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Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez Bob Balsie

Well, here we are, at the end of another fiscal year and that means that my term as your president has almost come to an end. I've got a couple of timely topics to bring up to you, and then I want to give you a run-down of some of the things that the Board of Directors has accomplished this year to show you that we don't just get together every month and drink soda and eat chips (LOL).

The Election of Officers...

The election of officers and Board members for the 2006 – 2007 season will take place at the Annual Meeting in October, which will be held at 7:30pm at the Maine-Endwell high school. The slate of candidates was published in the last Connector and all candidates are running unopposed. So unless I or one of the other officers get a lot of write-in votes, you will have a completely new group of officers next year.

Time to Pay Your Dues for the New Season...

October is the beginning of the next fiscal year and that means that it's time to ante up and pay your dues once more. As you know, an increase to the dues was voted into effect last month, and the six dollar reduction for paying dues before October 31st was rescinded. You should be getting a reminder from Don Shugard. Please help out our new treasurer by getting your dues into him promptly. Every year we seem to have a number of people who don't pay on time and it causes the Board a lot of headaches.

The State of the Club...

I want to pass on to you some of the things that the Board has been working on this year, many of which have been done in the background without most members being aware of them.

The status of our Corporation.

This is something that none of us really thinks about, and it wasn't really on my mind too much until I paid a visit to our attorney, Ken Helisek, this past May. During the course of our conversation, he asked me if our Corporate Records were in order. When

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Coming Events

**Field WinterizingNov 4th
9:00 am**

REMINDER:

This Months Meeting is at Main Endwell High School

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my answer was, Huh?" he realized that he needed to give me some more information. He explained that all corporations are required to have certain records, and that these should be kept in a Corporate Records book. This book should include the Incorporation Papers, bylaws, copies of resolutions passed by the organization, and other items pertaining to the operation of the corporation. To emphasize the importance of this to me, he told me about a malpractice suit that he had filed for one of his clients against a medical group. The medical group had formed a corporation to protect the individual doctors' personal assets in case of legal judgements against the practice. When Ken investigated further, he found that the doctors did not have any of the required documentation in place and on file. He stated that even though it said "Inc." after the groups name, they were not operating as a corporation, so he also named each of the doctors, personally, in the lawsuit. During our current times, when people sue each other for practically anything...and win...it seemed to me that we had better get our Corporate Records collected and bound as Ken described. So the Board had been working to get our Corporate R cords book assembled. It might save all of us some sleepless nights and elevated pulse rates in the future.

Logging.

As you all know, a year ago this past February the club voted to have Two Brothers Logging do some logging work on our property to raise some money to help pay for repairs and improvements to our road. At the time, this seemed like a good idea. However, one of our members, Ed Helinski, contacted me and told me that the way that we were proceeding might not be in the best interest of the club. He recommended that we hire a licensed Forester to manage our forest resources in a manner which would allow us to do periodic harvests and provide an ongoing source of income for the club. In the course of working through the details of this new approach, it came to light that the people doing the logging work would be required by law to be covered by Workman's Compensation Insurance. Ed and several members of the Board checked into this and determined that the best value for the club would be to hire the Forester, have him mark the trees that should be cut, and then sell the trees to a logger before the logging work is begun. Because it is the owner of the trees who is responsible for providing the Workman's Compensation Insurance, the logger would then provide this insurance for his men, and the AGS would not have to buy the insurance, which is very expensive! Some people have been critical of the fact that it has taken a long time to get the logging operation in motion, but since the weather has not been conducive to logging for over a year and a half, there has really been no impact to that work being done.

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Bylaws updates.

After I had the meeting with Ken Helisek, I decided that we needed to review our bylaws and update them as required. In my opinion, there were a number of places where we needed to clarify or update items, and we needed to insure that the language was not gender-specific, especially if we wanted to try to achieve tax-exempt status again at some point in the future. I put together a set of updates, and Doug Breneman and Don Shugard have been working on ironing out the final version. Hopefully, it will be completed in the near future.

Field Rules.

After reviewing the Field Rules, it seemed that we also needed to update these as well, especially to clear up some ambiguities and add language to make the rules sound more like a legal document. I feel that this is important, because if we were to have an accident at the field involving a guest, or at Model Aviation Day, we might be called upon to prove in a court of law that we have a clearly defined and strong set of safety rules in place. This may seem like overkill to some, but it's cheap insurance in the case of a lawsuit against us. Doug Breneman and I are going to try to get these completed in the near future.

Filing of income tax returns.

Another issue that came up during my visit with our attorney was the subject of filing yearly income tax returns. I told him that we had not filed a tax return for many years because we believed that we did not have income of a sufficient level to require us to file. Ken said that we should be filing a tax return every year to show the IRS that our corporation still exists and that our income is still below the minimum amount for filing. I and several other board members began looking into this and determined that we do not have to file unless our annual income exceeds \$25,000. After checking with the IRS, I found out that they are now going to require organizations like ours to file a tax return at least once every three years, even if no tax is owed. The Board is going to recommend that the club file a tax return every year to prevent our failing to file in the future. No use having to pay a penalty to the IRS for failing to file, especially when the form is so easy to fill out.

And that about wraps it up, ladies and gentlemen. I hope that you all had a good year and enjoyed your membership in the AGS. And I hope that you'll all be joining up again for 2007. You really need to lend your support and assistance to your officers and board. They will be doing a lot of work for you next year, and I hope that they can count on

Field Report

Field Winterizing will be held Saturday, Nov 4th at 9:00 AM. As I will be out of town for the October club meeting, Don Shugard will have a sign up sheet available. This is quick task and usually takes only an hour or two. The AGS Board will decide on the runway perimeter ropes. Although they may help prevent damage to the field, recall that the AMA has advised clubs that ATV/ snowmobile riders have been injured by ropes or fencing at club fields and sued the clubs.

Having served as Field Chair for the past two years, I am stepping down after the Field Winterizing due to ever increasing business travel.

Thank you to everyone that has pitched in to help maintain our flying site!



The Deadline for Connector articles is two Fridays before the meeting. Please have submissions to the editor before then. Electronic submissions are preferred, E-mail them to jeff@priusonline.com
Deadline for Next Connector is 10/27/06.

AGS Meeting #710 Sept 5, 2006

The meeting was held in the Maine Endwell High School Cafeteria. AGS Vice President Brent Bryson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at the meeting were 25 members, 1 associate member and 1 guest.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published.

Officer Reports

President's report:

No Report.

VP's report:

No Report.

Secretary's report:

No Report. Secretary arrived late to the meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer read the current financials of the club.

Committee Reports

Membership

Concern over the initiation fee was raised and discussed.

Field

The mowing list was circulated and missing weekends filled.

Field Winterization will be discussed at the October meeting.

Librarian

Brent Bryson had a subset of the club library available for loan.

Historian

No Report.

Activities

No report from the Activities chairman.

Bob Frey reported on the annual breakfast for CHOW. Twelve members attended the August 19 event. Proceeds were donated to CHOW.

Scott Wallace reported on the Intra club contest and Picnic that occurred on August 26. Scott also mentioned picture day will be held at the upcoming Pylon Race scheduled for September 10, 2006.

Dave Lewis spoke of the upcoming Float Fly scheduled for the weekend of September 23-24, 2006

On behalf of the VRCS, Bob Noll, thanked the AGS for use of the field for their annual event. Bob declared Ernesto as the big winner.

Flight School

Flight School has completed.

Public Relations

No Report.

Sound

No Report.

Safety

No report.

Connector

No report.

Program

No program.

Old Business

Bob Noll made a motion to rescind the previous club decision to allow Two Brother's do the logging at the field. Bob Frey Seconded. The motion carried.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be September 12, 2006 at Bob Noll's house.

New Business

Club bylaws changes were voted on here is the summary.

Articles 3.1 and 3.3 Change the name of the initiation fee (Passed).

Article 9.4 Regular Member Dues increase (Passed).

Article 9.5 Senior Member Dues increase (Passed).

Article 9.6 Student Member Dues increase (Failed).

Article 9.7 Family Member Dues increase (Failed).

Article 9.9 Removal of the six dollar discount (Passed).

Article 9.9 Field Maintenance Fee Installments (Passed).

Article 9.12 Field Maintenance name change (Passed).

The Nominations Committee proposed the slate of:

Terry Terrenoire -President
Jim Rogers - VP
Rick Curtis - Secretary
John McGrath - Treasurer

Board Members
Bob Noll
Frank Gioffredo

Art Riegal moved to close nominations. Marc Lecher second. Motion Carried.

Jerry Roscoe announced he had lost his Bright Yellow Quickeer Racer. Please call Jerry Roscoe if found.

Ed Helinski made a motion to eliminate the Field Maintenance Fee. Bill Markowitz seconded.

The motion requires a proposed change to the by-laws and needs to be published in the connector.

Show and Tell

Bob Noll Carl Goldberg Falcon 56, 1962 design, Darma Silk, Brodack Dope. The plane took first place for Falcons at VRCS.

Terry Terrenoire Falcon 56 built from a Bob Harris re-pro kit. Lumin lights for flying at night. Monokote, OS 25 FS.

Frank Gioffredo Fliton Prodigy 3D, Eflite 450 motor, 20 ounces, HS 55 servos.

Matt Struck Nikitis Aircraft, Animal. Variable pitch prop, AXI motor. You need a Heli radio for the variable pitch prop.

Guillermo Leon Modeltech Twister ARF. The plane weighs 5.6 pounds, uses a 46 OS 2 cycle. Guillermo had several problems with the airplane and doesn't recommend it. He did not get any support from the distributor <http://www.hobbypeople.net/> in resolving his problems.

Program

Jerry Roscoe demonstrated how to create a panoramic photo (AGS field) for G3 Simulator.

Jerry has made the AGS field photo available on the AGS website and on a disc at GJ's.

RACING NEWS

By Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

Here are some highlights from our 7th race;

Terry had his third perfect night of the racing season with 9 points.

Bob had one difficult heat where he was called for two cuts.

In another heat, Bob was called for a cut but was still able to pull out a win.

In heat three, Scott needed to do a restart.

In the same heat, Jerry cart wheeled on take off which ended his night of racing.

Don had a very nice night with 1 first place and 2 second place finishes.

Frank was given some excellent coaching by Art Riegal and finished the night with 6 points.

The last race of the season was not held because of the lack of helpers.

This leaves the 2006 STRC racing season with the following results;

<u>Racer</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Season Points</u>
Terry Terrenoire	Nextel	47
Bob Noll	Nextel	43
Frank Gioffredo	Nextel	33
Jerry Roscoe	Nextel	16
Scott Wallace	Busch	28
Don Shugard	Busch	24
Brent Bryson	Busch	8

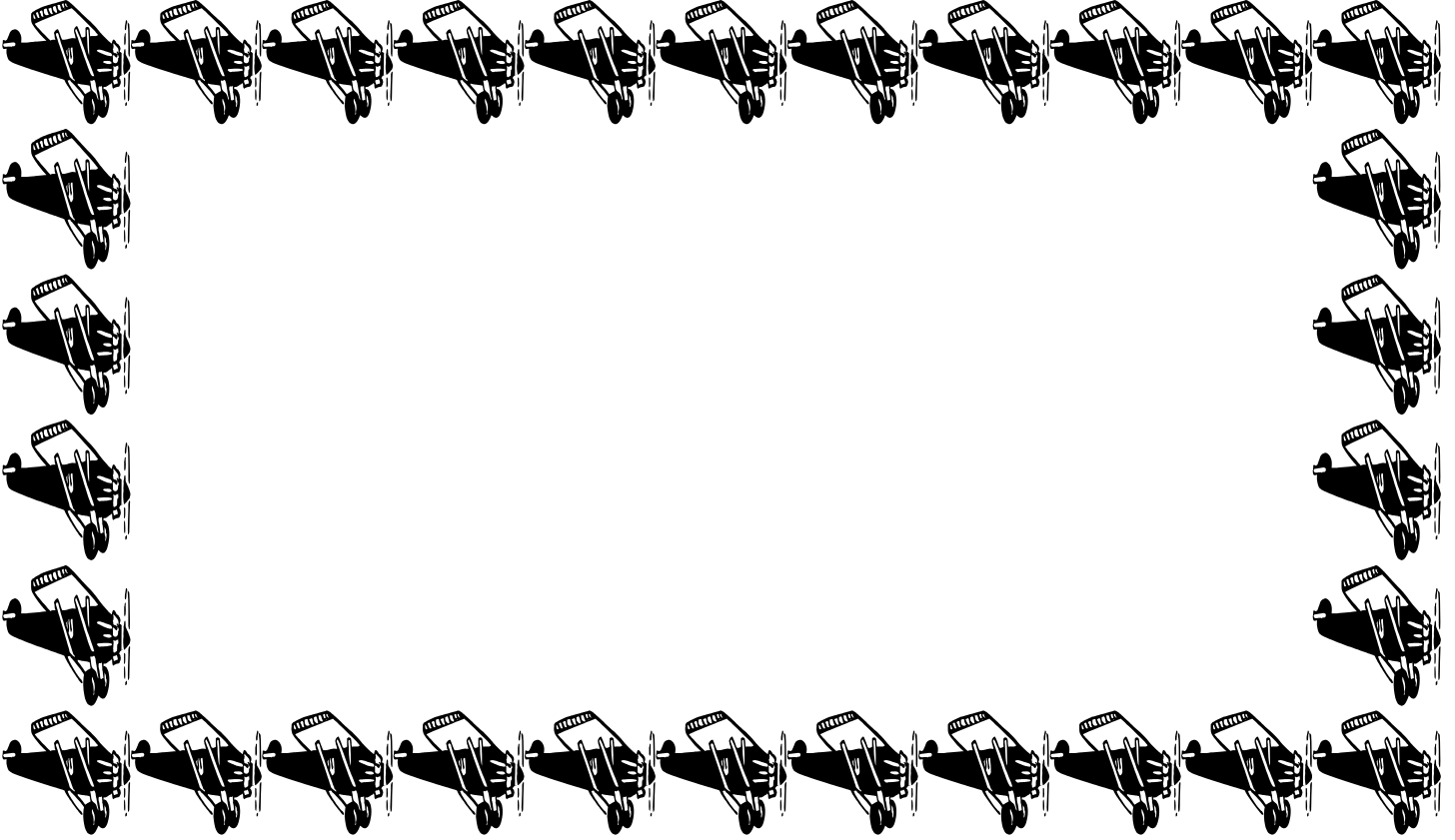
NOTICE TO ALL RACERS AND HELPERS: Our annual pizza party will be held at Kristopher's on Tuesday, October 10 at 7 PM. This party is for all pilots and helpers with the pilots picking up the tab to say thank you to all those who helped us with the races this year. If you helped at any race, please come and enjoy the fellowship.



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OCTOBER PROGRAM



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