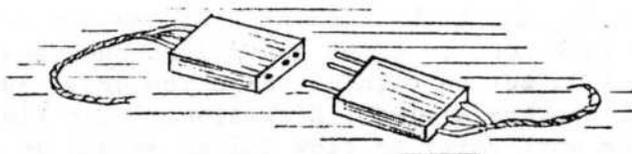




THE CONNECTOR



THE NEWS LETTER OF THE AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY

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It's spring once again and several members have already put in their first flights for the year. Our own field has seen it's first flight when Ron Grodevant took advantage of the abnormally mild weather on Tuesday, March 20. On Thursday, March 22, Ron talked me into joining him after work and it was another ideal evening. Sure felt good to tweek the sticks once again. The field and road are in excellent condition but be careful where you drive as there are sure to be soft spots when the April showers arrive. Dick Allen, your Field Chairman, will be making plans for the spring work party to tidy things up and as usual we'll have our traditional pancake breakfast at the same time.

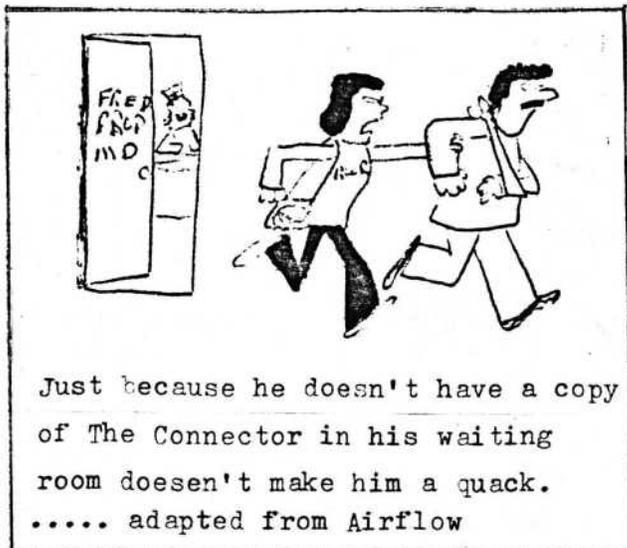
Thanks to Wolfgang Rohde for a fine program on equipment installation at the March meeting. Jerry Cole demonstrated a new monokote covered wing to the newcomers and gave some very interesting details on multi-color covering with monokote. Thanks guys!

Included in this issue of the Connector is the result of some hard work that has been going on behind the scenes at the Board meetings. With the help of Wayne Sitler, Dick Allen and myself, the Board has prepared a series of recommended changes to our By-Laws. Most of these changes are being recommended to make the By-Laws reflect current practice. The last revisions were made in 1974 and several changes have been made since then, but our official document was never updated. All of the proposed changes should be self explanatory and fall into 3 categories;

- 1) to reflect current practice
- 2) to restructure dues payment into a 2 payment plan
- 3) the addition of Social Member

Please pay particular attention to the fact that the total annual assessment does not change for Regular members, only that the membership assessment is being redefined. It will therefore be necessary to change the special assessment which has been levied to pay off our bonds from \$33.00 to \$20.00 in order to keep our annual total assessments at \$45.00 for Regular members. A motion to this effect will also be considered at our next meeting.

Therefore, in accordance with our By-Laws Article 11, each member is hereby notified that the recommended changes will be voted upon at the April meeting. Please be sure to be there and vote. I don't expect to have to devote much time to this business at the meeting but your vote will be important.



OPEN HOUSE
May 19
OUR FIELD
INFORMAL FUN FLY
BRING A FRIEND

At the Field - REMEMBER
Have the Frequency Pin on your Transmitter
Antenna when Flying or operating same...

LIBRARY:

Did you know the club own's the complete RCM anthology series. For the price of each book as deposit - you can borrow them.

FIELD REPORT:

The road looked pretty good as of Saturday but the field around the pit area is still real wet.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Tuesday April 10, 1979 at 7:30 pm at the NYSE&G building on Old Vestal Rd. the beginners session will again start at 7pm.

Visitors:

Gerald Regal
Dan Orlovsky
Mile Orlovsky
Tony Cammarate
Terry Terrenoire

New Members:

Gerry Skrekowski

R/C SCALE RALLY

JUNE 2 & 3

ALL SCALE TYPES WELCOME

HOST: VALLEY R/C MODEL CLUB

SAYRE, PA.

INFO: Dan Luchaco

717-885-6531

FUN FLY

JULY 21-22

9 TILL 5

VALLEY R/C MODEL CLUB

SAYRE, PA.

INFO: Don Manvell

717-247-7484

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Balance of \$1411.92

INSURANCE:

The courts of Pennsylvania recently ruled that in the case of model airplanes damaging person or property, the Homeowners Insurance does not apply. The reason being that the Court ruled that R/C models are "aircraft" in the true sense of the word and damage resulting from operating an aircraft is excluded in Homeowners Insurance. This leaves AMA as the primary source of insurance for Penna. modelers but the decision will soon have impact in other states as cases occur.

The point is that safety, now more than ever, should be our primary concern. No one wants to go through the expense and mental strain of a law suit. It is incumbent upon each member to be careful and use good common sense in all R/C related matters.
..... from the L.V.R.C.S. news

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March 20, 1979

The AGS Board of Directors met on March 20, 1979 at the home of Dick Allen. Attending were: Bob Noll, Dick Allen, Wayne Sitler, Al Bohner, Bob Hoag, Ralph Jackson, Bill Sebesta and Ron Grodevant.

Items discussed included the following:

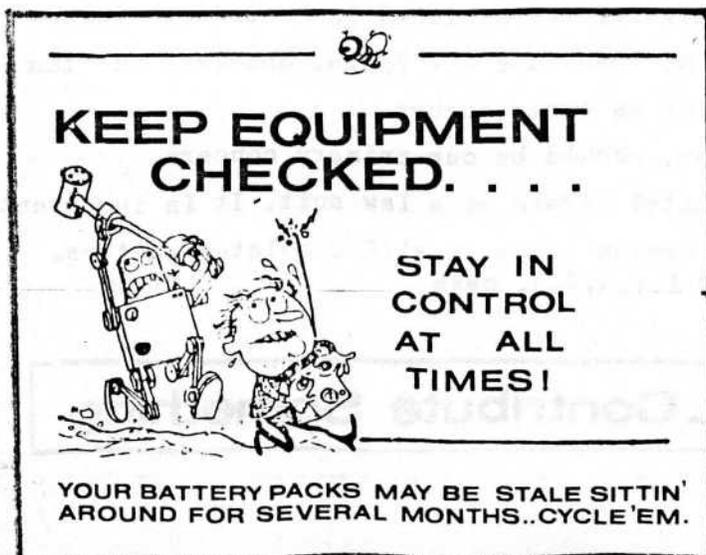
1. Plans for holding the contest at the Greene airport.
2. Income taxes. A search was started for a copy of the tax information sent to N.Y. state tax bureau in 1976.
3. Preparation of the club roster. Al Bohner has agreed to provide a list of club members.
4. Obtaining AMA insurance for the Owego flying site was discussed. No action was taken.
5. Activities committee chairman, Wayne Sitler, reported that the first 1979 STRCA meet will be held June 10 at Ithaca. The second will be held August 12 at the AGS field. Both meets will include Carry the Mail Random Pylon and one optional event. Friday evening and Saturday before each meet will be available for open flying. The events will be held on Sunday. A tentative plan for holding an STRCA dinner on November 3 at the Owego Treadway was discussed.

The AGS intra club contest will be held Saturday, June 23 with a rain date of Sunday, June 24.

The annual AGS picnic will be held Sunday August 19. Rain date is August 26.

The possibility of holding an open house at the AGS field on May 20 was discussed.

7. Proposed changes to the AGS By-Laws.



Respectfully submitted,
Ralph Jackson
 Ralph Jackson, Secretary

Thanks to Dick Allen, Ralph Jackson and Hank Farrel for holding the first 3 newcomer sessions at their homes. We hope these sessions have been a help to those needing assistance.

CHECKLIST FOR BEGINNERS—AND PILOTS

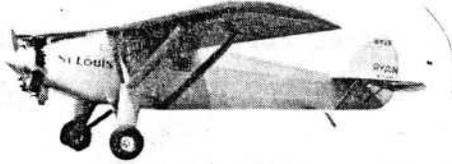
1. **BEFORE YOU TURN IT ON** be sure you have frequency pin on transmitter, and display proper frequency flag on same.
2. Batteries must be fully charged the night before use.
3. Remove spinner and tighten prop nut each day and check it again after several flights.
4. Balance all props.
5. Balance airplane—it should be noticeably noseheavy when holding under wings near fuselage about one-third the distance back from leading edge.
6. Stand behind airplane and see if control surfaces move the correct amount and in the correct direction.
7. Engine must be able to idle reliably slow. Check carburetor adjustment for rich or lean.
8. Do not attempt to fly without a qualified instructor until he agrees you are ready.
9. Do not raise antenna on transmitter until you are ready to fly.
10. Taxi carefully along edges of runway to takeoff point and prepar for takeoff on active runway in proper direction. This also applies to hand launching.
11. It is smart to announce takeoffs, landings, dead-stick landings loud and clear.
12. Stand in designated pilot areas to fly—not on runways. If you must restart engine, do so off the runway.
13. Never fly over pits, spectators or parking areas or over areas where workmen are engaged.
14. After flight be doubly sure to turn off receiver, then transmitter and return pin to board. Limit pin use to 12 minutes. (That includes tinkering on the ground).
15. Use six rubber bands on EACH SIDE to hold wings on.
16. You must have a current FCC license. It is most desirable to join AMA and your local club, DCRC. Applications are available—ask any club official.
17. Spinners and mufflers are required.

from D.C. RADIO CONTROL CLUB news letter

The Program for the April 10th meeting will be Scale Night. If you have an AMA scale, stand-off or sort-of scale model, bring it to the meeting along with any reference material on the full-size aircraft. It's not necessary, nor even desirable, that the model be completed. It has been said that a scale model is never really finished anyway, that you only stop working on it.

Our guests speakers will be Bill Whitley and Pete Maher from the local chapter of the IPMS (International Plastic Modelers Society). Their organization is devoted to making the best possible non-flying scale models from plastic, and we RCer's have a lot in common with them. Bill and Pete will talk about their organization, scale color documentation and sources of color schemes, technical references, and other scale topics. They will also bring along some examples of their craftsmanship. A question and answer session will follow the program.

Jerry Cole



Meeting No. 383
March 13, 1979

The 383rd meeting of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc. was held March 13, 1979 at the NYSEC building in Vestal, N.Y. Bob Noll presided.

Announcements:

1. Ron Grodevant presented an award to Dennis Seely in recognition of his efforts in maintaining the road to the club field.
2. Gerry Cole discussed the local plastic airplane scale modelers and asked about club interest in the possibility of having the plastic modelers present a program in conjunction with a "scale" meeting.
3. The third newcomers meeting will be held at Hank Farrell's home on March 25.

Committee Reports |

1. Contest Committee: Ron Grodevant reported that Bob Noll had sent a letter to the owner of the Greene airport which described the agreements reached in their discussions concerning the contest. Ron Grodevant distributed forms for selling advertisements in the contest program.
2. Field Committee: Dick Allen reported that the road was still soft and not yet usable.
3. Activities Committee: Bob Noll reported that the STRCA meeting was held and that the AGS and Ithaca clubs will be the hosts for the STRCA meets this year.

Old Business:

1. Dick Allen gave a report on sales of Monokote Joes at the WRAMS show. The profit for the club was \$91.50.
2. A new membership category, Social Member was discussed.

New Business:

1. A split payment plan for dues was discussed. The dues would be payed in two installments separated by several months. A show of hands indicated approval of such a plan.

Show and Tell:

Dick Allen - Junkers J-10
Terry Terrenoire - Modified Whiplash

Program: Wolfgang Rohde gave a talk on installation techniques for RC equipment.