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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.

Terry Terrenoire
The Prez Sez



Since this will be the last communication to all members prior to the annual pattern contest, Bob Noll asked me to be sure to include a note reminding you about the desirability of having, and wearing, our club shirt. Basically, it is a light blue shirt that can be gotten in most clothing stores. We do have a store or two that most of ours have come from though. Get in touch with Bob Noll or Rick Allabaugh if you have any questions.

I have filled 3 of the 6 positions for next year's officers. We still need to fill the following slots: Pres, Secretary, and the one year term of a Board Member at Large. The reason for the one year is that Brent has agreed to move into the VP slot. Since he was elected to a 2 year post last year, this leaves a one year vacancy we have to fill. As a reminder, both the Pres, and Sectary get free AGS membership while serving. The President also gets his AMA dues paid.

Just a quick note on where we stand financially. At this point, we are about \$200 ahead of last year. With most of our expenses behind us; we could end up a little in the black if the contest and float fly can produce a little income.

I will be absent from the next meeting. My wife and I will be camping in the Adirondacks with another couple. We have gone to Moffitt Beach together for a week almost every year for the past 25 years. When we started, we had 6 kids going with us. Their 3 and our 3, now it is just the 4 parents. Instead of having the kids with us, we get to talk about their accomplishments! And all 6 are doing quite well, so we have a lot to be thankful for.

Have a great meeting, and contest. I'll see you at the field.



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Coming Events

- Aug 3 - - - - - 7:30 PM**
Monthly Meeting
AGS Field
- Aug 7,8 - - - - - All Day**
Annual Aerobatics Contest
Blue Swan Airport
- Aug 10 - - - - - 6:30 PM**
STRC Race #6
AGS Field
- Aug 14 - - - - - 9:00 AM**
Fly-In Breakfast for CHOW
AGS Field
- Aug 17 - - - - - 6:30 PM**
STRC Race #7
AGS Field
- Aug 28 - - - - - 10:00 AM**
Annual Picnic
AGS Field
- Aug 31 - - - - - 6:30 PM**
STRC Race #8
AGS Field
- Sep 4,5 - - - - - 9:00AM**
VR/CS Reunion
AGS Field
- Sep 7 - - - - - 7:30 PM**
Monthly Meeting
Maine-Endwell High School

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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*

Some may remember me as the current treasurer of the AGS. I have not had much to say over the last several months, other-than the monthly Treasurer's report at the General Meetings, so I have just pretty-much kept quiet!

But now I have something to report. Tonight, I sent in the order to AMA for a '4" x 8" Regular Brick with Black Lettering' as was discussed at the last General Meeting. There is a limitation of two lines of 14 characters each and your board decided on:

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Since it was about all we could fit into the limited space without buying a second brick for overflow space.

Activities Report

By Brent Bryson,
Activities Chairman

The Aerobatics Contest is just around the corner, scheduled for August 7th and 8th, with setup on Friday afternoon August the 6th, and is at the Blue Swan Airport (formerly an airport) in Sayre, PA.

The next STRC race, #6, will be held on Tuesday August 10th. Note that this is a date change.

*THE SEC SEZ
Bob
Balsie*

At the last Board meeting, it was brought to our attention that several members had complained about the practice of having the AGS secretary cast a single vote to elect the slate of officers.

This is done when all candidates are running unopposed and saves time and effort of voting by ballot when there is only one candidate for each office.

This practice is allowed by Robert's Rules of Order and is referred to as "general consent". However, before the vote takes place, it is possible for any member to object to the "general consent" vote and call for a vote by ballot. This would give any members the opportunity to show their objection to the election of a particular candidate by not voting for them.

Of course, a better option would be if there were more than one candidate for each office. If you know someone who you think would make a good officer for the AGS, please nominate them at the September meeting.

**REMINDER
THE NEXT MEETING
IS AT THE
AGS FIELD
AUGUST 3rd @ 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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15th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion by Bob Noll, Event Director

The AGS chapter of the Vintage RC Society will be the hosts for the 15th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion the weekend of September 4th and 5th at the AGS field. VR/CS Chapter III, The Golden Eagles, are continuing the tradition that was started 15 years ago to commemorate the Pioneers of RC who gathered at Selinsgrove, PA in the 60's to show off the latest in plane and radio designs.

The Vintage RC Society is an AMA Special Interest Group that was formed to preserve and promote the memory of Radio Control Aeromodeling activity and fly planes designed prior to 1970. Modern engines and radios can be used and the plane can be newly built, as long as it is based on a pre-1970 design.

Events for the weekend will include a pattern contest for Class I (rudder only), Class II (rudder and elevator) and Class III (rudder, elevator and ailerons.) Of course, throttle control can be used in all classes.

There will also be a Concours event that recognizes the best representation of a vintage plane. Competitions will consist of Top Dawg pattern flying, Concours events and a vintage scale event. Open flying will be available for those who do not want to compete in any of the events.

Flyers do not have to be a member of the VR/CS to enter so any AGS member who has an old design plane lying around should join the fun. Dust off that Falcon 56 or that deBolt Champ and have some fun.

Flying will start both days at 9 AM and there will be a banquet on Saturday evening at the Enjoie golf club's Twos Company restaurant. The events usually end about 3 PM Sunday.

If you aren't able to fly, come and see what we used to fly in the 50's and 60's. There will probably be some planes controlled by rudder only and some interesting "galloping ghost" control systems.



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 #684
July 6, 2004**

The meeting was held at the AGS Field and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by president Terry Terrenoire. Present at the meeting were approximately 29 members and no guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published in the Connector with one correction.

Officer Reports

VP's report:

Nothing to report.

Secretary's report:

The board meeting minutes from June were read.

Treasurer's report:

The treasurer's report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

There are no associate members eligible for a vote at this meeting. Don Shugard will be up for a vote on regular membership next month. There were no guests at the meeting. The club welcomes two new associate members, Rick Curtis and Mike Budnovich

Librarian Report

The librarian was not present.

Field

Charlie Pearsall passed around the mowing list and asked people to sign up.

Flight School

No report.

Program

The program will be given by Bob Noll and will discuss adding floats to your model, and will provide information on proper techniques that need to be used when flying off of water.

The program for August will be "The GAU-8 Cannon used on the A-10"

(Note: After the meeting, Bob Noll agreed to do the August program on the subject of Setting Up and Adjusting a Model Engine. The program on the A-10's Gun will be postponed until September.)

Old Business

Annual Pattern Contest

Bob Noll is short twelve people this year. He is asking people to sign up to work at the contest, and to work both days if possible.

Aerobatics Primer

Jim Quinn reported on the Aerobatics Primer.

New Field Safety

Matt Struck found out from AMA that flying over the runway is permissible.

Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be held at Paul Cushing's house on July 13th.

Activities

The annual breakfast fly-in for C.H.O.W. will be held August 14 at 9:00 am. Please bring a food or monetary donation.

The annual Celebration of Flight will be held July 17th at 10:00am. Everyone is invited to come and participate.

STRC Racing

The standings for 2004 thus far are:

- Bob Noll 44pts.
- Art Riegal 30 pts.
- Jim Quinn 31 pts.
- Frank Gioffredo 26 pts.
- Jerry Riegal 17 pts.
- Terry Terrenoire 21 pts.
- Don Stento 11 pts.

AMA Brick

A motion was made by Jerry Riegal that the club purchase a commemorative brick at the AMA headquarters for \$100.00. Jim McKeown seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

New Jackets

Jackets are in. Please see Rick Alabaugh after the meeting to get your jacket.

New Business

Folding Tables

Brent Bryson proposed that the club purchase three folding tables for use at the aerobatics contest and other events. It was decided that instead of buying tables that it might be possible to rent them from G.J.'s Hobbies. Scott Blazicek said that he would check on this.

Conflicts Between Meeting Nights and Pylon Racing.

Bob Frey and Dick Allen protested the fact that when a pylon racing event falls on the same night as a meeting, it is not possible for non-racers to fly that evening. Bob Noll offered to move the next race from August 3rd to August 10th so that it does not conflict with the meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

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New Hats, Shirts, and Patches for the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Rick Allabaugh asked if anyone has graphic design experience and could help with design.

Additional Aerobatics Primer

Jim Quinn made a motion that he hold another Aerobatics Primer on July 31st. Art Riegal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Show-N-Tell

Rick Allabaugh showed a heat-damaged battery pack from his Elan, and suggested that members check their battery packs for damage after a crash.

Jim Quinn displayed his Top Dawg, which he had flown earlier that evening. He stated that "It flies like a dawg."

Bill Marlovitz showed his *Panther* flying wing made by *Tuf Flight*.

Bob Noll passed out some copies of the most recent issue of *Flying Models* magazine, which contains an article that he has written.

Program

Floats and Float Flying by Bob Noll.

Membership Report

By Rick Allabaugh, Membership Chairman

This month we have one Associate Member, Don Shugard, who is up for vote for Regular Member status. I'll be asking his sponsors, Terry Terrenoire and Bob Balsie to say a few words about him prior to the vote.

Over the past month, I also received two new applications for Membership.

Rick Curtis is from the Owego area and learned about our club through Terry Terrenoire and his work with the Explorers. Rick is brand new to R/C flying, but I'm sure he'll catch on quickly.

Michael Budnovitch is from the Endicott area. Michael has soloed and learned about our club through friends. Good luck to Don on his upcoming vote and Welcome to Rick and Michael as Associate Members.

THE WEATHER WAS THE BEST OF THE SEASON!

By Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

With the weatherman providing the very best of conditions, seven pilots gathered for STRC Race #5. This was a monthly meeting night so many club members were able to watch the excitement. Thanks to the trustworthy crew, the races were over at 7:20 and the course was cleared by 7:30 in time for the meeting to start. A special thanks to Doug Breneman who organized the heats and to Jim McKeown, our starter, who kept things moving so seven heats and twenty-one flights were flown.

There was only one Busch Grand National pilot so Jerry Riegal had to race with the Nextel Cup pilots. Where were Mike Harris and Jerry Roscoe? Now that Don Shugard has moved from New Jersey, we hope he will find his racer and join us for the next race in the Busch Grand National class.

I'll not recap each heat for this report but will say that all heats were competitive with very few cuts. Our system of restricted plane, motor, prop and fuel once again proved that the racers are all flying at about the same speed and the pilot who flies the shortest distance for 10 laps is usually the winner.

Results for race five are:	1 st	Bob Noll	9 pts.
	2 nd	Terry Terrenoire	8 pts.
	3 rd	Jim Quinn	7 pts.
	4 th	Frank Gioffredo	5 pts.
	5 th	Art Riegal	5 pts.
	6 th	Don Stento	5 pts.
	7 th	Jerry Riegal	3 pts.

The season standings after five races are;

NEXTEL CUP	1 st	Bob Noll	44 pts.
	2 nd	Jim Quinn	31 pts.
	3 rd	Art Riegal	30 pts.
	4 th	Frank Gioffredo	26 pts.
	5 th	Terry Terrenoire	21 pts.
	6 th	Don Stento	15 pts.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

	1 st	Gerry Reigal	17 pts.
	2 nd	Jerry Roscoe	9 pts.
	3 rd	Mike Harris	7 pts.

THE NEXT RACE IS TUESDAY AUGUST 10. THIS IS A CHANGE!

2004 AGS AEROBATICS CONTEST, AUGUST 7 & 8
CONTEST DIRECTOR'S STAFFING PLAN

(chairmen are underlined)

Contest Director: Bob Noll (754-5279) *

Assistant Contest Director: Frank Gioffredo (748-9858) *

Flight Line Coordination: Art Riegal (785-2055) * John Herzing *

Registration: Tony Cammaratta * Elwood Campbell

Tabulation: Jim McKeown (754-7204) * Charlie Lecher * Matt Struck *
Doug Brenemen * Bill Underkofler * Bill Markovitz (Sat.)*

Impound: Ken Maroni (Sat.)* Ed Helinski * Joe Perucci *

Field Setup: Frank Gioffredo(748-9858)* Jim Quinn * Bob Frey * Matt Struck *

Prizes/Trophies: Jim Quinn * Frank Gioffredo *

50/50 Raffle: Scribes not on duty

Judge Coordinator: Scott Wallace * Jim Quinn *
We will be using contestants as judges.

Scribes: (Sat) Rick Allabaugh (648-7983) *
Bob Balsie * Jerry Roscoe * Dave Merithew * Bill Hinrichson *
Charlie Pearsall Don Shugard * Bob Murray * Phil Nestoryak *

(Sun) Rick Allabaugh * Bob Balsie * Darrell Sperbeck * Don Green *
Joe Felice * (1 PM) Gib Vandling * Mike Lewis * Phil Nestoryak *
Jordan Adams

NOTE: Brent Bryson is our Contest Manager and will need help in the concession stand.
Concessions helpers: Jerry Riegal * Mark Lecher *

* = CONFIRMED AS OF 7/17/04

Fly-In Breakfast for CHOW
By Bob Frey

Bring your appetite and planes to fly! My wife Rosemary and I will be serving up scrambled eggs, pancakes, and sausage with coffee, tea and OJ. The date is Sunday August 14th and Breakfast will be served at 9am at the AGS Field Pavilion. After Breakfast take to the air and get in some great summer flying. The cost for all this can't be beat; all we ask is you bring a donation for CHOW. (Non-perishable food, canned goods or a monetary donation) I will be taking reservations at the August meeting or by phone at 748-3854 or email at rafrey637@aol.com.
See you there. Bob Frey

AGS Field Mowing List

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
Jul	29	31	Bob Frey	Bill Underkoeffler	Jim McKeown
Aug	5	7		Don Green	
	12	14		Scott Wallace	
	19	21			
	26	28	Ken Maroni	Jerry Riegal	
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
Oct	7	9	Bill Oltmer	Rick Curtis	
	14	16		Rick Curtis	
	21	23			
	28	30			

Celebration of Flight - 2004

by Doug Breneman and Bill Oltmer

Great fun, great prizes, great weather, and great food!
 A great time was had by all who were able to attend our annual Celebration of Flight on August 17th.
 Twelve pilots flew this year in three teams of four, each named for the color of the balloon used to mark their positions in the Mystery Spot Landing - Red, Yellow, and Purple. This year we planned for up to six events but flew just three: Mystery Spot Landing, Tag Team Pylon Racing, and The Limbo. We opted to not do any of the land-based events, Drag Racing, The Balloon Pop, and the Slalom.

This year's competition was very close.
 The Red team and the Purple team tied for second place.
 The Yellow team, informally known as the Chickens, came in first place, winning or tying for first place in each of the three events.

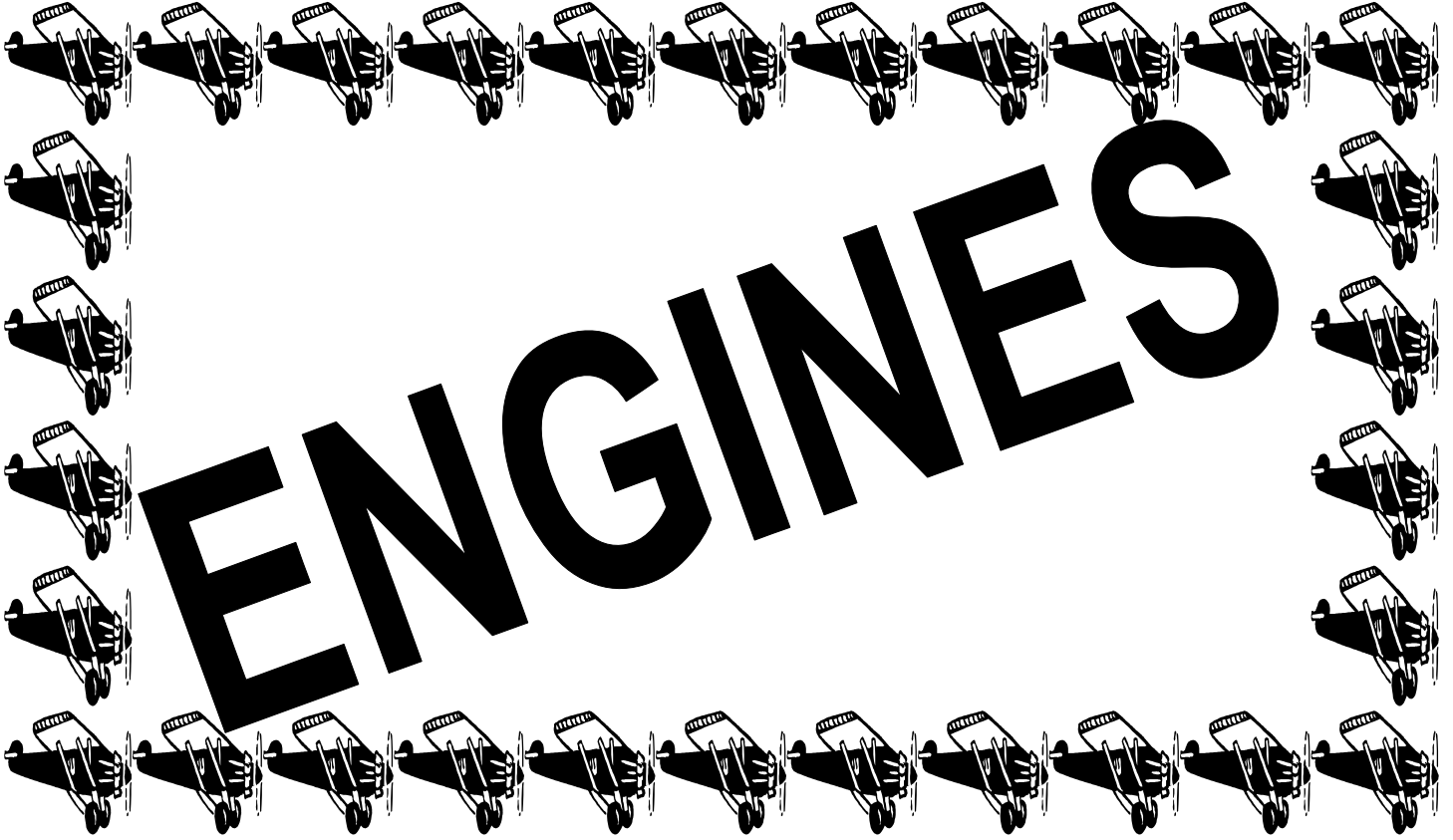
There were prizes for all who participated.
 A special thanks to G.J.'s who gave us a discount on our prize purchases.

Lunch included hot dogs, chips, and soda.
 Thanks to Rick, the man on the grill.
 All who came had fun, and there is room for you next year.

Some suggestions for next year include:
 - Do not plan for land-based events (we are a flying club).
 - Start at 9:30 AM; we get hungry before noon.
 - Have prizes other than plane notions e.g. golf balls, insect repellent.

Any suggestions you have for improvement to our Intraclub Contest can be given to Doug Breneman.
 We want to make this event fun for all club members.

AUGUST PROGRAM



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