

# The CONNECTOR

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

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Hey gang, how about our road. If you see Wayne Kunsman tell him what a great job he and Craig did for us. Wayne, many thanks from us all. Well done .

After the recent rainfall I made a trip to the field to inspect the water handling of the new ditches and was pleasantly surprised at how nicely the water stayed where it was supposed to. The addition of the drain pipe at the top of the road aids in unloading the ditches before things become a problem and the pitching to the ditches keeps any momentum of water from going down the road. As you can all tell I am very pleased, again Cudos Wayne and Craig.

Another change to the field is the safety fence which again now parallels the runways. We still have a couple of protective barriers to install but things are looking good. Remember all the changes we have been making are a continual part of a work in progress. I think the changes we have made are definitely major positive improvements for our flying area and there are many items to do yet, so if you are asked step up and help if you can, with that I would like to thank the fence crew, John Carril, Joe Perucci, Bob Johnson, Derek Gioffredo, Don Shugard and myself .

Another unsung hero in our group is

Don Shugard who donates many hour of work without reward but don't think it goes unnoticed. Don is definitely a doer, Thanks for the effort Big Don.

There are many others who have put out awesome efforts during my term as Prez and I appreciate it all. I might mention you in a future article so in the meantime accept my thanks for all your help in getting it done. The next big thing is our Pattern Contest I will be finishing final details at the meeting so if you haven't signed up I'll be talking to you. I will have more info on the contest later in the news letter.

The next meeting is also another Club night, so if you can, come early fly and have some fun and a little something to eat. Don will have more on this in the newsletter . We will also have a program on electric safety and safety in general.

Bob Noll has agreed to be the nominating committee chairman for this years slate of officers so be expecting a call or talk to from Bob in the near future if he has not already gotten with you.

Well I am sure I should be covering a few other items but I am trying to get to the field for some flying for a change, so enough for now see you at the meeting.



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### Coming Events

#### Club Night

Aug 3rd Before the Meeting

#### AGS Meeting

Aug 3rd

7:00 PM AGS Field

#### Pattern Contest

Aug 7th 8th

#### STRC Race Night

Aug 10th, Aug 24th, Sept 12, Sept 19th

#### Float Fly

September 18 & 19

**REMINDER**  
**THE NEXT MEETING**  
**IS AT THE**  
**AGS Field**  
**Aug 3rd @ 7:00 pm**

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**Club Night:**

Don Shugard

Approximately 20 members enjoyed an evening of fun and flying prior to the July club meeting. Jeff Hatton CD'd a fun fly event and will report on that elsewhere in the Connector.

The next club night will be on Tuesday August 3rd. A modified Rhineback Mission event will be hosted. Contestants will take off, drop a "bomb", take a couple passes a popping a balloon, followed by a spot landing. Two classes (electric and Fuel) will be scored. Points are awarded for accuracy for each part or the mission- highest total wins. A club trainer will be available if you don't have something ready to fly. Sport flying is open to all while the event is going on. Picnic food will be served starting @5:30. Come on out and enjoy the night!

**21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion**

By Bob Noll, event director

On September 4 & 5, Labor Day Weekend, the AGS will host the Vintage RC Society Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion at our airport. This VR/CS reunion is the longest running VR/CS event and its name reflects the gatherings of the sixties when RC'ers from around the northeast gathered in Selinsgrove, PA to show the latest in RC equipment and fly their personally built planes.

VR/CS members fly planes that were designed at least 35 years ago and some use vintage equipment although modern equipment is encouraged. If you have a plane that meets this requirement, join the VR/CS members for some fun and fellowship.

Flying will take place from 9 AM to about 5 PM on Saturday and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. **The AGS airport will be open to all club members and any aircraft after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.**

# Pylon Race Report

by Doug Breneman

Race Date 07/13/10                      5/11/10 5/25/10 6/8/10 6/22/10 7/13/10

Race# 5

Name	Class	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5
Bob Noll	Sprint	34	0	9	7	9	9
Don Shugard	Sprint	19	0	7	7	5	0
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	17	0	6	0	6	5
Bill Markowitz	Sprint	15	0	2	3	4	6
T Terrenoire	Sprint	14	0	0	7	0	7
Jim Quinn	Sprint	7	0	0	3	0	4
Scott Wallace	Sprint	4	0	0	0	0	4

- Tonight the weather was warm, cloudy with almost no wind.
- The first heat started with three racers using 2.4 GHz equipment. I expect this will soon be the norm.
- Six racers were able to participate. Unfortunately Don had an equipment problem and could not race.
- We might have broken a record this season. We had nine cuts. Only Bill had no cuts.
- Heat 5 was one of the closest heats. Terry led most of the way, but cut. Frank cut in the last lap. Bob won the heat.
- Bob cut in the last heat, but he was still able to win He totaled nine points for the night, his third for the season.
- Terry doubled his points to date by getting his second 7 point race.
- Only five points separate second to fifth place. We still have five races to go this season.

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 8/27/10**

## **2010 Aerobatics Contest**

Frank Gioffredo

It is an exciting year for the AGS we will be hosting our first Aerobatics Contest at our field. A first in 55 years of contests. I am looking forward to a great event as I have received positive feed back on attendance. We are hoping to see twenty to thirty contestants. Remember as an AGS member you may compete in the contest at no charge. Dinner Saturday eve will be at a cost of 5.00 each for members and their family members. If Terry does the job he has in the past, we will all be in for a treat. If you have never been to a contest before you may want to attend and watch some amazing flying by a few of the best competition pilots in the north-east, not to mention a few nice looking airplanes. So try and come out for a while and see what goes on, you never know it may just spark your interest like it did mine .

### **2010 Aerobatics Contest Staffing Plan**

**August 6-7-8, 2010**

CD: Frank Gioffredo

ACD: Jim Quinn

Concessions : Terry Terreniore, Joe Perucci, Marc Lecher,  
Bev Perucci \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: Bob Noll . Ed Lanki

Trophies: Frank Gioffredo

Judge Coordinator: Jim Quinn

Judge Assistants: Bob Balsie , Scott Wallace (Sunday only), Bill Markovitz  
Bob Jennings (Sunday only)

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Tabulation: Charlie Hatton, Paul Slocum, \_\_\_\_\_

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Set up: Friday 10:00am at the field: Frank Gioffredo, Jim Quinn, Bob Johnson  
John Carril Tom Kopl, Joe Perucci \_\_\_\_\_

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Tear down on Sunday, If you are working Sunday Please stay to assist in tear down

Cannot help : Charlie Lecher, Wayne Kunsman, \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Come One, Come All to the Annual Fall Float Fly...!!!**

**Bob Balsie**

Mark your calendar for September 18 and 19 so that you won't forget to attend our Annual Fall Float Fly. As always, the event will take place at Greenwood Park. You can reserve a camp site and bring your camping trailer or tent, or you can commute. Terry Terrenoire will be cooking for us on both days. I am sending sponsorship letters out to about 60 vendors, so I hope to have a large selection of prizes available for the prize drawings.

The landing fees are \$5.00 for one day, or \$8.00 for both days. These fees help us to defray the cost of putting on the event.

Check out the article that is based on a Program given by Bob Noll that talks about putting floats on your plane. You'll find it in this issue of the Connector.

So get out one of your models and fit it with a set of floats, or procure a nice amphibious model and head over for a weekend of fun. Hopefully, the "Weather Gods" will smile on us and we'll all have a great time.

Even if you can't bring a plane, just bring yourself and some family members or friends and enjoy all of the cool aircraft **that will be in attendance. Refer to the flyer that is Attached with the Connector for all of the pertinent information.**



# *Flying Your Model on Floats*

(Program given by Bob Noll at the July 2004 Meeting)

Bob gave these general guidelines for attaching floats to a model and flying from water.

1. First, you need to decide on the correct float size for your model. The easiest way to do this is to visit the Great Planes web site and determine the size that you need and purchase them from your favorite source.
2. Floats should have a V-bottom, or a keel.
3. You will need to build a rear mount into your model for the aft portion of the float mounts.
4. The floats must be mounted to the model in a rigid manner.
5. The top surface of the floats should be parallel to the wing incidence.
6. The “step” of the float should be at, or about 1” ahead of, the model’s C.G.
7. Don’t round off the edge of the step; it should be kept sharp for the best performance.
8. Small “chines” on the front of the float, in line with the prop, will help to prevent the prop from picking up water.
9. A dorsal fin should be added to the bottom of the model below the rudder to increase the effective area of the vertical stabilizer, and give the model better stability.
10. A small rudder can be added to the floats to improve steering in the water. This can be activated through a float-mounted servo, or attached to the model’s rudder.
11. Be sure to recheck the balance of the model after installing the floats and rebalance if necessary.
12. You will need about 25% more power from your engine when flying from water.
13. When taking off, be sure that the model is headed into the wind. The best results are obtained when there is a light “chop” on the surface. Always be sure to land into the wind, as well.
14. If you prefer an amphibious plane or flying boat, rather than a float plane, the Sea Master ARF is a good choice.

**AGS General Meeting Minutes – July 6, 2010**

Frank Gioffredo opened Meeting #753 at 7:51 PM at the AGS flying field. Delay was due to Club Night at the field with Mini Sportsman Pattern Contest.

Jeff Hatton announced the winners of the 2 categories of the Sportsman Pattern Contest. Non-Pattern fliers – Bob Jennings came in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 157 points, Scott Wallace 2<sup>ed</sup> with 176 points and Don Allen and Ed Lancki tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with 183 points. In the Pattern flier part Frank Gioffredo placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with 1889 points, Terry Terrenoire placed 2<sup>ed</sup> with 190 points, and Bob Noll was 1<sup>st</sup> with 211 points. Jim Quinn was the judge for this event.

Frank G. stated that the ME school was confirmed as our meeting place for the school year.

Terry T. noted as a word of caution that a bear has been spotted on our property.

Frank G. Asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the June 2010 meeting as printed in the Connector. Bob Balsie noted spelling of Warrick was not correct. With the

secretary making this correction the minutes were passed.

Don Shugard gave the treasures report.

**ACTIVITIES**

Jim Quinn talked about the Primer to be held at the AGS field on July 10 and 11 and that it is a sanctioned AMA contest.

Bob Noll read the article on the Pylon Race that did not make the connector. Next race will be on July 13<sup>th</sup>

John Carril noted that the pad lock for the port-a-john will be the first 3 digits of the combination used on our other locks. John also discussed the rearrangement of the fence and frequency board that will take place on July 24.

**OLD BUSINESS**

By-Law changes as proposed by Bob Balsie in the June Connector in three areas – Article III – Membership section G, Article IV – Meetings Roberts Rules, and Article VIII –Committees. Each was read by Frank G. and discussed and

voted on separately. Results were Article III was defeated, Article IV was carried as written and Article VIII lacked sufficient votes to carry as written.

Frank G. stated that other proposed By-Law changes will be in the July Connector.

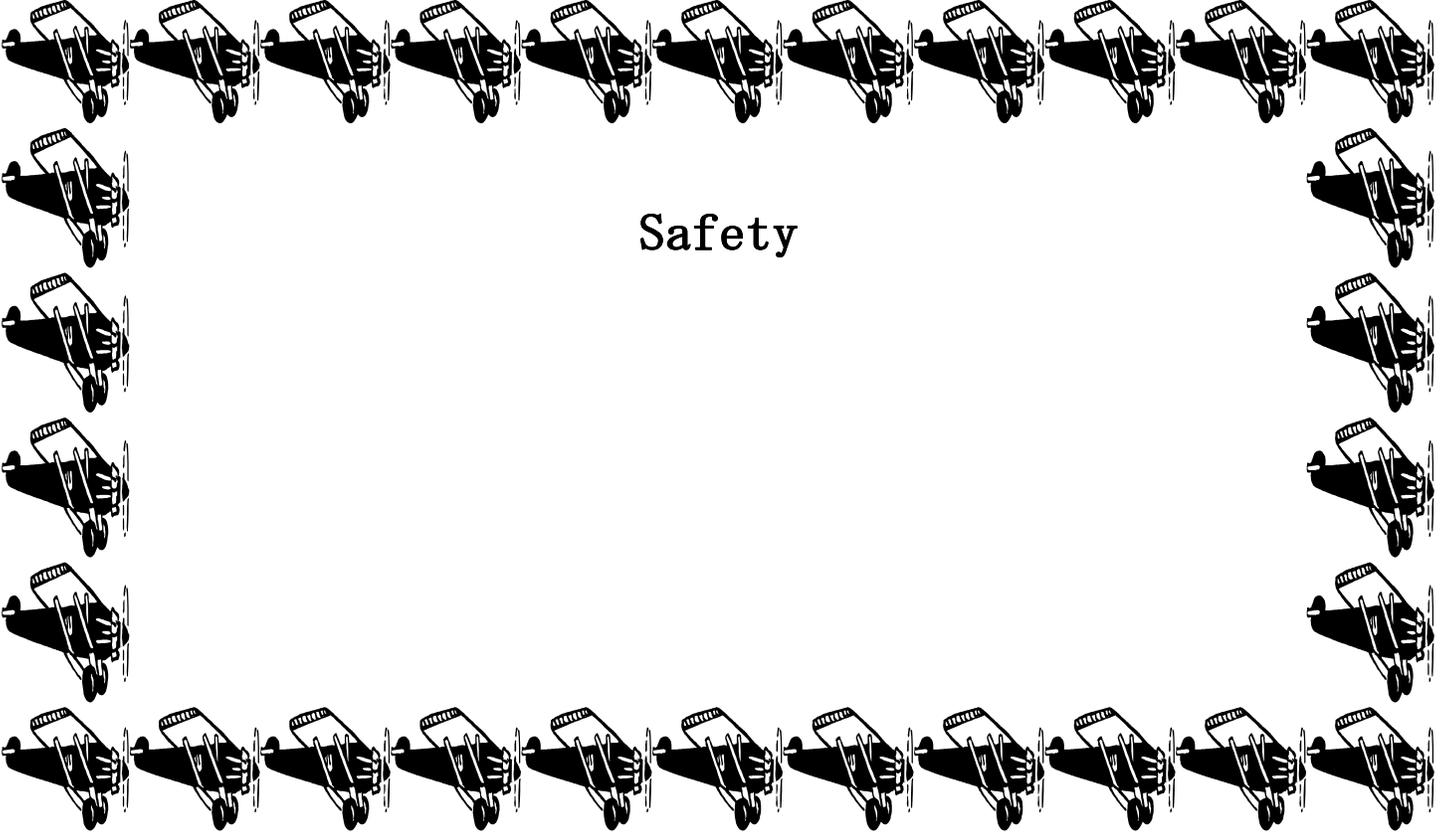
Terry T. noted that the new roof is on hold but is working on some leads.

**Show and Tell**

Ed. Lancki talked about using colored packing tape as trim for foam planes. Ed won the show and tell gift certificate.

Paul Slocum –Secretary

# August PROGRAM



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