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The Following Channels Must Not Be Used At The AGS Field: 02, 04, 13, 27, 36, 42, and 49

THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, JULY 2ND AT 6:45 PM AT THE AGS FIELD

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Jeff Hatton

We are now well into flying season at the field and are starting to have a good turnout at the field on Wednesday night. Feel free to join us even if you are not part of the flight school. Speaking of the field, the next meeting will be at the field. Plan on coming up early for club night for some flying and food. Also remember to check the mowing list to know when your turn is.

July Program

Since we were "rained out," more or less, in June, the June Program is now the July Program.

NIGHT FLYING

Everyone is invited to bring his/her night flying airplane. Yes, Vapors count. We will display the lights to be used, how they might be configured and some night flying tips.

After dark, actual night flying will take place. We will miss one of the original AGS night pilots, Terry Terrenoire, but we will continue on as best we can.

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

July 2nd, 6:45 PM
AGS FIELD

Aerobatics Contest

July 7th & 8th
AGS FIELD

Fifth Pylon Race

July 10th, 6:00 PM
AGS FIELD

Sixth Pylon Race

July 24nd, 6:00 PM
AGS FIELD

**The Field is Open.
Remember to keep your
speed under 10 MPH on
the access road.**

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57th Annual Pattern Contest

by Frank Gioffredo

That's right guys, fifty-seven consecutive years of hosting this prestigious event. And it has always been successful thanks to the dedication of the AGS members coming out and getting the job done. My right-hand man, Jim Quinn, will again be assistant CD for this year. Without Jim I don't know how I would have made this all work over the past few years.

Bob Noll has recruited nine club members to become judges for this year's contest, and I would like to thank you all in advance for making this commitment. In the past the AGS used only club judges which made for a much more level playing field and pilots being judged more equally. I know Bob will have all who volunteered ready and confident to judge by the time the contest arrives.

I asked Bob Balsie and Bob Noll to head up Prize acquisition for this year's contest in hopes of enticing more pilots to attend. So far, there have been a number of sponsors who have donated items, so we should have a nice assortment of goodies for the fliers.

Terry Terrenoire is well on his way to living in Virginia, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Terry for being the AGS Cook for the last who knows how many contests. Upon his departure, Charlie Hatton will assume his culinary duties, at least for the contest.

I will be contacting the rest of the available members to fill in the other needed jobs, so if you see your caller ID come up "Gioffredo, Frank", please answer and volunteer to help out. My thanks in advance to all those who will again help this year.



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Pylon Racing Report

by Don Shugard

Mother Nature is the top pilot so far this year collecting 27 out of a possible 36 points. Both races in June were canceled due to weather conditions. Rain prevented the running of the June 12th race. Gusty winds (a 27 mph gust was measured on the runway) canceled the June 26th race.

The next two races are scheduled for July 10th and July 24th. I am going to propose Tuesday July 17th as a makeup race date. Pilots and helpers please check your calendars and I'll check out the feasibility of the makeup at the next race.

| Race Dates | | | 05/08/12 | 05/22/12 | 06/12/12 | 06/26/12 |
|------------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Name | Class | Best 6 | Race #1 | Race #2 | Race #3 | Race #4 |
| Bob Noll | Sprint | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Terry Terrenoire | Sprint | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Frank Gioffredo | Sprint | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Don Shugard | Sprint | 6 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Bill Markovitz | Sprint | 5 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Jim Quinn | Sprint | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott Wallace | Sprint | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Todd Kopl | Sprint | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | |
| Brent Bryson | Nationwide | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Hatton | Nationwide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Harris | Nationwide | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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 RC_flyer@stny.rr.com
Deadline for the next Connector is 7/27/2012

**AGS General Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2012**

President Hatton opened the meeting a little late because of the small number of members attending and because a few members were still flying.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the CONNECTOR by Doug Brennaman; seconded by Bob Balsie. The motion passed.

Bob Johnson gave the treasurer's report.

FIELD CONDITIONS:

The Port-a-John has been cleaned and smells good. The solution in the tank is clear, but it is as it should be.

There was a work party two weeks ago. The pavilion and benches were painted. The benches were repaired as needed. There are two coats of paint on the Bulletin Board. More paint is in the upper pavilion and volunteers are needed to finish the painting.

A new mowing list was published in *The Connector*. Be sure that the mowing is finished by the weekend. Mow the access road along the tree line. Mow the cutouts for Pylon Racing.

The locks have been painted so the painted surface should be seen when locking the gate, etc. This allows the numbers to be seen correctly when the next person opens the lock.

A "New Mower" might be donated. It needs some attention so Frank Gioffredo is looking into the cost to get it up to excellent condition for runway mowing.

We still need estimates for closing in a bay or two of the upper pavilion for the new mower, etc.

EVENTS

Aerobatics Primer: Jim Quinn reported that everything is ready for this weekend's annual aerobatics primer. Notices were sent to all current NSRCA members from District I who are

currently registered as Sportsman, Intermediate, or Advanced pilots. Jim said two or three pilots from other areas said they were coming.

Pylon Racing: Don Shugard reported that of the two races scheduled one was canceled due to weather, but the weather did not keep us from having a great evening of racing for the second scheduled race. Don thanked all the support crew who make the racing possible. The June races are on the 12th and 26th.

Judge Training: Bob Johnson reported that the training is progressing very well. Maneuvers have been studied using a stick plane for "flying" through the sequences.

Flight School: President Hatton reported that flight school is going very well. He encouraged all the members to simply come out and fly, or support the students on Wednesday nights.

Aerobatics Contest: Frank Gioffredo will email the membership to sign up for the staffing plan. Judges' Assistants are needed. Tabulation, Registration, and Food are all covered as are the Judging Chair and Assistant CD.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

A new member, Perry Goodrich, was introduced to the membership and welcomed by them.

PROGRAM:

Jim Quinn suggested that the program be postponed until next month due to the small turnout of members and the weather conditions. The membership approved this suggestion.

President Hatton adjourned meeting 776 to Kristofer's at 7:05 PM. Several members stayed around for a little more flying.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Quinn, acting Secretary

Club Judges Are Almost Ready

by Bob Noll

Nine club members have been working diligently learning the skills required to be a precision aerobatics judge. They started in May with classes at my house where they learned fundamentals of judging by viewing an AMA presentation. Then they learned the maneuver descriptions for the Sportsman, Intermediate and Advanced classes using a Power Point presentation on the NSRCA web site.

It was fun flying a small hand held stick plane around my living room without bumping into my ceiling fan. This was done over and over until each judge acquired immediate maneuver recognition when the flight sequence was announced.

The last classroom exercise was to learn how to write scores on a pad while always watching an imaginary plane in the sky. An important principle in good judging is to watch the plane at all times while recording the score on a note pad. The scores are transferred to a score sheet after the flight.

Our first attempt at live flight practice judging at the club field was delayed due to very high winds on Monday 6/25. The group and practice pilots will continue to look for days with reasonable winds up until our contest.

This group of 9 has been great to work with and we are having had a lot of fun during the training. Here are the judges;

Sportsman - Frank Cease, Tom Kopl, Bob Johnson

Intermediate - Bob Balsie, Don Green, Ed Lancki

Advanced - Don Shugard, Bob Jennings, Brent Bryson

Did you know...???

by Bob Noll - Historian

While browsing through some of the club's past history, I came upon a report from 1975. In those days the club historian made a presentation with written report to the club at its annual meeting. The pattern contest was held at Tri-Cities Airport in those days. That 1975 Historians Report had the following for July of that year:

"The club spent many hours preparing for the 20th Annual Pattern Contest. Needless to say this is one of the best run contests in the East. Some of the best flying in the East was watched by thousands of spectators. This year saw 75 entries by 68 contestants.

34 in Class A

14 in Class B

7 in Class D Novice

7 in Class D Expert

13 in Scale

The membership did an outstanding job of making this event a success."

WOW, how things have changed!

Club Activities for 2012

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

As you can see from looking at the calendar below, the pylon race season is well underway. If you haven't had the opportunity to help out at a pylon race before, why not stop by at the field at 6:00 pm on July 10 and lend a hand. You'll have a good time and enjoy good food afterward. Also, don't forget our annual Aerobatics Contest that will be held on July 7th and 8th at the field.

Be sure to review the activities calendar below so that you can become familiar with the types of things that will be available for you to participate in this year.

| * ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2012 * | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Activity | Date | Chairman |
| New Year's Day Fly | January 1, 2012 | Frank Gioffredo |
| Winter Fly | February 11, 2012 | Scott Wallace |
| Swap Shop | March 24, 2012 (AM) | Terry Terrenoire |
| Spring Fling | March 24, 2012 (PM) | Jim Quinn |
| Oakdale Mall Show | April 28 & 29, 2012 | Bob Balsie |
| Pylon Race | May 8, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Pylon Race | May 22, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Aerobatics Primer | June 9, 2012 | Jim Quinn (CD) |
| Pylon Race | June 12, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Pylon Race | June 26, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| AGS Pattern Contest | July 7 & 8, 2012 | Frank Gioffredo (CD) |
| Pylon Race | July 10, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Pylon Race | July 24, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Pylon Race | August 7, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Family Cookout (?) | August 11, 2012 | Bob Balsie |
| Pylon Race | August 21, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| VR/CS Reunion | September 1 & 2, 2012 | Bob Noll (CD) |
| Pylon Race | September 9, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Fall Float Fly | September 15 & 16, 2012 | Bob Balsie (CD) |
| Pylon Race | September 16, 2012 | Don Shugard |
| Annual Holiday Party | December 3, 2012 | Bob Balsie |

Mowing List for July and August

Shown Below is the mowing list for the months of July and August. Please check it to see when (or if) you are scheduled and let John Carill know if you need to make any modifications.

| Date | Tractor Driver | Helper #1 | Helper #2 |
|----------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 07/07/12 | Jim Quinn | Frank Cease | Ben Cease |
| 07/14/12 | John Carill | Michael Gazy | Chuck Krapf |
| 07/21/12 | Art Riegal | Don Green | Jerry Riegal |
| 07/28/12 | Bob Johnson | Vern Ziegler | Brian Ziegler |
| 08/04/12 | Tom Kopl | Todd Kopl | Matty Kopl |
| 08/11/12 | Bob Noll | Doug Breneman | Matthew Hobart |
| 08/18/12 | Charlie Hatton | Jeff Hatton | Mark Lecher |
| 08/25/12 | Ed Lancki | Bob Johnson | Eric Sedlacek |



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AGS Aerobatics Primer

by Jim Quinn

The 2012 edition of the AGS Aerobatic Primer was one of the best ever. The weather was actually very good. There were light winds, quite a few clouds, but with occasional breaks of sunshine. It was an excellent day for a contest. The downside was that not too many pilots actually participated. The fee was reduced to only \$10.00, which included a free lunch from chef Terry Terrenoire. That lunch offer should have been enough to draw a crowd. Regretfully, none of the three out of town pilots who said they were coming actually came. Except for one minor landing mishap all went well. The landing problem was fixed quickly and the pilot was back in the air the next day.

The results were:

Intermediate - First: Bert Kosuwin

Advanced - First: Jeff Hatton

Second: Terry Terrenoire

Third: Jim Willing

A special thank you goes out to Doug Breneman who did a great job, as always, with the tabulation as well as a thank you to Bob Jennings who did a great job helping with the judging.

Lastly, I hope to see more AGS members participating in 2013.



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July Program

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