard</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Bob Noll</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Frank Gioffredo</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>T Terrenoire</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Scott Wallace</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Jim Quinn</b>	<b>30</b>

<b>Nationwide</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
<b>Bill Markowitz</b>	<b>23</b>

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 732

Vice President Hatton opened meeting 732 at 7:31 PM on October 7, 2008.

Guests: Former member John Seitz, who would like to join again.

Extensive Treasurer's reports were given. The minutes, as published in the Connector, were approved.

Board minutes were read and approved. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21 2008 at President Gioffredo's home. Members are always welcome at all board meetings, just call ahead so enough room is prepared.

Nominations were opened for 2009 officers.

VP Hatton commented on the rough draft of how the financial committee will work.

Activities

Float Fly: Dave Lewis thanked all who participated in the 25<sup>th</sup> Float Fly. There were very few pilots and Dave wondered if it was the gas prices, or another float fly not too far away?

Pylon Racing: Bob Noll thanked the membership for their help at the races this past season. He welcomed Scott Wallace as the 2009 Racing Director. Bob announced the thank you evening for helpers and the annual racing business meeting at Kristoffer's on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 All helpers are welcome as guests of the racers.

Membership

Paul Slocum is the new Membership Chairperson.

John Seitz was voted on as a returning member.

Old Business

President Terrenoire submitted a corporate resolution to Wittmar which was rejected. Negotiations are currently on hold.

New Business

The by-laws change as published in the Connector was voted on and rejected.

Comments were made about non-members who live locally and regularly fly at the AGS airport, one of

whom non-members has the combination to the gate. All the members seemed to be in accord that this is unacceptable. Guests are always welcome, even out of town guests who are vacationing for a week or more. Local residents should meet is and then decide if he/she wants to join us and support our efforts or join another association, use their airport and support their efforts.

Elections were held for 2009.

President: Frank Gioffredo  
Vice President: Charlie Hatton  
Secretary: Doug Brene-

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Treasurer: Don Shugard  
Board Member: Jeff Hatton

Paul Slocum will serve his second year of his two year term as a BMAL.

Show and Tell

Charlie Hatton showed a Stevens Aero Pylon racer.

Bob Noll showed his Integral composite aerobatic airplane

Jim Quinn showed an indoor model, but he didn't know the name of the plan.

Program

There was no program. The meeting adjourned to Kristophers' for hangar flying and food.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Quinn



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 11/21/08.**

## **Activities Chairman: 2009**

### **Upcoming events:**

First: We are going to get back to regular programs following each meeting. If you have a specialty you would like to cover, or have any ideas for programs that you would like to see, please contact any Board member.

### **Show & Tell incentive:**

For a few years we had a drawing at every meeting for those who brought in a project. In an attempt to get more meeting participation and more people bringing in projects, the Board decide to try it again this year. Every month I will draw 2 names from those who have brought in projects to talk about. The person whose name is drawn first will receive a \$10 gift certificate and the second will receive a \$5 certificate. These certificates will be honored at GJ's

### **Now to planned events:**

The next big one is the "Field Winterization". This is scheduled for Saturday 11/8 at 10:00. Most of the work is obvious. Putting all of the benches under the pavilions. moving the frequency board and storage cabinet to the enclosed area of the main pavilion, but the biggest job is putting up the rope to keep people off the runways during the winter and into spring when most of the damage is done. I am scheduled to work from 8 to 1:30 that day so we need someone to head it up!!

On that day we will be changing combination on all 3 locks at the field. If you have paid your dues for 2009 you may contact the Treasurer for the new combination.

If you would like to have a Christmas party for the December meeting start planning now. We will need some who will coordinate the event. his will be discussed at the November meeting, where a final decision will be made.

Next on the list is the annual New Years day fly in West Corners. Frank has volunteered to head this up but I am sure he would welcome any help you might care to provide.

The end of January will see out 26th annyal Mall show. I don not have the information from the Mall yet. Will have it finalized by the next meeting.

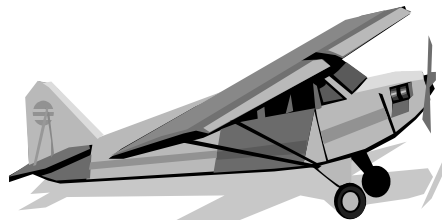
In February we will again have our winter fly and at this time are planning a 2 day event like last February. One day indoors and one day out!

## **Membership**

Paul Slocum

Please join me in welcoming back a former AGS member John Seitz. John was at the last general meeting and tells us he has all new equipment and is ready to go flying again. John must have read my article of last month because we must also welcome his 6 year son Dakota. John tells that Dakota is doing great on the Real Flite simulator and is chopping at the bit to go flying So AGS now has another father and son team. We did not get a chance to meet Dakota so let's hope he can persuade his dad to bring him to the next meeting so we can meet him as well.

Welcome John and Dakota to AGS.



## AGS Winter 2008/2009 Indoor Electric Flying

Indoor flying sessions have been set up with the Southern Tier Sports Center on Old Vestal Rd in Vestal. Sessions will be every other Saturday starting November 8 and running through March 28. Sessions will run from 11am to 2pm. E-mail reminders will be sent out on the prior Wednesdays. Limited electricity will be available for battery charging and/or glue guns. All charging must take place in an appropriate container. Any and all are welcome – current AMA membership is required to fly.

**Every pilot at every session must sign the pilot log and make a minimum \$3.00 donation to help cover site usage.** This will be monitored. If you don't want to donate, you're not welcome to fly!

Indoor flying dates – All Saturdays 11am to 2pm

November 8, 22

December 6, 20

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

Notes:

-The time slot has been expanded an hour over last year – the 2 hrs seemed to go by quickly. If the participation isn't there to cover site cost the time may be shortened back to 2 hrs.

-The flying area size is approximately 90' x 120' x 30'.

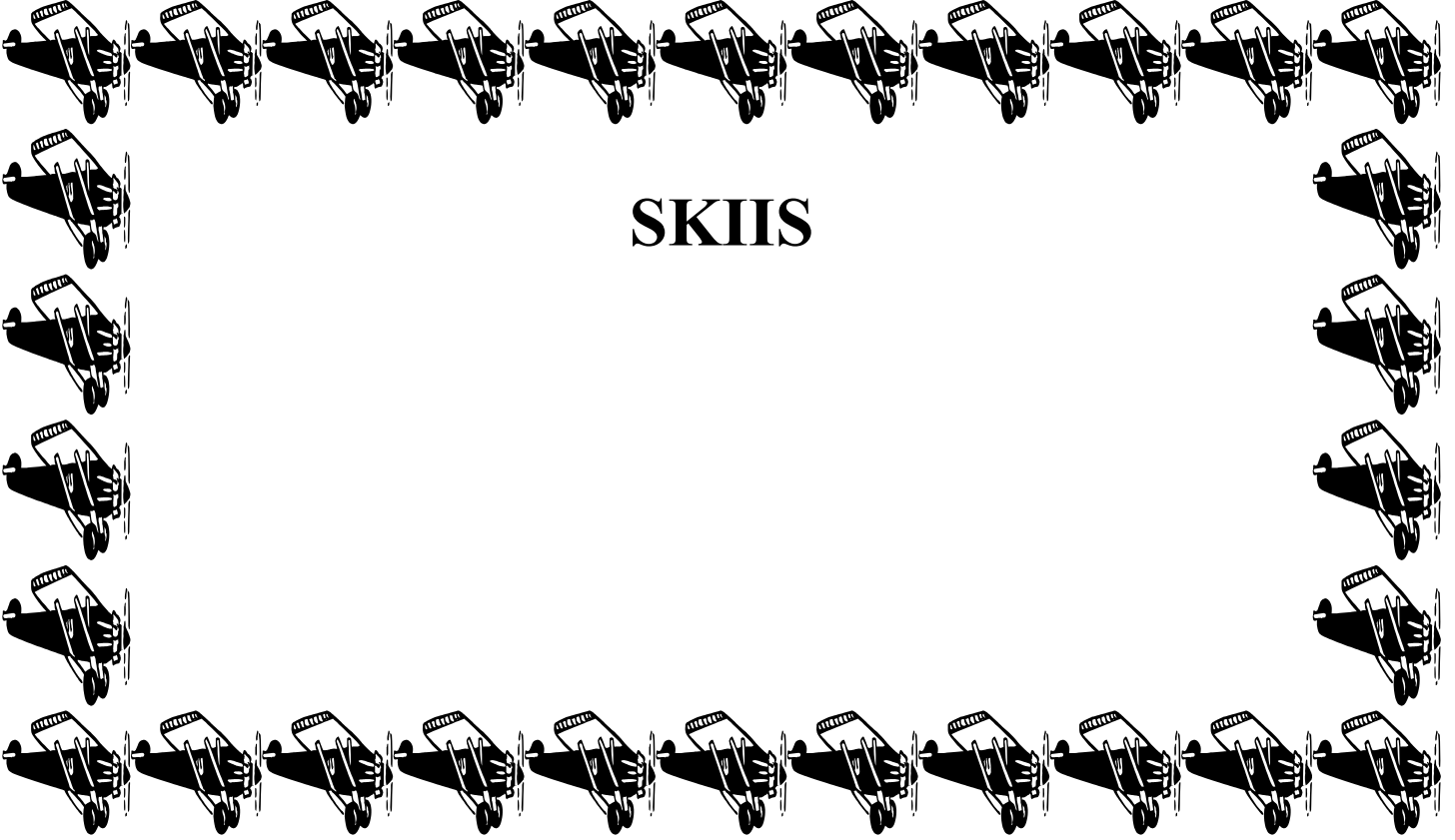
-Many of you are aware of a For Sale sign in front of the building. Yes, it's for sale, but until it's sold we have use of it. The owner is still renting the tennis court and the athletic field for sport useage.

What can be flown : Monoplanes under 12oz and biplanes under 16oz - these weights include the battery. From experience, monoplanes less than 7oz and biplanes less than 9oz make for a much more enjoyable experience. Helis up to Blade CX size are OK for flying around. You can hover a T-Rex 450 size heli, but it just doesn't feel safe when they are flown around – sorry.

The Southern Tier Sports Center is located at 2200 Old Vestal Rd, Vestal NY. It is directly behind the Shoppes at Vestal on the Vestal Parkway (Michaels, Old Navy, HomeGoods). There is a red and white sign clearly identifying the location. If you are coming from 17E, take exit 68 (Old Vestal Rd), go straight through first stop sign, turn left at the second stop sign (this is Old Vestal Rd), facility will be on right just up the road.

The AGS contact for indoor info is Matt Struck – [rcquietflyer@hotmail.com](mailto:rcquietflyer@hotmail.com), 687-4860.

# NOVEMBER PROGRAM



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