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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Maine-Endwell High School
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:00 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Wow, here it is the day after Christmas and I am late as usual getting this article in to Jeff. I hope you all got those little goodies you were hoping for from your Santa Claus.

Don't forget the New Years Day Fly at Jim's RC in Binghamton. I will have more details else where in this Connector.

I would again like to thank Bob Balsie and his wife Jackie as well as Chuck and Ester Krapf for the wonderful Holiday party. I believe everyone in attendance had a great time, the food was great and the Bingo game was a lot of fun. Also Ed Lanki had a very extensive show and tell on electric testing equipment due to the fans running on the heaters I found it very hard to hear a lot of what Ed talked about and asked if he would present this information at the February meeting as a program. Ed agreed, so I look forward to his presentation again.

On to the tough business of the club. The board has agreed upon the budget for the club for the coming year. We settled just slightly higher than Fifty-four hundred dollars for this year. The problem lies in that we have only taken in approximately Twenty-eight hundred, this leaves us with a major shortfall. If we continue on this track we will be out of funds in approximately four years. We plan to supplement the shortage from the savings this year, but we will need to start implementing a plan to help balance this shortage. The board discussed what options we have, we have already added the field maintenance fee to new members, but it is just not enough to cover these ex-

penses. We talked about eliminating some of our activities. The only problem is that would have a very minimal impact. The largest issue is with the fixed expenses, Insurance, and Taxes will use most of what we have taken in this year. That leaves nothing for fuel, and normal operating expenses. To this end, the Board feels there are only a few options to help change our problem. We can hope to settle a gas contract and supplement future budgets with that, another would be to initiate a major fund raiser to fill the gap or to propose a major dues increase which would push dues to well over one-hundred dollars per year, the other option is to increase our membership to help offset this. Any and all input would be greatly appreciated. The Boards hope is that we would have another Model Aviation Day, but try to make it profitable to the club. I don't want to use our business time up at the meeting to talk about this but unfortunately it is one of the most important issues in the club. I will try to keep it as short as possible so as to have plenty of time for our show and tell and program. I apologize for bringing less than exciting news to the club but we have to do what needs to be done to keep our group together and flying. The AGS is a great club and I know we will make the necessary changes to keep us going. Please plan on attending the January meeting to help us go forward with a plan.

Don't forget to bring those Show and Tells, The past couple of meetings had some nice things shown, so come and check it out. Stay warm and get those winter projects built

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

January 6th

Indoor Flying

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

New Years Fly

January 1st

Jim's Hobby shop

Mall Show

January 17th and 18th

WRAMS Show

February 20th—22nd

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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New Years Day 2009

Frank Gioffredo

Attention all, new and exciting things abound. As many of you know Jim Pecha of Jim's RC has invited the AGS as well as other area clubs to come and fly at the field behind his new shop on New Years Day. At the last general meeting the club voted unanimously to go there, Jim will open the store for rest room use and warming up. The club will still provide the normal Chili and Dogs as well as coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. So plan now to attend. The area is easily as large as Moore Park in Vestal and up to 40 sized aircraft are acceptable. I would say start time would be 10:30am, so plan to come, maybe meet some of the other guys in the area and have some fun

January Program

For January we will have a program on Push Rods how to build them and install them. I will present this program and try to show some installation examples as well as several different styles of pushrods. So if you are not sure of your installs bring them with you and we can check them and help you make corrections



**AGS Christmas
Party 2008**



Aeroguidance Society Meeting 734

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:37 PM on December 2, 2008.

Attendance: 26 Members
5 Guests

The meeting started with food and socializing. The business part of the meeting started around 7:37 PM. Since this is the Holiday Party meeting, the business portion of the meeting was held to a minimum.

Activities:

Bob Noll presented the awards for the Pylon Races. For Sprint, the final placement was decided by a fly off.

Frank Gioffredo 3rd place

Bob Noll 2nd place

Don Shugard 1st place

For the Nationwide class:

Bill Markovitz 1st place

Frank presented an AMA Pilot Pin to Paul Slocum because he soloed in flight school this year.

Old Business:

The gas drilling contract is on hold. This is partially due to some of the reasons that have been discussed on the local news.

New Business

The Board is working on updating the AGS asset inventory. It will be posted on the website. Please let Doug Breneman or any Board member if you have any of the club's assets.

The next Board meeting will be held at Doug Breneman's house on 12/16 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let Doug know so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

Other business is postponed until the January meeting.

Show and Tell

Rick Curtis showed a NorthStar float

plane. It flies fast. It is powered with a Tower 46 engine and a 9x7 prop. It weighs approximately 8 pounds. It is covered with Monokote. During construction, there was some problem keeping all of the parts square.

Frank Gioffredo brought a Fancy Foam Vantage. He got the milled version. It has carbon spars and weighs 4 to 6 ounces. He reinforced the landing gear. It is powered with an eFlite 250 and a 2 cell 350 mah Lipo. <http://stores.homestead.com/fancyfoam/-strse-40/Vantage/Detail.bok>

Jim Quinn showed an Aeromaster vintage biplane. It is a short kit from Laser Works in Texas. The plans Jim had were 75%. Don Shugard was able to supply Jim with the appropriately sized plans. Jim also showed a Monokote scissors guard and sharpener. His third project was a partially constructed Black Magic. It weighs 40 ounces so far. He anticipates possibly an additional pound. He is also rebuilding another Black Magic that suffered a mid-air collision.

Tony Cammarata showed a Florio Stunt 40. It has a plastic covering on the wing and a painted fuselage. It is powered by an OS 32 engine. It is "Lots of fun to fly".

Joe Felice showed a warbird that has a 2.4 GHz radio. It has approximately 170 flights on it over about 30 hours of flying. He decided that it needed a facelift. He stripped off the covering and fixed a few fractures. He also added wing fillets. It is powered by a 4 stroke OS 120. He stripped the paint off the cowling using a degreaser. He also showed an F-18. It has electric ducted fans and retracts. The motors produce approximately 5 pounds of thrust. It has a fiberglass fuselage and uses magnetic closures for the compartments.

http://www.highendrc.com/index_eproduct_view.php?products_id=123

Bob Noll shared a "tell" – last Wednesday, he was successful in restoring a player piano to working condition. He also

showed a plane balancer and mentioned that he is willing to share some of his tools. Several of our club members have borrowed this balancer.

Ed Lancki showed a piece of wire that can be used as a current shunt. A watt meter is a useful tool, especially for electric flyers. A shunt can help measure the current used by an electric powered plane. Ed provided hand outs with more information. (It was suggested that Ed does a program expanding on this information.)

This month's gift certificate winners are Rick Curtis and Frank Gioffredo.

Program – Holiday Party



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 12/26/08.

AGS Winter 2008/2009 Indoor Electric Flying

Indoor flying sessions have been set up with the Southern Tier Sports Center on Old Vestal Rd in Vestal. Sessions will be every other Saturday starting November 8 and running through March 28. Sessions will run from 11am to 2pm. E-mail reminders will be sent out on the prior Wednesdays. Limited electricity will be available for battery charging and/or glue guns. All charging must take place in an appropriate container. Any and all are welcome – current AMA membership is required to fly.

Every pilot at every session must sign the pilot log and make a minimum \$3.00 donation to help cover site usage.

Indoor flying dates – All Saturdays 11am to 2pm

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

Notes:

-The time slot has been expanded an hour over last year – the 2 hrs seemed to go by quickly. If the participation isn't there to cover site cost the time may be shortened back to 2 hrs.

-The flying area size is approximately 90' x 120' x 30'.

-Many of you are aware of a For Sale sign in front of the building. Yes, it's for sale, but until it's sold we have use of it. The owner is still renting the tennis court and the athletic field for sport usage.

What can be flown : Monoplanes under 12oz and biplanes under 16oz - these weights include the battery. From experience, monoplanes less than 7oz and biplanes less than 9oz make for a much more enjoyable experience. Helis up to Blade CX size are OK for flying around. You can hover a T-Rex 450 size heli, but it just doesn't feel safe when they are flown around – sorry.

The Southern Tier Sports Center is located at 2200 Old Vestal Rd, Vestal NY. It is directly behind the Shoppes at Vestal on the Vestal Parkway (Michaels, Old Navy, HomeGoods). There is a red and white sign clearly identifying the location. If you are coming from 17E, take exit 68 (Old Vestal Rd), go straight through first stop sign, turn left at the second stop sign (this is Old Vestal Rd), facility will be on right just up the road.

The AGS contact for indoor info is Matt Struck – rcquietflyer@hotmail.com, 687-4860.

For Sale

Matt Struck's Crazy Horse electric precision aerobatic plane : 67" span, 6 lb weight.

Motor : E-Flite Power 60

ESC : Jeti Advance 77A Opto w/ program card

BEC : Kool Flight Systems Ultimate BEC

Prop : APC 15x8 E

Battery : Apogee 6s2p 4960 mAh (2 included)

Servos : 2 Hitec HS-225BB – elevator and rudder

2 Hitec HS-85BB+ - ailerons

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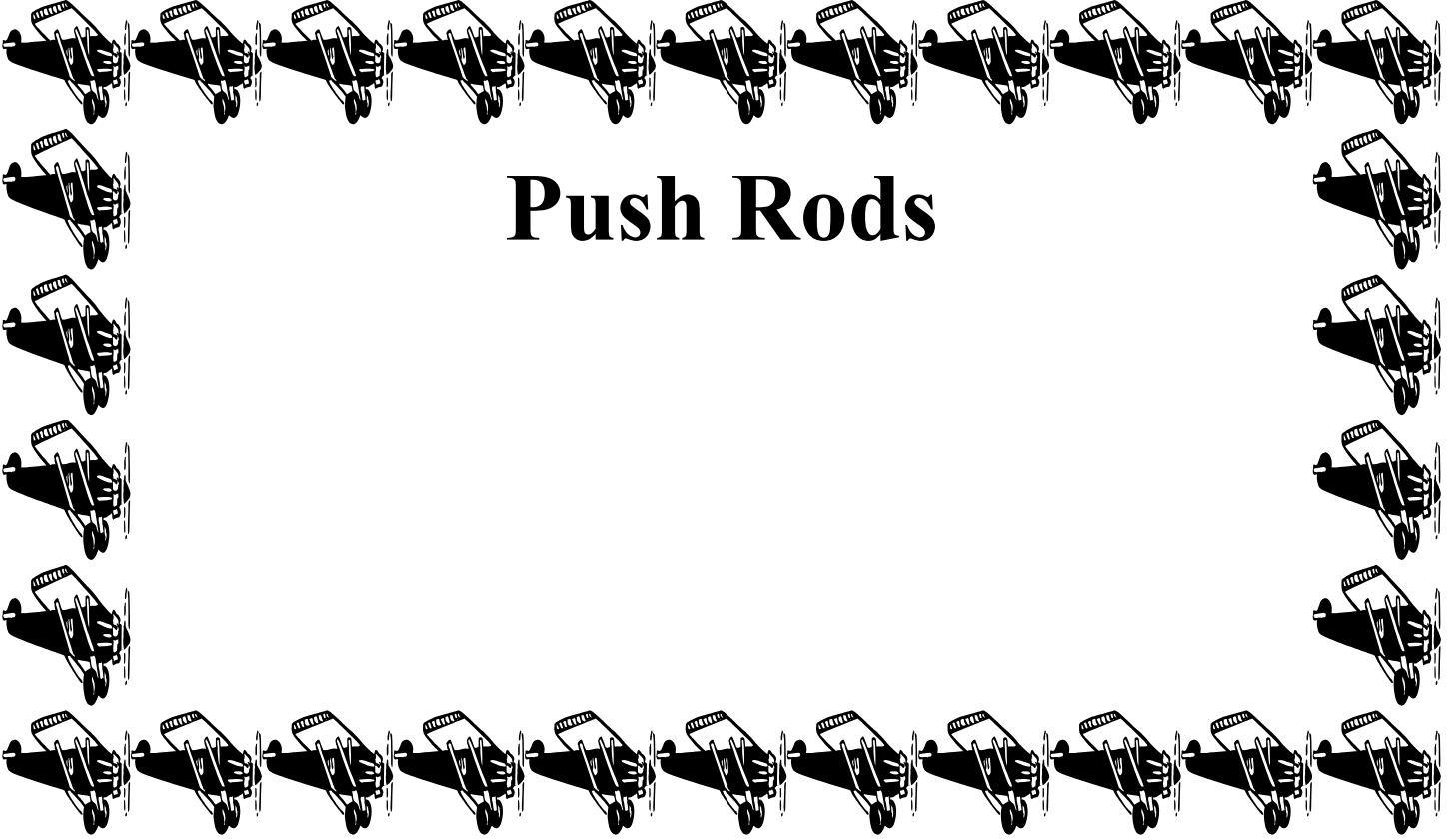
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JANUARY PROGRAM



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