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The February Meeting of the AGS will be held Tuesday the 3rd at the HOMER BRINK SCHOOL. Business meeting at 7:00 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

A NOTE of major importance: the February Meeting Place has been changed to the HOMER BRINK SCHOOL. Jim Quinn and Terry will be presenting a program on indoor flying and there will be time for flying after the program. So we will keep the business portion as short as possible again.

Well here we are in the throws of winter, way more ice and cold than I want to deal with. Fortunately spring is coming. Hope everyone is getting a winter project or two worked on and ready for Project Night which we will hold in May. (Not really that far away.)

The Indoor flying has been going well, Matt has had good attendance and I do not believe any additional funding has been needed to cover the expense of the facility. Thanks again Matt for your efforts in hosting the indoor activities. Our next event coming up is the Mid-Winter Fly which has now become a two day event, Jim Q. will have more details later in this issue.

I think the Mall show went well, though Terry fell ill on Sunday. Thanks to all who helped out. I got there late on Sunday to pick up my planes and heli and thank Matt Struck, Gary Hendrick, Art Riegal, and Bob Jennings for staying until I got there. I spoke to several people

on Saturday eve showing interest in the club. We had new business cards with club and officer info on them to hand out. Hopefully this will show some growth in our membership.

I want to thank Terry for his continued pursuit of the Gas drilling issue. He had some good news from a recent meeting for us at the board meeting. He should have some additional details later in the newsletter as well.

I would like to extend a Thank You to Jim Pecha for letting us host our New Years Day Fly at his hobby shop in Chenango Bridge, We had around sixteen pilots and several spectators. It was nice being able to get inside and warm up as well as the use of the facilities. The club decided not to hold the mid-winter fly there due to the sun position relative to the flying area, instead we will use the BC United Soccer Fields. Again Thank You to Jim for having us it was really great to see other area guys flying as well.

I have been playing catch up with a few members who have not yet paid their dues and I think most are getting caught up. Thanks to all who continue to support our club.

I am sure there are several other topics I should be touching on but my thoughts evade me. Until the next time, Think warm. Frank

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

February 3rd
Himer Brink School

Indoor Flying

January 31
February 14, 28
March 14, 28

WRAMS Show

February 20th—22nd

Winter Fly

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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Proposed By-Laws Changes

by Doug Breneman

The Board of Directors will be making a motion for a proposed change to our current by-laws, last updated April 2008. The intent is to vote on this proposal at our March meeting. Currently there is no written procedure on how our field rules should be amended. This proposal is being made to address this. 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.

Article XI - AMENDMENTS

A. remains the same as above
B. Amendments may be made to the field rules 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

New Years Day Fly

By Frank Gioffredo

Well another one is in the books, and to the way I judge an event it was a huge success.

The AGS supplied the food and refreshment, Jim's R/C provided the site and the warmth. There were around sixteen flyers, although I didn't get everybody to sign the sheet, and as many spectators. I feel everyone had a good time, even though we did suffer two casualties to the river. It was really great to have other clubs members attend with us at a winter time event. And with the Temp hovering around a balmy 15 degrees it was really nice to be able to go in and warm up. The sun proved to be a real challenge from where we were flying, right behind the store. Perhaps the flight line be moved to the left side of the field in the future, but may present other challenges. I would like to thank Jim Pecha for his hospitality and let the membership know he welcomes anyone to come and fly at the field. The Attendance Roster is attached and it is nice to see so many names on it. Hopefully these same guys and gals will attend the Mid-Winter Fly. Thanks again to all who make it fun to put on such events.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM: INDOOR FLYING

By Jim Quinn

We hope to present a comprehensive program about indoor flying going from the simple airplane you get at WalMart, like an AirHog twin engine biplane to a sophisticated F3P competition airplane. If you ever wondered about brushed vs: brushless, or nicads vs: lipos come to this meeting. What about speed controls, types of foam? Can I make my own airframe? All these questions and many, many more will be answered at our February meeting! But wait, there is more! This is not just a lecture format program. We will actually be flying some of these airplanes. If you already have an indoor airplane bring it for some fun flying as the conclusion of the program.

FEBRUARY MEETING: February 3, 2009 at 7:00

HOMER BRINK GRAMMAR SCHOOL CAFATORIUM

3618 Briar Lane, Endwell, NY

Turn off Hooper Road at the red light on the bank corner onto Pruyne Drive then right onto Briar Lane.

WINTER FLY

By Jim Quinn

Thanks to Frank Gioffredo we had a great time at the annual January 1st Fly-In. Keep those skis on your airplanes for the Winter Fly. Again this year, we will host a two day weekend Fly-In. Saturday is the indoor fly hosted by Matt Struck. Matt has done a great job hosting this indoor event all winter so stop by to fly or just watch this change of pace flying. On Sunday we will be back at our usual location at the BC United Soccer Fields thanks to Doug Breneman. BC United is located just north of the Ann G. McGuinness School in Union Center on Route 26. This is a great flying site AND there is no river eating airplanes near by. Flying is from 10:00~1:00 with a fabulous lunch served at 11:30. Come to fly, come to eat, come to see your friends, just come.



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 2/20/09.

Mall Show

By Terry Terrinoire

The 26th annual mall show went off pretty much as planned. We had good coverage for setup and teardown. We could have used a little more help during the show, and certainly had room for many more planes. I am sorry that I did not get to the Dec meeting so that we had 2 months to prepare, instead of just one. I was also very sick on Sunday and the only time I was there was the time it took me to pick up my stuff.

A special thank you to GJ's for providing the flight simulator, and to Frank for picking it up, and Art for returning it. Bob also gave us a couple of "kits" that we were able to sell to those interested. We did sell one Mini CX2 and Bob gave \$20 of the sale price to the AGS.

WRAMs show

By Terry Terrinoire

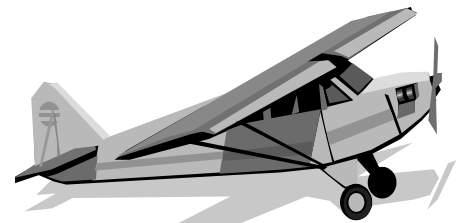
In just a few weeks The Westchester Aeromodelers will host their 42nd annual trade show. If you are new to the hobby, or just have not taken the time make the 3 hour trip to White Plaines, now is the time to make plans. With as rapidly as the technology is changing these days this show presents a great opportunity to talk with the manufacturers and distributors to learn the latest news.

Mark February 20-21-22 on your calendar and plan to attend at least one day. Four people going down for a day is a comfortable trip and will cost just about \$13 each for the gas expense. I made the trip this weekend and spent just \$52 for gas in the van for the round trip.

Gas Lease update

By Terry Terrinoire

I'll give more details at the meeting but for now just let me say that while the deal is not done, it is still a reality. I met again with the Atty who is representing a group of Tioga residents, and have signed us up as part of this group. Due to reduced demand, and an "excess" of gas available, there has been vary little activity over the past few months. With this in mind, Chris Denton (Atty) has come up with a proposal that will encourage imediate action and provide a stimulate for future development. If it goes thru we will get \$4,800 per acre but it will be paid over the next 8 years instead of all up front. There are also some options on the royalty payments.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 735

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:13 PM on January 6, 2009.

Attendance: 20 Members
0 Guests

There is one associate member, Brent Ciciarelli, who is a candidate for regular membership. We will vote at the break.

No Vice President report.

The Board Meeting minutes are on the Members Only section of the AGS website.

The next Board Meeting will be held at Don Shugard's house on 1/20/2009 at 7 PM.

It was mentioned that George Brooks might have been ill. Frank will follow up on this.

We continue to get dues from members.

We did a collection for CHOW on 12/20/2008 at the indoor fly. We received approximately \$60 in food and \$35 in cash.

Doug worked on the inventory. More work needs to be done.

We will be putting information and a bulletin board at Jim's RC.

For the Winter Fly, it was suggested that we hold it at the BC United Soccer Complex that we used last year. Doug will find out if the field is available.

The Treasurer's report was given.

The November and December General Meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the Connector.

Activities:

Indoor flying is going well under the leadership of Matt Struck.

The Mall Show is scheduled for 1/16-1/18. Terry passed out a sign up sheet for planes and participation.

The New Years Day fun fly was cold, but many people attended and had fun.

The WRAM show is 2/20-22.

The Lebanon Flea Market sale is 3/14.

Old Business

There is no new news on the natural gas drilling. We are participating with Tioga Lease which is a coalition that is representing many thousands of acres in Tioga County. Tioga Lease provides information and assistance to many owners. Much is on hold due to the gas companies are working on feeder pipes and their current land holdings and not acquiring more holdings.

Terry reviewed the club insurance policy. It will cost \$593 this year, up ~\$30 from last year. Don will see what the price will be if we raise the deductible. Otherwise, everything looked fine.

Jim Quinn suggested that the next meeting be held at Homer Brink cafetorium for a program on indoor flying and for all members to fly. An alternate could be flying in the ME gym. Frank will find out what facilities are available on Feb 3rd from 7 to 9.

Frank talked about the budget. We currently have 48 paid members. This is ~8 fewer than last year. Expenses are larger, especially the fuel for the field equipment. We need more income to offset the expenses. We could increase dues or do a fundraiser. The Pattern Contest could be used to raise money by having an air show following the contest on Sunday afternoon. We could also do Model Aviation Day again with a donation for parking, charge for food and buddy box time. A concern was raised if this would violate our not for profit status. We could also have a structure for dues increases. We could also get more members. There is little room for major expenses. There are expenses for fundraisers. There are free methods for publicity such as PSAs. The last dues increase was many years ago. All budget numbers are available at each General meeting.

Please do not give the combination to the field locks to guests. Members need to go to the field with their guest and open the locks.

New Business

Terry talked about the Mall Show. There are five work times, three on Saturday and two on Sunday. Setup is on Friday night about 8 PM and tear down is on Sunday about 3:30 PM. Terry will be doing some plane building. We had volunteers to pick up (Frank) and drop off (Art) the flight simulator from G.J.'s. Doug will get the insurance and will bring the table covers. Terry will see if the AMA display is avail-

able.

The next Board meeting will be held at Don Shugard's house on 01/20 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let Don know so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

Show and Tell

Terry Terrenoire showed an E-Flite Blade MCX helicopter. It is available as a RTF for \$129 or a Bind and Fly for \$99. He gets 6 to 12 minutes per charge depending on what he does. He also showed a Canon digital camera. It takes great pictures.

Jim Quinn showed new skis he built for snow flying. They are approximately twice the surface area as the one he showed at the last meeting.

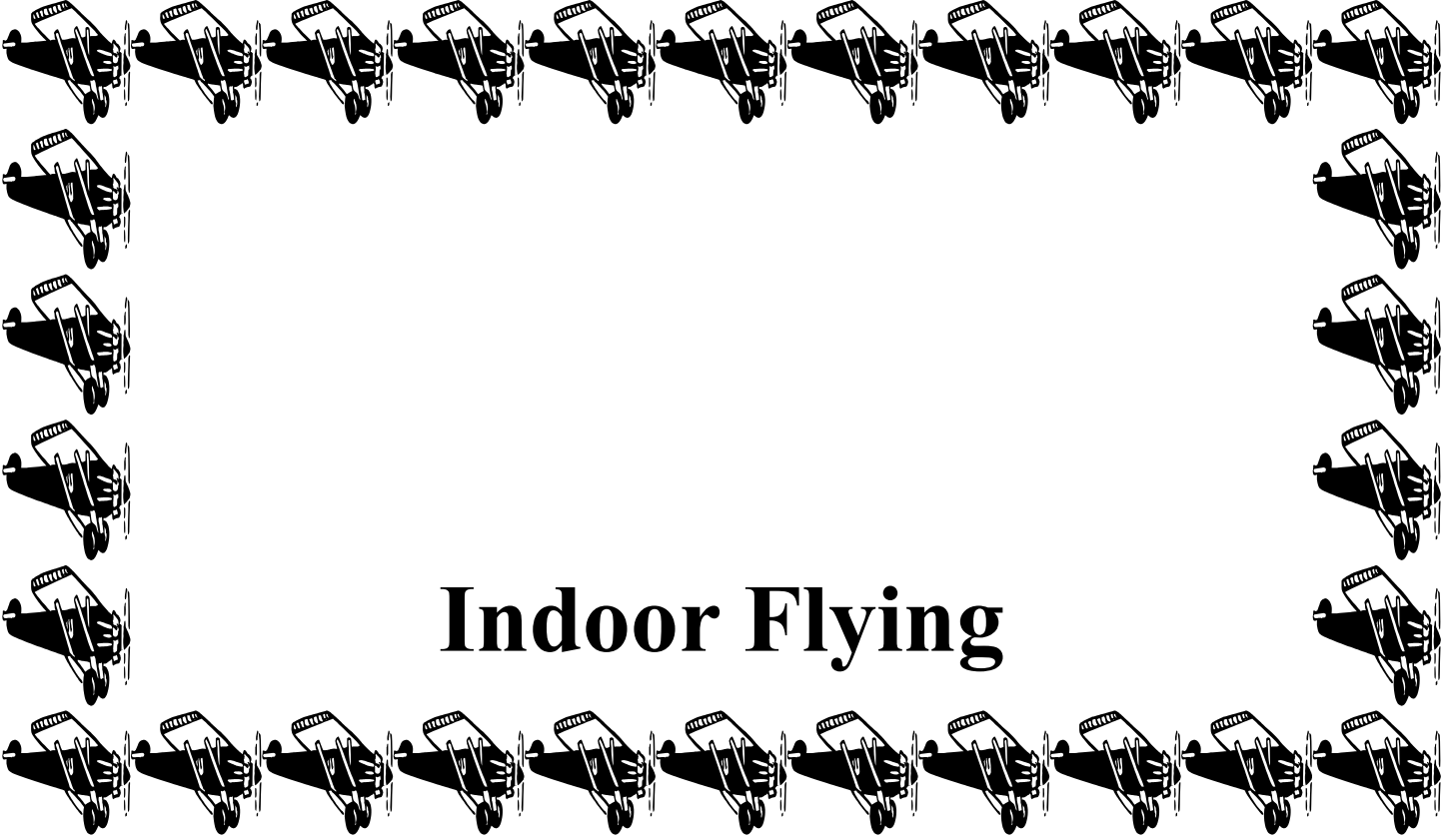
Jeff Hatton showed a Fancy Foam Vrolet. It weighs about 6 ½ ounces. It runs on a 2 cell 2400 mah lipo and a 4 channel Futaba receiver. He also showed an EPP Blade indoor plane which is a good indoor trainer. It runs on a 3 cell lipo.

Charlie Hatton showed a 3.4 oz Espresso plane. He also told us about downloading flying sites from the AMA web site to his GPS.

Bob Noll showed Dubro skis that he purchased. There are multiple sizes and they cost about \$10. He also showed and gave away an E-Flite Byp Yak.

Don Shugard showed a Great Plane RV4. It is a laser cut 'Builder's kit'. He substituted balsa wheel pants and wing tips instead of those provided with the kit. He also showed a tap and drill guide..

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Indoor Flying

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