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Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Main Endwell High School
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter. Business meeting at 7:30 P.M., program to follow.

Bob Balsie
The Prez Sez

Hi, again, everyone. Well, it's hard to believe, but the holiday season is upon us once more, and 2005 is drawing to a close. Seems like I just put the Christmas tree away a few weeks ago, and now it's time to take it out again. So let's get to it and see what subjects I can cover this time.

Holiday Party

By now, you should have received a call from me or one of the other Board members personally inviting you and your family members to the December meeting, which will still be held at the Maine Endwell High School at 7:30pm, on December 6th, but will take place in the cafeteria, rather than the library. This will allow us to serve pizza, soda, and some other holiday treats. Bob Noll will be giving a program on "Historic Planes of the AGS", which should be informative and interesting for all. This should also give our family members an opportunity to see how we do things and give them a better feel for the club and its operation. If at all possible, please try to attend the meeting. You may see some of your friends that you've been out of touch with for some

time.

Meet Our New Membership Chairman

I want to thank Ed Helinski for stepping up and accepting the position of Membership Chairman for 2005 – 2006. Many of you may know Ed by his hand crafted transmitter tray which he uses to help him fly more consistent aerobatic patterns. I've been told that Ed holds the record for the most gallons of fuel burned in a season. You'll see him at the field most every day practicing the pattern. Ed's wife, Anne, is our contact at the ME school and has helped us set up our meetings there. Please join me in welcoming Ed to his new position and in thanking him for his efforts.

Membership

Since I'm the acting Treasurer of the AGS as well as the President, I have an insight into how our membership numbers vary from month to month and year to year. We ended the 2004 – 2005 season with a membership of 75 people. Right now, only about 52 people have renewed their memberships for 2005 – 2006. I'm somewhat concerned about this, because it represents about one-third of our members. I'll be sending out a reminder note at

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Coming Events

New Years Fly.....Jan 1
BC United Soccer Fields
11:00AM—2:00PM.

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.

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the beginning of December to everyone who is still in arrears. So if you just haven't gotten around to putting that check into the mail, please try to do it right away.

New Year's Day Fly

Our next club event will be the New Years Day Fly, an activity which will be chaired by Frank Gioffredo. You will find an article by Frank elsewhere in this issue. You can also call Frank directly if you need more info. He cooks great chili, so try to make it on the 1st if at all possible.

2006 Mall Show

The annual mall show will be held in January again this year. Terry Terrenoire will be the chairman for this event and I'm sure that he will be looking for volunteers to set up and tear down, and to run the show. Even though it's over a month away, it's not too early to think about bring one or more of your planes for display and spending a few hours socializing and talking to the crowds of people.

That about does it for this issue. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and meaningful Holiday Season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

New Years Day Fly

By Frank Gioffredo

New Years Day is fast approaching, and we have been scrambling to find a place to hold our fly. Thanks to Doug Breneman and Bill Oltmer, this year we will be holding the fly at the BC United Soccer Fields behind the Anne McGuinness School in west corners. So, get those skis or wheels weather permitting out and plan to spend a couple of hours with us. There will be plenty of good food and hot drinks to go around so plan to be there



**DECEMBER PROGRAM - NOTABLE PLANES OF
THE AGS**

by Bob Noll

The last program in our 50th Anniversary series will be about some of the notable planes of the AGS. Come see and hear about some of those planes that were flown by AGS member at national and international competition as well as at the early Rhinebeck Jamborees.

Proposed By-laws Change

by Doug Breneman, Board Member at Large

The Board of Directors would like to thank you all for your suggestions in the wording of the proposed change to the by-laws. The Board has attempted to incorporate all of your suggestions into the wording shown below. The proposed changes are limited to articles 3 and 9 of the current by-laws and are indicated by being underlined. These changes are being proposed as a result of our vote to start the imposition of an Initiation Fee of \$100.00 to be charged to all those joining the AGS on or after January 1, 2006. A vote will be taken at the December AGS meeting to approve this wording.

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.

New Members - Prospective new members become Associate Members for six (6) months by paying one half (1/2) of the annual dues, one half (1/2) of the initiation fee, 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 Members applying for membership shall be immediately eligible for 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 9 – DUES, FEES, 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 As of January 1, 2006, persons applying for membership will be charged an initiation fee of \$100 payable in two installments, the first \$50 paid at the time the person becomes an Associate Member and the second \$50 paid at the time the person becomes a Regular Member.

9.11 Special Assessments may be imposed upon the members of the AGS.² These Special assessments must be for a defined purpose.

9.12 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.

9.13 Special assessments will not be levied on Student and Family Members. Initiation fees will not be levied on new Student Members, new Family Members, or former members.

9.14 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.

9.15 Any dues, fees, or special assessments paid to the AGS will not be refunded



OLD TIME MOVIES TO CONTINUE BEFORE EACH MEETING

by Bob Noll

I will again be showing movies of old Nats and club events prior to the next meeting.

You won't want to be a minute late. The projector will start promptly at 7 PM (maybe a few minutes before).

Membership Committee - duties and responsibilities

The committee is generally composed of only a chairman. The chairman shall be responsible for promoting the club to all potential new members and shall maintain contact with all visitors until such time as that person becomes a regular member or decides not to join the club.

A list of all visitors to monthly meetings shall be maintained. This list shall include the person's name, address, e-mail address, and a statement of interest in joining the club. He shall introduce all visitors at the monthly meetings. All visitors who express an interest in joining the club or who appear to have not made a decision shall be given a visitors package.

Visitor's packages shall be placed at GJ's and in the Flight Control Center at the field. In addition, several visitors' packages shall be given to each Board member.

The three-fold brochure shall be updated each year and copies provided for at least:

- the Visitor's Package
- the Annual Mall Show

the club promotion stand (at GJ's)

Insure that all visitors are sent a copy of the monthly newsletter for at least 3 months or until he becomes an Associate Member. Provide *The CONNECTOR* editor with names and addresses.

All Associate Members shall be assigned two sponsors who are Regular Members and receive a letter just prior to being eligible for Regular Membership. Inform the President of what Associate Members are to be voted upon.

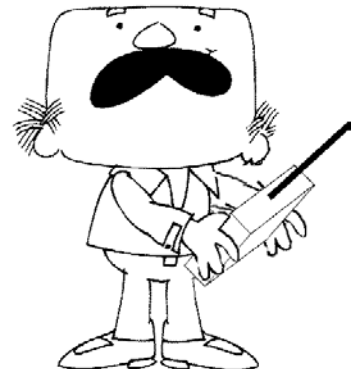
Assign each new Associate member to either the Activities or Field committee after consulting with these committee chairmen.

Supply a "Visitors" and/or "New Members" article to *The CONNECTOR* editor monthly.

Visitor's Package - this package shall explain the basics of the AGS including our membership and dues structure, meeting location and schedule, and location of our flying field. It shall include applications for membership in the AGS and the AMA. A copy of the most current edition of *The CONNECTOR* shall also be included as well as appropriate material available from the AMA.

Membership Package - this package, to be given to all new Associate Members, shall include:

- Associate Membership Card
- By-Laws
- Field Rules
- Book and Video Library List
- Current Activities List
- Current Roster
- An AMA ID label.



The Membership Chairman should attend all board meetings if possible.

AGS Meeting #700 Nov 2, 2005

The meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School library. AGS President Bob Balsie called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 32 members and 3 guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Bob updated us on the committee chairpersons filled to date.

VP's report:

No report.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the October Board meeting were read.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

Ed Helinski as accepted the Membership Committee chair. The following associate members were voted into the club:

Afzal Rehman
Joe Wanchissen
Ed Lancki
Richard Buchinski

Field

Field Winterizing will be taking place Saturday Nov 5th (rain or shine) from 9AM until finished.

Librarian

No Report.

Historian

No report.

Activities

No Report.

Flight School

Frank Gioffredo will be chairing the Flight school. Frank will be organizing flight school, printing a logbook, and coming up with a format for the flight school so any student can go to any instructor at any time.

Old Business

Terry Terrenoire Reported that the Mall show is scheduled for January 21 and 22, 2006.

Jim Quinn gave an update on the book covering the History of the AGS.

Jim brought in examples so we could see the difference between the laser printed versions verses the copier versions of the book. It was agreed that the laser print was worth the difference in price.

The board will be making the decision as to how many books should be ordered.

Calendars are ready at a cost of \$10 each. See Mark Lecher to purchase one.

Next Board Meeting

Nov 8th at Brent Bryson's home.
Time is 7:30.

New Business

Roy Dickson will be working second shift and has resigned as treasurer. The Board will be looking for a replacement.

The change to the by-laws regarding an initiation fee was read. Art Riegal moved and Terry Terrenoire Seconded that the initiation fee be paid once in a lifetime as long as a member leaves in good standing.

The Board will amend the wording to the change in the by-laws and it will be voted on at the December meeting.

General

Jim Quinn noted that the last "K factor" the aerobatic newsletter has an article on the AGS pattern contest.

Jim Quinn also noted seeing a tractor with a backhoe and loader for \$3500. He thought the club might consider purchasing a used piece of equipment to have for repairing the road at our leisure instead of renting it.

Bill Hinrichsen offered the used of a posthole digger for relocating the gate and back scrapper for road maintenance.

Frank Gioffredo started a 50-50 raffle to start the kitty for purchasing items for future raffles. Raffle tickets sell at:

1 - \$1

3 - \$2

10 - \$5

So be sure to bring some \$ to the next meeting. Jim Quinn won the raffle and donated his winnings back to the club.

Show-N-Tell.

Terry Terrenoire brought in an ad for a new radio system operating on the 2.4 Ghz band. The transmitter and receiver are locked together and will eliminate the need for frequency control in that band.

Terry brought in a book Wild about Flying - dreamers doers and daredevils by David Marshall & Bruce Harris --- They sell for \$10 contact Terry if you are interested.

Terry also showed the Tiger 2 Foam Core Wings and some aileron cutouts to demonstrated the strength of balsa and foam construction.

Program

Terry Terrenoire served as Auctioneer at the annual club auction. Seven members of the club participated.

John Asselta -- donated a Goldberg Eagle 2 trainer to the club at the auction. The Eagle 2 will be used in the flight school training activities.

For those of you who were not at the last meeting, the 2006 AGS Calendars are ready. Cost is \$10.00 each. I have approximately 12 left available, but can print more if need be. Just email me with how many you want and I will have them at the next meeting.

Mark

Field Chairman report

Thanks again to everyone that came out and helped with field winterization. We had a great turnout and we hope that trend continues next year. In addition to field opening next Spring, we'll also plan a separate work party to move the gate. Merry Christmas & hope everyone gets a new model or two built this Winter.

Mall Show.

Please start thinking about the Mall show now. It is just a

little over 2 months away. We will need coverage for 5 shifts, 3 on Saturday, and 2 on

Sunday. In addition, we need help setting up Friday night after the mall closes, and

tear down Sunday afternoon. And we always need airplanes for the display!!!



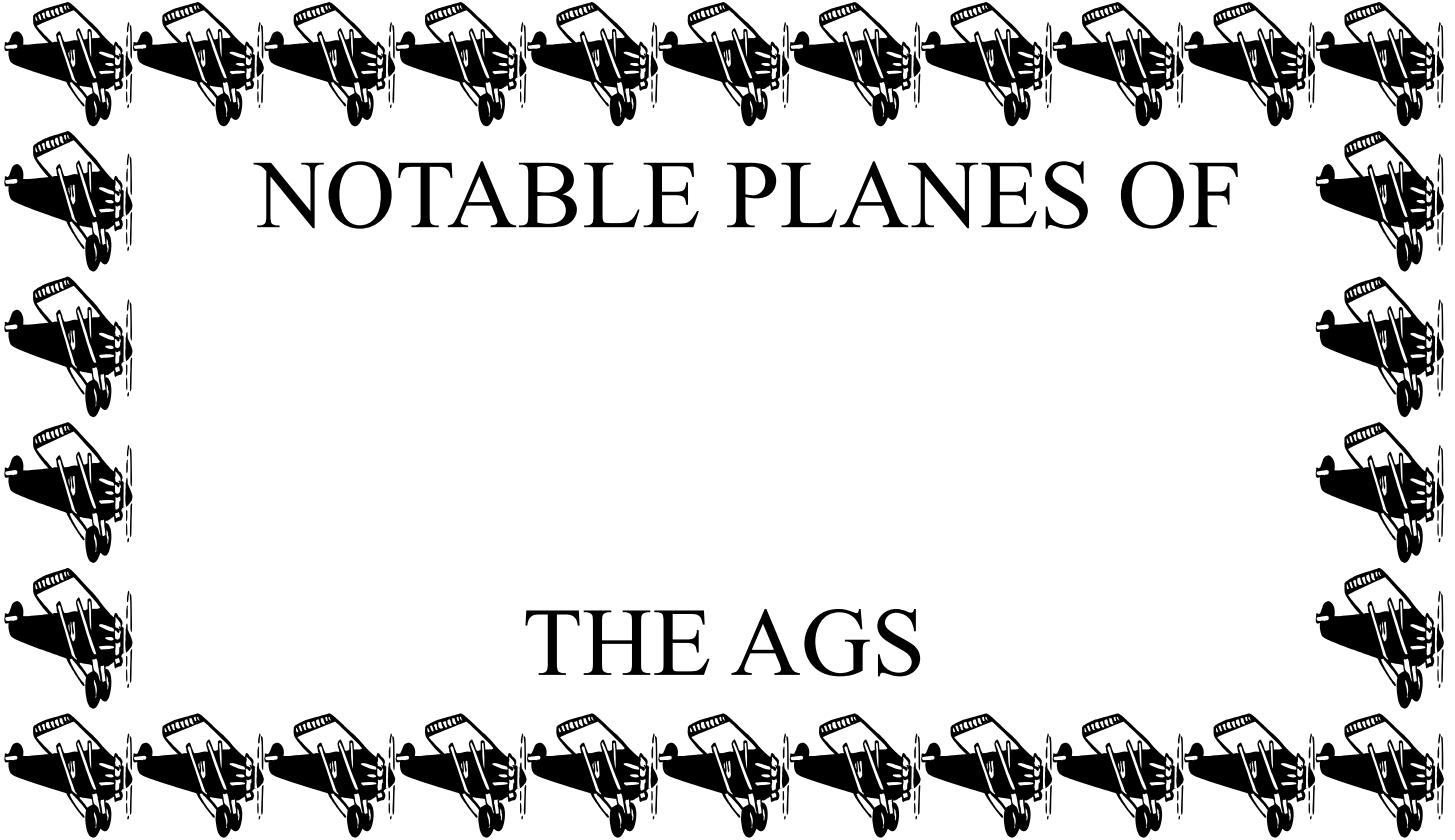
December 2006						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 First Day of Winter	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years Eve						



2005 Holiday Party

As mentioned in my Prez Sez article, we will be combining our December meeting with a Holiday party. We will hold the meeting in the cafeteria this month, because we aren't allowed to bring food into the library. The club will be providing pizza, salad, soda, and other holiday goodies. (Just skip supper and have dinner on us!) The meeting will take place at its usual time of 7:30pm. Feel free to bring your family members, so they can see how a real AGS meeting is run and listen to Bob Noll's program on "Historic Planes of the AGS." If you need more information, you can give me a call at 748-1074.

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