

# The CONNECTOR

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

The Prez Sez

As I sit here typing this article I have just come in from removing another 5 inches of snow and to think the Sunday fly at BC United was so nice.

Paul Slocum

Joining our AGS 'snow birds' is looking more attractive. Thank you Bob Noll for last month's program. I know it cleared up some of the confusion that I had on expo and dual rates and even pick up some good pointer on total set up. The Spring fly finally took place on Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>. The sun was shinning, temps in the high 40's and the wind was just a breeze. There were around 15 in attendance and plenty of flying. Except for lunch time there was at least one plane in the air all the time. Thanks go out to Frank Gioffredo for organizing and bring to coffee, Jim Quinn for getting the lunch food stuff and doing the cooking, Jeff Hatton for bring his grill so Jim could cook and Doug Breneman getting the key to the gate.

A couple of important paper work has been completed. Thank you Bob Jennings and John Carril for their efforts in getting the Frequency Sharing Agreement signed by both parties. The re-charter of AGS was also completed this month.

The club is planning on honoring Ralph Jackson. In addition to honoring Ralph at the field with a plaque, the other idea expressed was to give a donation to the AMA museum in Ralph's name. If you have additional ideas please bring them to the next meeting.

Don't forget about the Mall Show on April 2 and 3 with setup on the 1<sup>st</sup> at around 8:30PM. If you have not signed up to help please contact Bob Balsie. Last I knew there were plenty of opening on Sunday. I just looked out the window and its time for more snow removal – will it ever end ! Hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 5.



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## **Coming Events**

## Annual Mall Show

April 2nd & 3rd Oakdale Mall

## AGS Meeting

March 5th 7:00 PM Maine Endwell High School

## 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. The Aeroguidance Society, INC. P.O. Box 39 Vestal, NY 13850-0039

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## Membership

Paul Slocum

Please join me in welcoming Bob Kip to AGS. Bob is a former AGS member and was at our last meeting to rejoin. Bob tells me that he is working on getting a plane built for this flying season. Bob and his wife Judy reside in Owego.

#### Field Opening John Carril

Field Opening this year is Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM. (Rain date will be Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>)

Work will start at 9:30AM but come earlier (9:00 AM) and have breakfast first, compliments of Terry Terrenoire!

We'll need general hand tools (including cordless drill/drivers), some mechanics tools, an extension ladder and a pick-up truck as well as some rakes and shovels.

This year we'll be putting up a new windsock and mounting bracket. The old one was damaged beyond repair last season. We'll also be doing some repairs to the frequency center mounting posts that got damaged when it was moved during the fence project.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the April 5 meeting, or you can contact me (642-3579 or jcarril@stny.rr.com) to sign up.

The CONNECTOR is prepared on a Personal Computer. Submissions are happily accepted by E-mail at Jeff@priusonline.com

## Seconds from Disaster

Bob Noll, Program Chairman

The April program will be presented by Bob Balsie and is titled "Seconds from Disaster". Here is what Bob has to say about the program.

"The program will consist of a power point slide presentation that will analyze three aircraft disasters from the past and show the progression of events that led up to them. There will also be a "lessons learned" section at the end of each of the subjects. I presented slightly different versions of these subjects while I was working at Lockheed Martin and they were well received."



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 4/22/11

#### **Don't Forget the Mall Show...!!!**

As you should know by now, the annual Mall Show will take place this weekend, April 2 and 3. Setup will take place on Friday evening at 9:00 PM. If you are signed up to help set up, you can get to the Mall at around 8:30 PM, but the mall personnel won't get the tables out until 9:00.

Please remember that there will not be any flying allowed at the show. We do not have the required crowd control facilities to permit models to be flown safely. <u>Please do not fly any aircraft or helicopters</u> during the show.

Also, note that the Mall opens at <u>11:00</u>on Sunday, not 10:00 as previously shown on the work schedule. Attached below is the work schedule for the show.

		Mall Sho	w Work Sche	dule – April 1	- 3, 2011		
Name	FRI SET UP	SATURDAY WORK			SUNDAY WORK		
	08:30 PM	9:00 – 1:00	1:00 – 5:00	5:00 – 9:00	<mark>11:00</mark> – 1:00	1:00 – 4:00	TEAR DOWN
Bob Balsie	X	X	Х	Х		X	X
Mark Lecher		X	X				
Bob Jennings							X
Frank Giof- fredo	X			Х			
Derek Giof- fredo	X			Х			
Charlie Hat- ton			X				
Doug Brene- man	X						?
Tom Kopl		X					
Jeff Hatton	?			Х			
Paul Slocum	X	X					
John Carill			X				X
Bob John- son						X	X
Gib- Vandling					X		
Bob Frey	X						
Chuck Krapf		Х	Х	Х	X	X	X
Vern Ziegler					X		
Brian Ziegler					X		

#### AGS General Meeting Minutes March 1, 2011

### Meeting No. 761, called to order by Paul Slocum at 7:10PM

Paul Slocum asked for a motion to approve the January General Meeting minutes as written in the Connector. Motion was made by Frank Gioffredo, seconded Tom Kopl and passed unanimously.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's report.

Frank Gioffredo reminded all that next winter fly was scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 11:00 – 2:00.

Bob Balsie, discussed the status of the Mall Show planning. Show will be April 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Setup will be Friday April 1. Bob passed out a sign-up sheet for helpers to set-up, man the show and tear down. He also circulated a list of preferred display planes for members to offer their planes for display.

Terry Terrenoire provided an update on planning for Model Aviation on August 13<sup>th</sup>. He has contacted co-chairmen of the Pilot's Association soliciting their participation and is awaiting a response. We will also invite the Binghamton Aeros to participate. Terry will submit donation requests for Sam's/ Wal-Mart; Don Shugard will request support from Lockheed Martin. We will also need food, which we may get from Sam's/Wal-Mart. Planned activities include: static display; flight training; Delta Parts (we will try to get a couple of boxes); flight demos, including pattern flying by one of our younger members, a mock pylon race, and electric helicopter flights.

Terry also mentioned that AGS had received it's Gold Member renewal and he reported on a briefing on the FAA regulations issue given by AMA's Dave Mathewson: The FAA proposed rules include a prohibition of turbine engines and a 400 ft. ceiling among other items. Since these rules would have significant impact on modeler's activities, the AMA is trying to get those rules eliminated and has a lobbyist, Rick Hanson, working with the FAA on the issues.

Paul Slocum mentioned that Central Pennsylvania was having a fleas market on March 12.

Bob Noll reported on some of the Programs that are planned this year:

Bob Johnson (and Gib Vandling) are on the schedule for a program on inexpensive simulators, likely the end of May. Ed Lanki will do a program on LIPO's, most likely in May.

Bob Balsie will do "Seconds from Disaster" in April

To date no presenter has been found for the Lockheed Martin RC Aircrane.

#### Show and Tell:

Bob Noll showed the lights he is using for his Blade using a two-cell LIPO. He demonstrated that 7.5 volts provided more than adequate intensity vs. 12 volts which made them very bright. He also demonstrated attaching control horns with glue versus screws, and showed his 1973 Super Chaos vintage airplane with an OS 55 engine. Terry Terrenoire showed his own vintage Chaos, but with electric power and added wheel pants. He also showed how he attached the cockpit / access plate using magnets. He got NY bluebird decals for the plane and used a matching blue paint scheme. Terry also showed a Dynex flat foam indoor electric plane and his Sea Master seaplane which won 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the Monocote application at the RAM show.

Jim Quinn showed his vintage Chaos with electric power. He used spring latches for the access panel.

Ed Lanki showed how he is using LIPO batteries to power his 6volt charger instead of using flashlight batteries.

Jeff Hatton showed showed how he is powering his AR7 receiver with a 9-volt battery.

Jeff Hatton was the winner of the Show-and-Tell raffle.

New member, Bob Kip was introduced and welcomed.

Bob Noll presented excellent Program on the use Dual vs. Exponential Rates. He explained the differences between the two and also addressed the pros and cons of each for different flying activities.

Bob Balsie made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Tom Kopl. A vote was taken and the motion approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.



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