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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**  
*Frank  
Giuffredo*

Wow, it is hard to believe that December is already here. Where is the time going to? I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It is time to get those winter projects started and get ready for some cool weather flying. It seems like a great time to put those needed airplanes or goodies on your Santa list, and maybe you will find them under your tree. At our November Board meeting we discussed a possible Christmas party, seeing as we are in the High School Library and no food is allowed there. We thought a little get together at the Galley after the meeting with some pizza and beverages and a bit of Christmas cheer could be enjoyed by all, so please plan to stay a little later. We will try to keep the business to a minimum to allow for the more enjoyable parts of the evening. Bill Underkoffler and Ralph Jackson will be putting on a program starting at the beginning of our club's history as a part of our 50th Anniversary celebration. I personally take great pride in being part of such a prestigious organization and am looking forward to the coming months activities. Please take time to show your appreciation to all the members who are working to bring this year's activities to life by supporting any events you can. It is going to be a very busy year, so jump in and have some fun. Stay tuned for other upcoming activities in this issue, such as the Jan 1 Ski fly and the Mall Show also The Mid-Winter Ski Fly to mention a few. One item to also be aware of is with the onset of the winter weather, watch for the closing of MAINE-ENDWELL. Our meetings will be cancelled if the school

is closed. Any other urgent info will be handled by Phone Tree and/or E-mail if time allows. I will see everyone at the meeting. Happy Holidays to All.



## Activities

By Brent Bryson

Field Winterizing (notice I did not say closing) - Thanks to the members that helped with the field winterizing. There were a dozen or so members, and the tasks were completed by 10AM. Bob Frey flew one flight after the work was done, but the increasing winds discouraged any further flights.

The New Years Day Fly is the next activity. This year, for something different, it will be held on New Years Day.

The location is currently up in the air. We would like to hold it at the BC United Soccer field behind the Anne McGuinness School. The BC United has a new president that needs to approve our use of the field. Bill will check on this. The backup plan is to hold the event at Moore Park in Vestal.

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## Coming Events

JAN 1 -----

New Years Fly

JAN 22 -----

Mall Show

Feb 12 -----

Winter Fly

## 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.

## 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.

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**AGS Meeting #688  
November 2, 2004**

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Frank Gioffredo. Present at the meeting were approximately 28 members and 1 guest.

**Meeting Minutes**

One correction noted by Terry Terrenoire that the cost for the roofing project was \$610, the cost of pizza is included in that amount.

**Officer Reports**

**VP's report:**

Brent Bryson is still looking for Club members to step up and assist with club activities.

**Secretary's report:**

The board meeting minutes from September were read.

**Treasurer's report:**

The financial report was given and accepted.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

We had one guest in attendance. In January we will have one associate member (Rick Curtis) to be voted on for full membership status.

**Librarian Report**

The librarian was not present.

**Field**

Field winterization took place on November 7<sup>th</sup>- a big thank you to all members that participated.

**Program**

The program was our annual auction. Several members got some great deals, and a few members donated items for the club to keep the proceeds.

**Old Business**

**Mall Show**

The annual Mall Show will be held January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, with setup on the evening of January 21<sup>st</sup>. Terry Terrenoire reported the contract with the Mall was signed. We are making this years show revolve around the theme of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Contact Terry or Bob Balsie if you can help out or have models or vintage equipment to display.

**Next Board Meeting**

The next board meeting will be held at Brent Bryson's house on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

**Vandalism at the Field**

Worth reinforcing- anytime one of us observes vandalism at the field, it should be reported to the police. Frank Gioffredo will be talking with the Tioga Co Sheriffs office to make them aware of our situation, and we will post signs with contact information.

**New Business**

**December Meeting**

After December's meeting we will be heading to "The Galley" for refreshments. Plan ahead to allow an extra hour or so and please attend!

**New Years Day Fly**

Tentatively planned as always, at same location. Details will be provided at the December meeting, so if interested in the New Year's Fly

please be sure to attend the December AGS meeting.

**Show-N-Tell**

Bill Underkofler showed the Fox 40 powered leaf blower built by Dick Allen. Reports are that it really does blow leaves well.

Matt Struck showed two electric foamy 3D/aerobatic models. He reports the one by Fancy Foam models is superior to the Horizon Hobbies model.

**Program**

The programs for the coming year will feature an overview of AGS history for the past 50 years. This is a collaborative effort by Dick Allen and Bill Underkofler.

**REMINDER  
THE NEXT MEETING  
IS AT THE  
MAINE-ENDWELL HS  
December 7th @ 7:30 pm**

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The Mall Show will be held on the weekend of January 22nd, at the Oakdale Mall. Start thinking about what you would like to display, and let Terry know.

The Winter Fly will be held on February 12th, so don't remove those skis after the New Years Day Fly. Note also that pontoons work well in the snow. This will be held at either the BC United Soccer field behind the Anne McGuinness School, or Moore Park.

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# **Aeroguidance Society Inc.**

## **FIELD RULES**

(Revised 09-24-2001)

These rules have been developed to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of the AGS flying field and to preserve good relationships with neighbors. Failure to follow these rules may result in restriction or suspension of flying rights by the AGS Board of Directors.

### **SAFETY:**

1. Obey the official AMA Safety Code.
2. Children and unauthorized persons are not allowed in the pit area.
3. Do not fly over the pit area, parking area or, if in use, the pavilion or playground areas.
4. Be certain the runway is clear before takeoff and landing.
5. Do not taxi in the pit area.
6. Engines must be equipped with a spinner or safety prop nut.
7. Warn bystanders not to stand in line with a rotating prop.
8. Avoid flying close in when the field is congested.
9. No more than four powered aircraft may be flown at the same time.
10. Do not operate the tractor or other power equipment alone.
11. Flying is not allowed over the tractor when it is in operation.
12. It is strongly recommended that you do not fly alone.
13. Drive slowly on the access road, especially near houses.
14. Do not fly in a manner that could be hazardous to others.
15. A majority of flyers present at the field must at all times designate which runway is "active" and which is the "alternate" in an ongoing manner dependent upon wind direction. Runways will be referred to according to conventional airport designation which means they are numbered according to their compass heading. The runways are 6 (six) - 24 (two-four) and 15 (one-five) - 33 (three-three).
16. When entering a runway, taking off or landing, pilots must first make a loud and clear announcement of their intention to proceed and then wait for any objections before doing so. Flying dead stick or having radio or flying problems must also be announced to all other pilots.
17. A majority of those flyers using the "active" runway will designate the direction for takeoffs and landings in accordance with the direction of the wind. Suspension of the wind direction rules on the "active" runway may only occur when there is a unanimous consent from all other pilots present prior to each flight.
18. The wind direction rule will not apply to the "alternate" runway. This means that cross-runway take-offs are allowed on the "alternate" runway only.
19. When the "active" runway is in use by multiple fliers, it shall be limited to normal take-off and landing type maneuvers. This rule can be waved if all fliers agree before the flight that close in maneuvers over the "active" runway are OK.
20. Announcement of intention to use the "alternate" runway must be made prior to each take-off and "end of flight" landing.
21. Do not fly or taxi across the "active" runway when using the "alternate" runway. Suspension of this rule may occur when there is unanimous consent from all other pilots present prior to each flight.

### **FREQUENCY CONTROL:**

1. Transmitters and receivers (except 27MHz and 53MHz) must be certified as meeting AMA narrowband requirements for 20KHz channel separation.
2. Do not turn on your transmitter unless you have placed your current AMA card in the correct location on the frequency board and have attached the pin for that frequency to your transmitter.
3. Try to maintain a distance of at least 20 feet from other active transmitters when operating your transmitter, particularly if you have the antenna extended.
4. Retract your transmitter antenna when not in use.
5. Transmitters must display their operating frequency per AMA rules.
6. Idle transmitters must be impounded if any flier so requests.
7. Remove your AMA card and return the frequency pin promptly after each flight.

### **GENERAL:**

1. You must be an AMA member to fly at the AGS field. Non-AMA members are allowed to fly on a one time basis on a buddy box with an AMA member.
2. Do not run aircraft engines before 9 AM or after 9 PM. This does not apply to electric motors.
3. Do not direct prop wash or exhaust at others or their equipment.
4. Perform any prolonged engine running at the west end of the pit area.
5. Be sure to lock the gate if you are the last to leave the field.
6. Don't leave trash at the field.
7. The maximum sound level allowed is 96 db on the A weighted scale measured at 9'. New engines must be tested and, if necessary, corrected promptly.
8. Please be courteous to others at all times.

# NOVEMBER PROGRAM



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