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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field during summer months. Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez
Frank
Gioffredo

Here we are finally into the flying season, I hope everyone is taking advantage of the great weather; and getting to the field for some flying with your club buds.

First off I would like to remind everyone that the JUNE, JULY and AUGUST meetings will be held at the field. Meeting start times will remain the same and we will try to keep the business part of the meeting as short as possible to allow for adequate program time.

The second thing I would like to clarify is the question of the budget. We did not lock in a final budget total due to questions we could not answer on the repair of the road and possible income from logging the field. We do however have an operating budget in place which should be available for viewing at the next regular meeting.

To clarify one other issue was that the board had decided as a "GOAL" to have "most" club activities be self supporting and possibly even profitable, not including things such as the intra-club contest or the annual party or club picnic, keep in mind a goal not a mandate. We are all in this to have fun and enjoy the activities of the club. I apologize to anyone who feels the board does not want to support club events. We are just trying not to go over board with spending funds we do not have.

One final thing: I was hoping to make our last meeting to talk about Aviation Day. I will be filling in the staffing plan for the day's activities at the next couple of meetings. This will be our chance to interact with the public and show them what we are all about.

Elsewhere in this edition should be a flyer on the activities of the day. Until the meeting, have fun and burn that fuel, either liquid or packed in a battery



Activities

Brent Bryson

There has been some changes to the activities schedule. The date for the Intra-Club Contest has been moved to Sat, Aug 27th. This is the same day as the Annual Picnic. The Intra-Club Contest will start at 10AM and end at about 2PM. The Annual Picnic will start at 2PM. The other change is that the Fly-In Breakfast for Chow is moved to another date (to be announced).

The next major event is the Aerobatics Primer. The Aerobatics Primer, which is on Saturday June 11th at 10AM, is a great opportunity to get started in aerobatics, and also to get the feel for what it is like to fly in competition. Any aircraft that has at least the standard 4 controls (aileron, elevator, throttle, and rudder) qualifies, whether gas or electric. Also, anyone who can fly their aircraft solo is qualified to participate, although a little practice beforehand would certainly help.

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Coming Events

June 7th.....6:30
STRC Race #3 AGS Field

June 11th.....10 AM
Aerobatics Primer AGS Field

June 21st.....6:30
STRC Race #4 AGS Field



Attention!

Field Speed Limit: 10 mph

Now that flying season is in session, watch your SPEED on the road to the field. Keep it around 10 mph or less.

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Non-AGS Members Flying at the Field

By Rick Allabaugh

As Membership Chairman, it has been brought to my attention that a few club members may be allowing non-AGS members (who hold current AMA membership) to fly at the club field on a regular basis. The key words being "regular basis". It's perfectly acceptable to allow non-AGS members who hold current AMA membership to fly at our field "every once in a while". I've invited other members from other clubs to come out to our field and I know several other members that have family/friends come up to the field to fly when they come into town. What we want to avoid is a local resident who is an AMA member using our field all summer long without being a club member. Let's face it, we have one of the better flying sites in the area with two runways, it's well kept and we don't have the noise issues with the neighbors as some of the other clubs might have. Bottom line is its not fair to the paying members of the club who maintain the field and support the club to allow non AGS members to enjoy the use of the field all summer long. I hope we can use a little common sense with this matter. If this continues to be abused, the club will need to take action.

Membership

By Rick Allabaugh

May was another big month for membership. I've received one membership application from Richard Buchinsky and should be receiving a membership application from Annette Cimini at the June meeting.

AGS 50th Anniversary Ribbon Decals

By Rick Allabaugh

After talking with two vendors and dragging this out longer than it needed to be, I'm finally ready to take orders for 50th Anniversary Ribbon Decals. The decal we are ordering ONLY INCLUDES THE RIBBON DETAIL and not the standard AGS logo. This decision was based on feedback from the club at the general meeting since a majority of the people had standard AGS decals on their planes and wanted to simply add the ribbon detail. I'm going to be ordering them from The Instant Face Place. The cost for the ribbon decals are as follows:

3" = \$2.00 (+ tax)

4" = \$2.50 (+ tax)

6" = \$3.00 (+ tax)

To make sure you order the correct size, the 3", 4" and 6" dimension refers to the long axis of the oval. Please take the time to measure your decals on the plane before ordering. We will not be able to return these once they're made.

You can e-mail your order to me at: rcallabaugh@stny.rr.com or call me at (607) 648-7983 between 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

The order will be going to The Instant face Place on June 3rd, 2005.



STRC Race News

Jerry Roscoe

Well race fans the, Southern Tier Race Circuit STRC has finally started with the first race being held on May 10th. Eleven pilots signed up to race this year. Of the 11 pilots 8 turned out for the first race. One had a problem during practice leaving 7 racers for the first race. Busch has become popular and we had 3 racers eager to give it a try and earn their stripes. Scott Wallace and Brent Bryson were both new to Busch this year. Don Shugard also raced in Busch. Don could be the favorite for this class since he came in a very competitive 2nd last year in only 5 races. Scott has pattern experience and could be a real threat to Don but I don't think the others are going to hand the class over to Don either. This should be a real interesting class to watch this year.

In Nextel there were 4 returning seasoned racers in the first race: Art Riegal, Bob Noll, Jim Quinn and Terry Terrenoire. This class also has a few more racers who didn't make the first race so the class as usual will be exciting to watch. The question in this class is can one of them knock off last years winner, Bob Noll. Good Luck guys - I think you'll need it!

I was on a cruise in the middle of the Atlantic on the way to Spain so I wasn't able to make make the 1st race but I was told by Bob Noll, who filled in for me (thanks Bob), that there was a cross wind making landings a bit rough and some of the Busch pilots experienced fuel problems and didn't finish their heats. Don came in 1st in two of the heats, racing heat 2 by himself and none of the Busch Pilots finished the 3rd heat. The Nextel pilots had a lot more success racing as can be expected. I'm told that out of 8 racers that showed up only 2 were able to finish all 3 heats, which is very unusual, first race jitters I guess.

Results of each class after race 1 follow:

Busch	Race#	1	Date	2005-05-10
		1. Don Shugard		6
		2. Brent Bryson		2
		3. Scott Wallace		0

Nextel	Race#	1	Date	2005-05-10
		1. Jim Quinn		9
		2. Bob Noll		6
		3. Art Riegal		4
		4. Terry Terrenoire		4

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GET READY FOR OUR

50th ANNUAL PRECISION AEROBATICS CONTEST - AUGUST 6 & 7.

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

Our AMA sanction has been received, prizes are coming in, advertising is under way and staffing is proceeding. If you can help, there are still a few jobs that remain unfilled. The staffing plan will be circulated again at the June meeting for those who have not had a chance to sign up. Working at the contest affords our members with a great opportunity to see some of the best Precision Aerobatic pilots in the northeast.

Reports from pilots at recent contests are that we should have a very good turnout due to our contest location and our August dates. Our contest will be the first after the AMA Nationals. We will be in Sayre at the site of the Blue Swan Airport. We hold the contest there because it is a great site with no obstructions. While our club field would be OK, it does not compare with the facility at Sayre. Those of you who like to camp will enjoy pitching you tent or setting up your camper for the weekend. Many contestants will be camping. Field set-up will be done Friday afternoon and the field will be open for practice flying at 3 PM.

The contest starts at 9 AM Saturday and will continue until about 5 PM after which we will have a chicken dinner for all contestants, their families and for our club members. Some demonstration flying is expected after the meal until dark.

On Sunday flying will start again at 9 AM and continue until about 3 PM. After that all club members working at that time are needed to tear down and return the facility to its pre-contest status.

Since we will be using contestant judging, our club members can compete. So if you competed in our Pattern Primer or have since decided that you would enjoy the excitement of competition you are invited to enter the contest. The entry fee will be waved for all AGS members who have worked at the contest.

Don't forget to put August 6 & 7 on your family calendar and help the AGS run one of the best aerobatic contest in the east.

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Nextel Race #2 5/24/2005

Race day weather was bad (rain, wind, low clouds, 49 deg F etc) and I don't think many people expected we would race. I got to the field at 5:30 and the weather still didn't look great, but by 6 it started to improve and the race was on (you never know until the last minute). Nine racer turned out but Don, in Bush, had fuel trouble and scratched. He tried to put a new tank on the outside of the racer with rubber bands but decided it wouldn't hold - good decision Don! Frank, in Nextel, somehow got left out of the starting line up and it wasn't until the 4th race he wondered why he hadn't raced yet???? (Sorry Frank, thanks for being such a good sport about it!). That left 3 racers in Busch and 4 in Nextel. Even with a pretty good wind at times the 7 pilots that started all managed to fly their 3 heats without any major problems. We started the race on Runway 6 for the first time that anyone could remember. This was a little confusing; Brent tried to fly the course with right turns instead of left turns but figured it out after a bit and managed to finish.

Busch	Race#	2	Date	2005-05-24
		Race pts	Season Pts	Season Place
Don Shugard		0	6	2 tie
Brent Bryson		3	5	3
Scott Wallace		9	9	1
Jerry Roscoe		6	6	2 tie

Nextel	Race#	2	Date	2005-05-24
		Race pts	Season Pts	Season Place
Jim Quinn		3	12	2
Bob Noll		8	14	1
Art Riegal		6	10	4
Terry Terrenoire		7	11	3

A special thanks to all the workers that helped in both races. Events like this, that bring everyone together, is a way to get to know your fellow pilots and helps to make the club a success. The only real problem I had with the upwind callers ignoring the instructions I gave them not to call cuts on the green racer. Actually, to be honest, it was a test I was running to make sure the cut calls could see and couldn't be bought off with the promise of extra hot dogs and chips. They all passed a lot better than I hoped for. Thanks again guys! Special Note to Pilots for the next race on June 7. This is also a meeting day, please have all practice flights in before 6:15 so we can start the race promptly at 6:30. We need to complete the race before 7:30 to start the meeting on time.

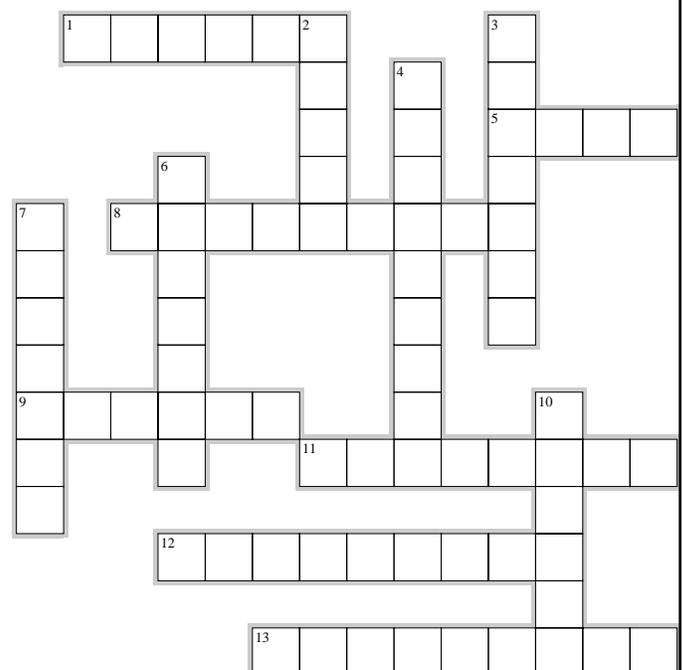
Famous Names in Flight

Across

- 1. Chuck
- 5. Sally
- 8. Quique
- 9. Henry "Hap"
- 11. Charles
- 12. Neil
- 13. James "Jimmy"

Down

- 2. Burt
- 3. Glenn
- 4. Pappy
- 6. Kelly
- 7. Amelia
- 10. Orville



AGS Meeting #694 April 5, 2005

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by vice-president Brent Bryson. Present at the meeting were approximately 36 members and 2 guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved after corrections made.

Spelling correction to new members name- correct spelling is Roy Dickson.

To help commemorate the clubs 50th anniversary, there is a display of vintage radios and models in the window at GJ's.

Officer Reports

VP's report:

Thanks were given to those that were involved with the annual dinner.

Field opening was completed as scheduled. A big "Thank You" to those that participated.

The next 3 AGS meetings will be held at the club field. Next one is June 7th @ 7:30 PM.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the April Board Meeting were read.

A thank you note from Jim McKeown was read, as the AGS had recently sent a gift and card. Jim subsequently passed away on May 9th. Jim McKeown was a fine modeler and a wonderful gentleman that we will all miss very much.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

Field

A mowing list for this year has been started and will be brought to each club meeting.

The AGS is still looking for a Field Chairman. Contact any Board Member for details on what is involved.

Old Business

AGS golf type shirts and caps are available through Rick Allabaugh. AGS 50th Anniversary banners decals to be used in conjunction with our existing decals will be available soon-stay tuned.

The 50th Anniversary committee is working hard on some exciting items. One is the July 23rd Open House, please contact Frank Gioffredo if interested in helping out. This is the clubs chance to showcase ourselves to the community.

There is also work being done to produce a calendar for 2006 and an AGS Book covering the clubs 50-year history.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at Scott Wallace's home on June 14th.

New Business

General

The dates for the Fall Float Fly have been changed to Sept 24& 25.

Also, be advised several traditional events are in jeopardy of cancellation due to lack of volunteers to head up these events.

At press time we have an opening for someone to head up the Celebration of Flight scheduled for July 9th. Contact a Board Member if interested and to discuss particulars, budget etc.

Show-N-Tell

Bob Frey displayed a pretty Corsair electric model by Alpha Models and a neat GWS C-130 4 motored electric model.

Terry Terrenoire displayed a set of homemade fixtures for building with a magnetic building board set up. He has some available for sale- please contact Terry if interested.

Bob Noll displayed photos from past AGS events, including some rather amazing ones from a past dinner party. You had to be there to see "Miss AGS" from year's gone bye.

Jerry Riegel showed his Predator Q-500 racer in Jimmie Johnson NAS-CAR colors. This is an ARF by Lanier models that Jerry made several modifications to.

Program

Ralph Jackson gave a great presentation on his early trials with multi engine scale RC models. Ralph was one of the true pioneers in this arena some 45 years ago! His Aero Commander was built in 1960 and powered by 2 .19's. In 1963 he flew a B-24 Liberator at the NATS in California.

This model used 4 Fox 15's and Ralph stated a crew of 4 was required to get her running. He also discussed his Handley Page 0-400 WW1 bomber powered with 2 OS 30's. Sadly, none of these great models survived. In closing Ralph said "the key to success with multi-engine models is to use electric power" !

"Did You Know" Trivia Quiz

There were no winning entries submitted for the current "Did you know" trivia quiz.

The question was which awards has the AGS been given by the AMA? Answer is the "Leader Club Award" and "Award of Excellence".

AGS AEROBATIC PRIMER

by: Jim Quinn

June 11 should be a great day for the AGS if the weather cooperates. This is the date for our Annual Aerobatic Primer. This event is for all **non competitive aerobatic pilots**. Anyone who has ever competed in a sanctioned AMA aerobatic contest will not be permitted to fly in this event.

As I always say there is a particular challenge in flying maneuvers on demand. That maneuver could be as fundamental as straight flight, or a loop, or a roll. Doing it in a particular location at a requested time makes even the most fundamental maneuver more challenging.

If you want to get serious about improving your flying skills please join us at 10:00AM on Saturday, June 11, 2005

There will be flying and setup tips at 10:00. Lunch will be served at 12:00N and the contest will follow lunch.

The maneuvers to be flown are the SPORTSMAN (401) series as set forth in the AMA rule book. The maneuvers are: TAKEOFF, STRAIGHT FLIGHT OUT, HALF REVERSE CUBAN EIGHT, STRAIGHT FLIGHT BACK, HALF CUBAN EIGHT, TWO INSIDE LOOPS, TWO POINT ROLL, STALL TURN, COBRA WITHOUT ROLLS, IMMELMANN TURN, ONE HORIZONTAL ROLL, SPLIT "S", DOUBLE IMMELMANN WITHOUT ROLLS. Now you set up for your final maneuver, obviously LANDING.

This year there will be three judged flights. The first flight will include all the above maneuvers but they will be flown one at a time, in the center, not in the AMA 401 scheduled sequence. The second and third flights will include all the above maneuvers as flown in the AMA 401 schedule with centered and turn around maneuvers.

Turn around maneuvers are underlined and in italics.

If you are confused by any of the maneuvers they will all be flown with a hand model and in the air, if you wish, before the contest starts. If you would like some extra practice time, please feel free to contact me any time.

Aeroguidance Society Inc. 50th Anniversary Aviation Day

To be held Saturday July 23, 2005 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Rain date Sunday July 23, 2005 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Activities to include:

Delta Darts for kids
Orientation to RC Modeling, Followed by One flight per
Visitor on a buddy box.

Through out the day there will be
Flight Demonstrations including
Sport flyers, Electric, Pattern, Racing, and possibly
Helicopters

Also Hotdogs and Drinks will be available during the day

**AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST
DON'T MISS THE GRAND UNVEILING
OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY
AGS RETRO
Designed by club member
Ken Maroni
Built and Flown by**

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