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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

Due to a very busy month personally I find myself at a loss for information for this months column. I would like to report that my wife has gotten an all clear on the potential of cancer. Her surgery went well and is now recouping at home. In the middle of all this my son Derek, whom most of you know, had an eardrum burst, which has not left me with much free time at all. I would also like to wish Art Reigal a speedy recovery from his recent heart surgery. Please accept my apologies for such a short article but time is limited at the moment. I am not sure what program we will have at this months meeting, I had hoped for Scott Wallace, our race director for this year to

present a pylon racing program this month but due to his work schedule he will not have time to put on a proper program. I will have a program in place by the meeting. So please plan on attending and don't forget those show and tell projects. Some upcoming events are field opening, flight school starting up and Pylon racing coming in May. Again my apologies for such a short column. Come on nice weather



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

April 7th

Field Cleanup Day

April 18th (rain date of 19th)

Bush Development Day

May 3rd

Flight School Begins

May 6th

STRC Racing

May 12th 26th

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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2009 Southern Tier Racing Circuit (STRC)

Scott Wallace

Another exciting season of STRC Q-500 racing is almost upon us! Pylon racing has for years been one of the cornerstone activities for the AGS, fun for both racers and our valued helpers.

Last year Don Shugard won a closely fought championship title and this season promises to be even better with a full field of title contenders.

Sunday, May 3rd will be the pre-season development day for the Nationwide class. We'll set the pylons up so I encourage Sprint Cup fliers to also come out and get your airplanes tuned up.

It's still not too late to race this year, low cost sport Q-500 racing is the most fun per dollar in the hobby and new racers are welcomed. The Great Planes "Viper" ARF is around \$129 and an OS LA 40 or FP 40 will only set you back about \$65, use your existing RC gear and you're all set to go racing. Entry fees are \$5 per race or \$35 lump sum for the full 10 race series.

You can also participate as a helper, the races are fun to "work" and a typical race night only takes around an hour and a half, plus we provide free refreshments afterwards.

First race of the season will be May 12, starting at 6:30 PM. Refer to the Activities Calendar for the complete schedule. Your race coordinator for 2009 is Scott Wallace (206-0928).

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 737

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:15 PM on March 3, 2009.

Attendance: 20 Members
0 Guests

President report.

Bob Frey's wife has stage 4 breast cancer.

Please keep Rosemary in your thoughts and prayers.

Frank's wife might have ovarian cancer. She has surgery scheduled for 3/16.

Please keep Denise in your thoughts and prayers.

No Vice President report.

The General meeting minutes from last month were accepted as printed in the Connector.

The February Board Meeting minutes were not accessible on the AGS website. Mark Lecher will check to see what the problem might be.

The Treasurer's Report was given.

Activities:
Winter Fly – Jim Quinn

Having food both days was a good idea. It would have been nice if we had some snow on Sunday, but we had a nice turn out anyway. Thanks to all who participated. There were many planes, helicopters and much fun.

There are no other activities in the near future other than indoor flying through March.

Old Business

Open staff positions – Frank Gioffredo
There are still opportunities for AGS members to serve. Some of the positions are Librarian, Field, and Historian. There is information about each of these jobs on the AGS website in the members only section.

Library Video – Mark Lecher

Mark is copying all of the video tapes that we have in our library to DVDs. It takes many hours to do this work. Mark received the thanks from those at the meeting.

Gas Drilling – Frank Gioffredo

The gas drilling is currently on hold.

New Business

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Model Aviation Days – Frank Gioffredo
The Board is looking at having a Model Aviation Day this year. It might be held at the Tri-Cities Airport and possibly with other R/C clubs in the area. This is just a teaser without specifics at this point. The Village of Endicott now runs the airport. Mike Kerry is helping to run it and is a modeler.

Proposed by-laws amendment Frank Gioffredo and Doug Breneman

A proposed by-laws amendment was printed in the Connector that describes a way to amend the field rules. A motion was made by Art Reigal and seconded by Jim Quinn to accept this change:

· 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 considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all directors or to any members who may request same. Approval shall be by simple majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

There was discussion by several attendees. A motion was made by Bob Balsie and seconded by Tony Cammarata to amend the original proposal to:

· Amendments may be made to the field rules at any regular or special meeting of the membership, provided the members have all been notified as *published in The Connector at least one month* 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 simple majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

This change would allow more time for open discussion and possible revision. It was also mentioned that this could significantly delay a needed field rule change. The proposed by-laws change

was on the website for a month. The motion was called. The proposal to the original motion was not passed. The original motion was passed.

Jim Q apologized to the club for the mix up with having the meeting at the Cafeterium at Homer Brink and then having it moved to the library at Maine Endwell. (note: we were able to do indoor flying at ME)

The next Board meeting will be held at Paul Slocum's house on 03/10 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let Paul know so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

Show and Tell

Bill Markovitz showed a biplane that was given to him. He could not identify what model it is. He asked for anyone present to help him identify it. In addition, he asked for advice on what engine to use to power it. The engine mount area seemed to have room for something from an .09 to a .15 size engine.

Bon Noll showed two items. The first was Superfill Epoxy. This is an excellent and lightweight and does not shrink. It is sandable. Bob used it for fillets. It should cure overnight. It can also be smoothed using a wet finger. (PDB - The manufacturer's website:

<http://www.polyfiber.com/products/superfilepoxyfiler.htm>

The second item is a Penetrator. It has no ailerons. It won sixteen consecutive rudder only competitions. Bob put elevators on the plane so that he can trim the plane. This also allows him to fly in class 2 events. It has a wide track tricycle non-steerable landing gear. It is powered by a Tiger engine. He will add a canopy temporarily to see how it flies with and without it. It uses rubber bands and dowels to hold it together.

Harold Peeling showed a Great Planes Super Kaos. He received it from a family member who was in the hobby many years ago. He also got old motors and radios. This plane has been patched several times

but it was still in pretty good shape. The airframe weighs about three pounds. He might power it with an electric motor. He found a cowl that will fit. He plans to paint it. He also reglued everything. He has another Super Kaos at home which he plans to power with nitro and possibly add retracts. He expects it to weigh around 7 ½ pounds. The Super Kaos is a Joe Bridi design. (PDB – Picture of a Super Kaos: <http://pacer.calpoly.edu/tri/pacer/kaos.html>)

Don Shugard also showed a Penetrator. He wanted to build a rudder-only plane. His model is very similar to Bob's. Don punched holes to make this plane a tricycle or a taildragger.

Mark Lecher showed the tapes on DVD that he has completed. He has completed about 10. There are approximately 45 tapes.

Doug Breneman mentioned three items. First he showed a Firefly made of Blucor foam. It is just the airframe. The design can be found on the web at:

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=943610>

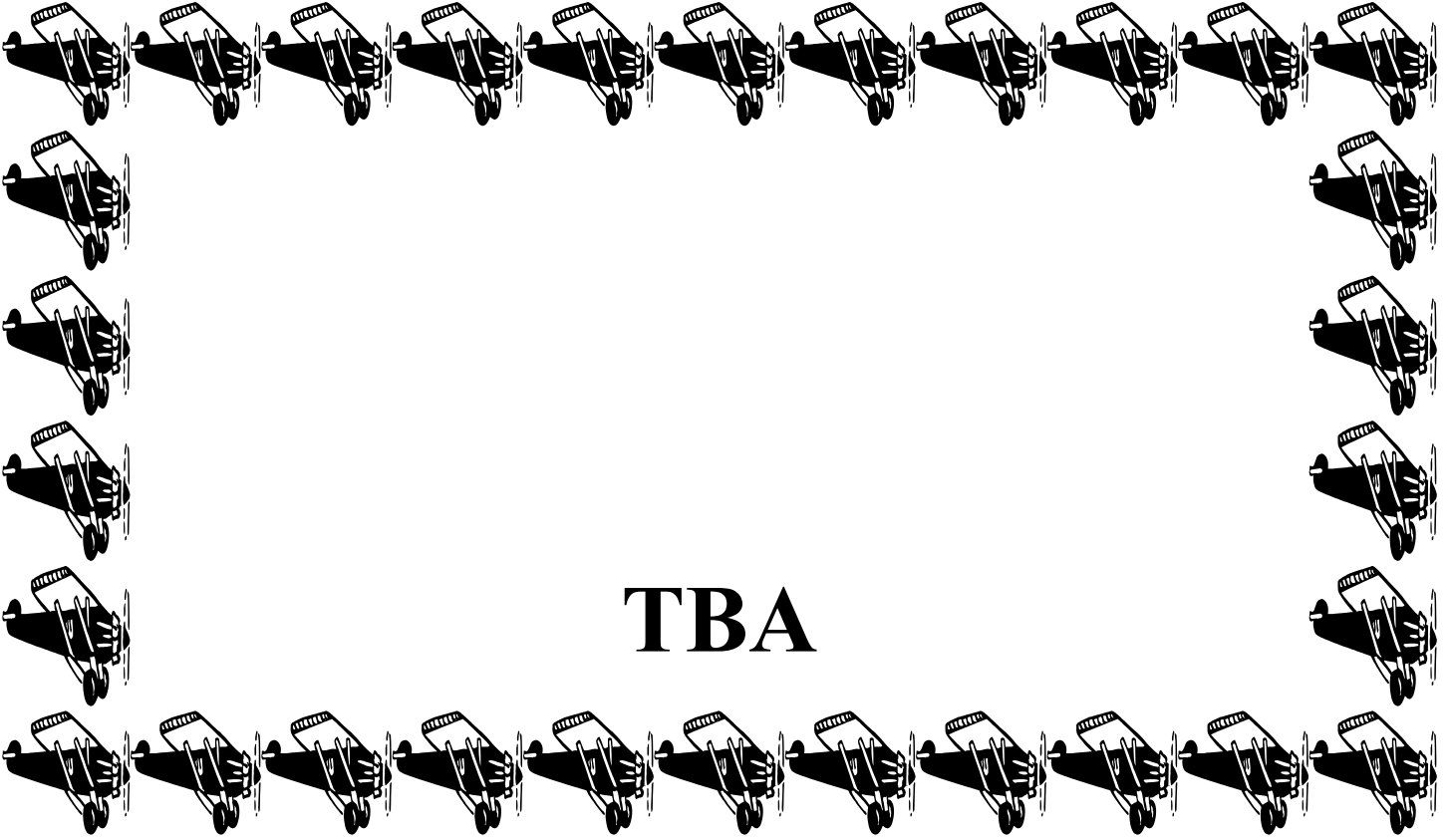
He also showed a GWS crystal for channel 24. Anyone who wants just needs to ask. Finally he mentioned that Bob Frey has two electric helicopters for sale. They need just a bit of work. Please contact Bob if you are interested.

This month's gift certificates winners are Bob Noll and Doug Breneman.

Program – Electric by Ed Lancki

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 4/24//09.

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