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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH AT 6:45 PM AT
THE ENDICOTT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Jeff Hatton

It is the winter months and there are not a lot of opportunities to get up to the field and fly. But, we had a good turnout at the New Years Fly this year. We should all thank Frank for putting it on for us. Lets try to have at least as good a turn out at the Winter Fly coming up on Feb. 11th.

I would like to thank Jim Quinn for stepping up to volunteer to get a program together for this meeting. This meeting's program will be on Battery Chargers. I am still looking for someone to fill in the positions of Field Chairman and Membership Chairman.

There are a few non-flying things going on with the club over the winter. Bob Noll has been hosting both a pattern group and a building group. These groups I am sure are

picking up a lot of valuable information.

We also have a swap meet and the mall show coming up in the near future.

February Program: by Jim Quinn

February's Program will be on the subject of charging LiPo batteries.

We will have a variety of chargers and battery types that will help answer some of the questions you might have as you consider entering into the world of electric powered aircraft.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
Feb 6th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Winter Fly
Feb. 11th, 10:30 AM
BROOME SOCCER FIELDS

Swap Shop & Auction
March 24th, 9:00 AM
ENDICOTT ELKS CLUB

Spring Fling
March 24th, 1:00 PM
BROOME SOCCER FIELDS

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather,
call the Library at 757-5350.
If the library is closed, you will
receive only the hours of
operation.

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Remember the 2012 AGS Winter Fly

Scott Wallace

OK gang, it's almost here... the 2012 edition of the AGS winter fly. Date and time is Saturday, Feb 11 starting at 10:30 AM. Same location as our annual New Year's Day event, the BC United Soccer fields in West Corners.

Be sure to mark this date down on your calendar so as not to miss out on the fun. Frank Gioffredo has graciously agreed to once again supply his world famous chili for our enjoyment.

NOTE: If you (or a buddy) have a vehicle with a snow plow attachment, please volunteer to be on standby to help clear snow from our gate area and access to the field the morning of the event. Please coordinate with Doug Breneman as he will have the keys to the facility gate.

In closing, it doesn't matter if it's 30 degrees with 2 MPH winds or 2 degrees with 30 MPH winds, come out of winter hibernation and fly, socialize, or both!

...and since it will be SPRING before we know it...

The Spring Fling

by Jim Quinn

We are still looking at March 24 as our final "Winter Fly" as we kick off the spring season of 2012. This year we are hoping for a "Buy 'n Fly" event. There should be the "Fly Market" in the morning from 9:00 until 12:00. Our SPRING FLING should start at 1:00 where you can fly all you bought in the morning. As usual we will be flying at the BC United Soccer fields in West Corners off route 26. Sorry, but there will be no world famous "Gioffredo Chili," but you can be sure there will be something good to warm your stomach after you've warmed your heart with a few great flights.

AGS General Meeting Minutes January 03, 2012

Meeting No. 771, called to order by Jeff Hatton at 6:49PM.

Jim Quinn made a motion to accept the December General Meeting minutes as published in the connector. Seconded by Terry Terrenoire. Motion carried.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's monthly financial report.

Committee Reports:

Terry Terrenoire gave a report on the status of the Flea Market/Swap&Shop event: The event will be held at the Kalurah Shrine (it was \$50 less than other sites). Notices have been sent out to a number of other clubs. Will promote event via email, club contacts, web page, etc. (RC Universe). Need help: a couple of people at door and also for set-up and break down. Will circulate sign-up sheet for help. Planning to charge \$1 admission, \$7 per table. Club to put up \$100.

Frank Gioffredo reported on the New Year's fly – about 18-20 people participated; served chili and hot dogs. Had a beautiful day. Bob Balsie made the first flight.

Scott Wallace reported on the next winter fly- Feb 11 at 10:30am (at the soccer field); serving chili; expect snow!

Mall show is scheduled in April. Jeff Hatton suggested we advertise/promote AGS club activities and events at show rather than just have static displays; for example, have interactive displays/presentation(s). We should communicate what we do as a club!

Jeff reported that we need help/volunteers for: Membership, Programs, and P.R. – promotion/advertising/press releases.

Bob Noll volunteered to be club historian; the Board voted and approved his appointment. Bob noted that this needs to be done and someone should be appointed every year by the Board.

Charlie Hatton reported on Church event soliciting donations for flood aid that club donated surplus glides to for kids. Bob Noll asked about pictures for Historian; requested that pictures be taken at all club sponsored

events for Historian.

New Business –

Bob Johnson discussed and explained a proposed By-Laws change that has been published in the Connector. The proposed change is to ad the specific audit/fiscal year dates of Sept 1 – Aug 31 to Article VI – OFFICERS Section H.4. Bob Balsie moved that the change be accepted as published in the connector; Tony Cammarata seconded. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unopposed.

Bob Johnson reported that Todd Kopl requested to rejoin the Club with his son and has paid his dues. Since he is a former member in good standing, no vote is required for him to rejoin. His son is eligible to join as a family member.

Show and Tell –

Jim Quinn showed a Tri-plane and some plans for one he was going to build, but he said he ended up getting the plane he showed for free. He said it flies great.

Bob Noll showed a “radio glove” for flying on cold days. It has a compartment for a radio, sleeves for the pilot to insert his hands into the compartment and a clear vinyl window. Bob also showed his GLH (Goes Like H*ll) that he flew on New Years day. (It has no throttle and does go like h*ll until it runs out of fuel!)

Jeff Hatton showed an E-Flite UMX Beast 3D that sells for about \$120 (basic RTF). It has a 3-axis gyro in the receiver and although it only weighs 20oz, it is very stable and flies like a much larger plane.

Charlie Hatton showed a plane similar to the Delta Dart. It has a brushless motor with a LIPO battery and flies very well. Much better than with a NiCad battery.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Hatton at 7:27pm.

John Carril
AGS Secretary

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 RC_flyer@stny.rr.com
Deadline for the next Connector is 2/24/2012

The AGS Has a Long and Storied History

Bob Noll - Club Historian

I volunteered to be the club historian this year because I have been concerned that the recent past Presidents did not fill this position. Being a long time AGS member I can remember when our annual history reports were a feature item at our annual meeting and many times were repeated for others to hear at our annual dinner parties. By the way, what happened to those special gatherings? The following has been taken from the President's Guide Book.

“The club historian shall present at each Annual Meeting of the organization an annual report of the work of the organization. This shall be scripted and accompanied by slide pictures, photographs or video. The script and photos shall be inserted into a scrap book with all other pertinent information and documents pertaining to the members and the year's activities. This should include, in addition to photos, event sanctions, event fliers, news reports, model magazine pictures and articles and any other material that depicts the year's activities of the club or any of its members.”

My plan is to use Power Point for my presentation. To do this I will be taking photos of our activities and special events. In addition to that I plan to do something I did the last time I was historian many years ago. That is to photograph each member in their workshop. When I mentioned this at our last meeting I heard a few members comment that they needed to get their shops tidied up a bit before I arrived. Don't worry, I won't arrive unexpected! While my job is to report on the current year, I also plan to write something about our past for each issue of *The Connector*. Much of that will come from our outstanding history book compiled for our 50th anniversary. *“Fifty Years and Still Flying” – A History of the Development of Radio Control Flying and One AMA Club's Contributions to the Sport*, Jim Quinn, editor. If you don't have one of these fine bound books see Jim for a copy.

I'll see you all during the year with my camera at hand. **This should be fun!**

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the AGS received the AMA President's Award on August 6, 2005. The inscription on the plaque reads, “IN RECOGNITION OF FIFTY CONTINUOUS YEARS OF CONTRIBUTIONS, COMMITMENT, AND DEDICATION TO MODEL AVIATION AND THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS.”

Bob Noll - Historian

Club Activities for 2012

Well, guys, even though the year is young, it's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming flying season. Shown below is the calendar of events for 2012. The last couple of years, the weather hasn't been too conducive to flying, what with rain and higher than normal winds. Maybe this year will see better conditions for our aeronautical endeavors.

Our next activity will be the Winter Fly on February 11, presented by Scott Wallace. Check out Scott's article about the event in this newsletter.

Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2012 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2012	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	February 11, 2012	Scott Wallace
Swap Shop	March 24, 2012 (AM)	Terry Terrenoire
Spring Fling	March 24, 2012 (PM)	Jim Quinn
Oakdale Mall Show	April 28 & 29, 2012	Bob Balsie
Aerobatics Primer	TBD	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	May 8, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	May 22, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	June 12, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	June 26, 2012	Don Shugard
AGS Pattern Contest	July 7 & 8, 2012	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Pylon Race	July 10, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	July 24, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	August 7, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	August 21, 2012	Don Shugard
VR/CS Reunion	September 1 & 2, 2012	Bob Noll (CD)
Fall Float Fly	September 15 & 16, 2012	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 9, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	September 16, 2012	Don Shugard
Annual Holiday Party	December 3, 2012	Bob Balsie

AGS Builders Group

by Bob Noll

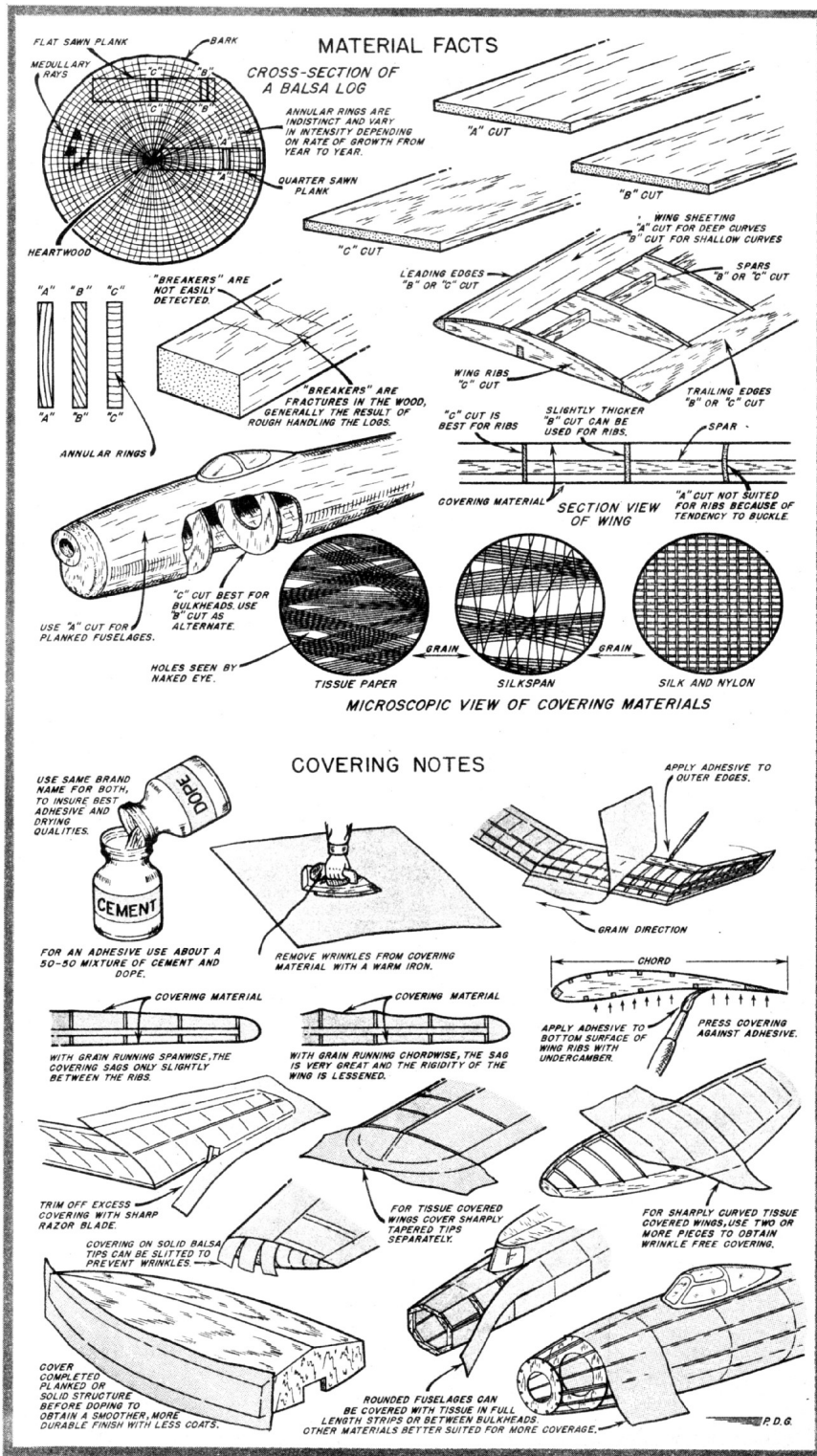
Ten members signed up to join the Builder's Group before our January meeting. The goal of this group is to assist the members in constructing a model from a kit, or in scratch building one from a set of plans, so as to develop skills in what is rapidly becoming a lost art – the art of building and finishing. The group has met two times thus far and most of the members have selected the plane that they want to construct. We have also been viewing a video by the famous Dave Platt on covering models with various types of covering materials. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at my hanger at 7 PM.

Here is a list of the builders and their projects;

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| Tom Kopl | Sig LT-40 |
| Vern Ziegler | Kadetito |
| Brian Ziegler | Kadetito |
| Frank Gioffredo | Top Dawg |
| Derek Gioffredo | (undecided) |
| Don Shugard | Whiplash |
| Terry Terrenoire | (undecided) |
| Scott Wallace | Live Wire Rebel |
| Bob Balsie | GLH |
| Bob Noll | Live Wire Yankee |

New builders are welcome at any time. Please consider joining us for some good times and great learning experiences. Contact me if you're interested.

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Selecting Materials and Covering Techniques

Reprinted from the November 1955 issue of *Young Men Magazine*

The construction article below is reprinted from the March 1956 issue of *Young Men Magazine*. Try it out for a fun Winter project..!

Projects for Youthful Builders :

■ If you've a youthful would-be model maker in the family or neighborhood here's a simple project: Hangar Book Ends. Or maybe you know some youngster who'd really go for these in a big way. In either case he (or you) can alter dimensions to fit various models. Color scheme of William Kupka's original was grey apron; white hangar sides, front and interior; black and orange half-inch square checkerboard roof; red lettering; white wind sock; black wind sock pole. Glue felt on backs and bottom.

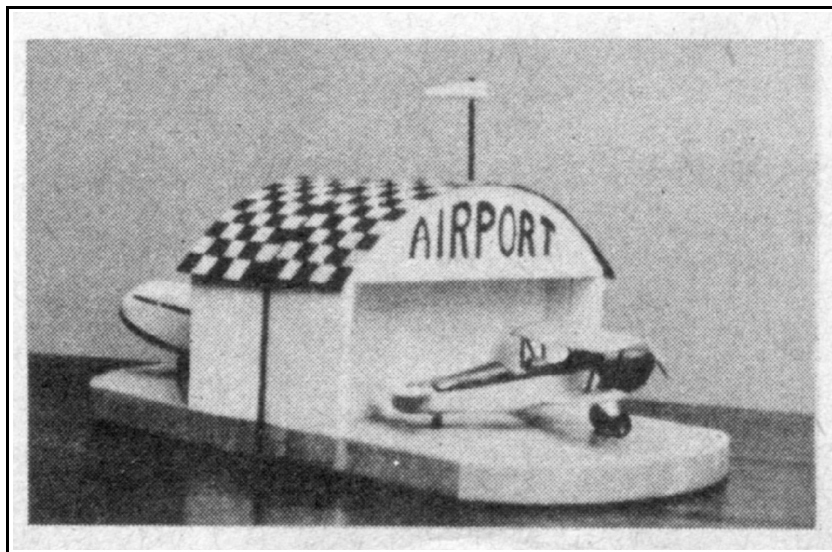
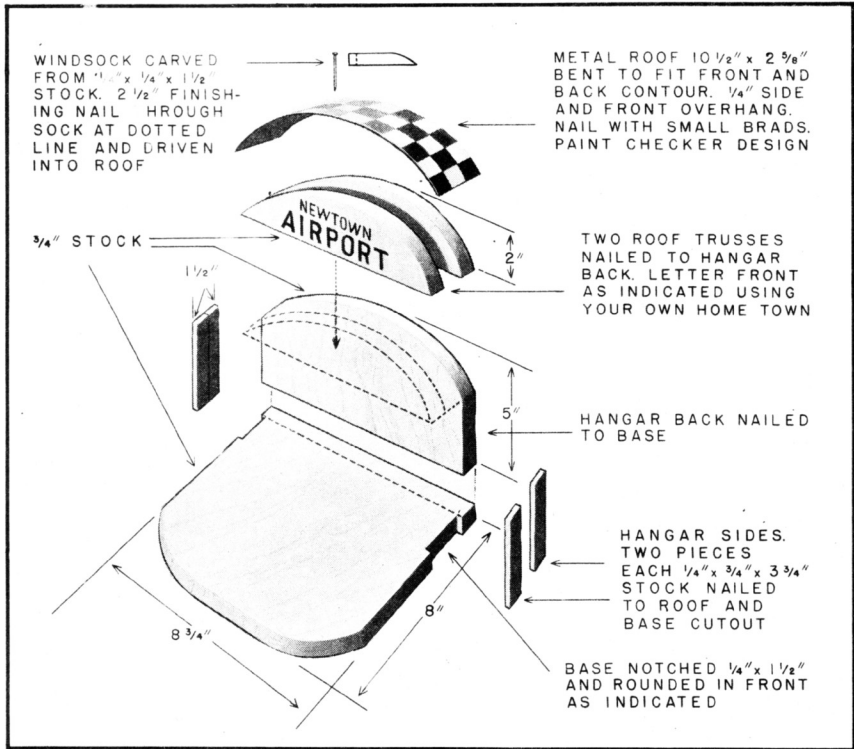
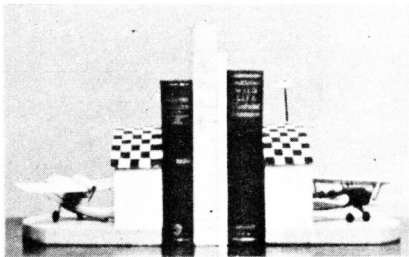


Photo of the finished book ends. You won't find these at Wal-Mart..!

February Program

BATTERY CHARGERS & BATTERY CHARGING