



The CONNECTOR

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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Maine-Endwell High School, 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 flying season is now in full swing. The first pylon races have been run, Training sessions have started, and all four of the Kadets the scouts built have been flown. We are off to a great start!

At the last Board meeting, Art Riegal proposed some changes in flight line layout, based on AMA recommendations. For safety's sake, we are going to address a couple of the issues with some minor changes.

After over an hour of discussion, the Board decided to compromise on the suggested 25 foot "set back" of the pilot stations from the edge of the runway, to 15 feet. This will be accomplished by moving the logs out 5 feet, and moving the "stations" back 10 feet. To make the "station" positions observable, we are going to construct four barriers that pilots will be required to stand behind while flying.

These barriers will be three feet wide, and have two foot "wings" on either side. They will be 3 feet high. Rick Allabaugh is making a model for display at the next meeting and will be getting some estimates of the material cost. It would be nice to have 4 stations for each runway, but costs may limit us to 4 this year. They will be movable, so they can be used on both runways, and can be moved for mowing.

Safety is an issue we must all be aware of, and be a part of, so please attend the next meeting and give us your input.

50th Anniversary Committee

by Bob Noll

Fifteen club members signed up to be on our 50th Anniversary Committee. Twelve of them met at Jim Quinn's last month to brainstorm and come up with ideas that could be used to help us to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2005.

I challenge all members to join one of these sub-committees and lend their support to one of these people. This celebration is a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us.

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**June, July, August
Meetings at
the AGS Field**

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Coming Events

June 1	7:30 PM
Monthly Meeting AGS Field	
June 5	10:00 AM
Pattern Primer AGS Field	
June 8	6:30 PM
STRC Race #3 AGS Field	
June 22	6:30 PM
STRC Race #4 AGS Field	
July 6	6:30 PM
STRC Race #5 AGS Field	
July 6	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.

50th Anniversary

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The following items were decided upon as worthy of pursuing, and a member of the group was assigned to be in charge of expanding upon each item.

- Pattern Contest** – Bob Noll
- Contacts with AMA** – Bob Noll
- Contacts with modeling magazines** – Bob Noll
- Contacts with the R/C industry** – Scott Wallace
- Local Press and TV Coverage** – Don Green
- Annual Dinner Banquet** – Gib Vandling and 2005 Vice President
- Club History** – Dick Allen (Dick was suggested as being the best candidate for this task)
- Field Improvement** – Rick Allabaugh
- Commemorative patches, decals, and t-shirts** – Rick Allabaugh (Bob Noll will also check with AMA to see what they have to offer)
- Parade** - unassigned
- Club Calendar** – Mark Lecher
- Air Show** (Not the annual Pattern Contest) – Art Riegal
- Sponsorship** – Charlie Pearsall
- Founder's Day (possibly as annual picnic) – Jim Quinn
- Monthly Meeting Programs** – Bill Underkofler
- AGS Club airplane design** – Ken Maroni
- VR/CS Reunion** – Bob Jennings
- Mall Show** – Bob Balsie

Activities Report

By Brent Bryson, Activities Chairman

The next activity is the STRC race #2. It will be held on May 25th at 6:30. Helpers should show up no later than 6:15.

The Aerobatics Primer is scheduled for June 5th at the AGS Field. This is a great event for anyone interested in aerobatics to give competition a try. The day starts with an Aerobatics Seminar at 10:00, followed by a lunch at noon. The Sportsman Contest part of the event starts at 12:30. For more information, or where to get a copy of the Sportsman Maneuvers, contact Jim Quinn.

Other activities in June include STRC Races 3 and 4, held on June 8th and 22nd.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
AGS FIELD
JUNE 1st @ 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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AGS Jackets

By Rick Allabaugh

I'm now taking orders for new club jackets. Besides getting the jackets, I'll also be coordinating the sewing on of the patches, name, etc.

The jacket we selected has a navy body with white accent stripes around the waist, collar and wrists. We were able to select a jacket company that can provide the same jacket in either a nap lining or a quilt lining. The nap lining is similar to our current jacket, something you could wear on the cooler summer night. The quilt lining is heavier and would be more appropriate for fall/spring seasons.

The cost for the jacket with nap lining is \$37.50. The cost for the jacket with quilt lining is \$42.00. A new AGS patch for the back of the jacket is \$10. I believe the cost to add your name to the jacket is \$5.00.

Jacket Sizes: Adult (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL), Adult - special order (XS, XX4, XX5), Youth - special order (S, M, L)

Based on our last meeting and the orders I took that night, we should have approximately 6 patches left. So if you want a new jacket with a new patch, please get a hold of me ASAP.

For those of you who would like to transfer existing patches from an old jacket to the new jacket, this can be easily done by a local company. I had the large AGS patch transferred, a smaller patch transferred and a new patch added. The total cost was \$5.00. Just get me your old jacket and I'll take it from there.

You can place an order by calling me at (607) 648-7983 or by e-mailing me at rallabaugh@deltaengineers.com.

I'll need to know: size, nap or quilt lining, do you want to transfer existing patches, do you require a new AGS patch and do you want your name embroidered on the jacket.

**THE DEADLINE FOR
SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR
THE CONNECTOR IS THE
3RD SUNDAY OF EACH
MONTH**

**AGS Meeting #682
May 4, 2004**

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by vice president Scott Blazicek. Present at the meeting were approximately 33 members and no guests.

Meeting Minutes

There was one correction to the minutes from the April meeting.

2004 is the 49th anniversary of the AGS, not the 50th as stated in the minutes.

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

There are no associate members eligible for a vote at this meeting. There were no guests at the meeting.

Librarian Report

The librarian was not present.

Activities

The Field Opening went well. The next scheduled activity is the annual Flight School. Jerry Roscoe has volunteered to head up the Combat Contest if he can get some help. He still needs someone who has an AMA CD license to be in charge. A contest manager is still needed for our annual Aerobatics contest. Dave Lewis has been con-

tacted to see if he will fill this position.

The 50th anniversary committee met on April 27th. A list of items was composed and members of the committee were assigned to each item. The next meeting will be held May 18th at Jim Quinn's house.

The first pylon race of 2004 will be held Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 pm.

Our annual Aerobatics contest will be held August 7-8. Bob Noll passed around a staffing list and asked people to sign up to fill the needed positions.

The Aerobatics Primer will be held Saturday, June 5, at 10:00 am. A contest will be held in New Jersey by Don Shugard's old R/C club on Saturday, August 14. Please contact Don if you are interested in attending.

Old Business

Explorer Scouts Modeling Class

Terry has asked his students to come to the first pylon race to be held May 11th. He will attempt to get their models airborne and test them for flight worthiness at this time.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at Scott Blazicek's house on May 10th.

Hats and Jackets

Rick informed everyone that our new jackets will be available in both cool weather and cold weather varieties. The cost is as follows:

- Nap lining.....\$37.50
- Quilt Lining....\$40.00
- AGS Patch....\$10.00
- Name.....\$5.00

Rick intends to place a bulk order, and he asked members to sign up for the jacket size and style that they want. He is still working with AMA on new hats. Special thanks

go out to Rick for his hard work on this project.

Connector Distribution

One member did not get their Connector hard copy this month.

Frequency Sharing

Bob Jennings has the agreement for 2004 in place. We need to do more testing to try to verify that there are no frequency conflicts with the flyers at Steve Faber's field.

Mowing List

Charlie Pearsall circulated a list and asked people to sign up.

New Business

Field Safety

The field rules were reviewed by Art Riegall. He especially noted that flying close to the pits should not be done for safety reasons. Art will attend the next board meeting to discuss some new safety guidelines that were recently published by AMA.

Meeting Place

The library at the Maine-Endwell High School will be available to us for the remainder of 2004. This will give us a place to meet in case of rain on the meeting night.

Photos Needed

If anyone has photos from the Annual Dinner or Project Night, please contact our Historian, Jerry Roscoe.

Field Maintenance

Wayne Kunzman will inspect our access road and make recommendations if repairs are needed.

Also, thanks go out to Bill Hinrichsen for rolling the field.

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**AGS Meeting #678
December 16, 2003**

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Show-N-Tell

Jim Quinn displayed Dual *Sonic 500*'s.

Bob Balsie showed his Great Planes *Easy Sport 40 ARF*. He also showed his low-cost Futaba computer radio, and a Brother label maker.

Jerry Riegal displayed his *Scat Cat* pylon racer.

Bill Underkofler showed his Goldberg *Junior Falcon* and the *Taper Wing*, both with 1/2 A motors. He also had photos of an 80" cabin model of a *Minimax*. In addition, he showed some custom-made foam packs for protecting receivers and batteries.

Art Riegal displayed his *Scat Cat* and *Viper 500*.

Bob Noll showed his *Sonic 500* with modified wing tips. He also showed his *Dominator 500* and his *Intimidator* V-tail models.

Jerry Roscoe showed his Busch racer, and his *3DX* foam model with an Astroflite motor.

Steve Bard displayed his scaled-up *Peanut* model which uses a Thunder Tiger .25.

Mike Harris showed his *Viper 500* racer.

Terry Terrenoire displayed his Lanier *Dominator 500* model and another *Dominator*.

Matt Struck showed his *Crazy Horse* electric pattern model by Northeast Sailplane Products.

Tony Cammarata displayed his *Top Dawg* model which is covered with red Colorfab and sports a home-made aluminum spinner.

Frank Gioffredo showed his Busch racer *Sonic 500*.

Bob Noll explained how to retrofit the O.S. LA .40 motor with a barrel adjusting screw.

AGS FLIGHT SCHOOL

By Gib Vandling, AGS Flight School Coordinator

So far only three students and one prospective student have signed up for your AGS flight school. There is still plenty of time to participate if you, or anyone you know, want to participate. Of course every student must have an AMA license and be a club member. If you have any questions please call or email the Flight School Coordinator.

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Remember, there is one important GROUND RULE. A student is required to make an appointment with an instructor each time INSTEAD of just showing up at flight school. The helps insure that an instructor doesn't show up and has no student on a particular night or vice versa.



Treasurer/Plow Operator!
Paul Cushing drags the road at our field opening.

Membership Report

By Rick Allabaugh

There were no guests at the last meeting and there were no Associate Members to vote on.

There are no Associate Members to vote on at the June meeting.



AGS Members take a break after preparing the field for another year of flying

Cancellation of AGS Meetings: In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If Maine-Endwell High School classes are cancelled, then the AGS meeting is cancelled.

STRC RACE #1 IS IN THE BOOKS!

By Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

The weatherman's prediction of rain was another mistake and over thirty members and guests saw the season's first STRC pylon race. The guests were the members and their families of the Lockheed Martin Explorer Post who were there to fly their LT40's after the racing.

The first thing I must do is thank the members who came to help. We had all stations filled and Doug Breneman as Statistician and Matt Struck as Starter, got the heats off without delay.

Also, a special thanks to Frank Gioffredo, our chief hot dog cook. Remember that we will serve hot dogs, soda and chips to all helpers after the race compliments of the pilots.

Seven pilots showed up for this race although only six were able to take the starting flags. Mike Harris had a radio problem during his test flight and tore the landing gear off of his #10 Valvoline Special. I'm sure Mike will correct the problem and join us in two weeks. It was good to see Mike at the field.

Unfortunately Busch pilot Jerry Roscoe had to race with the Nextel Cup pilots since he was the only Busch pilot to race. Jerry Riegal's #48 Lowe's racer is finished but Jerry has not been able to get to the field for trim and practice flights. Don Shugard is in the process of unpacking his planes and should have one of his three racers ready for a race in the near future. Don is relocating his family from New Jersey. Maybe there will be at least three Busch pilots at our next race so they can race among themselves. Mike Harris is also in the Busch class.

Of course there were some very tight heats during the evening, especially between Jim Quinn, Art Riegal and Frank Gioffredo. Terry was a challenge until his motor stopped around the fifth lap in two heats. Frank Gioffredo, flying his first season in Nextel Cup, had a very respectable evening of racing. Frank was our 2003 Busch Champion.

The final standings for Race #1 are:


Bob Noll	9 pts.
Frank Gioffredo	7 pts.
Art Riegal	7 pts.
Jim Quinn	6 pts.
Jerry Roscoe	4 pts.
Terry Terrenoire	1 pt.
Total:	34 pts.

The next race is Tuesday, May 25 at 6:30 PM.

AGS Annual Aerobatics Contest Manager needed!

By Brent Bryson, Activities Chairman

The job of Manager for our Annual Aerobatics Contest is open. This is a very important role that must be filled for the contest to be successful. If you are interested, contact Terry Terrenoire for information on the particular duties involved.



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

You can signup 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

AGS Field Mowing List

**YOU WILL NOTE THAT THREE PEOPLE ARE ASSIGNED TO EACH MOWING TEAM
LEAD TEAM MEMBER MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH TRACTOR AND MOWER OPERATION.**

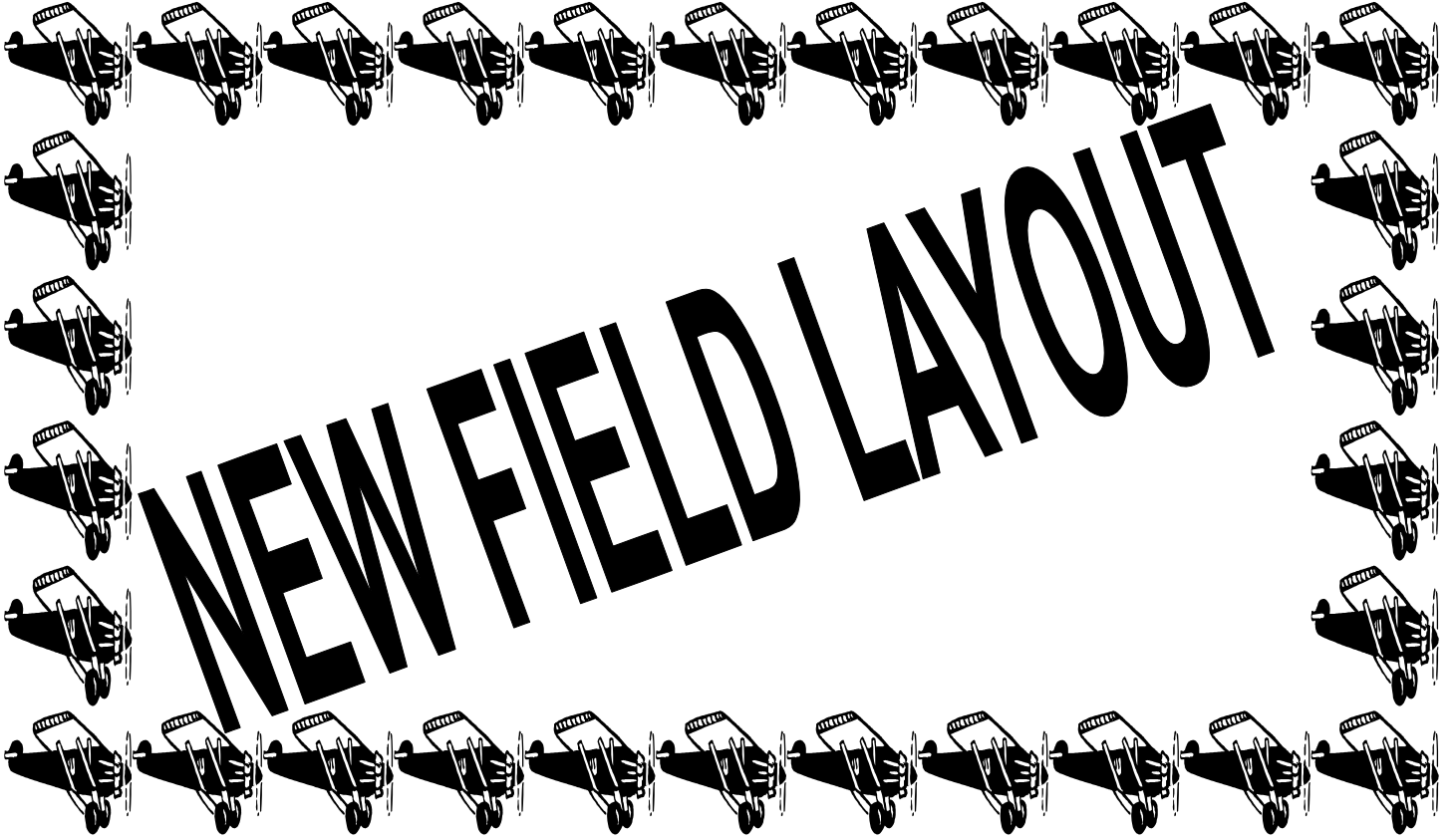
Responsibilities:

- 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 the Field Chairman.

WEEK of

	Thur - Sat		LEAD TEAM MEMBER	MEMBER #2	MEMBER #3
Apr	29	1	Paul Cushing	Charlie Pearsall	Doug Breneman/Don Murray
May	6	8	Paul Cushing	Brent Bryson	Doug Breneman
	13	15	Bob Jennings	Tony Cammarata	
	20	22	Charles Lecher	Mark Lecher	
	27	29	Art Riegel	Bob Noll	
June	3	5		Don Green	
	10	12	Paul Cushing	Charlie Pearsall	Doug Breneman
	17	19			
	24	26			
July	1	3			
	8	10	Bob Balsie	Scott Wallace	
	15	17	Rich Allabaugh	Frang Gioffredo	Dave Lewis
	22	24			
	29	31	Bob Frey	Bill Underkoeffler	Jim McKeown
Aug	5	7		Don Green	
	12	14			
	19	21			
	26	28	Ken Maroni	Jerry Riegel	
Sep	2	4			
	9	11	Bob Balsie	Dave Merithew	Don Shugard
	16	18		Gib Vandling	Gil Vandling
	23	25	Steve Bard	Dave Merithew	Jerry Roscoe
	30	2	Ed Helinski	Bill Markovitz	Matt Struck

JUNE PROGRAM



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