

The CONNECTOR

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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 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

AEROBATIC PRIMER - Spring 2003

By Jim Quinn

Art Riegall arrived early and opened the gate. I arrived just a few minutes later and we waited for the aerobatic challengers. Darrell Sperbeck arrived a little bit later and the morning was underway.

Darrell brought his new "Duraplane Special." This is an amazing airplane which takes two Duraplane kits and makes one outstanding airplane out of them. Darrell had to modify everything and purchase new parts where the kit parts would not fit into the new airframe. Darrell meticulously worked on setting up the engines on this twin engine Darrell Special Duraplane. Finally they were synchronized well enough for the test flight.

By this time Frank Gioffredo arrived and we began instruct Darrell on the fine points of the Sportsman Aerobatic Sequence. Soon, Terry Terrenoire arrived with lunch and after the typical Terry type lunch we were all well fed.

Thus the competition began. Since Darrell was the only competitor he was flying for the pure pleasure of the occasion. Regardless of the competition his flights were faultless as his plane danced through the sky while writing an amazing story with the Duraplane Special.

With his final successful landing Darrell commented that he really enjoyed the Sportsman Aerobatic sequence and was impressed with the challenge that this type of flying offered. We hope to see Darrell and many other pilots take the Aerobatic challenge on the fall when we offer a second Primer.

Thanks to Frank, Art, and Terry for their support of this important AGS event. Thanks also to Bob Noll who provided the beautiful plaques which were given as awards. I hope to see you all in the fall.

June Program

By Rick Allabaugh

Over the last few meetings, we've all heard how people would like to get "tractor certified" in order to help out with the mowing list. So, for this month's program, I asked Frank Gioffredo to give a basic "how to" on tractor operation. I also asked him to give a general overview on the other items we need to complete, other than mowing, that should be done when you sign up to mow the field. Since we are at the field this month, the Program will be first followed by the general meeting. Hopefully the weather will cooperate.

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Coming Events

- June 14** ----- **All Day**
Annual Aerobatics Contest
- June 15** ----- **All Day**
Annual Aerobatics Contest
- June 17** ----- **7:30 PM**
Monthly Meeting
AGS Field
- June 24** ----- **6:30 PM**
STRC Race #4
- July 5** ----- **10:00 AM**
Celebration of Flight
AGS Field
- July 8** ----- **6:30 PM**
STRC Race #5
- July 15** ----- **7:30 PM**
Monthly Meeting
AGS Field

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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.

Membership Report

by Tony Cammarata, Membership
Committee Chairman

New Regular Members: None.

Regular Members to be voted on:
None.

New Associates:

This month we have two to tell you about.

First is Robert Murray. Robert lives in Endwell and is in need of flight instruction. He currently has a Seniorita all ready to go, and is anxious to get it flying. Robert says he is interested in all aspects of R/C. Sponsors for Robert are: Jerry Roscoe and Art Regal. Robert is assigned to the Activities Committee.

Our second new associate is Jeremy R. Vandermark. Jeremy is still in school and is aware of our club through his uncle Wayn Kunzman. Jeremy says he does not need flight instruction. He is primarily interested in Sport Flying. Sponsors for Jeremy are: Wayne Kunzman and Scott Blazicek. Jeremy is assigned to the Activities Committee.

Visitors:

This month we had one visitor name of Mike Budnovitch. Mike lives in Endicott, and already is a member of the AMA. He wishes to join our club.

American statesman and humorist Will Rogers; when asked about the return on his principal, replied that he was not so concerned about the return on his principal, as the return of his principal.

AGS 2003

Field Maintenance List

Charlie Pearsall

AGS field rules require the presence of two club members for operation of mowing equipment. At least one member per team must be familiar with the operation of the tractor. The members signed up are responsible for finding a suitable replacement if they are unable to maintain their commitment (calling or leaving a msg w/field chairman does not alleviate responsibility).

The field should be cut between Thursday and Sunday noon.

Contact Charlie Pearsall at 648-2869 or asailorir@citlink.net to volunteer.

Attention: Associate Members: this will count towards your participation requirements for regular membership. (editor: *The Complete list is on page 6*)

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
AGS CLUB FIELD
TUESDAY
JUNE 17th @ 7:30 pm**

The CONNECTOR is prepared on a Personal Computer. Submissions are happily accepted by E-mail at ags@v-fib.net or on 3 1/2" diskette as ASCII or text files.

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JULY 5TH
10A.M. to ???
AGS FIELD

**FREE ARF TO ALL THAT ENTER
OR HELP IN THE FESTIVITIES.**

**FREE FOOD FUN AND PRIZES
FOR ALL WHO ATTEND!!!!**

**EXPERIENCED OR BEGINNER
(BUDDY BOXES ARE ENCOURAGED)**

**HERE IS THE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS:**

**MYSTERY SPOT LANDING
BALLOON POP
DRAG RACE
LIMBO
2 MINUTE DRILL
TAG TEAM PYLON**

REMEMBER EVERYBODY WINS

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE CON-
TACT BILL OLTMER @785-4631**

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

AGS Meeting #671 May 20, 2003

The meeting was held at the Vestal American Legion and was called to order by vice president Scott Blazicek at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 30 members and one guest.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published in The Connector.

Officer Reports

Secretary's report:

The board meeting minutes from April were read.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was given by Paul Cushing and was accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

No membership vote will take place at this meeting.

Activities:

The first STRC race was held on May 6. Four pilots and 10 helpers were present to participate. Subsequent races to be held in the evening will begin at 6:30 pm. Volunteers are still needed to help at the races.

The annual *Celebration of Flight* will be held at our field July 5th. There will be kits, prizes and food for all contestants.

Field:

The roofing material on the flight pavilion has deteriorated and is in need of replacement. The buildings are also in need of paint.

The decision was made to keep our current flail mower.

Thanks go out to Jim Quinn and Vic Giles for replacing the radiator in the tractor.

Sound Committee

Tom Kopl will be giving a demonstration on using the dB meter to measure aircraft sound levels at the field.

Librarian

The club cabinet needs to be moved from its current location at the Legion to its new home at G.J.'s Hobbies.

Program

Tonight's program will be on battery maintenance.

Chris Zonio from the Binghamton Aeros has accepted an invitation to present a program on turbine model engines during the summer.

Annual Pattern Contest

The annual Pattern Contest is scheduled for June 14 and 15 and will be held at the airport in Sidney, NY. Tony Cammarata reported that because the owner of the airport at Chenango Bridge had passed away, and the future of the airfield is uncertain, the Pilot's Association at Chenango Bridge did not want to "make waves" by allowing a contest at the field, since there have been complaints about noise from model airplanes in the past.

Volunteers are still needed to help at the contest. Please contact Frank Giofredo.

Flight School

The 2003 AGS Flight School is progressing nicely.

Old Business

Frequency Sharing

Bob Jennings gave a recap on the activities that have taken place concern-

ing frequency sharing. He reported that our frequency sharing plan with the AMA flyers at Steve Faber's field has been accepted by AMA.

Magazine Distribution

Ed Helinski asks that any members who have back issues of modeling magazines donate them to his magazine distribution program.

AGS Web Site

The club web site is being updated regularly. The address of the site is www.aeroguidancesociety.org. If you have problems accessing the site, please contact Mike Harris for assistance.

Tax Assessment

The tax assessment on our field has been reduced to \$37,800. This will save our club a considerable amount of money in taxes this year.

New Business

June Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the AGS Field on June 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Raffle

The winner of the monthly raffle was Artie Claudino.

Show and Tell

Bill Markowicz displayed a very nice biplane – his first biplane model.

Bob Balsie showed his electric A-10 Warthog which is made by the GWS company.

Matt Struck displayed his *Menace* aerobatic model. It uses a Thunder Tiger GP 42 engine.

Brain Thurmond displayed his electric helicopter which has fixed pitch blades. He has modified it with a Graupner motor and Li-Poly batteries.

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Meeting Minutes

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Aaron Riese showed and offered for sale a nice aerobatic model which he purchased at G.J.'s Hobbies.

Bob Frey displayed a scratch built model of an early Curtiss pusher bi-plane that is powered by electric motors.

Program

Battery Maintenance by Bob Frey.


AGS Pattern Contest

Frank Gioffredo

Due to the timing of the event I won't be long winded in this issue of the newsletter and will just thank everyone who has helped out with the contest and will report on it fully at the June meeting. Thanks again to all who make this the best AEROBATICS CONTEST in the Northeast.

You should all be proud of jobs well done.





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.

Field Maintenance

Frank Gioffredo, Field Committee Chairman

Well by now you all have probably seen the e-mails flying around regarding the maintenance of the field and getting on the mowing list. Charlie Pearsall has been kind enough to take on the duty of filling the mowing list, and has received a less than cheerful response from the membership of this club. As members of this organization it is not just paying dues and flying when you feel like it. There are jobs to be done and activities to support. We will be conducting Tractor Training and field maintenance as our program at the field for our June program, if you are not familiar with the tractor or mowing operations and care of the field; I highly suggest you attend this meeting.

I am trying to get the cooperation of the membership of this organization to do jobs that have been common place for years and they are not new tasks, and I know a lot of the membership is relatively new and unfamiliar with the equipment. I believe this would be a good way to fulfill one of the requirements of associate membership and get to know some of the other club members.

Finally, if you do not want to assist in the care of our fine facility, it won't be a problem for long because without club support we will not have a field. So please drop Charlie an Email or give him a call and get on the list.

Also I would like to personally thank Wayne Kunsman for doing a great job on the ditch on the first part of the road up to the field. I don't think we will be having any water problems there this year. Thanks again Wayne.

AGS FLIGHT SCHOOL

Gib Vandling, Flight School Coordinator

Dick Allen has been added to the list of Instructors.
Dick will teach Saturdays.

We have established a tradition of the flight school student throwing a picnic for the instructors and helpers on the last Wednesday night of flight school. It would be nice to continue this tradition this year as well. It isn't a lot of effort. The students bring a dish to pass and the AGS will pay for the hot dogs and/or hamburgers or such. To make this happen, we need one or two student to coordinate this effort. Who will volunteer?

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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.

AGS 2003 Field Maintenance List

| YOU WILL NOTE THAT THREE PEOPLE ARE ASSIGNED TO EACH MOWING TEAM | | | |
|--|------------------|---|------------------|
| LEAD TEAM MEMBER MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH TRACTOR AND MOWER OPERATION. | | | |
| Responsibilities: | | | |
| | 1) | Ensure that all mowing is completed between Thursday and Saturday noon. | |
| | 2) | Use the tractor/flail mower set at low height for runways. | |
| | 3) | Use tractor/flail mower set at high for parking area and around small pavilion. | |
| | 4) | Use the tractor/flail mower set at high for road to pavilion and around large pavilion. | |
| | 5) | Use hand mower for area near fences and around both pavilions. | |
| | 6) | Use personal weed whacker if possible around bottom of fence and pavilion posts. | |
| | 7) | Clean outhouse with water and detergent, sweep floor and replenish toilet paper. | |
| | 8) | Report any problems to Frank Gioffredo, Field Chairman, at 748-9858. | |
| WEEK ENDING | LEAD TEAM MEMBER | MEMBER #2 | MEMBER #3 |
| May 3 | | | |
| 10 | Jim Quinn | Vic Giles | |
| 17 | Art Reigel | Bob Noll | Bart Davis |
| 24 | Bob Noll | Jim Quinn | |
| 31 | | | |
| June 7 | Frank Gioffredo | Paul Cushing | Charlie Pearsall |
| 14 | Charlie Lecher | Mark Lecher | |
| 21 | | Tom Kopl | |
| 28 | | Jerry Roscoe | |
| July 5 | | | |
| 12 | Rick Allabaugh | Frank Gioffredo | Bob Nestoryak |
| 19 | Bob Frey | Joe Perrucci | Bill Underkoffer |
| 26 | | | |
| Aug 2 | | | |
| 9 | | | |
| 16 | Mark Trudeau | Matt Struck | |
| 23 | | | |
| 30 | Jim McKeown | | |
| Sep 6 | Ken Maroni | Jerry Riegal | Mike Hill |
| 13 | Bill Oltmer | Doug Breneman | Don Green |
| 20 | | Dick Chase | Gib Vandling |
| 27 | | | |
| Oct 4 | | Bill Markovitz | |
| 11 | | | |
| 18 | | | |
| 25 | | | |

Why Change The AGS By-laws?

Doug Breneman

During my tenure as the AGS Secretary, the AMA requested all chartered clubs to send a copy of their by-laws when they rechartered. In addition, the AMA provided each club with sample by-laws. These can be found on the AMA web site. They encouraged each club to review the sample by-laws and compare them to their club by-laws. Some of the articles in the sample by-laws were strongly recommended for adoption by each club. The results of the comparison, the addition of the recommended articles, and some general cleanup can be found in the proposed by-laws found in *The Connector*. The Board of Directors has reviewed these by-laws and will be requesting that our current by-laws be amended. (To see how we do this, please read article 11.1 in the attached by-laws.)

Aeroguidance Society Inc. By-laws *Updated June-2003*

Article 1 - ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be: Aero Guidance Society, Incorporated., hereafter referred to as AGS
- 1.2 The organization shall be a chartered club of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

Article 2 - PURPOSE

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the AGS shall be to advance and promote the art of building and operating radio-controlled aircraft.

Article 3 - MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Regular and Associate Members - All Regular and Associate Members shall be actively interested in radio-controlled aircraft. They must be AMA licensed and FCC licensed if required. All members are expected to fulfill their obligations to the corporation such as committee assignments and assessments. All members shall agree to abide by the AGS by-laws, the AGS field rules, the by-laws of the AMA, and the AMA national model aircraft safety code.

3.2 New Members - Prospective new members become Associate Members for six (6) months by paying one half (1/2) of the annual dues, as defined in Article 9, and the full amount of any Special Assessment, if required. Associate Members have all rights and duties of Regular Members except voting rights. During the seventh month, his membership shall be discussed and voted upon by secret ballot. Former Regular Members applying for membership shall be immediately eligible for Regular Membership at any regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum (Refer to Article 4 Section 5) shall be required for Regular Membership.

3.3 Termination of Membership - Involuntary termination of membership shall result, subject to the approval by the Board of Directors, when a member has failed to meet his obligations.

3.4 Student Member - A Regular Member attending school as a full-time student during the dues year. He shall have voting rights only after he has reached eighteen (18) years of age.

3.5 Family Member - A regular Member who is a dependent of and resides in the home of a Regular Member. He shall have voting rights only after he has reached eighteen (18) years of age.

3.6 Senior Member - A Regular Member who becomes sixty-five (65) years old and shall be a member of the AGS for at least ten (10) years during the next dues year.

Article 4 - MEETINGS

4.1 All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

4.2 The Annual Meeting of the AGS shall be held on the first regular meeting day in October. Every member in good standing shall receive at his mailing or email address as it appears in the membership roster of the AGS, a notice telling the time and place of such annual meeting. This notice shall also include the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee. All nominees for office must be announced at the regular meeting preceding the annual meeting.

4.3 Regular meetings shall be held at a time and place designated by the AGS officers and published in the AGS newsletter. All members shall be notified prior to any regular meeting which is postponed or canceled.

4.4 Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President with due notification in writing.

4.5 The presence of the lesser of either fifteen (15) voting members or fifty (50) percent of the voting members, two (2) of which must be officers, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the AGS.

Article 5 - VOTING

- 5.1 At all meetings, votes shall be taken by show of hands. For the election of officers and new members, secret ballots shall be provided.
- 5.2 At any regular or special meeting, if a voting member so requests, any question may be voted upon by secret ballot.
- 5.3 Voting privileges are extended to all Regular Members in accordance with New York State Law.

Article 6 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 6.1 The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) Regular Members, (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past President and two (2) elected members at large) and have control and management of the affairs and business of the AGS. The two Members at large will be elected on alternate years at the Annual Meeting, for two year terms. Such Board of Directors shall act in the name of the AGS when it shall be regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all of the Board Members of such meeting.
- 6.2 Four (4) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Official decisions may be made by a quorum at a Board of Directors meeting. These decisions shall be consistent with the stated purposes and objectives of the AMA as set forth in its by-laws and, where those by-laws are not specified, vested in sound discretion of the Board of Directors. These meetings shall be held at the discretion of the President.
- 6.3 Each Director shall have one vote and such voting may not be done by proxy.
- 6.4 The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.
- 6.5 Vacancies in the said Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors for the balance of the term of the vacated office.
- 6.6 The President of the AGS, by virtue of his Office, shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the AGS shall perform the secretarial duties required at the meetings of the board.
- 6.7 A Director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any Director. A Director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of the AGS for this hearing.
- 6.8 The immediate Past President is automatically elected to the Board of Directors.
- 6.9 Minutes shall be taken of all Board meetings and read to the general membership as part of the business of the next regular meeting.

Article 7 - OFFICERS

- 7.1 All officers of the AGS shall serve for one (1) dues year and are limited to two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
- 7.2 The election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting and the nominations shall be made by a committee appointed beforehand for that purpose, or by Regular members following the report of the Nominating Committee.
- 7.3 Election to office requires a majority vote of a quorum of members. In the case of more than two (2) nominees and no majority vote, there shall be a new ballot with the two nominees with the greatest number of votes in contention.
- 7.4 The officers of the AGS shall be as follows:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Treasurer
- 7.5 The President shall preside at all meetings.
 - a. He shall by virtue of his office be Chairman of the Board of Directors.
 - b. He shall establish any committees, temporary or permanent, and appoint their chairman.
 - c. He shall see that any books, reports, and certificates as required by law are properly kept or filed.
 - d. He shall be one of the officers who may sign the checks or drafts of the AGS.
 - e. He shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.
 - f. He shall appoint an AMA-qualified Contest Director for each AMA sanctioned event.
 - g. He shall have discretionary spending of up to \$50.00 for any single purchase without requiring membership approval.
- 7.6 The Vice President shall assume the President's duties in the absence of the President and has all the same rights and powers as the President.
- 7.7 The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the AGS in appropriate books.
 - a. He shall file any certificate required by any statute, federal or state.
 - b. He shall give and serve all notices to members of the AGS.
 - c. He shall be the official custodian of the records of the AGS.
 - d. He may be one of the officers permitted to sign the checks or drafts of the AGS.
 - e. He shall present to the membership at any regular meetings any significant communication addressed to him as Secretary of the AGS.

- f. He shall attend to all correspondence of the AGS and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of the Secretary.
 - g. He shall have discretionary spending of up to \$50.00 for any single purchase without requiring membership approval.
- 7.8 The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all moneys belonging to the AGS and shall be solely responsible for such moneys or securities of the AGS.
- a. He must be one of the officers who shall sign checks or drafts of the AGS. No special funds may be set aside that shall make it unnecessary for the Treasurer to sign the checks issued upon it.
 - b. He shall render, at stated periods as the Board of Directors shall determine, a written account of the finances of the AGS and such report shall be physically affixed to the minutes of the Board of Directors at such meeting.
 - c. He must present a detailed report at the Annual Meeting which outlines income and expenses for the fiscal year, which shall be affixed to the minutes of that meeting.
 - d. He shall exercise all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer.
 - e. He shall have discretionary spending of up to \$50.00 for any single purchase without requiring membership approval.
- 7.9 Officers shall by virtue of their office be members of the Board of Directors.
- 7.10 All Officers and the Newsletter Editor, shall be exempt from paying dues while in office, and the AGS will reimburse the President for his AMA dues. All officers are subject to paying any and all Special Assessments.
- 7.11 An audit of the AGS' financial records and assets shall be conducted by an audit team consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary and shall be completed each year before the Annual Meeting.

Article 8 - COMMITTEES

- 8.1 All committees of the AGS shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of one (1) year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the President. The responsibility of each committee shall be defined and documented by the President.
- 8.2 The Permanent committees shall be:
- a. Contest
 - b. Program
 - c. Field
 - d. Membership
 - e. Historian
 - f. Nominating
 - g. Activities
 - h. Newsletter Editor
 - i. Public Relations
 - j. Librarian
 - k. Sound
 - l. Safety
- 8.3 A nominating committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. At least one (1) candidate for each office shall be recommended.

Article 9 - DUES and ASSESSMENTS

- 9.1 Dues will be imposed upon the members of the AGS in order to meet operating expenses.
- 9.2 The dues year begins November 1st and ends the following October 31st.
- 9.3 Dues are to be paid in advance at the October and April meetings. The amount paid at the October meeting is determined by dividing the total amount due (membership plus special assessment, as applicable) in half and rounding up to the nearest dollar, the balance being payable in advance at the April meeting.
- 9.4 Regular Member dues shall be sixty-six dollars (\$66) per dues year.
- 9.5 Senior Member dues shall be fifty-four dollars (\$54) per dues year.¹
- 9.6 Student Member dues shall be eighteen dollars (\$18) per dues year.
- 9.7 Family Member dues shall be thirty dollars (\$30) per dues year. A Family Member who is a full time student or under the age of eighteen (18) shall pay the same dues as a Student Member.
- 9.8 The total dues for a family living in the same household shall not exceed ninety-six dollars (\$96) plus special assessments.
- 9.9 Any Regular Member, excluding Student and Family Members, paying annual dues in full by October 31st will be given a six dollar (\$6) discount.
- 9.10 Special Assessments may be imposed upon the members of the AGS.² These Special assessments must be for a defined purpose.
- 9.11 Special Assessments shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

9.12 Special assessments will not be levied on Student and Family Members.

9.13 Any member more than two (2) months delinquent in meeting his financial obligations may be removed from the AGS roles as provided for in Article 3.

Article 10 - AGS ACTIVITIES

- 10.1 The AGS shall annually conduct:
- a. An AMA sanctioned contest
 - b. A social party.
 - c. A closed contest for members.

Article 11 - AMENDMENTS

11.1 Amendments may be made to the by-laws at any regular or special meeting of the membership, provided the members have all been notified in writing at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all directors or to any members who may request same. Approval shall be by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

Article 12 - DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

12.1 Dissolution of the AGS can be accomplished at any regular or special meeting of the membership provided the members all have been notified of the reason for the dissolution in writing at least seven (7) days in advance of that meeting. Dissolution shall be by a positive vote of three fourths (3/4) of the attendees at that meeting called for that purpose.

12.2 Upon dissolution, the AGS assets in excess of liabilities will be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc. or to such organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation, as the Board shall determine.

Article 13 - INCORPORATION

13.1 The incorporation of this membership shall be a minimum of four (4) of the seven (7) elected officers.

Article 14 - DURATION

14.1 The duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

Article 15 - LOGO

15.1 The official corporate logo is:



Article 16: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

16.1 Any member in good standing may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the AGS.

16.2 If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the AGS shall thereby terminate, subject to reinstatement upon restoration of eligibility.

16.3 This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, become the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the AGS by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental the AGS, the AMA, or to model aviation.

16.4 Any member who is expelled from membership may be reinstated to membership only by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors.

16.5 The Board of Directors shall have the discretionary authority to provide for and to impose disciplinary action for such acts or omissions, which do not justify expulsion from membership.

Article 17: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

17.1 Purpose

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

17.2 Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

(a) A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.

(b) FIRST VIOLATION

a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.

b. Complainant's name will be disclosed.

c. A verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the Safety Committee, and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

(c) SECOND VIOLATION

a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.

b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.

c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this shall be issued and a copy published in the AGS newsletter.

(d) THIRD VIOLATION

a. Committee will notify the accused in writing and the AGS members via the AGS newsletter that the AGS will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting.

b. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. (Longer if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors).

c. A member may be expelled from the AGS only upon a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

d. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting.

e. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period.

(e) The three actions will not be enforced unless they are accumulated within a two-year period of time.

(f) Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said Grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the AGS. This is to include threats, intimidation, physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Board of Directors.

¹Any member that was exempt from the special assessments due to age before this revision will qualify for the Senior Member dues rate.

²There is no current Special Assessment.

AGS Grievance Form

Date: _____ Time : _____

Nature of Violation:

Signature: _____

Witness: _____

Additional Witnesses (not required):



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You can sign up or renew your membership online at <http://modelaircraft.org>.

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Regular Members—\$58
Seniors (proof of age required) - \$48
Junior Members (< 19yrs old)
 \$15 w/magazine
 \$1 w/o magazine

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