



# The CONNECTOR

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AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Main Endwell High School at 7:00 P.M.  
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter .

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

I can't believe it is already just days away from October.

I have received approval for our use of the Maine-Endwell Sr. High for our winter meetings which will start at 7:00pm and end by 9:00pm. Our first indoor meeting is Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup> 2009.

I would like to take some time to thank some of the silent doers in the club who don't get enough mention for what they are doing or have done. First up Many thanks to Scott Wallace for his tireless hours as the official flight school chairman/ instructor for the past three years doing pretty much all the instructing of the current students, and making himself available to them whenever possible.

Also for being our racing chairman this season. Next would be Wayne Kunsman, for bring his equipment to the field and doing much needed field and road work that otherwise would not get done, and making those emergency road repairs for us. Matt Struck for keeping us in an indoor facility throughout the winter. To all the event and activity chairpersons thank you for your efforts in making each activity successful. These are just a few of the membership that make things happen. My thanks and appreciation to all of you, and hope that you will continue to fill those tasks where possible. I would also like to thank my current board for their service this past year. Just a couple more, Jeff Hatton, for continually getting our news letter to us and Marc Lecher our webmaster, keeping our website looking sharp.

If you haven't been to the field recently

Jim Quinn and Joe Perucci have laid out and mowed the new runway 9-27. It is going to take a little work to get it into the same condition as the existing runways, I'm sure Jim will have some comments later in this issue. I have spoken to a firewood cutter and have shown him the areas we would like to have trees removed from. He will be giving me a proposal soon as well. Hopefully the state will be finishing their studies soon and the gas companies will be looking to get the leases back underway. The current proposals are very inviting so we are staying abreast of what is going on, thanks to Terry for keeping us up to speed with the coalition's activities.

Field winterization will be upon us soon, Please plan on helping out to get things put away. We will have more discussion at the October meeting.

We have come up with a slate of officers for the coming year. I will post it in a separate article.

I'm sure there are a multitude of topics I have forgotten this month but I am out of time and I know some body will remind me so until then blue skies and up

### Membership

Paul Slocum

We have another associate member to welcome this month. Bruce Crozier joined us at our last general meeting. How did Bruce hear about us – he was at our Model Aviation Day at Tri-Cities. Bruce and his wife Gail reside in Endwell. He used to fly C/L and now wants to learn to fly fix wing RC. Please all welcome Bruce to AGS

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### Coming Events

#### AGS Meeting

October 6th

7:00 PM Main Endwell High School

#### Field Winterization

November 7th

### 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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## **2009-2010 Officer Nominations,**

President	Frank Gioffredo
Vice President	Terry Terrenoire
Secretary	Paul Slocum
Treasurer	Don Shugard
BMAL 1yr	Jeff Hatton
BMAL 2yr	Scott Wallace

Anyone wishing to make additional nominations may do so at the next meeting before we close nominations and vote. Otherwise the officer elects are running unchallenged. Please make your best efforts to support your incoming board. Thank You



## **Dues are due 10/1/2009.**

Rates are:

Regular \$72.00  
Senior \$60 (65 or older in 2010),  
Student \$18  
Family Members \$1

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Pay at the October Meeting.

## RUNWAY 9~27

By: Jim Quinn

Over a year ago I volunteered to head up a committee who would look into the possibility of using runway 9/27 at the AGS airport. This would allow us to host contests at our own airport rather than always looking for an alternate location and expend significant amounts of our money to host an aerobatic contest at another location. Two months ago I submitted a proposal to the AGS Board to begin the process of building runway 9/27 at the AGS airport. The Board was interested enough in the proposal to hold a special meeting at the airport to get a better idea of what the actual layout of the proposed new runway would look like. At the September business meeting this proposal was brought to the general membership and a unanimous vote of approval was made to begin this project. I decided to wait until the final Quickie 500 race of the 2009 season was over so the optimum conditions for the closely contested racing season could have a normal conclusion without the racers having to learn a new runway and flying direction. As soon as the final race is completed the new runway will be opened. This will eliminate our current runway of 15/33 but it will keep the primary runway of 6/24.

Our President, Frank Gioffredo, was to look into the possibility of additional revenue for our treasury as more trees would be removed from the perimeter of our flying site. Below is the proposal I submitted to the AGS Board which was reviewed and approved at the September business meeting.

*To: AGS Board of Directors*

*From: James Quinn, AGS member*

*I propose immediate development of runway 9/27 at the AGS airport.*

*This proposal will eliminate runway 15/33.*

*It will keep runway 6/24.*

*As with the other two runways the new runway would also need cuts in the trees for better approaches.*

*I make this proposal because it is fiscally irresponsible for the AGS to continue to spend our members' money to host an aerobatic contest at another site other than our own airport. No other contest does this. Each contestant adapts to the particular variations that each club's airport presents. For example: my other club, the Paradise R/C Flyers' runway slopes significantly from east to west. The Black Dirt contest's runway was nicknamed "Velcro" because the grass was so heavy. The Pocono contest and the NEVRC contest both have sun issues, and I've not even mentioned the two contests at the Oasis where the runway is very, and I mean very, short and is not very smooth. My point being the pilots adapt to the conditions.*

*There should be adequate parking and camping to the south of runway 9/27.*

*My only regret in this proposal is that the legendary Bob Noll, who has been the contest director for countless AGS contests, indicated he would not direct a contest at the AGS airport. With that in mind I express my profound gratitude to Bob for his unparalleled service to the AGS as a Contest Director and propose Frank Gioffredo as the new Contest Director for 2010.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*James A. Quinn*

## RUNWAY 9~27

By: Jim Quinn

Runway 9~27 is now "unofficially" open and runway 15~33 is now closed. You will notice some of the timbers that mark the edge of the runways are now going across the closed runway of 15~33. The new runway angles from the of runway 33 to the end of runway 6 more or less. Runway 9~27 is mowed, but there is a lot of old, dead grass on it. Also this new runway was not rolled in the spring so it is much rougher than 6~24 or the closed runway of 15~33. You will notice that our "pit" area is now also much bigger for both runways. We need to remove some trees from the perimeter of the facility to make flying and takeoffs/landings easier. Let's remember this is a new runway and it is "under development." It is my hope that by the time of our 2010 aerobatic contest in August the new runway will be ready and we can use our own facility for this and future contests. Thanks for your patience and understanding

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 9/25//09.**

## Pylon Racing Report

Scott Wallace

Another enjoyable racing season is in the books, first order of business is a big thank you to each and every member that came out and supported the racing events. Without you, there is no AGS club racing. Special thanks to Doug Breneman for his stellar work as race statistician.

Frank Gioffredo captured his first ever Sprint Cup championship in fine style, beating the always smooth and consistent Bob Noll in a very close season long battle. Terry Terrenoire overcame some early season troubles to finish a strong third. Scott Wallace was consistent to claim forth over our outgoing champion Don Shugard. Bill Markowitz improved greatly in the second half of the season and is looking forward to 2010. Jim Quinn was hampered by some aircraft problems this year but he'll bounce back. With some new airplanes coming along for next year Frank will mount a strong challenge to keep his title but we'll all be gunning for him.

In our Nationwide class, Andy Curtis showed great speed and is a force to be reckoned with no matter where he races next year. Jeff Hatton was only able to make a few of the races but had his model going much faster the last time out.

Details for the end of season get together at Kristofer's for our race helpers will be announced soon; hopefully I'll have an announcement at the October club meeting.

For 2010 I hope we see more new faces participate in the races as either a competitor or helper. If you want to race all it takes is a \$120 Viper ARF and OS 40FP or 40LA for power, so for under \$200 (using your existing radio gear) you are raced ready.

<b>SPRINT CUP FINAL STANDINGS</b>	
Pilot	Season Points Total
Frank Gioffredo	48
Bob Noll	47
Terry Terrenoire	43
Scott Wallace	35
Don Shugard	34
Bill Markowitz	27
Jim Quinn	15

<b>NATIONWIDE FINAL STANDINGS</b>	
Pilot	Season Points Total
Andy Curtis	32
Jeff Hatton	13

### **Aeroguidance Society Meeting 743**

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting after 7 PM on September 1, 2009.

**Attendance:** 15 Members  
1 Guest (Bruce Crozier - New Member who attended Model Aviation Day)

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

### **President's report – Frank Gioffredo**

None.

### **Vice President's report. – Charlie Hatton**

None.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Given.

### **Membership – Paul Slocum**

None.

### **Activities**

#### **Pylon Racing – Scott Wallace**

Scott Wallace thanked the Pylon Race workers and announced the last races are Sept 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **Club Night – Don Shugard**

The last Club night was held prior to the meeting. So far feedback has been positive and club nights will continue next year.

### **Old Business**

#### **Model Aviation Days – Frank Gioffredo**

Generally it was a nice day, but it was a bad sun day. There was an "Identify Airplane Parts" Contest. Approximately one gallon of fuel was used.

#### **Runway reorientation – Jim Quinn**

Frank read Jim Quinn's proposed 9 - 27 runway change. Some discussion ensued. We could get loggers or Firewood Seller's to clear cut the ends and north. Jeff Hatton motioned to cut the 9 -27 runway and make contacts for the tree work and present it at the October meeting. Mark Lecher Second. Motion Carried

### **Upcoming events**

NEAT FAIR

Float Fly

An Electric Fly will be held in Williamsport on October 18, 19 and 20. Jeff Hatton is planning on going.

### **New Business**

### **New Officers – Frank Gioffredo**

Secretary and President needed.

### **Float Fly – Frank Gioffredo**

This activity will take place at Greenwood Park on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Terry T. will be running this event.

### **Miscellaneous – Frank Gioffredo**

A note from Frank Fanelli from Flying Models was read asking for ideas to promote Flying Models magazine.

### **Next Board Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held at Frank Gioffredo's on 10/20/09 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let him know if you plan on attending so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

### **Show and Tell**

Jeff Hatton showed a Hydro Edge Extreme II Lazer Cut Kit and an E-Flite Blade mSR electric micro helicopter.



Jeff was the winner of the gift certificate.

Note from Doug Breneman – Thank you to Don Shugard who took the minutes at the meeting while I enjoyed my vacation.



## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion

by Bob Noll

The following is the article that I wrote for the Vintage RC Society newsletter. My thanks to all AGS members for the use of the AGS airport for this annual event. Since there was not much flying on Sunday, the field will be open to club members all day Sunday to fly along with those few VR/CS members that do fly on Sunday.

“Outstanding weather with sunny skies and minimal wind welcomed VR/CS members to the 20<sup>th</sup> running of this oldest VR/CS reunion now held at the Aeroguidance Society’s airport in Owego, NY. The weekend started with the Friday evening gathering at Marios’s restaurant in Owego. Renewed acquaintances were the first on the agenda followed by delicious food.

Saturday morning saw significant fog in the area but not at the AGS airport where clear, sunny skies were ready to greet a large variety of vintage planes. Here is a summary of the attendees and their planes.

Otto Loorents of Shokan, NY – 34 years in RC, scratch built 1967 Corben Super Ace (AM 6/67), scratch built 1967 Rumpus (RCM 4/67), scratch built 1949 Sioux (Veco plans enlarged 2.2 times).

Austin Hill of Haworth, NJ – over 50 years in RC, 1957 scratch built LiveWire Champ, kit built 1956 LiveWire Rebel, scratch built 1952 LiveWire Trainer, kit built 1956 Mini Falcon by Peck Polymers.

Chad Hill of New Haven, CT – 25 years in RC, Four Pi delta, Ugly Stick.

Perley Bowen of Galeton, PA – 20+ years in RC, scratch build 1958 Stark Shark (Dick Allen design), scratch built 1962 Falcon 56, scratch built 1968 Trainer Master.

Fred Koval of Bloomfield, NJ – 35 years in RC, scratch built 1936 Flying Aces Stick, scratch built late 40’s Super Brigadier.

Terry Terrenoire of Endicott, NY – 40 years in RC, scratch built 1972 Whiplash, Early RC Models kit built 1962 Falcon 56.

Frank Iacobellis of Rye, NY – kit built 1962 Krackerjac.

John Haffner of Eden, MD – 51 years in RC, Top Flite kit built 1962 Taurus, scratch built 1962 Crusader.

Jim Quinn of Endicott, NY – 48 years in RC, scratch built 1959 Class I Charger, kit built 1963 Chicken Hawk biplane, kit built Goldberg 1964 twin motor Skylane Jr.

Tim Panto of West Shokan, NY – 50 years in RC, scratch build 1959 Stunt Runt, scratch built 1967 Rumpus.

Paul DiNoto of Haverhill, MA – 49 years in RC, scratch built 1968 Trainer Master, scratch built 1971 Mini Master, scratch built 1965 Aeromaster, scratch built 1962 70 percent Taurus, scratch built 1962 Roaring 20.

Mike Denest of Newark, DE – 45 years in RC, scratch built 1964 Ugly Stick.

Ron Morgan of Scotland, PA – 62 years in RC, short kit built 1968 Trainer Master, scratch built 1962 deBolt Viscount, kit built 1971 Pattern Master.

Bob Noll of Vestal, NY – 56 years in RC, scratch built 1957 Lancer (Class I design by Dick Allen), scratch build 1965 Penetrator, scratch built 1963 Beachcomber.

Pattern, scale and Concours judging was done on Saturday and resulted in the following awards that were presented at the banquet;

Class I – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bob Noll, 1957 Lancer

2<sup>nd</sup> place, Tim Panto, 1967 Rumpus

Class II – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bob Noll, 1965 Penetrator

2<sup>nd</sup> place, Terry Terrenoire, 1962 Falcon 56

3<sup>rd</sup> place, Tim Panto, 1959 Stunt Runt

Class III – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Bob Noll, 1963 Beachcomber

2<sup>nd</sup> place, Terry Terrenoire, 1972 Whiplash

3<sup>rd</sup> place, Mike Denest, 1964 Ugly Stick

Scale – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Otto Loorents, 1967 Corben Super Ace

Concours – 1<sup>st</sup> place, Frank Iacobellis, kit built 1962 Krackerjac.

Saturday’s flying continued until about 5 PM when most pilots left to join their spouses and get ready for the evening banquet. Most spouses spent the day visiting the quaint shops in downtown Owego. Owego was voted the “Coolest Small Town in the USA” for 2009.

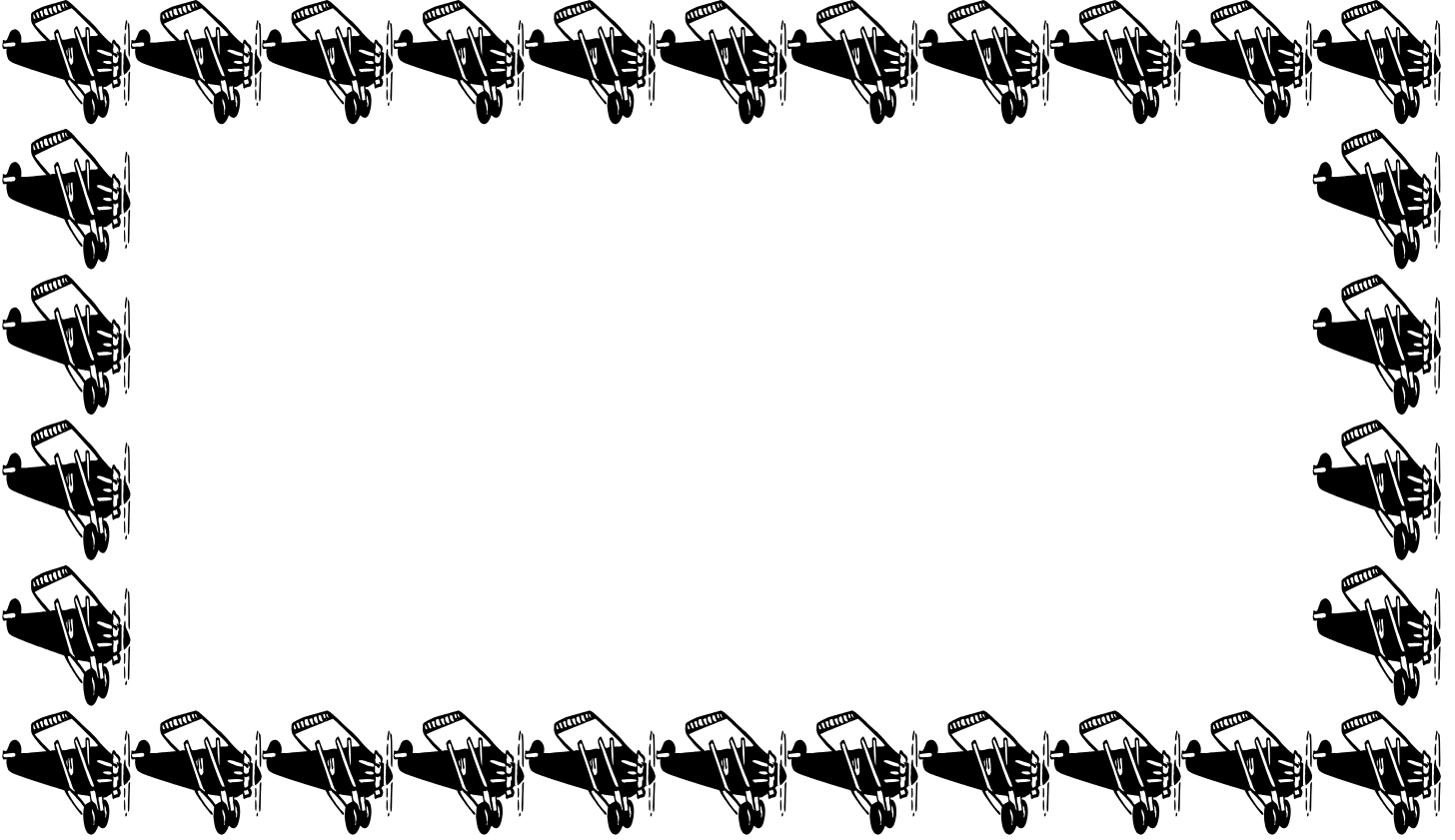
Sunday morning brought more fog but not at the AGS airport where once again bright skies and minimal wind greeted the pilots.

Many pilots and their spouses left early to spend the day in the beautiful Finger Lakes wine country and visit the outstanding Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport. However, the father – son team of Austin and Chad Hill took the opportunity to make many flights. It was inspiring to see this team enjoy their time together at their hobby since they live in different locations and hadn’t flown together for several years.

While reviewing the “Fact Sheets” submitted by the attendees that I use to write this article, I became keenly aware that most of our members are true modelers as evidenced by the large number of scratch built models. It’s too bad that most of today’s pilots cannot enjoy the satisfaction that many VR/CS members get from scratch building their planes.”



# OCTOBER PROGRAM



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