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Summer Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter Program at 7:00 P.M., Business Meeting to follow.

The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Wow where does the time go. Seems like we are quiet, but actually, a little busy. We have a request to fly for the Special Olympics Group at Binghamton University on June 13. I have been recruiting both fixed-wing pilots and rotary wing pilots to fly for the demonstrations. If you are interested in assisting or flying at this event please let me know by our June meeting. I will be in contact with the appropriate persons to get more info by then.

We are busy making plans for the up coming Model Aviation Day and will start a sign up sheet at the meeting. We will have many similar jobs as in the past MAD events. Please keep your schedules open and help out this should bring some great publicity to the club.

By now most have seen the out house is in place and secure, we will be adding some drainage pipe and additional stone to the area, to help keep it looking good. Also please notice there are some new stones laid into the runway areas to help mark the actual runway spacing. Somewhere along the way we have enlarged the upper end of 24 almost eighty feet wider than it should be, the blocks are there to establish actual widths. If you are mowing try to keep in alignment with the blocks maybe over-mowing them by a few feet to allow for edge growth. This should save us some fuel expense as it cuts down several un-needed mowing laps. We also installed a solar light in the tractor shed, but it has a small operational problem. I hope to resolve or get replaced. I want to Thank Don Shugard

for coming up with this plan and He and Derek Gioffredo for installing the blocks, and installing the outhouse. We will remove the pertinent items from the old outhouse and then dispose of it. I want to issue the Mowing Challenge I signed up for the Memorial Day weekend to do the mowing. My crew were myself, Derek, and Courtney. Court opted out after I ran into Guillermo at the Quik-fill where he gladly offered to assist with the mowing. We met at around Ten on Saturday morning. We found Matt Struck and Gary Hendrick working on some Heli flying upon our arrival. Much to my pleasant surprise my Crew grew to five. Matt and Gary jumped right in and helped move tables, benches and spools out of the way. Gary also got rid of a few of the dilapidated spools. So My thanks go out to my crew of helpers and challenge you guys operating the tractor to make you crew this big. The mowing went quick and there was a bit more flying afterward both plane and heli. What a nice day.

This month's program will be on Vintage Aircraft. Terry Terrenoire will present a flying program weather permitting on some of the nuances of rudder only flying, along with other plane of the era.

The program will start at 7:00 so we do not run out of daylight. And the meeting will be afterward.

I am sure I have forgotten a million things but I am getting this to Jeff late as usual. So until then, blue skies and up.

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

June 2nd

STRC Racing

June 9th, 23rd

Aerobatics Primer

June 6th and 7th

Model Aviation Day

August 29

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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CLUB NIGHT

Don Shugard

Mark your calendars, charge your equipment and bring your appetite. The first Club Night of the flying season will be held Tuesday, June 2nd starting at 5:00 pm. Bring a plane or just get caught up with old friends. The club will provide the hot dogs and soda. The gathering will be prior to the club meeting. Look forward to seeing you there.

MEMBERSHIP

Paul Slocum
Membership Chairmen

Please join me in welcoming 2 new members to AGS. Andrew Curtis, son of Rick Curtis, was a helper at the first Pylon race and wanted to join. Word on the street is that Andrew will be racing at the next Pylon race. Alan Finkelstein was a guest at our April meeting. Alan is the one we had stand up and introduce him self. The number of people that talked with Alan that night he came away wanting to join. Let's all extend a warm welcome to Alan and Andrew

Model Aviation Day

Charlie Hatton

Reserve Saturday, August 29th for the Model Aviation Day at the Endicott Tri-Cities Airport. Open to the public from 10:00am to 2:00pm

The visitor will experience Model Aircraft in many different areas. After parking their vehicle, they will proceed to an Information booth where the schedule for the day will be available and they can be directed to the different areas, or to someone who to answer any of their questions.

The Activities include:

- Static Displays of anything that flies.
- Narrated Flight demonstrations of different model aircraft types on a scheduled basis.
- AMA Cub building sessions where anyone children can build, test fly, and take home a rubber power airplane. Parents will need to assist younger children.
- A ground school where the basics of flight will be taught, followed by sessions on the flight simulators.
- Buddy Box flights with an actual model aircraft for the graduates of the ground school.
- Food.

Each area will have a donation box. We are also soliciting for sponsors. Excess funds from beyond expenses will be donated to a local charity, currently the Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome or Chow.

We are currently contacting other clubs in the area, but even with their help, we will need everybody to pitch in.

We will need assistance to man all the above areas, along with set-up, cleanup, and parking control.

Think about what you would like to assist with or what special skills you have the could be put to use, and sign up at one of the meetings.

Pylon Racing Report

Scott Wallace

Our racing season is underway and we enjoyed sunny weather with just a slight breeze. First, as always we want to thank our helpers for making this possible. With 10 we had just barely enough but I know a few of our regulars were unavailable for race 1 but should be back for race 2. Special thanks to Rick Curtis for bringing his son Andy along to help out. The good news is Andy will be joining us as a racer soon, bad news we'll need another helper or two but as always we'll get by.

It was great to welcome back to Art Riegel to the field; he's looking good & feeling good and was his usual chipper self. If we can somehow get a transmitter back in his hands all will be right with the world.

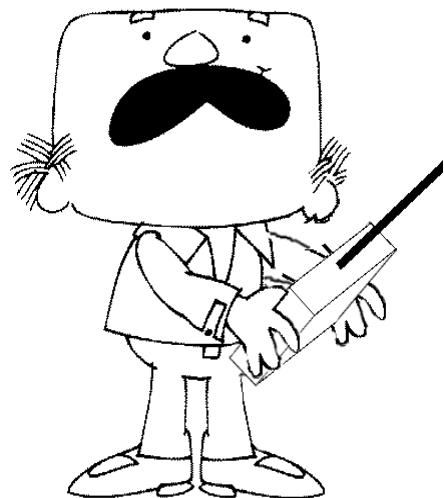
It was also good to see Brent Bryson who did a great job as starter; Brent will be racing again with us soon and will give Andy Curtis and Jeff Hatton some competition in the Nationwide series.

Race details as follows:

- We had seven pilots tied for first place before we started. After the race, Bob had two first place heats and one second place heat which puts him alone in first place.
- One of the closest heats was between Scott and Bill. Unfortunately Frank's plane flamed out on the start and he could not get it restarted. Before the race even started, we heard Scott say to Frank "If you lap me, I'm gonna take you out" which was a play on the popular NASCAR themed Geico commercial where the kid tells Mike Wallace "if you come near me on the track I'll put you into the wall".
- After the race was over, we heard Terry say "A successful night, except for one cut." Terry finished with two first place heats and one third place heat and looks intent to recapture the season championship.
- The last heat ended with some excitement when Don's landing gear landed around lap seven and his plane was still flying. Don made a super landing after the heat was over, even without the landing gear. Unfortunately the rules indicate that if any part of the plane comes off, the plane gets a "did not finish" for the heat but we did prove that a Viper with "retracts" is not only fast, it makes a fine glider!

Race# 1 Sprint Cup results: (No Nationwide racers participated in Race 1)

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| Bob Noll | 8 points |
| Terry Terrenoire | 7 " |
| Jim Quinn | 7 " |
| Scott Wallace | 6 " |
| Frank Gioffredo | 5 " |
| Bill Markowitz | 4 " |
| Don Shugard | 3 " |



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 6/26/09.

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 739

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:17 PM on May 5, 2009.

Attendance: 22 Members
0 Guests

The General meeting minutes from last month were accepted as printed in the Connector.

President's report – Frank Gioffredo

No President's report.

Vice President's report. – Charlie Hatton

No VP report. See Model Aviation Day report below.

Activities

Field Opening – Frank Gioffredo

Four people attended. More help could have been used. Bob J. rolled the field and did his usual excellent job. The field is in good shape.

Pylon Racing Development Day– Scott Wallace

Scott W and Bill M checked out their planes. Scott also trimmed Jeff H.'s plane. It was quite a flight until the plane got trimmed properly. Racing starts next week. We need 13 helpers to have a full crew. Doug B. is doing the stats. Paul S. volunteered to help. A sign up sheet was passed out. Frank will be our cook. Scott will make calls prior to each race.

Flight School – Terry Terrenoire

Flight school starts 5/13. Terry passed around a sign up sheet for helpers and trainees. Students need to contact an instructor.

Aerobatics Primer – Jim Quinn

This year's sequences can be found at <http://nsrca.us/>. The contest will be held June 6-7 at the AGS field. There is a \$25 entry fee which includes two lunches and one dinner. There will be three classes of competition – Sportsman, Intermediate, and Advanced. Instruction by Bob Noll will be giving from 10 to noon each day and competition will start at noon. You will be a better pilot if you participate. The event is free for AGS members. Jim will get the sanction for this event.

Old Business

Model Aviation Days – Charlie Hatton

The Village of Endicott granted permission

for our use of the Tri Cities Airport for the activity. We will use the west end of the field. We will not interfere with the full scale planes that use the airport. Rock n Wings might not be there or their plans might be scaled back from their original proposal. Frank G. will contact the Aeros, MOB, and Air Wolves about this event. It is scheduled for August 29th. Some possible programs include training flights and Delta Dart construction. Don S. will contact Lockheed-Martin and Terry T. will contact BAE to see if they can help finance this activity. We will need many people to help. Terry mentioned that there is a jig that can be used to make delta dart construction easier. It is used for the final assembly of the plane.

Frequency Sharing

We do have our annual frequency sharing agreement in place thanks to Bob J.

Shed – Frank Gioffredo

Terry T. obtained some information about the costs for a shed at the flight line. This item has been put on hold by the Board.

Gas Drilling Lease – Frank Gioffredo

There is no activity by the gas drilling companies. This item has been put on hold.

Aerobatics Competition – Bob Noll

The Aerobatics Competition is scheduled for the first weekend in August. Bob will get the sanction and insurance.

Miscellaneous – Terry Terrenoire

Terry has two sheets of drywall if anyone is interested.

New Business

Club Night – Don Shugard

The next meeting will be held at the AGS field. At 5PM we will start with hot dogs and open flying for all members. It is also possible that we will have a memorial service in remembrance of Bill Underkoffler.

Mowing List – Don Shugard

The mowing list will be published in the next Connector. This will include the names of the tractor drivers. Each team needs to be assembled. Mowing should be done no earlier than Thursday morning and no later than Saturday noon.

Field Chairperson – Frank Gioffredo

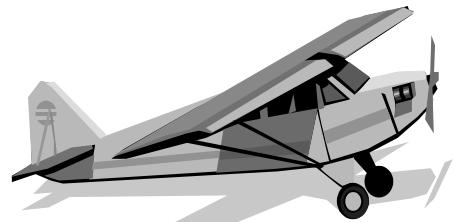
Please welcome John Carril as our new Field Chairperson. Please help him in any way that you can.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Charlie Hatton's house on 05/19 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let him know if you plan on attending so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

Show and Tell

None – program is Project Night



Flight School

Terry Terrinore

Flight school is under way!! We have 4 instructors signed up and 7 students.

For the first 2 evenings we had just one student present, and since his planes are light weight electrics we were not able to get in any flying, but we did do a thorough job of checking out all 3 of his planes. He then went home and made the recommended changes. It sure would be nice to see some more of the students turn out, just make sure you contact an instructor a day or two prior just to make sure someone will be there to assist.

Program for June: Vintage planes!! Since we host a vintage gathering every Labor Day, we thought it might be nice to show everyone just what kind of planes and flying that we promote. Jim Quinn and I, and possibly Bob Noll, will be doing some rudder only and 2 channel flying prior to the meeting. Then we will have a few words to say about the types of competition we have at our gatherings.

Aeroguidance Society Inc.

FIELD RULES

These rules have been developed to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the AGS flying field and to preserve good relationships with neighbors. Failure to follow these rules may result in restriction or suspension of flying rights by the AGS Board of Directors.

General:

- You must hold a current AMA membership card to fly at the AGS field with the following exception. Non-AMA members are allowed to fly on a one time basis using a buddy box with an AMA member as the responsible person in control.
- Obey the Official AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code which was received with your AMA membership. This is especially true for special events such as organized RC racing events as well as any AMA sanctioned events.
- Only pilots and those assisting pilots are allowed in the area in front of the fence at the flight line pavilion. Spectators must remain behind the fences at all times.
- Point planes toward the runway and away from spectators.
- Warn bystanders not to stand in line with a rotating prop.
- Engines must be equipped with a spinner or safety prop nut.
- The maximum sound level allowed is 96 db on the A weighted scale measured at 9'. New engines must be tested and, if necessary, corrected promptly.
- Run aircraft engines between 9 AM and 9 PM. This does not apply to electric motors.
- Perform any prolonged engine running at the west end of the field.
- Take all trash with you when you leave the field.
- Be courteous to others at all times.
- Do not operate the tractor or other power equipment alone.
- Drive slowly on the access road (maximum speed 10 mph), especially near the houses.
- Be sure to lock the gate and frequency board if you are the last to leave the field.

Take Off and Landing:

Taxi only on the runway.

Be certain the runway is clear before entering a runway, takeoff and landing.

When entering a runway, taking off or landing, pilots must first make a loud and clear announcement of their intention to proceed and then wait for any objections before doing so. Flying dead stick or having radio or flying problems must also be announced to all other pilots. This is usually done by stating "On the runway", "Taking off", "Landing" and "Deadstick", respectively.

A majority of flyers present at the field must at all times designate which runway is "active" and which is the "alternate" in an ongoing manner dependent upon wind direction. Runways will be referred to according to conventional airport designation which means they are numbered according to their compass heading. The runways are 6 (six) - 24 (two-four) and 15 (one-five) - 33 (three-three).

A majority of those flyers using the "active" runway will designate the direction for takeoffs and landings in accordance with the direction of the wind. Suspension of the wind direction rules on the "active" runway may only occur when there is a unanimous consent from all other pilots present prior to each flight. The wind direction rule will not apply to the "alternate" runway. This means that cross-runway take-offs are allowed on the "alternate" runway only.

When the "active" runway is in use by multiple flyers, it shall be limited to normal take-off and landing type maneuvers. This rule can be waved if all flyers agree before the flight that close in maneuvers over the "active" runway are OK.

Announcement of intention to use the "alternate" runway must be made prior to each take-off and "end of flight" landing.

Do not fly or taxi across the "active" runway when using the "alternate" runway. Suspension of this rule may occur when there is unanimous consent from all other pilots present prior to each flight.

Flying:

Only fly over unpopulated areas. Be sure not to fly near our neighbors' houses.

Flying is not allowed over the tractor when it is in operation.

Do not fly in a manner that could be hazardous to others.

Avoid flying close in when the field is congested.

No more than four powered aircraft may be flown at the same time.

It is strongly recommended that you do not fly alone.

Solo flights can be requested. Some reasons for solo flights can include but are not limited to:

The first flight of a new or repaired plane

Practice of an aerobatics routine

A pilot's first solo flight

Frequency Control:

Transmitters and receivers (except 27MHz and 53MHz) must be certified as meeting AMA narrowband requirements for 20KHz channel separation.

Transmitters must display their operating frequency per AMA rules.

Do not use frequencies that are on the restricted frequency list found at the field. These frequencies are used at a nearby site.

Idle transmitters must be impounded if any flier so requests.

Retract your transmitter antenna when not in use.

Only turn on your transmitter after you have placed your current AMA card in the correct location on the frequency board and have attached the pin for that frequency to your transmitter.

Try to maintain a distance of at least 20 feet from other active transmitters when operating your transmitter, particularly if you have the antenna extended.

Remove your AMA card and return the frequency pin promptly after each flight.

JUNE PROGRAM

Vintage RC

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