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NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 20, 1988 @ 7:30 PM PLACE: NYSEG

AGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
09-17,18-88	11:00	Greenwood Park	5th annual float fly
09-20-88	7:30	NYSEG	AGS regular meeting
09-27-88	7:30	Underkoffler's	Board Meeting
10-01-88	10:00	Damascus	intra-club float fly
10-09-88	11:00	AGS FIELD	pylon race day
10-16-88	11:00	AGS FIELD	glider, electric-fly

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

10-1,2-88	9:00	WESTOVER AFB	pattern contest
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NEXT CONNECTOR PUBLISHING DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 7, 1988.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

For several years now we have had a club auction at the regular November meeting, and each year some members express the opinion that this is a waste of a meeting night. Once again this year we will be asking at the Sept meeting if the members want to continue this event. Think about it and be ready to voice your opinion at the meeting.

Another on-again, off-again event has been the "annual" Christmas party. Our President feels that this should be firmed up by the out-going administration since the new group will not have enough lead time to properly organize, as happened last year. We will have a sign up sheet to pass around at the Sept. meeting. Based on the response, we will have a firm plan to present at the October meeting and the November meeting will be the cut-off for sign ups and payment of money.

THE PREZ SEZ - by Bob Noll

Club Adopts Sound Limit at August Meeting - In case you weren't at the last meeting or haven't heard, the club voted to implement a sound limit at our field. The following motion was accepted and will be added to the field rules.

" Moved that the AGS adopt 98db measured as specified by the AMA as the maximum permissible engine sound level allowable at the AGS field and that a goal of 95db be established for future sound levels at the field. Enforcement will be through the oblogation of each member flying at the field to determine the sound level of his aircraft and bring it into compliance, if necessary. The stated motion to be effective on field opening day 1989".

So, start working now in order to meet the new rule. There are 3 sound meters available, Ralph Jackson has the club meter and both Joe Felice and I have meters. Simple muffler modifications are all that are required in most cases but the first thing to do is to measure your plane and then find out what others have done and found successful. Field opening is the first Saturday in May.

Fly at The Club Field - There have been reports that some R/Cer's in the area have been flying at locations other than club operated flying fields or other approved sites. AGS members have an excellent site that meets the AMA safety code for field layout, none other than their own club owned property. While I realize that the majority of members use this field as their sole flying site in the summer, many members use other locations during the winter and early spring when our field is closed. Moore Park in Vestal and Broome Community College are two that have served as an alternate site during the off-season. The important thing here is "off-season", that time of the year before these locations are used for organized sports in the spring and summer months. Our models present too great a hazard to children and adults alike to be flown near baseball fields or tennis courts when they are in use.

It is the responsibility of every member to fly in a safe manner and at a flying site which meets the AMA safety code. To do otherwise is to compromise the reputation of the club and all of its members.

Pavilion Repair - A quote for the repair of the pavilion has been received from fellow club member Tom Billingere. The board has decided to minimize the cost of the project by using club labor. Tom will supervise club volunteers and compensation for volunteering will be free food during the work parties. Terry Terriniore will coordinate the volunteers. Details as to how this will be done can be found elsewhere in this issue.

AGS Hat in Canada - Lanny and I just returned from a mini-vacation to Toronto and a pattern contest in Ajax, Ontario, a small town just east of Toronto. As we arrived at the contest site I was greeted by Grant Beaver and Jim Jerram who had just arrived from Hallifax, Nova Scotia. Both of these fine gentlemen were at our contest and Jim went home to Hallifax with one of our blue club hats that he had purchased from an AGS member. There he was, with the hat on when I arrived and what a surprise. He didn't know that I was going to Ajax but had been wearing the hat because he thought it was neat to have a hat from a club in the USA. I told him he could be our international representative.

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It might be of interest to some of our newer members to know a little about the roots of the Aero-Guidance Society.

The AGS was originally formed in 1954 by about a dozen men from the Endicott area who were pioneering in the development and use of R/C to guide their model airplanes. Due to the technical nature of the early equipment and the high degree of experimentation needed to be successful, many of the first members were engineers. In 1958 the group purchased 16 acres in the town of Maine and became incorporated as a not for profit organization in the state of New York. These early members recognized that in modeling, as well as most other segments of our society, that competition provided the leading edge in the development of technology. To this end, and to insure that the AGS would always be among the leaders, they put into the bylaws a requirement that the club host an AMA sanctioned contest and an intra-club contest annually. In the past few years we have combined the intra-club with the annual family picnic, which we did again this year on Sunday 8-7-88. In keeping with the Bylaws requirement, the AGS has hosted an AMA sanctioned contest for 33 consecutive years. On our 25th anniversary we received the Award of Excellence from the AMA. Over the years many of the best known flyers on the east coast have competed in our meet, and this year was no exception, as we had no less than the Canadian National Champion competing for the second time here.

There are many reasons for the continued success of this event, but the main reason is the support of the overwhelming majority of the club members; especially the newcomers. For them, this is an opportunity to get to know some of the people they read about in the National magazines, ask questions of all kinds, and in general get closer to the hobby. For those who were unable to attend this year, you missed the biggest meet on the east coast, (short of the NATS) and our most successful to date and we hope you will be able to be with us next year.

FALL GREENWOOD FLOAT-FLY

Just a last minute reminder that this weekend, the 17th and 18th will be our 5th annual fall float-fly at Greenwood Park. I have received several phone calls from around the state asking for details and directions. Some of them are planning to camp so Saturday evening should be fun too. It should be a great weekend, hope you can make it.

1989 R/C CALENDARS

Once again we are nearing the end of the year and looking forward to planning next year's activities!! What better medium to use than a calendar featuring the beautiful scale creations of our fellow modelers from around the world. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the meeting so we can get our order in early. The cost is \$6.00. It would be nice if you would pay at the Sept. meeting, but you can wait for delivery if you prefer. We will try to have them at the October meeting.

KIT REVIEWS

As we are approaching the building season again some of you may be trying to decide what to build. We may be able to help you, and you can help others who follow you in some project. We currently have 14 reviews on file of 10 airplanes, 1 set of floats, and 1 electronic kit. 2 more electronic kits are being worked on, as are 2 more planes, the Seniorita by Sig and the Top Flight Kittywake. We would like to expand our offerings so if you have built anything in the past year I'll have blank forms available at the next meeting.

I am also going to start using reviews published in the national magazines. I will complete the form based on the authors comments. My review will then reference that article and tell you where you can read the entire review. In this way we may get some interest in kits others in the club have not had experience with.

KIT REVIEWS

MODEL	TYPE	REC ENGINE	MANUFACTURER
TACH MASTER II	ACCESSORY ANALOG TACHOMETER	N/A	ACE R/C INC.
FLOATS 31 INCH	ACCESSORY	30-45	BEAVER PROD
XLT "II"	PATTERN	.60	BRIDI
XLT	PATTERN	.60	BRIDI
UTTER CHAOS	SPORT PATTERN	.60	BRIDI
SUPER KAOS 60	SPORT PATTERN	.60	GREAT PLANES
ELECTRICUB	ELECTRIC "SCALE"	05-075 ELECTRIC	GREAT PLANES
ELECTRI-CUB DELUX	electric	05 electric	GREAT PLANES
PT .40	PRIMARY TRAINER	.40 STANDARD	GREAT PLANES
SUPER HOTS 60	SPORT	.60	MIDWEST
TRAINAIR 40	ADV TRNR	.40	NORTHEAST
KADET I & II	PRIMARY TRAINER	.25 -.40	SIG
ASTRO HOG	TRAINER	.40 to .60 2cy or 4cy	SIG
KADET SENIOR	BASIC TRAINER	.25 TO .40	SIG

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

RALPH JACKSON

The function of the Nominating Committee is to provid a single slate of candidates for all of the elected officers and members of the board of directors of the club. On election night, nominations may be made from the floor for additional candidates for any of the positions. The ABS elections will be held at the October meeting.

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Ralph Jackson, was appointed by Bob Noll. In the last CONNECTOR, Bob also asked for volunteers to complete the committee requirement of a total of three members as specified in the By-laws. Only Two members volunteered, Dick Allen, And Terry Terrenoire Sr.

An organizational meeting has already been held and some candidates have been approached. If you would like to serve as an officer or board member next year, or know of someone who would, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

ACTIVITIES

JIM MCKEOWN

The time for elections is approaching and my duties as activities chairman for the 1988 term are rapidly winding down. There will be two activities which have been scheduled for October which will fall into the next administrative year, however, in all fairness to the new officers, I feel that the flying season should fall into the out-going year.

To this end, the pylon race day is scheduled for 10-8-88. I will be polling the membership at the Sept meeting to determine if there is enough interest to hold this event. My proposal is to have both 1/2 A and .40 races. As many of you already know, this will require about 11 non-flyers. Some of these can be pilots waiting to fly, but to ensure adequate help, each participating pilot will be asked to bring a helper.

The second event is the electric and glider meet scheduled for 10-15-88. I will conduct this event and it's intent is to have a fun type of event. There will be a winch for the purists and perhaps we can combine both electric and thermal gliders.

Each of these events is planned to last from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and it is planned to limit the flying during that period to only the scheduled events. Anyone wishing to fly other types of aircraft on these days should plan to do so before or after the event.

Unfortunately, I will be on vacation during the pylon race event, but I feel it will go very well without my presence

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all club members for your help, support, and cooperation, which I have received, in making the various activities of the year the successes that they all were.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

RALPH JACKSON

THE SEPTEMBER PROGRAM WILL BE A PRESENTATION OF SPECIFIC METHODS FOR MODIFYING STOCK MUFFLERS TO ACHIEVE THE SOUND LEVEL GOALS VOTED ON AT THE AUGUST MEETING. EXAMPLES WILL BE SHOWN OF SUCCESSFUL ADDITIONS TO MUFFLERS FOR .40, .61, AND 2.3 CUBIC INCH DISPLACEMENT ENGINES. THE MUFFLER ADDITIONS TO BE DEMONSTRATED ARE OF SIMPLE DESIGN AND DO NOT REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL FABRICATION TECHNIQUES.

Due to the recent death of Tony's mother he has not had time to edit a safety column this month. Tony, please accept our condolences for your recent loss.

Pavilion repairs were discussed at the recent Board meeting. We have received a bid of \$2510.00 to repair the damage. It was decided to have the contractor order the materials, and the club will complete the repairs using volunteer labor. This method should put approximately \$1000 into the club treasury. The goal is to have the repairs completed this fall. If you would like to help call Terry Terrenoire, he will be coordinating the work party.