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

The Prez Sez

Terry Terrenoire

Here we are starting another administrative year. Boy, the time sure flies fast. My personal thanks go out to last year's Board members. They had a tough year.

Please give me a minute to explain this year's objectives and operating procedures.

Operationally: The Board is elected to conduct the business of the club. At the same time, we are responsible to act first, in the best interest of the club, as we see it. Once decisions are reached it will then be relayed to the general membership via the Connector, phone tree, or at the monthly meeting.

Objectives: At the Board meeting on 10/17 it was agreed that our main objectives are club growth, member involvement, less business, and more fun and education, at the monthly meetings. To this end, I am requesting that anyone having the need to discuss business

matters that pertain to the overall operation of the organization, contact me prior to our monthly Board meeting, and make arrangements to attend said meeting to address their concerns. We will open the Board meeting by giving these members a chance to present their concerns. If any Board member has questions, they will be addressed. Following this presentation, the non-board member will be dismissed and the elected Board members shall address the concerns as part of the Board meeting. If the Board deems necessary, a letter will be sent by the Secretary to the "visitor" explaining the eventual action taken by the Board. This will keep unnecessary long discussions and controversy out of the general meetings, and will present the club in a much better light for the new members, and guests in attendance.

I have asked all Board members to come up with 2 or 3 questions they would like to ask of all members so that we can better judge the mood and desires of the general membership. We will be dis-

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Coming Events

Field WinterizingNov 4th
9:00 am

Pre-meeting.....7:00 Nov 7th
especially for new comers, but all are welcome.

Bring your questions and projects

Meeting.....7:30 Nov 7th
ME HS Cafeteria.

Program: Bob Noll, Covering with dope!

Board meetingNov 21st
Contact Terry if interested in attending

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Maine-Endwell High School classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

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cussing them at the next Board meeting, and putting together a questionnaire that we would like to have every member fill out and return. They will be available at the December meeting.

We are planning a very busy 2007 for the AGS, and we need to know if the membership is willing to support this degree of activity, so here goes:
a preliminary schedule!!

November:

Program: Covering with silk and dope, Bob Noll

December:

Program: Ski construction and installation, ??

January:

Program: to be determined

New Years day fly-in, very informal

Mall show #24: Will require much help, but is a fun time. Our main objective at the show is to entice new members to join our ranks. Follow-up with parties who sign up for more info is key.

February:

Program: Making repairs, ??

Winter Fly, mid month, again fairly informal, but a second chance to use your skis.

Annual dinner party, arranged by the VP! I am sure he is open to suggestions.

Discussion of WRAMs show. Set up car pools!

March:

Program: Foam wing construction, ??

If weather permits, maybe a spring fly at the field!! In formal

Discussion of Toledo trade show.

April:

Program: Pre-flight procedures for new planes, and ones stored for the winter, or longer.

planning for upcoming flight school

May:

Program: to be determined

Start of flight school

Start of pylon racing

Conducting Bush Development day, for new pylon flyers

June:

Program: Engine tuning, ??

2 pylon races, Tues nights

Pattern Primer, one Saturday t field, Jim Quinn?

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July:

Program: Presentation and description of Vintage air craft, ??

**Two pylon races, Tues nights
Intra-club "contest" and family picnic**

August:

Program: Float prep and installation.

Two pylon races, Tues nights

Pattern Contest, Noll, along with most of the AGS members

September:

Program: Flight trimming your airplane.

Float fly, Dave Lewis?

Two Sunday pylon races.

Naturally, any of this is subject to change, and a lot of it will be. If you have any suggestions for programs where there is a gap, let any Board member know. If you feel that you would like to conduct any of the programs, again, contact any Board member. I am going to propose some sort of incentive be approved by the Board for any one who conducts a program.

One more thing: Bob Noll is going to start a 7:00 pre-meeting get together. This will be aimed at the newer members to help them solve problems, and learn more about the club, and the hobby in general. Bob should have a note somewhere in this issue giving more details.

Remember: This is a hobby, and not a life or death pursuit. We are here to have fun!! So let's get to it and bring a buddy to the

Indoor RC Flying

By Matt Struck

The Valley RC Club in Sayre has invited neighboring clubs to attend their indoor RC flying sessions this fall/winter season. All sessions take place on Tuesdays from 730 pm to 9 pm at the Athens Lynch School Gym. The fee is \$5 per session or \$10 for the season. Anyone is welcome; AMA required.

Session dates : Nov 14, 28 :
Dec 12 : Jan 9, 23 : Feb 13,
27 : March 13, 27 : April 10,
24.

Directions : Route 17 to exit 60. South on Route 220 about a mile to Athens exit. At exit left onto Pine St, straight thru red light at Elmira St. About ¼ mi turn left onto Pennsylvania Ave (church on right). About ¼ mi turn left towards school and park on the far side of the school parallel to Pennsy Ave.

If school is cancelled due to weather or other reasons, the flying session is also cancelled.

For Sale : E-Flite Mini Funtana ARF : NIB : \$60.00. If interested, contact Matt Struck @ 687-4860 or rcquietflyer@hotmail.com or see him at the Nov AGS meeting. Specs : Span – 37 in, Length – 36 in, Area – 329 sq in, Weight w/ battery – 20-24 oz. Ideal for E-Flite Park 450/480, Axi 2212:26/2217:16, Hacker A20:20L/A30:28S, 3s 1320-2100 mAh lipo. For more info : www.horizonhobby.com/Products/Default.aspx?ProdID=EFL2075



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 11/24/06.

Proposed changes to the AGS By –Laws

By Ed Helinski

Current articles:

3.2 New Members - Prospective new members become Associate Members for six (6) months by paying one half (1/2) of the annual dues, one half (1/2) of the field maintenance fee and the full amount of any Special Assessment, if required. Associate Members have all rights and duties of Regular Members except voting rights. During the seventh month, his membership shall be discussed and voted upon by secret ballot. Former Regular Members applying for membership shall be immediately eligible for Regular Membership at any regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum (Refer to Article 4 Section 5) shall be required for Regular Membership.

9.9 As of January 1, 2006, persons applying for membership will be charged a field maintenance fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) payable in two installments, the first fifty dollars (\$50) paid after the person has been an Associate member for three months and the second fifty dollars (\$50) paid at the time the person becomes a Regular Member.

9.10 Special Assessments may be imposed upon the members of the AGS.² These Special assessments must be for a defined purpose.

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9.12 Special assessments will not be levied on Student and Family Members. Field maintenance fees will not be levied on new Student Members, new Family Members, or former members.

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Rationale for the changes:

The proposed amendments to the by-laws reflect the elimination of the field maintenance fee.

The field maintenance fee, previously called the initiation fee, is believed to be the primary reason for a sharp drop in new members and its associated revenue.

The other area flying clubs are experiencing a normal rate of new membership.

The AMA has seen only a 4 % decrease in new membership this year.

This year the AGS has had the lowest membership rate ever recorded.

Prospective members with little or no experience have the greatest sensitivity to the field maintenance fee but their membership is essential to promoting model aeronautics within the AGS.

**AGS Meeting #711
October 3, 2006**

The meeting was held in the Maine Endwell High School Library. AGS President Bob Balsie called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were 30 members, 1 associate member and 1 guest.

Meeting Minutes

The following amendments were made to the September minutes: The Next Board meeting was not discussed and Ed Helinski asked to have his details of membership made part of the minutes.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Contracted with a consulting forester.

VP's report:

No Report.

Secretary's report:

Don read the minutes from the September board meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer read the current financials of the club and indicated that the annual financial audit was completed.

Committee Reports

Membership

Ed Helinski passed out some statistics he gathered on club membership over the past 25 years or so. This led to a discussion of the maintenance fee and whether or not it has been a deterrent to club membership.

Field

Field Winterization will be held Saturday Nov 4, 2006 at 9:00 am.

Librarian

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

Historian

No Report.

Activities

No report from the Activities chairman.

Terry Terrenoire spoke of the September Float Fly. There was a lot of flying on Saturday despite the threatening weather. The weather eventually chased the hearty souls that tried to fly on Sunday. Dick Allen noted a special thank you to Dave Lewis for running the contest all of these years.

Bob Noll presented plaques to the winners of the STRC pylon racing this year. Winners were:

- Busch
- 1st Scott Wallace
- 2nd Don Shugard
- 3rd Brent Bryson

Nextel

- 1st Terry Terrenoire
- 2nd Bob Noll
- 3rd Frank Gioffredo

Pizza party for the help will take place on Tuesday October 10, at Kristopher's.

The Aeros have invited the AGS to their annual chili fly October 29, 2006.

Public Relations

No Report.

Sound

No Report.

Safety

No report.

Connector

No report.

Program

Monokoting a wing.

Logging

Forrester to sign the contract.

Old Business

Dick Allen thanked the AGS for the flowers and the book. Dick reports that Marilyn is hobbling much better these days.

New Business

AGS club dues are due.

Bob Noll announced the annual winner of the Bob Noll pattern trophy. The trophy goes to the pilot who grits his teeth and gets into pattern competition. Matt Struck, the last recipient of the award, presented the trophy to Jeff Hatton this years winner.

The Nominations Committee proposed the slate of:

- Terry Terrenoire -President
- Jim Rogers - VP
- Rick Curtis - Secretary

Board Members
Bob Noll
Frank Gioffredo

Were voted into office.
The board of directors will elect a new Treasurer.

Show and Tell

Tony Cammarata showed his PT17 Stearman, Tony started the plane last September and flew it this September.

Matt Struck had a Blade EPP Foam, E-flite 300. Matt announced the availability of indoor flying at the Athens/Lynch elementary school on Pennsylvania Ave. in Sayer. Contact Matt for details.

Bob Noll Fliton Prodigy 3D Electric.

Bob Frey FMA Cell pro balancing charger and an Astro Flight Blinker balancer

Frank Gioffredo Black Magic Pattern Plane from Mike Hester.

Program

Terry Terrenoire demonstrated some of the techniques and tools used to monokote a wing.

**COVERING WITH SILK
AND DOPE**

by Bob Noll

One of the oldest and most durable covering techniques is to use silk and dope. I used these on my latest vintage plane, the Falcon 56, which many of you have seen at the September meeting. I'll show you how to do it yourself at the November meeting.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM



Covering with silk and dope

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