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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, JANUARY 6TH AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Rick Allabaugh

If you were unable to attend this year's Holiday Party, you missed a great time. My thanks again to Bob and Jackie Balsie for hosting such a fun event.

For the January meeting, instead of having a Program Night, I'd like to have an extended show and tell period. Bring in your winter project or that gift you received over the holiday season.

Over the past few months, I've been going through and organizing all of the files, folders, and binders which were in the old club file cabinet. I've been finding all sorts of interesting club history. Once I have neatly compiled it, I'll bring it to a meeting for all to view.

Finally, the club is still searching for members to volunteer for the following Committee Chairs: Activities, Program, and Public Relations. I can really use the help with someone stepping up to one of these positions!

See you at the next meeting!

January Program

The January Program will be an extended Show-N-Tell. It will be a chance for all of us to bring in our latest project and discuss it. Or maybe you got a new hobby item for Christmas that you can display for the other club members. You can even bring in one of your older models that you like to fly and explain why you like it so much. The rules is, there ain't no rules. Just pack up your favorite model, tool, or hobby item and bring it to share with the rest of the group.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
January 6th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY



Cancellation of AGS Meetings

In the event of poor weather, call the Library at 757-5350. If the library is closed, you will receive only the hours of operation.

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Holiday Party Report

by Bob Balsie -Chairman

Our annual Holiday Party was held at the December meeting and was well attended. We had almost forty members and family come this year and everyone had a great time. As usual, the club provided pizza and drinks and members brought their favorite side dishes and desserts.

Also on hand were approximately 170 prizes that were collected and wrapped by my wife, Jackie. This gave everyone at least four gifts and everyone that I talked to seemed to be pleased with what they received from the Bingo game and prize drawing.

Unfortunately, Jackie has decided that this will have been her last year for collecting prizes for the party, so the club will have to find a new person for the role. She had fun doing it for all these years, but it has finally become too much work for her. Next year's party will be a different format, but I'm sure we will still all have a good time then, too.

Hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season.

Dues Reminder

This is just a reminder that it is time once again to ante up and pay your dues to the AGS. Our dues are the only reliable source of income for the club, and it's essential that the Board of Directors has a firm idea of how much money will be available in the coming year so that they can budget for the year's expenses and projects.

If you haven't paid your dues as yet, please take out your checkbook and do so as soon as you can. Your timely response will be much appreciated.



The V.P. Soap Box

by Scott Wallace – Vice President

At one of the Vintage RC events this past year, VRCS historian Beppe Fascione gave me a CD with all the back issues of the VRCS newsletter. An issue from early 2000 brought back a lot of memories. Going back to the SAM Champs back in the fall of 1999, Tom McCoy had mentioned to my dad (Hale) about the upcoming VRCS deBolt Reunion in Florida. My dad had been building and flying only SAM models for many years but had a long running friendship with Hal deBolt, going back a very long time, and he was excited to attend and see some old modeling buddies from the past. What few people knew was that at the time my dad had been diagnosed with terminal cancer and didn't have much time left. Despite that, my dad didn't want to go as a spectator; he needed to build a deBolt design for the event!

In a very short time frame he scratch built a Live Wire Sr. from plans he had saved for many years. The model was beautifully finished with silk & dope in deBolt's original orange and black colors. Power was a Veco .19, and he used his favorite radio, a Kraft signature series.

This was the last model my dad ever built, and as he was building it I learned that the Live Wire Sr. was also his first RC model that he built as a teenager back in the mid 1950's. So, some nice symmetry - this design was both the first and last RC model he built, with I'm sure close to a hundred other models built in between. The model was completed just days before he needed to leave for Florida but we were able to get a few test flights in and within minutes my dad was doing all the old Class 1 maneuvers pretty well, even though I'm sure it had been over 30 years since he had flown rudder-only.

In the Vintage Flier report on the Spring Hill fly-in there's a few photos of my dad along with Hal deBolt. My dad was aware he didn't have much time, but he wanted to see and fly with his old friend Hal and a few others one last time at the Spring Hill event.

I realize this doesn't have a whole lot to do with the AGS in 2013-14....or does it? RC modeling is many things to many people, but the one constant is that it forges lifelong friendships. As a New Year begins, that's as good a message as any I think of.

P.S., I have built several deBolt designs in the past and enjoyed them greatly. I now have my own Live Wire Sr. under construction and plan to have it completed for 2014 VRCS events. The model in the picture is not my dad's but gives you an idea of the model I've written about.



AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting # 794

December 2nd, 2013

Place: Endicott Public Library

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:51 PM.

Guests: Rick recognized the many members' partners and especially past member Mike Harris.

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted as published in The Connector.

The Connector – Jim Quinn mentioned that he had not received The Connector. Jim has a new e-mail address.

Treasurer's Report: Todd gave a financial report which is attached to these minutes.

Announcements:

New Years Day Fun Fly – Frank Gioffredo reported that this annual event will be held at 11AM at the BC United Soccer Fields in Endicott. There will be a donation requested for the food.

Field – Jim Quinn commented on the field winterizing activity and thanked those who helped.

Pylon Racing – Bob Balsie presented the first place award for the Nationwide class to Jeff Hatton who could not attend the special Kristofor's gathering.

Committee needs – Rick mentioned that he still needs chairmen for the Program and Activities committees.

Board Meetings – Rick announced that he plans on holding board meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at Delta Engineers, Architects & Land Surveyors at 6 PM.

Swap Shop – Bob Balsie said he will be publishing the next issue this week and requested photo inputs in jpeg format.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM and the Holiday Party began.

Respectfully submitted – Bob Noll, Secretary

Club Activities for 2014

Given below is a tentative Activities Calendar for the coming year. It will be refined as dates and chairmen for the activities become available.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2014 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2014	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	TBD	TBD
Field Opening	TBD	Jim Quinn
Pylon Race	May 13, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	May 27, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 3, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 17, 2014	Bob Noll
Pattern Primer	TBD	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	July 8, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	July 22, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 12, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 26, 2014	Bob Noll
VR/CS Reunion	August 30-31, 2014	Bob Noll (CD)
Fall Float Fly	September 6 & 7, 2014	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 14, 2014	Bob Noll
AGS Pattern Contest	TBD	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 1, 2014	TBD

Activity at the AGS Airport

by Jim Quinn – Field Chairman

The AGS R/C airport, like most airports, is never closed. It might be harder to get there with the impending “blizzard” coming our way as the new year unfolds. You might contract with the “Bob Jennings Snowmobile Taxi Service” for a transportation quote to get you to our runways, but...

Because of my email problems in November I never had the chance to thank the “crew” who helped with out field winterization. Many hands made light work and chef “Rick” fed us quite well.

Thanks to Doug Breneman (we miss you Doug) for making an alternate airport, BC United Soccer Fields, available to us for our New Year's Day flying. Thanks also to Frank and Derek Gioffredo for warming our insides with great food, hot coffee, and hot chocolate.

Another alternate place to fly is at the Afton Middle School in Afton, PA on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Indoor flying is a different style of flying, but it sure is fun when our normal runways are snow covered.

JANUARY PROGRAM

SHOW-N-TELL

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