



The CONNECTOR

Newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc.
AMA Chartered Club No. 441

www.agsny.org

Volume #56 Issue # 5 May 2011

Recipient of the AMA Presidents Award for 50
years of Service to AMA and Aeromodeling

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

The Prez Sez

Paul Slocum

To start this column I want to give a quick reminder. The AGS general meetings will now be held at the field for the months of June, July and August. So on June 7th bring your chair and get in some flying before and after the meeting. Those of you that did not make the May meeting missed an excellent presentation on LiPo batteries given by Ed Lancki. Thank you Ed for this very informative presentation. On May 14th John Carril (field chairman) finally got one task off his list of officially getting the field opened after several delays due to weather. Thank you John and all that came to get the field opened even though it was damp and cool. I would also be remiss if I did not thank those that brought down the frequency board and metal cabinet the Tuesday before for the pylon races which made Saturday's work go a lot faster. Speaking of the field you will soon find new locks on the metal cabinet and port-a-john. These locks will have the same combination that is used for all of the locks used at the field. John Carril will also be organizing a 'paint party' at the field. The painting being done will be for the flying pavilion and the picnic tables. When John put out the call please support this effort as well. As in any task many hands make light work for all. This first pylon race of the season was held on May 10th with Terry Terrenoire heading up this years racing season. The racing was real good, some close calls at the finish line, and I am sure some anxious moments as well. I think it is a testament to the AGS membership

that 13 people show up to help so that the pylon racers can race because without the helpers there would be no pylon racing. If you have not see pylon racing please come and help and see some great racing with hot dogs, drink and snacks being served after the race courtesy of the pylon racers. AGS will be once again hosting the 56th Precision Aero Contest on July 9/10 with Frank Gioffredo as the CD. If memory serves me correctly this is the longest continuous contest in the nation. When you read this June will already be upon us with July being right around the corner. Please call, email, or talk to Frank directly at the June meeting to sign up for a task (none are difficult) for this important event that is part of the club's history. As with the pylon racing I know the AGS membership will step up and give Frank all the help he needs. Now if you have not done so please do so now. Get the June issue of 'Model Aviation' and turn to page 143 and look at the picture in the lower right. I think it always great to see a picture of people that you know and have talked to in a national publication I hope that every one had a good Memorial Day weekend and hope to see all of you at the field on June 7th. Word on the street is that the 'snow birds' have migrated back North so hope to see them also.

Subscriptions to
"THE CONNECTOR"
can be obtained free via e-mail or at
a minimal cost of \$8.00 annually

Coming Events

AGS Meeting

June 7th
7:00 PM AGS Field

Pylon Race

June 14th

Pylon Race

June 17th

Pattern Contest

JULY 9th AND 10th,

REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
AGS Field
June 7th @ 7:00 pm

**The Aeroguidance
Society, INC.
P.O. Box 39
Vestal, NY 13850-0039**

President: Paul Slocum
(A-C)

Vice President: Terry Terrinore
(D-H)

Secretary: John Carril
(I-L)

Treasurer: Bob Johnson
(M-R)

BD. Members at Large:

John Seitz (S-Z)
Don Shugard

Committee Chairmen

Membership:

Program: Bob Noll

Activities: Bob Balsie

Field: John Carril

Historian

Public Relations

Sound:

Safety: Don Shugard

Librarian:

Editor
Jeff Hatton jeff@priusonline.com

AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY'S

56th ANNUAL PRECISION AEROBATICS CONTEST

JULY 9th AND 10th, 2011

Frank Gioffredo

It is with great pleasure we continue our Precision Aerobatics Contest again this year. For those in our membership who don't know, The AGS hosts the longest consecutive running contest in the country. We also have an event with more club member help than most all other contests in our district, for which I am extremely grateful, and again will ask for everyone's help this year. Hosting the contest at our home field makes operation and finances much easier on the club and its members. I am working on my staffing plan and will be asking if you will be willing to do the same job as last year or would you like to do something else. I would also like to encourage club members to take advantage and try the sportsman class or higher classes if you like. Terry will be head chef again this year and will have plenty of good eats for us for the week-end. I hope all will plan on staying for dinner, we offer an extremely good deal for members and their family who stay for dinner. . I will be looking for sign ups at the June meeting . hope to see you there. Thanks again for the assistance you will give.

Sailplanes & Gliders

by Bob Noll, Program Chairman

While trying to contact past AGS member and local sailplane expert Bob Johnson, I was informed by his wife, that Bob had passed away in February while recovering in the hospital from an operation on his neck for cancer. Bob was a very active member of the AGS for many years until he fell in love with sailplane flying with his two sons. He competed in many regional sailplane contests with his sons.

At this time I am hoping to get a return phone call from his son Bobby who has moved in with his mother in Vestal. If I get confirmation and some program information from Bobby I will try to catch Jeff's input deadline.

Since the June meeting will be at the AGS airport this should be an interesting program for those in the AGS that have asked for such a program and for those who would like to learn from an expert.

AGS General Meeting

Minutes

May 3, 2011

Meeting No. 763, called to order by Paul Slocum at 7:07PM

Paul Slocum asked for a motion to approve the April General Meeting minutes as written in the Connector. It was pointed out that it was Tony Cammarata, not Don Greene as shown in the minutes, that reported the family of Ralph Jackson would be selling his RC planes. Jim Quinn made a motion that we accept the minutes as corrected; Doug Breneman seconded, and the motion was passed.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's report.

John Carril reported on the field condition/status as observed by Bob Jennings: The field was still a bit wet but he may be able to roll it soon. He also had to clear leaves out of ditch feeding the new sluice at the turn just above the telephone co property. Based on the current status, field opening was rescheduled to May 14, weather permitting.

Terry Terrenoire reported that the pylon racing would start next Tuesday, May 10.

Jeff Hatton has a new grill for the club. Frank Gioffredo will prepare food this year for events.

Bob Balsie/Jim Quinn reported that the Primer was scheduled for May 28.

Frank Gioffredo informed us that no work has been done on tree cutting because it has been too wet.

Paul Slocum pointed out that the Safety rules are published in the connector and everyone read them. The changes to the rules were reviewed during the meeting.

Terry Terrenoire informed us that Dave Matheson had resigned as president of the AMA, and has been hired by the AMA as executive director to run the day-to-day operations.

Frank Gioffredo conducted the raffle for the B.Y.P. YAK.

Paul Slocum reported that he was contacted by Andrew Reith, a custodian at the school. His son was killed in an auto accident and the family wants to donate his flying gear, planes, etc. to the club.

Paul also reported that the Board has approved purchasing a "Walk of Fame" stone for the AMA museum in Muncie in memory of Ralph Jack. Tony Cammarata suggested we inform Ralph's wife of the purchase and notify her when it is done.

Program:

Ed Lanki gave a very informative presentation on LIPO batteries covering all aspects of the care and use

of them, including selecting, charging (and discharging), using, storing and most importantly, safety issues. Ed, Bob Balsie and Jeff Hatton showed various batteries and different types of chargers available. Jeff also showed a portable generator he uses to power his chargers.

Show and Tell:

Charlie Hatton showed his Hobby King Cessna electric,

Jim Quinn showed his foam Hobby King Rainbow Pattern plane. The plane is powered with a 2650Mah power pack. Jim said he experienced some problems painting the foam.

Terry Terrenoire showed his Hobby King Rainbow. He used Ultracote iron covering on his. Terry also showed his Wind S-110 airframe that he said could be put together in one day. It uses 2 - 4 cell packs for power and a Hacker 50 motor.

Jeff Hatton showed his new Viper 500.

Paul Slocum adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM.

John Carril
AGS Secretary

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 6/24/11

JUNE PROGRAM



Sailplanes & Gliders

AEROGLIDANCE SOCIETY, INC.
P. O. Box 39
Vestal, NY 13850-0039