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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.

*The Prez Sez
Terry Terrenoire*



Well, the year has passed. We have weathered some storms, both figurative and literal. The road to the field has had some major work done to it; but still needs some TLC. Maybe we can squeeze some funds into this area next year.

As the year ends, the by-laws require an "audit" of the financial books. On Monday evening all 4 elected officers gathered at Paul's house for that audit. We spent nearly 2 hours going over 10 pages of financial records for the past 11 months and found everything to be in good standing. Since there was some carryover last year of expenses and credits from the prior administration, it is difficult to determine just how we faired this year as a net. It appears that we saw a reduction in the net treasury of \$422. Since the cleaning of the ditches on the road cost

us \$400 that was not in the budget; we came as close to a break even as is possible.

For next year we are looking a 3 budget items that will increase our expenses by \$720. Our school taxes went up \$400. We anticipate a \$200 increase in County taxes due in January, and we are going to have to start paying \$25 a month for our new meeting place.

A new meeting place, you ask. Yes! It seems that the Legion management is not happy with our \$100 yearly donation, and wants us to pay \$50 per meeting. For 9 meetings that would be an increase of \$350. Thanks to Bob Balsie's wife, It looks like we have a new place in Endicott for \$25 per meeting. This only increases our cost by \$125

I know this is not a good way to start out the new year, but there is little we can do to alter any of these expenses. We did have one member, Ed Helinski, who found a spot for us in the Maine Endwell HS. But it would require a change of meeting dates, and the people I have spoken to are not in favor of doing that; but we can talk about it at the next meeting. Since this is the ANNUAL meeting, I am hoping for a better than usual turnout.

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Coming Events

October 21	7:30 PM
Annual Meeting American Legion	
October 22	7:45 PM
Indoor Flying Vestal Junior High Gym	
November 1	10:00 AM
Field Winterizing AGS Field	
November 3	6:00 PM
Indoor Flying T.J. Watson School	
November 10	6:00 PM
Indoor Flying Root Two Aerodrome	
November 18	7:30 PM
Monthly Meeting Endicott Meeting Center	

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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 TREZ SEZ
Paul Cushing

Well, I have to say that I am quite impressed! During the September meeting, 19 members paid their dues renewals for 2004 and some of them had not yet received the letter that was mailed the preceding Friday. I have since received 13 more checks in the mail at the Post Office Box. So, that means we still have quite a way to go, but you have until November 1st for your dues renewals to be received by me (which also includes one more general meeting), so I am confident that all will take care of their obligations on time.

Note to all members who will reach the age of 65 in the coming dues year. If you have also been members of the AGS for at least 10 years, you are eligible to be Senior Members and the big thing about that is the dues are only \$54 per year instead of the Regular \$66. One thing though, I have no reliable way to determine any member's age, nor should I, so I have to depend on you to let me know.

Normally, the mowing of the AGS field is not something I would have reason to mention in the Treasurer's column, but I found myself a little annoyed recently. On the night we were scheduled to mow, upon driving to the field after work, I found it had already been mowed very recently. Generally this deserves a thank you to that person or persons; but I felt that whoever did the mowing should have notified the person who was scheduled to mow, to let him know that it was already done. I know quite a few members are at the field almost daily, but some of us still work way too long hours to make this possible. Secondly, both 5 gallon gas cans were empty so we had to mow the pavilion area with the hand mower running on fumes. I subsequently took both gas cans, refilled them and brought them back. This is a small task guys. Refill them, submit the receipt to me and I will reimburse you, but please do not leave empty cans at the field for the next crew!

Thank you in Advance.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
VESTAL AMERICAN LEGION
OCTOBER 21st @ 7:30 pm**

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2003 STRC Pylon Racing

by Bob Noll, Activities Chairman

The season is over except for a fly off in the Busch class. It seems like both Jerry Roscoe and Frank Gioffredo have each earned 13 points in their first season of STRC racing. So, we will have a fly-off between these two warriors at noon on Sunday, October 12 to crown the Busch champion for 2003. Come and watch because it will be a best of three-heat format.

All pilots completed six "countable" races except Rick Allabaugh, Don Stento, Frank Gioffredo and Jerry Roscoe. There were eight race pilots this year and the final points tally in Winston cup showed a tight race for second and third places. Here are the Winston Cup results;

First Place	Bob Noll	52 points
Second Place	Terry Terrenoire	41 points
Third Place	Jim Quinn	40 points
Fourth Place	Art Riegal	36 points
Fifth Place	Don Stento	14 points
Sixth Place	Rick Allabaugh	12 points

ALL HELPERS ARE INVITED to "Treats at Kristopher's" provided by the STRC pilots immediately after the October meeting. Terry has pledged to keep the meeting short so we can leave for Kristopher's by 9:15 PM. This is the pilots' way of saying "Thank You" to all who assisted with race operations sometime during the season.

So, if you helped at least once, join us for "Treats at Kristopher's"!

Famous Indoor R/C Pilot to visit our area

By Steve Bard

Joe Malinchak sent me an e-mail note saying he will attend our October 22 indoor flying session at Vestal (7:45 to 9:45). A plane built by Mr. Malinchak graced the cover of "Flying Models" a few months back, now he has another one in the November "Flying Models" (page 61).

Come out and see if his planes are as good as ones built by that other magazine cover star, Bob Noll.

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

AGS Meeting #675 September 16, 2003

The meeting was held at the Vestal American Legion and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Terry Terrenoire. Present at the meeting were approximately 36 members and no guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published in the Connector.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Board meeting minutes from July were read.

VP's report:

The V.P. was not present.

Secretary's report:

The board meeting minutes from August were read.

Treasurer's report:

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

Committee Reports

Membership

There were no new members or guests.

Activities:

Racing

Rick Allabaugh stated that only two races remain for the year. The dates will be September 28 and October 5 at 4:00 pm. One race had to be rescheduled to October due to a lack of helpers.

There was only one Class A (total destruction) crash during the races this year.

CHOW Breakfast

Bob and Rosemary Frey collected three bags of groceries and \$125 for the CHOW organization. Approximately 14 people attended the event.

Fall Aerobatics Primer

The Fall Aerobatics Primer will be held October 4, beginning at 10:00 am. A change has been made to the pattern this year, so that only one maneuver will be flown at a time to make things easier for the beginner.

Float Fly

Dave Lewis was not able to be present to give a report on this event.

Combat Meet

The combat meet will be held at the AGS field on September 27th. See Joe Felice to sign up to help at the event.

Indoor Model Flying

Indoor model flying will take place on the first Monday of each month at the T.J. Watson school, and on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Maine Route 2 Aerodrome. There will also be indoor flying on October 26th in Buffalo Bills Stadium. Please contact Steven Bard for details.

Field:

The type of mowing that is being done at the field seems to be adequate.

It was noted that before lighting the gas stove at the upper pavilion, the user should be sure that the burners are turned off to prevent a flash fire.

Old Business

Nominating Committee

There is a need to replace Bob Noll as a "board member at large" since his two year tenure has expired. Brent Bryson has been nominated to replace Bob in this capacity.

The following people have been nominated for office, with the vote to take place at the general meeting in October:

President: Terry Terrenoire
Vice President: Scott Blazicek
Treasurer: Paul Cushing
Secretary: Bob Balsie
Brd. Member at Lg: Charlie Lecher
Brd. Member at Lg: Brent Bryson

Rick Allabaugh will continue to serve as the Past President.

Annual Dues Renewal

It's that time of year again! Dues renewal letters have been sent to all members. Members are reminded that if they pay their dues by the end of October, that a \$6.00 saving will apply.

Field Access Road

Work needs to be done on the road to smooth out rough areas and improve drainage.

New Business

Modeling Class to be held at Lockheed Martin.

Terry stated that he had been contacted by Roger at the Lockheed Martin plant in Owego in order to set up a class in R/C modeling for the members of the Explorers post which meets there. Terry had taught a similar class in the past, which was quite successful. Lockheed Martin will contribute \$1500 toward this class and AMA will donate \$500. The money will go toward paying for kits, radios, and engines for the students.

Meeting Minutes

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Approximate cost per student is:

Kit: \$95
Engine: \$105
Radio: \$140

Classes will be held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month beginning at 6:30 pm and ending between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, and Terry is looking for volunteers to assist. Four volunteers will be needed at each meeting.

An organizational meeting will be held the first Tuesday in October and a flying demonstration will be given. Don Green volunteered to donate his LT-40 model for the demo.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Legion Hall on October 21st at 7:30 p.m.

Please note: This will be our last meeting at the Legion Hall. The November meeting will be held at the Endicott Meeting Center, across the street from the Endicott Public Library. Please check elsewhere in this issue of the Connector for more details.

Show-N-Tell

Ken Maroni showed a homemade gauge for measuring control surface deflection, and also a model refueling device.

John Asselta displayed a beautifully done Pico FW-190 model. It took him 5 years to complete.

Jerry Roscoe showed a 13V @ 13A power supply which cost only \$25 and can be used to power 12V battery chargers.

Matt Struck displayed a Light Machine Corona 120 electric helicopter which uses NiCd battery packs. Cost was \$300 plus gyro and radio.

Joe Perrucci showed his Venus ARF to which he has made various modifications.

Dick Allen displayed his original design Hummingbird. With a .91 FX motor, it has unlimited vertical performance.

Brian Thurmond showed his Makado Logo 10 electric helicopter which uses a brushless motor and an aluminum swash plate.

Ben Hatton displayed his IR controlled electric flying disc and gave a flying demonstration. He purchased it at the NEAT Fair for \$30.

Art Riegel showed his Ace R/C Sea-Master sea plane. It uses a Thunder Tiger .46 and replaces the model that "landed unexpectedly" at last year's Float Fly.

Bob Balsie displayed a vintage Sterling Olympic Challenger kit.

Jim McKeown showed some hand made 1/2A fuel tanks and gave a brief description on their construction.

Terry Terrenoire displayed an X-Acto style modeling knife with a rear blade lock.

The winner of the Show-N-Tell drawing was Joe Perrucci.

Program

History of Curtiss Aviation and Curtiss Pusher plane model, by Bob Frey.

*The Prez Sez
Terry Terrenoire*

Some new administration preparation, Bob Noll has informed me that I will need to find a new activities director, and Rick Allabaugh has said he would not run the pylon races next year. It is obviously in the best interest of the pylon flyers to have a good leader, so the job has been done by one of the fliers in the past. But that is not a requirement if someone else wants to step up.

We'll see you all at the "last meeting" of the year, and "last meeting" at the Legion, on Tuesday the 21st of October!

I didn't know that!

Submitted by Bob Noll

Pilot's license - 1910 - Recipient of license #1 was Glenn Curtiss. Four more were awarded that year: #2: Frank Lahm, #3: Louis Paulhan, #4: Orville Wright, #5: Wilbur Wright.

Why was Curtiss #1 and the Wright's #4 and #5? Simply because, with so few recipients when the system of licensing began, they were assigned alphabetically.

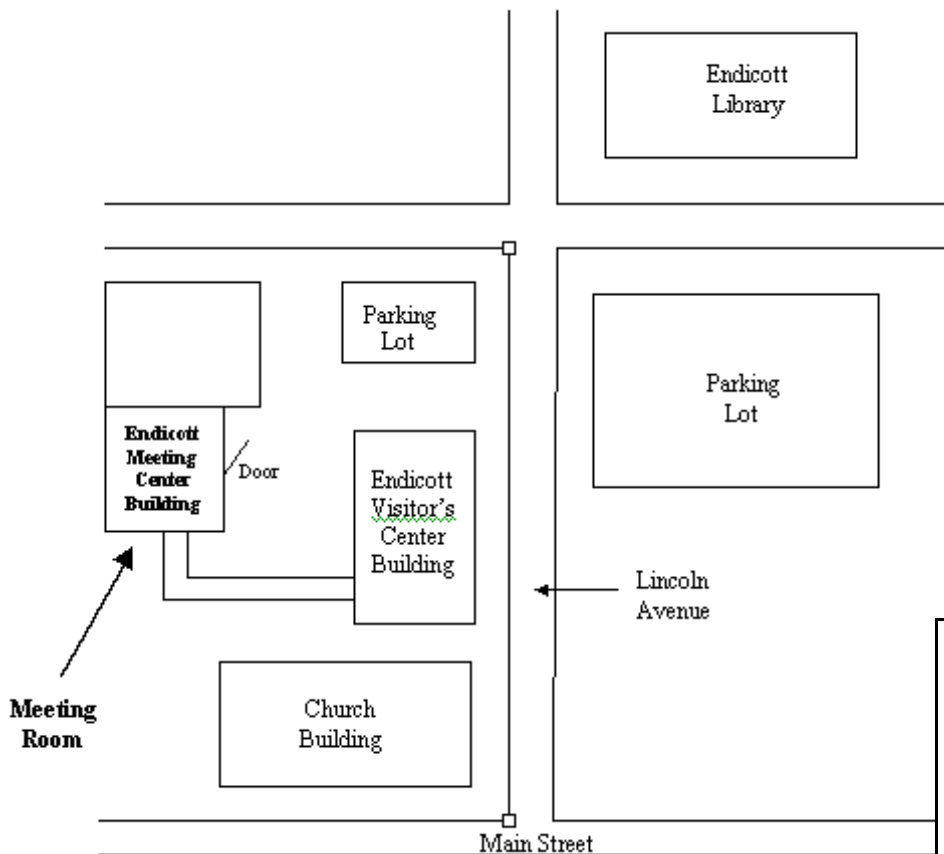
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Cancellation of AGS Meetings: In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Broome Community College night classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

New Site for AGS Meetings Beginning in November

Because the AGS Board was unable to negotiate a better price for our meetings at the Vestal American Legion hall, (the Legion wanted at least \$50.00 per meeting) it was necessary for us to select another location for our monthly meetings. Our new meeting place will be the Endicott Meeting Center in Endicott. This is a new facility, located diagonally across the street from the Endicott Public Library. It has plenty of tables for our Show-N-Tell projects and there are kitchen facilities which we can use if we desire (as long as we clean up after ourselves!).

See the map below for the exact location of our meeting room.



INDOOR FLYING:

By Steve Bard

We have our full indoor schedule set up for this season. There's T.J. Watson on the first Monday of the month, 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Myron Cary has the second Monday of the month set up at the Root Two Aerodrome in Maine, also 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. And we have three confirmed dates so far at Vestal Junior High gym, in back of the old GJ building. October 22, November 19 and December 17. All the times at the Vestal location are 7:45 pm until 9:45 pm.

Direct questions to Steven Bard 754-4756.

Viva la rubber bands!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Tony Cammarata

Sorry I missed the float fly; as I was in New Hampshire vacationing at Back Lake.

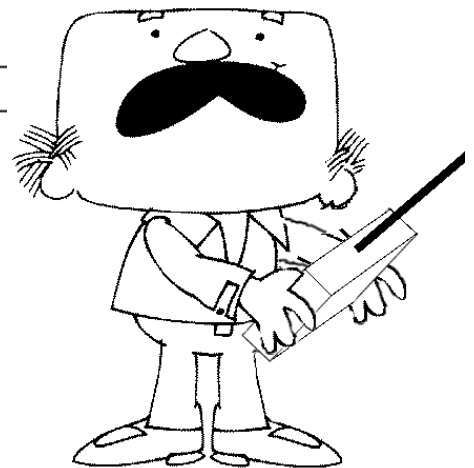
As with last month, October membership activity was nil.

New Regular Members: None.

Members eligible to be voted on as regular members: None.

New Associates: None.

Visitors: None.



AGS is an AMA chartered club; to fly at AGS's field you must be covered under AMA insurance.

You can sign up or renew your membership online at

<http://modelaircraft.org>

For 2004, the rates are:

Regular Members—\$58

Seniors (proof of age required) - \$48

Junior Members (< 19yrs old)

\$15 w/magazine

\$1 w/o magazine

Field Mowing List—Updated September 2003

		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, or if you empty a fuel can to Frank Gioffredo, Field Chairman, at 748-9858.		
		9.) Do not mow connecting paths between pavilions - we are trying to discourage ATV traffic there.		
WEEK ENDING		LEAD TEAM MEMBER	MEMBER #2	MEMBER #3
Sep	6	Ken Maroni	Jerry Riegal	Mike Hill
	13	Bill Oltmer	Doug Breneman	Don Green
	20	Terry Terrenoire	Dick Chase	Gib Vandling
	27	Bob Balsie	Paul Cushing	Charlie Pearsall
Oct	4	Ed Helinski	Bill Markovitz	
	11	Bob Frey	Scott Wallace	
	18	Steven Bard	Dave Merithew	
	25			
Call or e-mail Charlie Pearsall at (607) 648-2869 or asailorir@citlink.net if you are able to mow on the open weeks.				
PLEASE FILL THE EARLIEST SPOTS FIRST				

Two ultra-light airplanes visit the AGS field

By Steve Bard

Dave Merithew and Steven Bard did some R/C flying Wednesday, September 17 and were joined by two visitors from Ithaca. The unusual part of the visit was that they arrived by ultra-light airplanes.

Dan and Andrew Thurnheer were taking advantage of a near perfect early fall morning to fly down from Ithaca to visit friends near Owego. When they could not land due to fog in the valley they decided to try to land at Tri-Cities but it also had a full measure of fog. Our AGS field however was above all the soup. They decided to try to get in to check it out and perhaps to wait for fog to clear out.

Dave and I figured out their intent after the planes circled a few times, then one lined up to come in. Dan landed on 33 then radioed Andrew that runway 6 was better suited because of its slight up hill pitch. Their planes had no trouble landing.

Turns out both fliers had R/C experience with Andrew presently active R/C flying in the Ithaca area. Andrew has in the past attended the giant scale event at Chenango Bridge. He seemed interested in pattern activity and may come down to check things out some time.

The ultra-light planes they flew were "Flight Star" two place planes with sixty horsepower four cycle opposed twin engines turning adjustable pitch three bladed props. The gentlemen serve as dealers for this company and extended an invitation to contact them if anyone has an interest: 607-273-3930

We talked planes, models and ultra-lights until time for them to take off. The gentlemen got into their planes, one all white the other blue under wing and tail, white on top, started engines and taxied to take off runway 15 towards Endicott. Recall this runway starts out up hill, levels out a little before the intersection, then goes down hill. I was interested to see where the planes left the ground. Each plane rotated in front of the flight control box and crossed the intersection perhaps five feet in the air climbing smoothly. Clearly the AGS field suits these planes just fine.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



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