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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.

*The Prez Sez  
Rick  
Allabaugh*



Well this is it, my last Prez Sez article as outgoing AGS President. Despite everything that has happened, it's been a fun two years. I hope that, in general, members were satisfied with what the Board tried to and did accomplish. My thanks goes out to Jim Pecha (Vice President), Ken Maroni (Treasurer), Doug Breneman (Secretary), Bob Noll (Board Member at Large), Bill Oltmer (Board Member at Large) and Art Riegal (Board Member at Large). Thank you for your help...

## Allen Property

In case you haven't heard, I understand Mrs. Allen's house has been sold. Apparently a few of our members know this person and it sounds like it is going to be a good relationship between the two of us. At the last Board meeting, we decided that once our new neighbor settles in, it would be a nice gesture to invite this person up to our field and join us when we have family picnics,

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## Nominating Committee

by Rick Allabaugh

I'd like to announce the following nominees for AGS Board positions:

- President – Open
- Vice President – Scott Blazicek
- Treasurer – Paul Cushing
- Secretary – Bob Balsie

After the last meeting, Paul had asked whether or not he could help the Board by becoming Treasurer. The only problem was that Paul was not due to be voted into full membership until December. At the last Board meeting, we decided to waive Paul's last few months of Associate Membership and vote on him for Regular Membership at the next meeting. Paul has done more than three events over the last few months and is willing to help out the club. I've talked with Tony Cammarata and he's aware of the situation.

Finally, I'm not so sure why it's been so difficult to find a President for the upcoming year. If you've been a member for several years and have never been on the Board, ask yourselves why not? If you can't commit to being on the board this year, ask yourself when you could. I'll keep calling looking for a President until I have one, if I haven't called you yet, I will...

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## AGS Events

(All events are at the AGS Field unless noted otherwise)

**October 6 ----- 4 PM**

STRC Race #6

**October 12 ----- 9 AM**

Aerobatics Primer

**October 15 ----- 7 PM**

AGS Meeting  
American Legion

**November 2 ----- 9 AM**

Field Winterizing

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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.



*THE TRES SEZ*  
Ken Maroni

By Ken Maroni

This will be my last article for the connector as treasurer of the Aeroguidance Society Inc. The only thing I would like to say is that it was a great experience as treasurer for such a fine club. All of you have been supportive and great to work with. With my office of treasurer expiring after two years, I am sure my replacement will be greeted as I was.

To my new successor, I will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have. Please don't hesitate to call; I will always be willing to help out.

To all the members of the Aeroguidance Society, thanks again for the past two years of a fulfilling experience.

**Fly-in Breakfast**

By Bob Frey

Bob Frey and his wife, Rosemary, served up coffee, pancakes, eggs and sausage for 25 AGS Members and their families. Lots of food was consumed and some flying done afterwards.

Seemed to be more eating than flying, despite the excellent weather for flying. We collected three bags and boxes of food and \$20 for CHOW. I took the food and donations to the CHOW office Monday after the breakfast. Thank you all those who contributed

**Float Fly**

By Terry Terrenoire

The 19th annual Fall Float-fly has come and gone. I would like to thank Dave Lewis for doing all the hard work in getting everything organized. Thanks also to Doug Breneman for helping in many ways Saturday morning, and to my wife, Ann, and Chuck and Esther Kropf for assisting with the cooking duties and money collection. All I had to do was show up and give away about \$800 in prizes. We had 22 pilots register, 9 for Saturday only, and 13 for both days. We collected \$149 from the registration fees. Because of the rain Sunday, we did not break even on the food, but we did make up for it with the sale of \$65 in raffle tickets for the Futaba radio. After spending \$60 at GJ's for some small prizes to round things out, we ended up with about \$119 in profit.

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**Membership Report**

By Tony Cammarata

Greetings and Salutations to all. This month we must cogitate the merits of members Donald Green and Paul Cushing becoming regular members of our Society. As neither were assigned sponsors; it behooves those of us who enjoyed Donald and Paul's company during any of our events to bear witness as to their participation in those activities. As a reminder, Associate members must participate in three activities during their Associate membership in order to qualify for a vote for regular membership.

## AGS On-Line

\* **Bold type** indicates additions or changes to e-mail address

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## October Field Report

By Todd Kopl

Well, it has been an uneventful flying season for me this year...I have not flown any of my planes! It seems Anna and I are still trying to get the hang of this parenting thing and spare time outside of work has been non-existent.

The next main upcoming field event is the annual **Field Winterizing that will take place on Saturday, November 2, at 9:00am (at the field of course)**. While the field never officially closes, at this time we will store the picnic tables, take down the signs, store the transmitter impound and other miscellaneous tasks. The weather can certainly be unpredictable but the work always gets done.

Lastly, I guess I have maintained this post as Field Chairman for the past five or six years. I think it is time to step down and let someone else take charge. I plan to conclude my responsibilities following the field winterizing and ask that someone step up to support the new incoming administration and fill this position. I will be more than happy to supply mowing list spreadsheets, field expense spreadsheets, or anything else if needed. I will briefly summarize the main responsibilities of the Field Chairman:

- Mowing List: begin circulation early (March-April) in order to be ready for May.
- Field Opening: get a group together to take everything out of storage, signs up, road maintenance, etc.
- Tractor: general maintenance, sometimes more when required. Oil change, coolant checks, stabilizer in gas for winter, battery removal for winter storage, grease.
- Buildings: periodically require repair and paint. Typically performed during field opening.
- Misc. Storage: anything that typically shouldn't be left at the field during the winter ends up in the Field Chairman's garage/basement (tractor battery, buddy boxes, etc.)
- Expenses: keep track of supplies (lumber, paint, gas, etc. and submit to treasurer...fully reimbursable).
- Field Winterizing

I may have missed a few things but hopefully you get the idea. I would like to thank everyone who has supported myself and the club in all field activities during my tenure.



### **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.**

**AGS Meeting # 663**  
**09/17/2002**

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 43 members and 2 guests.

**Minutes:**

Approved as published in the Connector.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**President's Report:** (Rick Allabaugh)

Board minutes were read.

**Vice President's Report:**

Nothing to report.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** (Ken Maroni)

The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. All financial reports need to be given to Ken ASAP in time for the audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Field:** (Todd Kopl)

**Historian:** (Jerry Roscoe)

**Program:** (Frank Gioffredo)

**Road Maintenance:** (Ed Helinski)

**Safety:** (Art Riegal)

**Sound:** (Tom Kopl)

**STRC Racing:** (Terry Terrenoire)

The above chairpersons had nothing to report.

**Public Relations:** (Terry Terrenoire)

We have been asked to participate at Bing Univ. Parent's Day by giving a static display. This will be from 10 am until 3 PM on a Saturday in October at the Student Union building.

New Life Ministries static display participants were Don Green, Bill Markovitch, and Bob Frey.

**Membership:** (Tony Cammarata)

No Associate Members are eligible to be voted on for Regular Membership at this meeting.

**AGS Racing:** (Art Riegal)

September 3rd was the last race. with three fliers - Jim Quinn, Terry Terrenoire, and Art Riegal. The final standings were: Don Stento (9) Jim Quinn (14) Art Riegal (18) Terry Terrenoire (21) Bob Noll (26). A special thanks to the support crew.

**Activities:** (Bob Noll)

All activities are in *The Connector*.

**Family Picnic:** (Jim Quinn) For details see the article elsewhere in *The Connector*. (ed note: article in September, 2002 connector)

It was great fun for all who attended. Thanks to all.

**Aerobatics Primer:** (Jim Quinn) This will be held on October 12th. 10 am. All are welcome except those who already compete cannot compete in this event. This will be run as a "normal" aerobatics competition. All planes that can do basic maneuvers can be used. The Spring event was a great success and we expect great things at this event. This can help everyone to be a better flyer.

**Combat Meet:** (Joe Felice)

The Combat Meet will be held on September 28th at the AGS field. Volunteers are needed. Please sign up if you can help. Approximately 20 people attended last year. Terry Terrenoire will be cooking.

**Vintage R/C Reunion:** (Bob Noll)

There are three classes in VRCS Class I is rudder and throttle; Class II adds elevator; Class III adds ailerons. Each class award is named after a "founding father". Special thanks to Bob Jennings.

**Fall Float Fly** (Terry Terrenoire) The Float Fly will be held this Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 am until 4 PM. Camping is available. There will be Saturday night flying and Tiger Moth races. Dave Lewis was able to get many great prizes donated for this event.

**STRC Racing** (Terry Terrenoire) There are 5 scheduled races. Due to bad weather only two have been completed. The last race will be held on October 6th at 4 PM at the field. Terry will be sending an e-mail asking for your help. Please respond in kind so that he does not need to call you.

**Librarian:** (Steve Hermanovitch)

A new book has been added to our library. It is *Bipes* by Harry Higley. In the near future there will be a TV show on the outdoor channel (32) called *Inside R/C*. When Steve gets more details, he will share them with us.

**Editor:** (Bill Oltmer)

Peter Brayman is the new editor for *The Connector*. All articles sent to Bill this month will be forwarded to Peter. Peter is set up with the appropriate software from the club. Bill will retain the electronic distribution list for now.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Frequency Report:** (Rick Allabaugh)

A letter has been drafted and sent to the AMA legal counsel, Carl Maroney. After his review it will be sent to Steve Faber and others who fly at that site. Dick Alllen continues to get hits on channels 41 and 42 at our field. All members are encouraged to keep their frequency usage up to date. It would be good to include the number of receivers you have on each channel.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Vote on candidates for membership:**  
No Associate Members are eligible to be voted on for Regular Membership at this meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** (Rick Allabaugh)

The positions of President and Secretary are still open. Potential candidates for other offices include: VP Scott Blazicek; Treas Bob Blasie; Member at large Charlie Lecher. All officers have their AGS dues waived and the president has his AMA membership paid for.

**Miscellaneous:**

AGS members have been successful in District I Aerobatics. Three years ago it was Jim Quinn. Two years ago it was Frank Gioffredo. This year it is Art Riegal. Congratulations Art!

A motion was made by the board to allow a member at large to participate in the financial audit instead of the Vice President. Our vice president submitted his letter of resignation. The motion was seconded and approved.

Two flight benches have been installed at our field. There were many positive comments about them. They cost approximately \$40 for supplies. The club recognizes Wayne Kunsman for building these benches. It was suggested that we might have more installed at our field.

The November meeting may not be held at the Legion. This is our annual auction night. It may be possible to have it at the Legion on a different Tuesday. More information will be provided.

**Show and Tell:**

Bill Oltmer showed his Super Stinker. BGX 3500 engine.

Ed Helinski showed his modified Tracer 40. First plane he built in 40 years. (Winner).

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Terry T. Showed us a FlyBoy 2 ARF D&L Designs \$205 40 size

Steve Hermanovitch showed a GP Space walker ARF. 80" wingspan and YS 91 engine.

Bob Noll showed a LiveWire Champion Debolt Kit vintage plane. Enya .15 engine. 21st Century fabric covering.

Marc Trudeau showed a L0100 scale glider from Dymond Model Sports and a Discus launched glider, Enigma.

Artie Claudino showed a \$18 J-Bipe.

Mark Lecher showed the world's smallest R/C car. \$16 at stupid.com.

Ken Maroni showed a homemade folding field stand. \$11 for materials.

Matt Struck showed a E3D kti \$100 and an Aveox brushless motor \$110. The ESC is \$80. He will add a planetary gearbox.

Dick Allen showed a 1935 Miles Sparrowhawk. 80" wingspan. 14lbs. Flew it for the first time last week.

Gib Vandling showed a Sun cooked plastic radio warped by being in a car. Do not leave your radio in the heat.

Joe Felice showed a charging system he uses in his van.

**Raffle Winner:** Bob Balsie

**PROGRAM:** Field Boxes

## Float Fly

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Saturday was near perfect until about 2:00 when the rains came in. We got a lot of flying in before that with just one major mishap. Somehow the elevator connection on Art Riegel's Seamaster let go, and the resulting nose dive into the lake destroyed the plane. The post-mortem did reveal the cause of the crash, so that source can be eliminated in future projects. Sunday was a rain out. With rain still coming down hard about 10:30, we met at the campsite and had the drawings for prizes. Everyone there went home with merchandise worth well in excess of their registration fee. Again, thanks to Dave Lewis for getting such great prizes. About 11:00 the rain stopped and the sun came out for a while, so 3 pilots again

took to the air.

Dick Allen borrowed the last of my 2

cycle fuel to put in one flight. Ron McGrath flew his Cub several times, and a newcomer put his new Cub in the air a couple times. On his second flight one of the floats came loose from it's front mounting and flopped down. The resulting drag forced the plane into a nosedive that did some major damage to the front of the plane, but it hit the water straight in and the frame came out in remarkably good shape.

Part of the draw of this event is the camping that is available at Greenwood. A group of about 10 families from the Rochester area came in about noon on Friday, and took over one of the camping circles. Bill Oltmer joined the gang later in the day, and my wife and I made it out there a little after 9:00 with our new camper.

I realize that a lot of you are in the hobby just for the "fun of getting to the field a few times a year, and putting in a flight or two for the challenge of overcoming the forces of gravity, if only for a brief time." But there is a lot more available to you in the way of personal relationships, new experiences, new friends, and new challenges, if you will just get a little more involved. Jerry Rosco showed up Sunday to watch. I was a little disappointed that we did not have more of the newer fliers out there Saturday looking over the possibilities. If you fly a float plane, your landing strip is always flat, and wind direction is rarely a problem.

Start planning now for the Spring float-fly that has been hosted by the MOB for the past few years, and get ready for our 20th annual next Fall.

**THE DEADLINE FOR  
SUBMITTING ARTICLES  
FOR THE CONNECTOR IS  
THE 1ST MONDAY OF EACH  
MONTH**

## The Prez Sez

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etc. We also decided to send Mrs. Allen a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her years of kindness to the AGS. I've gotten her new mailing address and will send her flowers during the first week of October.

## Frequency Sharing Plan Committee Update

I've asked Bob Jennings to chair this committee, which consists of myself, Bob, Terry Terrenoire and Charlie Lecher. The letter, asking the Teeter Rd. group to work with us on establishing a mutually agreed upon Frequency Sharing Plan, has been mailed out. Since it came from the President of the club, I'll follow up with Steve Faber by phone to make sure he has received it and find out what his thoughts are. If anyone has any questions or comments regarding Frequency Sharing, feel free to contact someone on the committee. By the next meeting, I hope I have some more news to pass on.

## Nominating Committee

At this point in time (9/30), I'm still looking for a nominee for President. I haven't given up calling people yet, so if you haven't been contacted yet, you will be.... Look elsewhere in The Connector for a short article on the Nominating Committee.

That's about all I have.... With the winter season fast approaching, I will have the Finesse ready for next year (No, I'm not going to bet a pizza party on it. I was a fool once, but if I do it again, I'll also be getting a divorce next year. But then again, it would free me up to fly... I may be getting an idea here...). By the time you read this, Frank Gioffredo will have my Elan and will be helping me set up the controls on it. Yeah I know, it took me 5 yrs to build it and the Aerobatic guys might have given up on me, but I do plan on competing next year. I don't know if I'll be Sportsman Champion like Art Riegel, Frank Gioffredo and Jim Quinn, but I do want to have fun....

## Combat Meet

By Joe Felice

The day started very poorly, with over an inch of rain the night before I figured we would see no contestants for this years combat meet. I debated calling Terry and canceling the food as I watched it rain Friday. Saturday morning I got up and loaded the planes in the van then put my OUPs and Crasher videos in just in case we were there by ourselves for the day. About 9:15 I started to get phone calls, from pilots that they were coming. The pilots started arriving and soon we had four scale entries and ten open class B entries signed up. The clouds were low and it was windy and we had more pilots than I've seen since my first combat meet. Go figure!

I encouraged everyone to fly their planes and be happy with them before we started. I had run my plane just two weeks ago in the Endless Mountain combat meet (run by Bill Tozer) so I was confident I was ready. After everyone tested their planes, I told everyone to get ready for the first heat and started to get my plane ready. When I hit the button to fill the fuel tank, I got a stream of fuel coming out the front cowl of my plane. I had to decide, go to plane number two (extremely fast, to the point of not keeping its streamer on) or fix plane number one. I set about fixing my fuel line on plane number one as Bill ran round one. For the start of round two I was ready, but as soon as my plane left the catapult the engine sagged then died. So I watched the second round as my plane sat just out of reach on the runway. For round three I finally got in the air! Against Dan R flying a Coroplast Corsair, George Hartman flying a P-51D, and a Coroplast Yak 9. It was obvious that I was way behind the curve, everyone else had gotten the jitters out in rounds one and two and I was stick slammin'. Round three ended with no streamers lost, but in round four Dan, a rookie, impressed me with how much he had learned in just seven sorties. I was on his tail and gaining fast when he dove to the runway, that's my trick (make them aim at me and avoid the ground, and if they can keep up I'm too high), and he lost me. I don't know what is worse having my own moves used against me, or having my son beat me and bring it up (seems like) all the time. But he used my move and was successful with it so good for him. Actually, he added a move I normally go low, fly straight, throttle back and wait for the over shoot knowing that full throttle and a hard left or right bank will get me a streamer as the attacker overshoots. Well Dan just level S turned close to the ground, while purely defensive it worked.

Then the Open class started, Bill Tozer started it off right by getting a streamer early in the first round and keeping his for the entire round. Open is a bit different than scale, the turn radius is much tighter so the furball is much smaller so usually ending with your streamer is an oddity. In scale if one streamer is lost in a round that is a lot. In the second round Bill hit another predator head on putting them both out of action. In round three Jerry Rosco got a ribbon but his throttle servo stopped working so he had to run the plane out of fuel to land; as it proudly displayed the ribbon he had taken. In the last round, when everyone is looking to make up all their points to win and fly with reckless abandon. We had another mid-air forcing one plane down, and everyone remaining lost their streamers in this round.

A good time was had by all! Thanks to the club flyers Bill Tozer, Jerry Rosco, and myself, but most of all thanks to all the members who helped. Because without them we could not do this!

## From the Editor....

by Pete Brayman

Greetings! I am proud to have been chosen to take over *The Connector* Editor position. I would like to thank Bill Oltmer and the others who have given me support and guidance in getting this issue out to you.

A little bit about myself, I am new to AGS having been a Member since May of this year but I have edited newsletters for other organizations in the past. I am deaf, so those of you who have met me probably remember me and those of you who haven't been lucky enough to meet me yet, will when you do. Please feel free to email me any articles or submissions you have for the newsletter, as I write this we still have a page to fill, so anything you may think is of interest, is always welcome.

If you don't have access to email, my phone number is 785-1632. My hearing room mate will pass along your message and I will contact you back. The other alternative is to pass your request to a member who has email (see page 3 for a list) and have them pass it on to me.

I look forward to fulfilling the role of editor and putting out a newsletter that meets the club's interests. If you have any articles or just general feedback please send them to [ags@v-fib.net](mailto:ags@v-fib.net).

**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.

# —THE FACTS ABOUT AMA'S INSURANCE—

## *For Individual Members*

### **\*\*Commercial General Liability Coverage\*\* (Effective March 31, 2003)**

AMA Liability Protection applies to bodily injury or property damage caused by an AMA member. Any AMA member who causes an accident must report that accident promptly to the AMA Headquarters and complete a written claim report within sixty (60) days.

- Applies to accidents arising from the operation of **model aircraft, rockets, cars, and boats**, in accordance with the AMA NATIONAL Safety Code(s).
- The maximum per occurrence limit of coverage available by this policy is \$2,500,000 involving bodily injury and/or property damage with an overall limit of \$15,000,000 in the aggregate provided through additional policy(s). **Model cars, boats, and rockets** are included. These limits are for claims occurring during the policy period. Coverage is provided only for accidents arising from the model activities.
  - Covers activities whether competition or sport Worldwide. FAI events outside of the United States and Canada are covered by a separate policy.
  - There is no coverage for the member who is in violation of the AMA NATIONAL Safety Code when the injury or damage occurs. Also, there is no liability coverage for an AMA member-to-his-own-family (Household and Relative(s) living in the member's household) for claims or suits.
    - Is "excess" to any other applicable coverage, such as homeowner's.
    - Has a \$250.00 deductible (property damage only).

### **\*\*Accident/Medical Coverage\*\* (Effective January 1, 2003)**

The Accident/Medical coverage applies to injuries resulting from flying or model operations regardless of who causes the accident. It reimburses an AMA member in accordance with policy terms and conditions for only medical expenses (also the beneficiary for loss of life). The Accident/Medical coverage works as follows:

- Provides up to \$25,000 for personal injury, and up to \$10,000 for dismemberment or death.
- Operates directly—does not require claim action by another person.
- Pays upon submission of bills or other documents certifying cost of treatment and that injury was caused by model operations.
- Reimburses medical expenses only after submission to any other health plan.
- Has a \$50.00 deductible.

### **\*\*Fire, Vandalism, and Theft Coverage\*\* (Effective January 1, 2003)**

- Provides up to \$1,000 for loss of aircraft models and accessories, including RC equipment. All theft loss claims must be accompanied by a police report. NOTE: There is no coverage if theft was from a member's unlocked vehicle or dwelling. There must be signs of forcible entry.
- Has a \$100.00 deductible.
- Is "excess" to any other applicable coverage.

**You need an AMA valid membership to be covered under this insurance and to fly at the club field.**

*AMA Dues for 2003 are \$58.00 per year for adults, Senior Citizen—\$48, Youth \$15, Youth (no magazine) \$1.*

# OCTOBER PROGRAM



# Historian's Report

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