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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, MARCH 5TH 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

We had a good winter fly this month with a strong turnout. Please be sure to thank Scott for a job well done. We have a few things coming up in the near future, On the 24th we have our Swap Shop and Auction, immediately followed that afternoon by the fly in at the soccer field. Support both events; stop at the Swap shop then fly what you buy at the fly in. Speaking of flying, I have been putting some thought in recently on the activity level at the field. We have a few events planned this year to get people out to the field, but put some thought in and ask yourself how often you get out to fly. Is it as often as you would like? Do you feel there is anything that could be done to make you more likely to go out and fly? Is there anything you could use some assistance with, or that you would like to learn? If there is something you would like to see happen or learn please see a member of the board with your ideas.

March Program:

by Jim Quinn

We will explore everything you ever wanted to know about foam wings. This month we will take a meaningless block of foam and turn it into a smooth airfoil for a beautiful Dick Sarpolus vintage Whiplash.

The famous Terry Terrenoire will be featured on the foam cutter. The ever delightful Derek Gioffredo will be the beneficiary of Terry's skills. This wing will go into his soon to be airborne Whiplash.

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

March 5th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Swap Shop & Auction

March 24th, 9:00 AM
ENDICOTT ELKS CLUB

Spring Fling

March 24th, 1:00 PM
BROOME SOCCER FIELDS

Mall Show

April 28th & 29th
OAKDALE MALL

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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The Spring Fling

by Jim Quinn – Event Chairman

Block out the last Saturday in March for an exciting day in the R/C world. After buying some things to fly at the morning's swap shop, you can "Spring Fling" it in the afternoon with fabulous flying at our first ever, "Buy and Fly."

When: Saturday, March 24
Time: 1:00 PM
Where: BC United Soccer field
Food: Deserts and beverages will be served.

As they say, "Be there or be square!"

Southern Tier R/C Swap Shop

by Terry Terrenoire

**LAST CHANCE, to sign up for the
swap shop!!!!**

As a first time event we have some concerns but good involvement on the part of our members will certainly help make it a success.

At this time we have 8 people signed up to help set up Friday night, two to cover the door and collect money Saturday morning, and 8 tables spoken for. I would like to see a couple of more helpers for Saturday morning. If we get more help we could add a raffle to the mix.

If you have any suggestions, or can lend a hand, please contact me or be at the next meeting to sign up!

In case you've forgotten, the event will take place on March 24th at the Elks Lodge at 619 North Nanticoke Avenue in Endicott, starting at 9:00 AM.

The Annual Oakdale Mall Show

by Bob Balsie – Event Chairman

Well, the year is really rolling along and it's almost time for the annual model show at the Oakdale Mall. This year the show is scheduled for April 28 and 29. Set-up for the show will be on Friday night, April 27. I'll be circulating a sign-up sheet at the April meeting.

At the January meeting, Jeff Hatton suggested that we should present models that depict the various activities that we have in the AGS such as Pylon Racing, Float Fly, Aerobatics, etc. I think that this is a great idea so if you have a special interest plane, please plan on bringing it to the show. Of course, all other types of models are welcome, too.

Attendance by club members at the Mall Show has been kind of sparse the last couple of years, so please plan on attending and helping out. It's a great opportunity to socialize, check out each other planes, and maybe get some modeling ideas for the new season.

Frequency Sharing at the AGS Field

by Bob Balsie and Bob Noll

As all of you probably know by now, the AGS has a frequency sharing plan with another group of non-AMA fliers who operate within three miles of our field. The frequency sharing plan is in place to insure that there is no interference between our respective radio frequencies that might result in the loss of control of a model. Please keep this in mind when you are buying a 72 MHz radio, or having a guest come to the field to fly.

The channels which cannot be used at our field are: **02, 04, 13, 27, 36, 42, and 49.**



AGS General Meeting Minutes February 6, 2012

Meeting No. 772, called to order by Jeff Hatton at 6:52PM.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's monthly financial report.

Tom Kopl made a motion to accept the January General Meeting minutes as published in the connector. Seconded by Don Green. Motion carried.

Two guests were present at the meeting: Frank Cease and his son Benjamin. They expressed an interest in RC flying and joining the Club.

Old Business:

Jeff Hatton stated that according to the by-laws, Todd Kopl's rejoining the Club has to be approved by a majority of a quorum of members. Bob Johnson made a motion that we vote to accept Todd into the club. Bob Balsie seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Jeff Hatton, in reference to the passing of Frank Gioffredo's mother, informed the members that the Club made a contribution of \$75 to the Owego Fire Department in her memory.

Jim Quinn reminded all that the second winter fly would be held on Saturday (Feb 11) a 10:30AM at the BC United soccer field.

Jeff Hatton informed us of the WRAM Show at the Meadowlands, NJ at the end of the month. It is a large and popular trade show with many vendors and organization represented.

Terry Terrenoire gave a report on the status of the planning for the 1st Annual AGS Swap Shop on March 24. It will be held at the Elks Club instead of the Shriners due to the loss of availability of the Shriners hall. Table rentals will be \$5.00; entry fee will be \$2.00 per person. The hall will be open at 8:00am for vendors and 9:00am for the general public. At approximately Noon an Auction Table will be set up. Terry requested volunteers for setting up the day before and helping at the event. He passed out a sign-up sheet.

Bob Balsie reminded us of the Float Fly on Sept 15/16.

Jeff Hatton inquired about the status of an aerobatics primer, asked if anyone interested. Several pilots expressed an interest. A general discussion ensued. The general consensus was that if the event was sanctioned, we would get better publicity. Jim Quinn offered to run the event.

Pylon Races – Don Shugard will be heading up pylon races this year. Don floated the idea of doing another kind of race

in addition to the pylon races. He suggested something requiring less skill in order to generate more interest from pilots not comfortable with pylon racing. Jim Quinn mentioned a Flyzone receiver ready WWII plane selling for less than \$100 that might be worth considering.

Committee Reports:

History - Bob Noll mentioned the existence of a Club history "Fifty Years and Still Flying" that members might find interesting. Jim Quinn said he would have copies of it at the next meeting, which could be purchased for \$10.

New Business

Terry Terrenoire mentioned a Heritage Storage building that he and Jim Quinn fly behind. The owner offered to provide the AGS with the use a 10x10 climate controlled storage shed.

ACTION: Jeff Hatton will follow up.

Frank Gioffredo thanked the Club and all members for the cards, etc. and for the Club donation to the Owego fire department in his mother's memory.

Show and Tell –

Terry Terrenoire – showed a push-pull rod that uses carbon fiber threads for controlling the elevators on a Synergy electric.

Bob Noll – showed a builders group plane designed by Harold Debold. It is a rudder only with no throttle and uses a KB .09 engine.

Bob Balsie showed a book explaining how to make models from foam. Showed how a charger can be used to power a hot wire for cutting foam.

During the meeting break, a cake was presented for Jim Quinn's birthday.

Program -

Jim Quinn (and Ed Lancki) gave a presentation on LIPO batteries and chargers. They showed a number of chargers with different features as well as a variety of battery packs with different numbers of cells, voltages and current capacities. The importance of using balance chargers and batteries with balance plugs was stressed.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Hatton at 8:35PM.

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 3/23/2012

The 2012 AGS Winter Fly – Another Success

by Scott Wallace – Event Chairman

The 2012 AGS Winter Fly was a resounding success! Calm winds and reasonable temperatures for mid-February greeted the club members and guests in attendance. We had 15 folks put up flights, with several other clubs members out just to enjoy the day.

The highlight of the day was Bob Noll's two channel GLH. This is a small, simple vintage model that "Goes Like Heck" powered by a Cox TD 049. Bob's flight was fast and smooth, and had perhaps the finest engine run in the long history of the often finicky Cox engines.

A special thank you to Frank Gioffredo for handling the grill and preparing his world famous chili; awesome as always.

Before you know it the Swap Meet and Spring Fling will be here and soon after that we'll be opening the field. Hope to see a lot of flying activity at our AGS field this year.



Enjoy Yourself...It's Later Than You Think

by Bob Balsie

When I was about eight years old, I heard that someday there would be a year 2000. I asked my mother, “How old will I be in the year 2000?”

She said, “You'll be fifty-four”.

I thought to myself, “Fifty-Four? I'll never be that old”. Well, now I'm sixty-six, and looking back on it, it didn't take very long to get here.

A couple of weeks ago, I remembered a song from the 1950s which I probably had not heard in over fifty years. It was called *Enjoy Yourself, It's Later Than You Think*. (I bet some of the older guys in the club will remember this). The words to the tune are given below. The gist of the song is that time goes by quickly, a lot more quickly than you tend to notice. If you're not careful, you can let large portions of your life go by without realizing it. It's easy for this to happen when you become caught up in a job, school, or other activity.

So what does all of this have to do with model airplanes? Just that if you aren't careful you can postpone your hobby in favor of other things like watching tv or playing video games on the computer or any one of a dozen other activities of dubious value. When was the last time that you logged onto Facebook? When was the last time that you worked on one of your planes? This may give you some idea of what I'm talking about.

Working on models can be therapeutic as well as fun. I saw an interview with a woman who writes self-help books. She stated that people who are chronically depressed should spend at least fifteen minutes a day doing something creative. And by creative, she meant creating something – a drawing, a sculpture...or a model plane.

Some of you may be thinking that I'm just writing this for the older guys in the club to encourage them to get to work on their “bucket list”, but that's not completely true. Even younger people need to be reminded not to let their recreational time slip away from them. So read through the song below and make a resolution to start taking time every day to enjoy yourself...because it is later than you think.

“Enjoy Yourself – It's Later Than You Think”

Enjoy yourself, it's later than you think!

Enjoy yourself, while you're still in the pink.

The years go by as quickly as a wink.

Enjoy yourself, enjoy yourself, it's later than you think.

DID YOU KNOW...???

by: Bob Noll - Club Historian

The Aero Guidance Society is very proud to be one of only a few R/C clubs that own their own flying field. However, it was not always that way for the AGS and there were many fields along the way until the first club-owned field was purchased in 1961.

Here is a list of the fields and their locations used by the Aero Guidance Society during its history.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
1955	Open field north of the Vestal Parkway (NYS 434) behind the present Hooters restaurant.
1956	Open field behind West Corners School on Rt. 26.
1957	Ralph Carley's landing strip near Rt. 26 north of Maine, NY. This was a one runway flying field for Ralph's small single engine plane.
1959	"Lower" Apalachin field west of the Stair Tract housing development. This was a small part of a farmer's field.
1960	"Upper" Apalachin field, just slightly south of the "Lower" Apalachin field. This move was necessary to satisfy the farmer's crop growing plan.
1961	Contractor's field near Glen Aubrey, NY. This was a temporary field until our newly purchased, 16-acre field in Maine, NY was ready for use.
1962	Maine, NY - This was the Aero Guidance Society's first club-owned field. The AGS was one of the first club owner's of a flying field in the northeast.
1975	Present club owned field off of day Hollow Road Northwest of Endicott. The original purchase was for 74 acres. Later, 2 acres were sold to the telephone company. Then in 1985 the club purchased an additional 24 acres, bringing the total acreage to approximately 96 acres.



Club Activities for 2012

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

Well, another Winter Fly is in the books so it's time to look ahead toward spring and the activities that follow. Our next activities will be the Swap Shop and Mall Show. Check out the articles about these events by Jim Quinn and Terry Terrenoire on page 2 of this newsletter.

Be sure to review the activities calendar below so that you can become familiar with the types of things that will be available for you to participate in this year.

* 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
Family Cookout (?)	August 11, 2012	Bob Balsie
Pylon Race	August 21, 2012	Don Shugard
VR/CS Reunion	September 1 & 2, 2012	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race	September 9, 2012	Don Shugard
Fall Float Fly	September 15 & 16, 2012	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 16, 2012	Don Shugard
Annual Holiday Party	December 3, 2012	Bob Balsie

AGS Builders Group

by Bob Noll

The group expanded by one when Brent Bryson decided to join us. Several of the projects are progressing well.

My LiveWire Yankee has now been covered with Polyspan and has received several coats of clear dope.

Scott Wallace has built his LiveWire Rebel stab and almost finished framing the fuselage.

Don Shugard has his Whiplash fuselage about ready for covering and we all learned a lot from Don when we watched him sheet the foam wings.

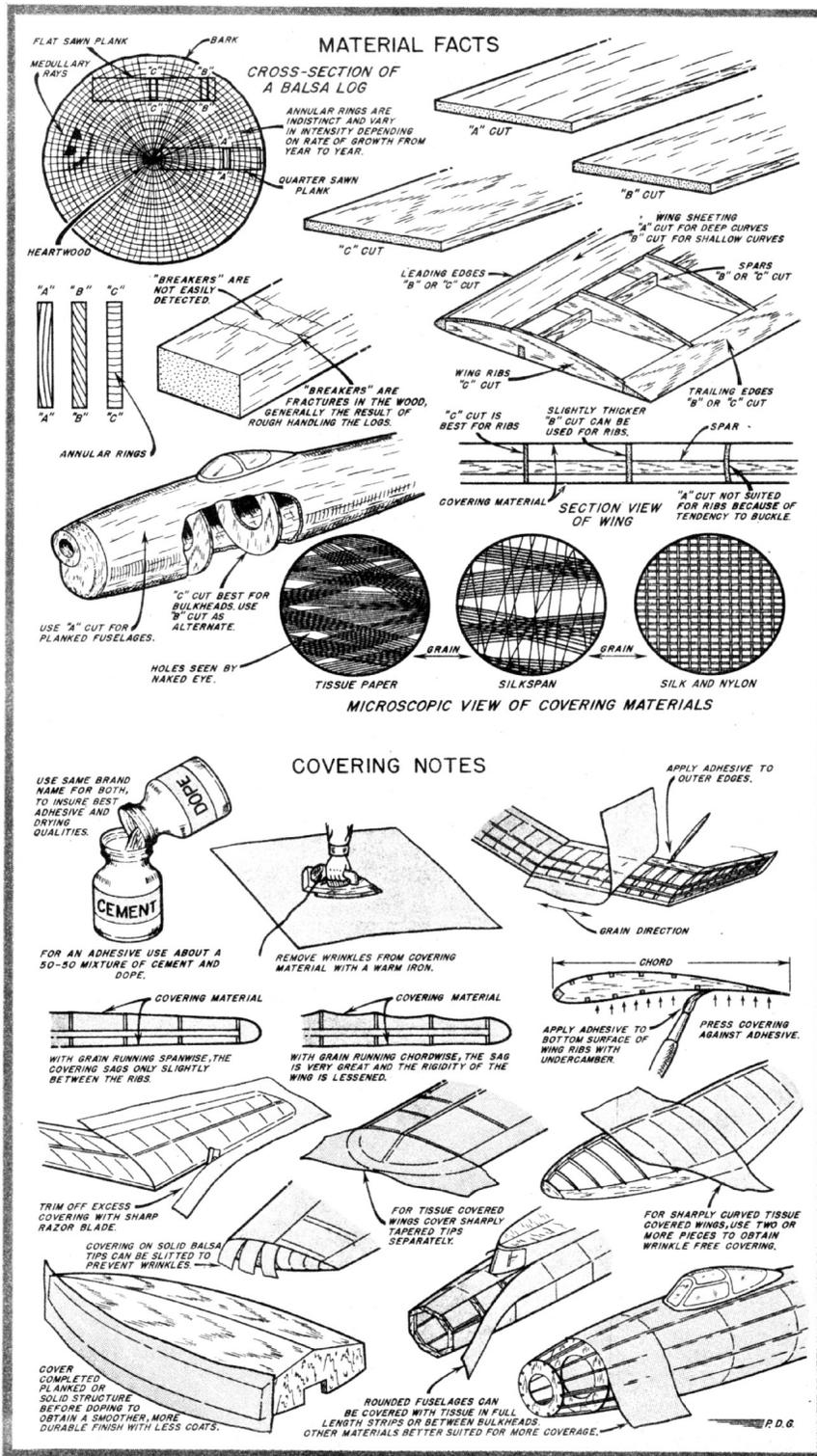
Vern and Brian Ziegler have begun cutting out parts for their Kadetitos.

Bob Balsie is well into building his GLH. Frank Gioffredo has started cutting parts for his Top Dawg.

Tom Kopl has not been able to attend any building sessions and there is no word from Derek Gioffredo or Terry Terrenoire about their project selections.

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

February Program

MAKING YOUR OWN FOAM WINGS