

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: DEC 15, 1992 - 7:30pm

Place: Vestal Am. Legion

ASS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	PLACE	EVENT
Dec 12	6:30pm	Jonathans, Endwell	Christmas Party
Dec 15	7:30pm	Vestal Am Legion	Regular Monthly Meeting
Jan 1	11:00am	Moore Park, Vestal	New Year's Snow? Fly

NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH

PROGRAM FOR THE DEC MEETING

Rubber Powered Free Flight, by Steve Bard

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by Wynn Aker

December, 1992

I'm going to start off with a safety tip this month, which I customarily don't do, so bear with me. The subject is CA glues. You know how when you poke a hole in the end of the bottle, it runs out in great big globs? Well, some bright committee designed small Teflon tubing to insert into the end of the glue bottle, which significantly reduces the excess waste that spills out. Okay, we've now established our scenario, so what's the problem? Well, sometimes the end of the Teflon tube becomes clogged for various reasons, but primarily due to contaminants such as balsa dust or dirt, like when you touch the end of the tubing to the balsa surface. Not much you can do to keep this from happening, since we're trying to glue as neatly as possible, right? So, now we may or may not have a clogged tip in the end of the bottle. How do you check to see if it's clogged? Do you just point it somewhere and squeeze, and see what happens? Well smart 'ol me somewhere along the line decided that the best way to tell if it's clogged or not was to listen to it. Yep, you can see it coming, can't you! The other night, the thin CA had caused to wick up the tubing, and it just sat there. And yes, there was NO CLOG! So, when I squeezed it to listen to the air pass through the tubing, the entire side of my face was covered in thin CA. Could have been worse: I might have hit my eyes! So here I am, trying to clean up super glue from my face with paper wipes, and the damn things stick to the side of my face! By now, I look like a before and after picture for "Mummy-Away". So, boys and girls, the moral of our story is: find a safe way to see if those little tubes are clogged, and don't point the things near your face. Funny, it took me almost 6 years to figure this out!

Last month's Annual Auction during the regular meeting was a huge success, with nearly 50 people participating, and much more stuff traded than last year. This one was the best I can remember out of the last 4 or 5. Thanks to everyone who helped as well as participated. We can only have a good auction, and activity in general with solid participation. Be involved.

We have a couple of new committee chairmen to announce: Herb Spicer has offered to be the club's Librarian for the upcoming year, and Tim Rogers has offered to be the Program Chairman. Herb will keep the repository of books and videotapes that the club owns, and will bring videotapes to meetings for the rental price of \$1.00. Tim will insure that Programs for upcoming meetings are identified in time to make the Connector prior to the meeting. Tim has already started, and had the idea for this month's program, which I'll now get to:

The December program will be on rubber-powered models, presented by Steven Bard. For those of you who weren't there, after the Auction last month, Steven demonstrated his rubber-powered models to an excited audience. He has generously agreed to spend a little bit of his time with us talking about and flying some examples of his weightless wonders. If you recall from either Model Aviation or an earlier Connector, Steven placed 4th and 6th at the AMA Nationals in rubber power this year. This should be interesting.

The annual Historian's Report will be made at the December meeting, and will consist of a written summary and hundreds of photographs to see. It's quite a collection, including the IFR Beer Pour and Karaoke from the pattern contest this summer. Don't miss it!

The January meeting and Program will be held at IBM-Owego, touring the LAMPS helicopter hangar, courtesy of John Raney and IBM. The limitations on admittance are as follows: You must be 14 years or over and be a U.S. citizen, as they are a government contractor and have security considerations. Either before or after the hangar tour, there will be a short business meeting, and we'll let you know in next month's Connector. John will have a sign-up at the December meeting, but if you miss the meeting, be sure to call John prior to the tour to get on the list. We must have names and a final count prior to just showing up. This ought to be exciting, eh?

Since this is the last issue of 1992, I'm going to reminisce just a little bit, and sort of wax nostalgic. Even though the weather was really, really lousy this year, there was a lot of flying done by a lot of folks. I think that if you look back on 1992, and take stock of what went well, what was just OK, and what was not so good, that on balance you would have to say that we had a great year. 1992 will be a tough year to follow, what with all of the activities that we had, and all the participation from members and wives to help out. The Christmas banquet was well-attended, had great food, and a magician to entertain us. The New Year's Day

Snow Fly was also well-attended and had fantastic weather. The Mall Show was a showcase of talented modelers who obviously enjoy what they do. The Moore Park Snow Fly had good weather and lots of folks. The banquet at the Legion was a huge success, with member Tom Socha and his band providing beautiful music. Even Karkak the magnificent made a brief appearance, before the casino night gambling started. Project Night in April was packed with modelers and planes, and eclipsed by Ed Hall's incredible Giant Scale project. The Annual Electric Fly had a good turnout, and even a 4-engined B-17 electric! The 37th Annual Pattern Contest had a somewhat smaller turnout than expected, but was offset by a tremendous banquet which included an IFR Beer Pour and Karaoke (singing!). The Annual Family Picnic in August was really fun, with 17 kids throwing water balloons at each other, the parents, and anyone who was standing around. The balloons were followed by a pylon race on the ground, with planes having no wings attached! What a riot! The Fun Fly at the club field had visitors from as far as New Jersey and Connecticut, and fog from London. The Annual Float Fly at Greenwood Park was a little wet, to say the least, but you can't count on every single thing being absolutely top form, now can you? After all, the C.D. can't very well control the weather. We still had a little wet fun, and flew some planes around, as well as got to see some friends from other clubs that we usually only see once a year or so. Beyond the activities, the field is in great shape, lots of airplanes were built, there were virtually no hassles, no problems all year. I really think that nearly everyone in the club contributed to a calm, relatively quiet year, yet accomplished a lot. Thanks to everyone who did something to help in some way, no matter how small. Those who didn't, please do so, starting now, please. Let's make 1993 even better, though that will indeed be tough.

Don't forget that meeting cancellations are tied to Broome Community College cancellations. Listen to the radio on the night of a meeting if the weather looks frightful. If BCC is having classes, we're having a meeting.

The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put
up with the rain. Dolly Parton

Merry Xmas to everyone! Happy
Holidays and good health to all!

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I N M E M O R I A M

Our Friend and AGS member, Ed Hall, passed away last month. Ed was a low profile, cheerful, hard worker for our club (and the Aeros also). He was a quiet doer which was a great asset to any club. He happily vounteered for the hard work of building pavilions and supplying logistics support for many events. Supplying the hot coffee for field openings and other cold morning events was greatly appreciated. Ed liked to scratch build his planes with any material he could get and devised a number of tools to simplify building. The wing ribs of most of his planes were built individually with spruce strips like the early aviation pioneers did. These tools and techniques were shared with anyone who asked. As a regular at the pizza place (after the monthly meeting) he contributed his share of stories. As a good friend and club member, Ed, we miss you.

-Ed.

What can you say when you loose a friend? Ed Hall will surely be missed by all of us! He was one of the genuinely "nice" guys. Always willing to lend a hand. In the 20 years I knew him, never once did I hear him say a bad word about anyone else, or get angry with another. He rolled with the punches. I flew with him on October 28th for the last time in this world. He even gave me a turn on the sticks of his giant Taube. Now, I'm sure he is hard at work preparing our next flying field because he can't stand to just sit back and relax. Thank you Ed, for all your inspiration. I will think of you often in the years ahead, and will be grateful for having known you. Rest in peace; you have earned it!

TERRY TERRENOIRE

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Donato Martino, Board Member

I have been interested in aviation since I was a child. When I was about 10 or 11 years old I started building and flying control line models, after many years I was back into model aviation, only this time it was radio control. Debbie and I have been married for 14 years(Dec. 16), we live in Endwell with our two children, Erin who is 12 and Danielle who is 9. Both of my children are not as excited about airplanes as I am, but they do love to play soccer and all the other activities young children enjoy. It gives me great pleasure to serve on our Board, and I look forward to a successful and fun year for all.

D E C E M B E R B I R T H D A Y S

12th Reid Donlon	20th Tom Socha
17th Bob Punkar	26th Al Tsardakas
17th Bob Noll	

If there are any errors, please call me!!

***** 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 competition event.

Standings as of 12-

Wynn A.....13	Scott A.....10	Hal L.....5
Terry T.....12	Tim R.....3	Dick A.....6
Jerry S.....2	Joe F.....1	

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

***** M A L L S H O W *****

Only a little over 1 month to go, and only one meeting!

Three of the local clubs have committed to the invitations and the Mall is ready for us. The AMA display should arrive the week prior to the show.

At the last Board meeting we decided that Wynn and I will build a "trainer" during the show, and that it will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon. It will be up to the helpers Saturday and Sunday to sell the tickets. All proceeds will be donated to local CHOW program.

***** E X P L O R E R P O S T *****

On Thursday, November 19th, Dick Allen, Steve Bard, and I met with 5 perspective Explorer members at the American Legion. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 12/5 at 1:00 PM, and all 5 have indicated that they wish to pursue the project. The Board of Directors has invested \$75 in the program and I will keep them informed on progress as it is made.

***** R E N O A I R R A C E T R I P *****

Transportation is proving to be the most challenging aspect of this program. Some early figures were for regularly scheduled flights, but not enough seats were available. I looked into a charter, and the price doubled, so I have asked 2 local travel agencies to work on the project. No firm information is yet available from them.

***** A U C T I O N 1 9 9 2 *****

There were 49 items put up for bid, 39 sales were completed. A total of \$588.25 changed hands. Of the 45 registered bidders, 29 either bought or sold something, 7 of them did both. The big seller was Tim Rogers, \$93.00. The big buyer was Dave Torrence, \$72.00.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



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