

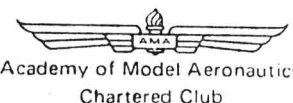
THE CONNECTOR

The Official Newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc.

Endicott, New York



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THE CONNECTOR is the monthly newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc., Radio Control Model Club. The club owns and maintains its flying field in Endicott, N.Y. Anyone interested in joining the club should contact any of the officers listed below.

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NEXT MEETING: July 21, 1992 - 8:00pm

Place: AGS Field

AGS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
July 18,19	9:00am	Sayre PA	Valley RC Fun Fly
July 18, 19	9:00am	Brockport NY	Pattern Contest
July 21	8:00pm	AGS Field	AGS regular meeting
July 25,26	10:00 am	Phelps NY	R/C Scale Rally/Airshow
July 27	6:00 pm	AGS Field	Pylon racing
Aug 2	10:00 am	AGS Field	Family picnic
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PROGRAM FOR JULY MEETING

(On Demand)

Operating Field Mower Farmer Brown

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PREZ SEZ

by Wynn Aker

July, 1992

In deference to those who found last month's column a little too technical, we'll keep things pretty easy this month. But, I would like to explain the basis for the technical article on servo throws and horn installations. The purpose of that article was not to try to get everyone to go out and buy a scientific calculator and sign up for a trigonometry class at SUNY. Rather, it was to get people thinking about all the little things that tend to get taken for granted, in many of the aspects of building our aircraft. This was just one of them, one of many. But that's for a later column, if I don't get impeached first, as a result.

BRING IT IN, TAKE IT OUT!

Have you noticed that one of the trash barrels is missing from by the pavillion? That's because we're starting a new policy of not having any trash barrels at the field. Yep. The membership voted to remove the barrels, due in large part to the fact that they sure tend to fill up, but nobody wants to empty them. So, they're on their way out. If you bring trash up, like lunch, soda cups and cans, empty fuel bottles, paper towels, and the like, put it back in your car and take it home. Unless, of course, for the privilege of having the barrels up there you are willing to be the official barrel emptier? I thought not. So, If you pack it in, you can pack it right back out. The last barrel should be gone soon, so start getting used to it.

SUMMER PICNIC:

The 1992 AGS Annual Summer Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 2nd, starting at 10 A.M. at the field. Lunch will be provided by the club starting at noon. Open flying until lunchtime, and family-oriented games and contests, as well as airplane contests after lunch. For the contests, it is strongly recommended that you bring a high- or shoulder-wing airplane to "fly." This year's picnic will make use of all of the family members, so bring the wife and kids, too. We'll have a lot of fun again this year.

NATS RESULTS:

This year, we had 10 AGS members go to the AMA Nats in Chicopee, Mass. Special mention should go to the guys competing in AMA Fun Scale: Dick Allen, 2nd place, Jerry Skreckoski, 4th place, and Joe Felice, 5th place. I guess that going into the final round of flying, it was entirely possible that the AGS could have swept 1st, 2nd and 3rd in this event! What a day! Tony C. also entered Fun Scale, but had airplane problems and didn't get to finish. Ralph Jackson entered Precision Scale, and Bob Noll and Scott Anderson entered FAI and Sportsman pattern respectively. George Kelsey, Terry T., and Bill U. also visited the Nats, but didn't compete. That's quite a turnout! I wish I could have gone, as I had already paid my early registration and everything, but some last minute emergencies prohibited my attendance. Oh well; maybe next year! I understand that attendance was down at the Nats, which is consistent with what we've pretty much seen at all contests so far this year, including our own last month. Probably the bad weather, early Nats, and a recession all combined.

FUN FLY:

Have you ever been to a Fun Fly? Even as a spectator? Coming up later this month, July 18th and 19th, at Round Top Park in Sayre, PA, is the 20th Annual Valley R/C club's Fun Fly. I've been to this Fun Fly for several years now, and it's a helluva lot of fun! To compete in the Novice class, all you need is an airplane. It can be a Sig Four-Star or any type of shoulder wing, or even a snappy three-channel trainer. We've seen Florio Nifty-Fifty 3-channel trainers do very well in the Novice events. These events always have some spectacular flying, and outrageous fun. They also have a great Saturday Night Banquet and usually some fireworks right there at the park. Try to come by and fly, or at least watch, as this is the best Fun Fly on the circuit. You will really enjoy yourself.

Speaking of a good Fun Fly, Jerry B., Tim R. and myself went to Kingston, Ontario a couple of weeks ago to fly in their annual contest. Jerry and I first went to this one last year, and had such a good time that we will probably always return. One event this year was so incredible, that I have to mention it here: A Build-A-Plane Contest! Yes, 5 teams of around 4-6 people on each team built an entire airplane from nothing to ready-to-fly in times ranging from 36 to 43 minutes! That was not a typo! We supplied the engine, tank, fuel lines and radio gear, and each team was supplied a 2' x 3' sheet of foamboard, 2 yardsticks, 2 dowels, and some misc. hardware. Our team (AGS and Valley R/C) took the longest to build ours (probably because Jerry B. was on the team!) but the base building time was then reduced by the flying scores. And you wouldn't believe the flying! The teams all tried loops, rolls, spins, touch-and-goes, a pylon race, dogfight, and "shoot the box," through a gap in some tree limbs. AND OUR TEAM WON! Our team went away with the coveted knowledge of having had the most fun, and a small trophy, too. Tom Atwood, the Editor of Model Airplane News, was a competitor that weekend, and was armed with quite a few rolls of film, as well. Well, this contest will be in the November issue of M.A.N., so stay tuned for some great laughs. That's what these Fun Fly's are all about: FUN!

Well, signing off for this month with the wish that your summer is going well, and your planes are, too. I had kind of a rough month in June, and look forward to better luck in July.

I do not fear failure. I only fear the "slowing up" of the engine inside of me which is pounding, saying, "Keep going, someone must be on top, why not you?" George S. Patton

AMA MUNCIE GRAND OPENING

The weekend of June 13 and 14 marked the Grand opening of the National Aeromodeling Center in Muncie Indiana!

My daughter and I attended this event in two capacities. We manned a booth both days, and I attended several formal functions as an AVP.

We arrived in Muncie on Friday afternoon, set up our booth and got in a couple flights. After checking into our hotel and eating supper we attended a special preview of the new museum building. Right now it is 10,000 sq ft of boxes filled with model airplanes and accessories. There were about 10 4X8 plywood pannels showing club patches from all over the country, and I was able to find the AGS represented.

I will have a map at the next meeting to show you what has been done and what is in the planning stages. Here are some highlights: 240 camping sites, Playground, 2 off road car tracks, a boat pond, 18 hole mini-golf course, permanent pylon racing site, glider site, 21 U-control circles, 3 pattern flight lines, helicopter area, 150 ft X 300 ft indoor facility with 49 ft ceiling, and a 180 ft X 600 ft paved general flying area..this is already complete. Also in the works is a concession stand and hobby shop across from the general flying area.

Even if you never get to see the facility, or fly from it, you will benefit from the increased public exposure and awareness we will experience in the years to come. We are rapidly coming out of the closet and forcing the rest of society to recognize our hobby as a worthwhile endeavor. Just think about it..we build in the privacy of our homes, then travel miles out of town to fly our tender creations. No one sees us except glances at the Mall or local airshow. The Aeromodeling center will give us credibility with the national media, and with that will come credibility on the local level!! and this will help all clubs to get and keep flying sites around the country. I feel really priviledged to have been able to attend the grand opening of what I feel is a real turning point in Model Aviation.

by: TERRY TERRENDOIRE

P Y L O N R A C I N G

Finally it happened. The first racing event of the season. Yes it didn't rain nor blow us off the field as it did the first two attempts. The turnout was excellent and our race director, Tim, did a stellar job. There were contestants and several helper/observers. Those pylon horn tooters are very important and nobody toots them like George Kelsey, and Tom Kopl. Jim Pecha handled the checkered flag like he was trained at Indy. Enough of this. Here's the results after 9 heats:

1st	Bill Underkofler
2nd	Bob Noll
3rd	Jerry Skreckoski
4th	Dan Luchaco and Terry Terrenoire
5th	Todd Kopl and Steve Luchaco
6th	Tim Rogers and Dick Allen

It was such a good turnout that the race director decided to add a new date for racing on monday July 27.

S C A L E N A T S

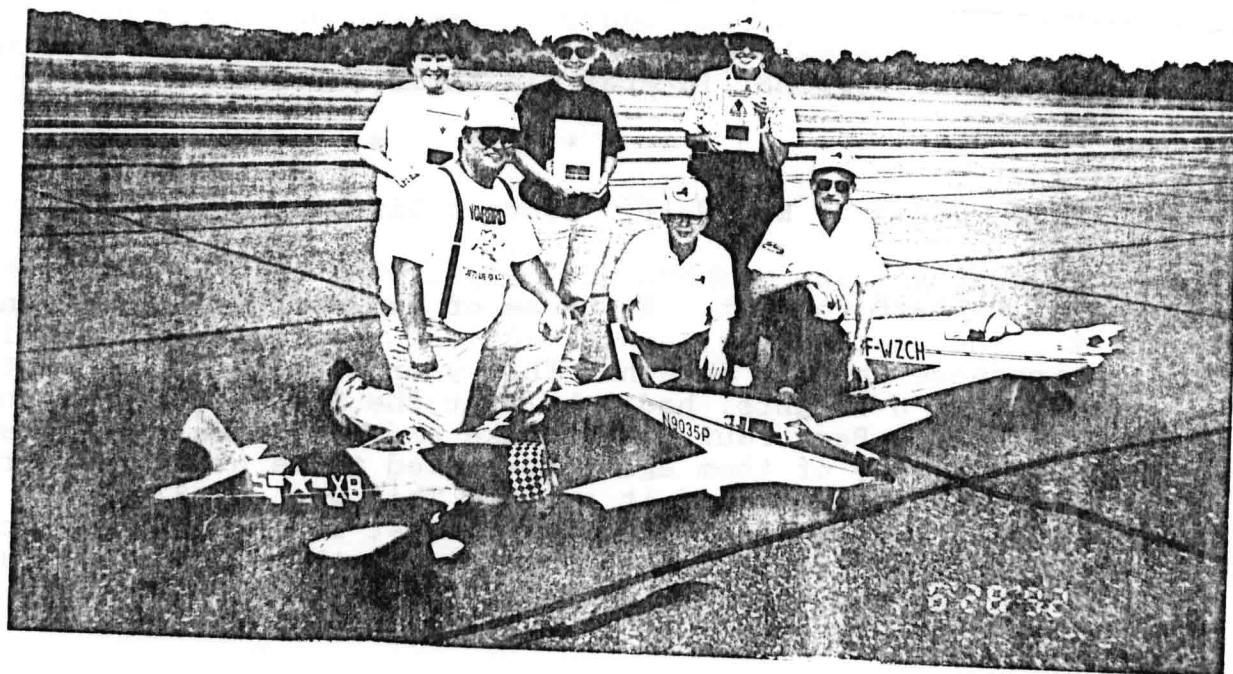
There were 5 AGS members, Ralph Jackson, Joe Felice, Tony Cammarata, Dick Allen and Jerry Skreckoski, checked into the Best Western a day or two before the start of RC scale. Ralph hosted a happy hour late the first afternoon at his place to get in the proper mood. Ralphs manhattans are quite popular. After stuffing ourselves at the neaby seafood house we suspended activities for the day. The next day was static judging and show the models time at a large hangar at the airbase. This was friday and with plenty of free time to watch those wild UKE flyers and some free flight. Westover was a neat place because all of the events are basically in the same area.

That night the scale modelers group (NASA) held an ouTdoor barbecue which was timely completed before the thunderstorm hit. But the pilots meeting was held inside after the eating was done. Here is where the officials tell us what the judges like to see and what makes them unhappy. Since we all like happy judges we listened. This nice practice because you have time to question the judges about specific manuevers and rules. Flight lines and flight sequence were assigned

The next morning it was 7:30 for the transmitters and 8 am for takeoff. Since Ralph had an early start he was unanimously elected to deliver the transmitters. The weather was perfect and the first round was completed by noon. In sport scale, tony had an unfortunate accident which knocked him out of the event. Ralph had a good flight. In fun scale Joe Jerry and Dick had successful flights. At that point a big t-storm hit which we saw on TV later produced 18 inches of hail about 15 miles away. This was a close bullet. The 2nd round was starte but only Ralph flew befor more showers ended the day. Ralph then hosted another happy hour before we went to an Hawaiian feast complete with hula dancers and a fire dancer. Joe was unanimously voted to participate in the hula class but preferred to work on the 4 lbs of food we each had to eat.

The next morning. Joe was the early bird for the 6:30 transmitter delivery. The flying weather was perfect all day. After two rounds of fun scale Dick's Cap 21, Joe's P-47 and Jerry's comanche were in the top 5 of 23 entrants. After 3 rounds the scores were still close, the order was rearranged but they were still in the top 5. By this time the wives were really getting in to it. They were consulting the scoreboard regularly and cheering us on because we were all in position for a 1, 2, 3 finish. But it was not to be. Dick was 2nd, Jerry was 4th and Joe was 5th. But, Dick was only .2 of a point out of 1st, Jerry .3 point out of 3rd with Joe .3 behind. There was less than 2 points (85 was the winner) between 1st and 5th. Ralph was 11h of 18 with his big Fokker D-VII in Expert sport scale.

Was this exciting? You bet it was. This was a fun 4- day trip for all. The scale NATS is a well organized fun event and I suspect it is the same for the other events also.



J U L Y B I R T H D A Y S

5th	Jerry Skreckoski	10th	John Mrozinski
12th	Rory Crawford	17th	Ray Aldridge
18th	Scott Campbell	19th	Gib Vandling
25th	Chris Engler	26th	Len Weiczorek
28th	Joe Filice	30th	Linh Nguyen
31st	Elwood Campbell	31st	Mike Lewis

If there are any errors, please call me!!

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

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by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

New Associate Member: Please join me in welcoming another new member into the club;

Ton Kodey - 10 Sunnyside Dr., Owego 687-0457

Tom learned about the club from his friend and club member John Raney. His specific interests are sport flying and soaring.

John Raney and Dick Allen are his sponsors.

A reminder to sponsors: Your duties as sponsors include;

- a) welcoming your member at meetings
- b) offering advice in building
- c) providing activities on club activities
- d) assistance in flight training
- e) staying in touch with the new member

I have been including sponsor assignments in each issue of the Connector. Also, the new member's phone number is included so you will give him a call and introduce yourselves and offer your assistance. Please make our new members feel good about joining the AGS through your personal interest in their success.

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THE 37th IS OVER - by Bob Noll, Contest Director

Thanks to over 40 club members who helped with this year's edition of our Annual Pattern Contest. As those of you who were there can attest to, the weather was magnificent and so was the competition. While attendance was off somewhat this year, the 49 pilots that competed got in 6 flights, had a ball at the Saturday night banquet featuring the IFR Beer Pour and Karaoke and went home with arms full of prizes. As many of them again commented to me at the end of the awards ceremony, the AGS did it again. This was our 37th year and our reputation for putting a quality contest is intact. In fact, most contestants refer to our this as bigger than just a contest, it is an event that many have said they place at the top of their annual list of things to do.

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H I G H P O I N T

A flyer receives 3 points for first, 2 for second, and 1 for third place in any AMA sanctioned event.

*note, Ralph Jackson and Bob Noll are not on the list as they have achieved "ACE" status, and are no longer eligible.

Standings as of 6-1-92:

Wynn.....6
Terry.....6

Scott.....3

Hai.....2

Valley R/C Model Club

Sayre, Pa.



20th Annual AMA Sanctioned **FUN FLY CONTEST**

Sat.-Sun., July 18 & 19, 1992

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



ENTRANTS FUTABA RADIO DRAWING

VRCMC FIELD
Round Top Park

Off Rt. 220, Athens, Pa.

UNLIMITED - No Restrictions
SPORTSMAN - Max. 4 channels
no stick type planes
MASTERS - Pilot must be age 50

3 CLASSES OF EVENTS

Trophy & Merchandise Awards

Free camping & Saturday Picnic Supper

~VRCMC members do not compete~

For additional info send S.A.S.E to
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