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Meetings of the AGS are held the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Vestal American Legion, Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:00 P.M., program to follow.

*Rick
Allabaugh*

The Prez Sez



Important Notice for Everyone

Just a reminder that the general meeting time has been changed to 7:00 PM.

My new e-mail address

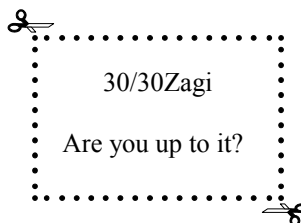
My new e-mail address is: rallabaugh@deltaengineers.com
If you need to get a hold of me, use this address. Gina and I are currently in the process of getting road runner hooked up to our new home computer we bought, so hopefully I'll have an "@.stny.rr.com" address soon.

AGS Budget

The budget has been approved for this year. Within the next few days, I'm going to e-mail committee chairs their budget number so they know what they have to work with this year.

District II Meeting at the WRAM Show

Ken Maroni and I attended the District II AMA meeting at this year's WRAM show. One update that we received from Dave Mathewson was on the Galeville flying site. If I wrote my notes correctly, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service received comments from members of AMA, they reviewed them, and decided to still ban r/c activities at the Galeville site. AMA was somewhat expecting this response, so they are already preparing for the next step of the process to try and restore flying privileges at Galeville. While at the meeting, we also talked about Frequency Sharing Plans. This seems to be a very hot topic with several clubs in this district. It was announced at the meeting that the 3-mile separation between clubs will be revised down to 2-miles as of January 1st next year. This discussion then led specifically to our situation and what we can do as a club to best protect visitors and ourselves. We had the advantage of meeting our district's Frequency Coordinator and AMA's Carl Maroney, Special Services Director and came out of the meeting with a lot of information. I've relayed all of the information I received to Bob Noll so that he and Jim could begin the educational stage of this project.



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Finesse Update

Wings, stab and rudder are sheeted. Elevators and ailerons have been cut out. The firewall, nose ring and a few other miscellaneous formers have been glued in. At the next Aerobatic Group get together, I hope to align the stab and wings and get those all set. It's coming along, but not as quickly as I had hoped. Even with 4 days off between ending and starting a new job, my "honey do" list was longer than my "hobby do" list.

**THIS MONTH'S
RAFFLE
IS A
GREAT
PLANES
DAZZLER**

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AGS Board Meetings

Board meetings of the AGS will generally be held monthly on the Monday of the week following the general membership meetings and are open to all members who wish to bring business to the board. Please contact our President prior to the meeting to notify him of your interest and to get the location of the meeting.

Zagi Days:
By: Jim Quinn

March 2 was a cold and windy day. Nevertheless 5 Zagi pilots were on hand.

We even had three wives join us! Congratulations to the wives!

Because of the high winds we decided not to hold the scheduled events for safety considerations. So we just flew for fun, which was a challenge in and of itself. The Zagis did well in the 18+ MPH winds with gusts going almost to 25 MPH. Jerry Roscoe and his wife were there with Jerry's hot and high powered Zagi. Matt Snow and his wife were also present. Matt proudly showed the new AGS decal he had on his Zagi wing. Matt told a few stories of down wind takeoffs. With the winds the way they were even a Zagi would find it a most difficult challenge for a down wind launch. Mike Harris came with his usual winter weather flying outfit. Mike didn't stay too long because of the cold and the wind. He got back to his warm workshop where he is finishing a beautiful scratch built Fascination. Bob Noll wisely opted not to fly. About 12:15 or so Lanny Noll drove into Moore Park to get her first look at the Wonderful World of Zagis. Matt, Jerry, and Jim Quinn were happy to accommodate here with a quick demo. Again, the flying challenge came from the wind, not from any type of competition.

Our Final Zagi winter event is rescheduled for April 27, after our field clean up. I believe there are more than 15 Zagis in the AGS. Our biggest showing of Zagis to date was the January 1st fly in day. Let's make April 27 an even bigger day! Bring your Zagi and your clean up tools to the field for the April 27th event.

**Retirement Party for
George Brooks**

By Rick Allabaugh
AGS President

A retirement party for George Brooks has been planned for Saturday, April 27th, at the Vestal American Legion Hall, Post 89.

Details of the event are as follows:

- Cash Bar: 6:00 PM
- Family Style Dinner: 6:30 PM
Roast Beef and Chicken Marsala
Green Bean Almondine
Oven Roasted Herb Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Rolls and Butter
Coffee, Tea
- Special Entertainment: 7:30 PM

I will be responsible for ticket sales and receiving payment from our club. Cost per ticket is \$22 and it covers the cost for the meal and allows us to get a nice gift for George and Phoebe. **If you wish to write a check, make it payable to the "Aeroguidance Society"**. I will have the tickets at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, call me at home at (607) 648-7983 and I'll make arrangements with you to get the tickets. **The last day to purchase tickets will be April 11th.**



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AGS Events

All events are at the AGS Field unless noted otherwise

April 27 -----12 noon

Zagi Day
Moore Park

April 27 ----- 9 AM

Field Clean-up Day

April 28 ----- 4 PM

Bush Dev. Day

April 30 ----- 6 PM

AGS Race #1

May 7 ----- 6PM

AGS Race #2

June 1 ----- 9 AM

Aerobatics Primer

June 4 ----- 6 PM

STRC Race #1

June 25 ----- 6 PM

STRC Race #2

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AEROGUIDANCE SOCIETY, INC.

2002 Activities Calendar

- January**
 1 – New Year’s Day Fun Fly
 5 - Zagi Day
 26, 27 – Mall Show
- February**
 2 - Zagi Day
 10 – Winter Fly
- March**
 2 - Zagi day
 9 – Annual Dinner Party (tent.)
- April**
 6 - Zagi Day
 27 – Field Clean-up Day (*)
 28 – Clean-up Day Raindate (*)
 28 – Bush Development Day
 30 – AGS Race #1
- May**
 7 – AGS Race #2
 8 – Primary Flight School Starts (*)
 21 – AGS Race #3
- June**
 1 – Aerobatics Primer
 4 – STRC Race #1
 25 – STRC Race #2
- July**
 6 – Celebration of Flight
 9 – STRC Race #3
 10 – Primary flight School Ends (*)
 13,14– Aerobatic Contest
 17 – Instr.’s Thank You Dinner (*)
- August**
 6 – STRC Race #4
 10, - Family Picnic
 13 – AGS Race #4
 27 – AGS Race #5
 31 – VR/CS Reunion
- September**
 1 – VR/CS Reunion
 3 – AGS Race #6
 7 – Fly-In Breakfast for CHOW
 8 – STRC Race #5
 21, 22 – Float Fly
 28 – Combat Contest
- October**
 6 – STRC Race #6
 12 – Aerobatics Primer
- November**
 2 – Field Winterizing (*)
- (*) Responsibility of Flight School Chairman or Field Chairman

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MALL SHOW							WINTER FLY							DINNER PARTY							

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ZAGI DAY							AGS RACE 2							AEROBATICS PRIMER						
FIELD CLEAN-UP							FLIGHT SCHOOL STARTS							STRC RACES 1 & 2						
AGS RACE 1							AGS RACE 3													

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CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT							STRC RACE 4, AGS RACES							AGS & STRC RACES						
STRC RACE 3							VINTAGE REUNION							FLY-IN BREAKFAST						
AEROBATICS CONTEST							FAMILY PICNIC							FLOAT FLY						
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October							November							December							
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AEROBATICS PRIMER																					
ANNUAL MEETING																					

AGS Meeting #656**02/19/2002**

The meeting was held at the Vestal American Legion and called to order by President Rick Allabaugh at 7:00 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 40 members and 2 guests.

Minutes:

Approved as published in the Connector.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President's Report: (Rick Allabaugh)
Nothing to report.

Vice President's Report: (Jim Pecha)
The Board meeting minutes were read..

Secretary's Report: (Doug Breneman)
Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: (Ken Maroni)
The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: (Tony Cammarata)
Nothing to report.

Program: (Frank Gioffredo)
We have had some great programs so far and more are coming.

Activities: (Bob Noll)

The activities in the near future can be found elsewhere in The Connector.

Zagi Day (Jim Quinn) February was great. There were five fliers and others. Everyone had a fun time. Zagi day in April will be moved to the 27th after the field opening.

Winter Fly (Frank Gioffredo) Only 6 people showed for this event. Much work was done to prepare and hold this event. Maybe the next administration should consider dropping this activity. Some folks indicated that they cannot attend Sunday morning.

Mall Show (Terry Terenore) Some folks were curious why we had plastic models at our table. The mall show started 19 years ago. Jerry Cole, a former AGS member, was also involved in the International Plastic Modelers Society. The R/C folks became a part of their show that year. This year, we were able to return the favor by having them join with us. Next year we hope that they will be able to have an even larger display.

You are encouraged to wear club hats and/or shirts at the Mall Show so that people will be able to know of whom to ask questions. Next year we also plan on having a TV and VCR.

Dinner Party (Jim Pecha) March 9th at the Sherwood Inn.

Historian: (Jerry Roscoe)
Nothing to report.

Public Relations: (Terry Terrenore)
Nothing to report.

Librarian: (Steve Hermanovitch)
Nothing to report.

Sound: (Tom Kopl)
Nothing to report.

Safety: (Art Riegel)
Nothing to report.

Road Maintenance: (Ed Helinski)
Nothing to report.

Field: (Todd Kopl)
The tractor is off the hill and will be repaired. The flail mower will also be repaired.

Editor: (Bill Oltmer)
The Connector went to print Tuesday 2/12 and mailed on Thursday 2/14. Some members did not get their Connector until Tuesday 2/19. Part of the reason may have been due to President's Day.

Racing: (Terry Terrenore)
Pylon racing season is soon upon us. There is a brochure available which contains the schedules and plane requirements. The racing fee is \$5. There are two classes: Bush Grand National and Winston Cup. Everyone is invited to race or come out and help.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Brooks Retirement Banquet: (Rick Allabaugh)
You will need to buy tickets from Rick Allabaugh by April 1st to attend this party at the Vestal American Legion. It is on Saturday, April 27th 6pm cash bar, 6:30 dinner, 7:30 entertainment. The cost is \$22 per person. Bob Noll would appreciate getting any pictures of George. George will be roasted that evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vote on candidates for membership:
None.

Frequency Alert: (Jim Quinn)
Bob Noll and Jim Quinn met with the folks at Faber's airport. There are about 4 to 6 people who fly at that field. It is approximately 1.5 miles from our field. We are in the process of collecting information. We can get a "glitch counter" that may be able to count the number of times that there would be interference on a certain channel. We could also buy a frequency scanner, but this would only find interference prior to our taking off and only at ground level. The folks at Faber's field do not have any particular time that they fly. We will continue to investigate how we can all safely fly together. At the WRAM Show District II meeting, we will be discussing this issue.

G.J.'s Closing: (Bob Nestoryak)
While it is true that the current location of G.J.'s is closing, we are pleased to find out that it will actually be moving to Washington Avenue in Endicott in the old Burt's building. This should happen soon.

Miscellaneous:

Rick Allabaugh will soon have a new e-mail. If you need to contact him, please give him a call.

The antique radio that was donated to the club has been sold. The club received \$36. Thanks Tom Kopl and Gib Vandling.

AGS hats are on sale for \$4.

Show and Tell:

Bob Balsic showed a control line plane covered in Jerry Nelson low temperature covering. It has good shrink characteristics and is also very light. He also showed samples of two Nelson water-based urethane paints which have almost no odor. It can be brushed or sprayed. More information can be found at nelsonhobby.com. (winner)

Ken Maroni showed his RV7 fuselage. It weighs 21.2 oz. His plans to use an OS91 engine. He also showed the foam wings and tail.

Bill Olmer showed the top wing of the Super Stinker. This is an involved project with lots of cutting.

Bob Noll showed a picture from the April Model Airplane News and asked folks how many things they could find wrong with the setup in the plane.

Dave Marithew showed his scratch built modified Seniorita. It is covered with poly-span and dope.

Bill Underkofler showed Sparrow Hawk #5, 80" wingspan, handmade aluminum engine mount, used wood screws for the fire wall, and used a foam cowl mold to make a fiberglass cowl.

Bob Frey showed his K&A model rebel, 3ch speed 400 sport plane. 220 sq in 16 1/4 oz and runs on 7 600mah batteries. He uses a Hitec 555 receiver.

John A showed his Herr Engineering kit laser Mustang with a .06 engine.

Terry Terrenore showed a \$15 rechargeable screwdriver small enough to fit in a flight box., a set of clamps, some with ratchets, a new pattern plane powered by an Enya 50zx. and 2 new Dominators for pylon racing with Ricky Craven decals.

Matt Struck showed us a 32" wingspan Razor powered by a 8 cell 500 mah battery. He also showed Laser model mini 3D kit sport plane with a speed 300 geared motor.

Charlie Hatton showed a hinge tape called blendderm. It is also called 3M nextcare and can be found at Eckerd's.

Gib Vandling showed Scotch Decorate and Repair Tape which can also be used as hinge tape. Staples can order it.

Raffle Winner: Bill Oltmer

PROGRAM: Props by Jim Quinn

Cancellation of AGS Meetings: In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Broome Community College night classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

March 2002 Field Report

By Todd Kopl
Field Chairperson

Time once again to spark up the Field Report column. While the weather seems to be oscillating from cold to warm, we will soon be looking at yet another year of AGS flying field activity. I have several topics to report on for this month:

First, as Rick mentioned in the last Connector, the AGS tractor is off the hill and currently in my driveway eagerly awaiting repair work. I am coordinating this repair with Frank Giofreddo and a non-club affiliated repair guy. If anyone has a burning desire to do anything to the tractor now is the time to contact me. I would like to line up two volunteers to transport the tractor back to the field when it is ready. I personally drove it from the field to my house (~1 hr.) and I would recommend having a 'chase' vehicle on the return.

Secondly, back in September I talked about the mowing list and a new procedure I plan to follow this year. In the past, I generally begin circulating the mowing list in the March & April meetings. This is a great start and I do get good response from those in attendance. Unfortunately what happens is the entire list never gets completely filled out and I end up with holes that get filled with folks mowing for the second, third,time. This year, following the April meeting, I plan to fill the open slots by going down the roster and selecting names not already on the list. I realize this may not be popular but if I sign you up and you can't actually mow just get on the phone and find someone who can. Please do not call me or leave me a message saying you can't make it because I won't take action on your behalf.

I look forward to another year of excellent club participation and as always, feel free to contact me if you notice anything at the field that needs attention.

Todd



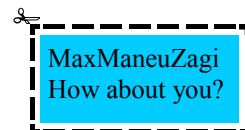
FROM THE EDITOR



This years mild winter is almost past and I can't remember a winter when I've been able to fly at the field. This past season has been the exception. I have had 4 gorgeous days of flying up there. I know the boys in Florida will probably rub it in and say they have had 4 months of gorgeous flying but we who live here year round have to deal with it, and 4 days is better than none.

If you are like me, when **Model Aviation** arrives I can't wait to read and skim through it looking for familiar faces. Wow! What a pleasant surprise to come across some of our handsome AGS'ers on page 100 of this months issue. The caption at the bottom said *The Bush Grand National pilots* ,so I guess this year I will have to become one. I am currently in negotiation to purchase a Morris V-Vector kit and I should be able to have it ready for the Quickie race season.

See you at the Meeting,
Bill



"Travelers Advisory."

May 18 ----- Marcellus, NY
Aero Radio Club of Syracuse
Pattern Primer for Sportsman
and Intermediate Aerobatics
Marcellus Airport - 9 AM

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Date: _____

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