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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.

The Prez Sez Bob Balsie

Here it is, March already, and the year is really flying. We're already into the Lenten season, and it will be Easter before we know it, which means that Spring is right around the corner. Have you been working on that new kit or ARF? Been doing time on the simulator to keep your flying skills in shape? You'll need both before long.

Project Night

Due to the fact that our monthly meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month, it was suggested that Project Night be moved to the May meeting, to allow members some additional time to complete their winter projects. I've been trying to get some building time in to finish my Sterling Citabria, that I started back in 1998. I thought that once I retired I'd have loads of time to build, but so far that hasn't happened. So if you're in the same boat that I am, let's make a pact to dig in and get our models finished in time for

the May meeting.

2006 Winter Fly

In spite of the inclement weather, the Winter Fly was a big success, according to Frank Gioffredo who co-chaired the event with Rick Allabaugh. In the face of frigid temperatures and high winds, about a dozen people showed up to eat Frank's chili, and three members actually braved the conditions to fly their planes, all successfully. I didn't make it myself, because I'm a fair weather flyer (in any weather, my flying is only fair!). But I was pleased to hear that everyone had a good time. One of our administrative objectives this year was to increase participation at club activities, and between the New Years Day Fly and the Winter Fly, it looks like we're on the way to achieving this one. I hope that all of you will try to attend as many of the club-sponsored events this year as you can. The AGS sponsors these events for the enjoyment of our members, and you're really missing out on a lot of fun if you don't come to them.

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Coming Events

Annual Dinner PartyMar 25
Two's Company Restaurant

Field Cleanup DayApr 8
AGS Field
9:00 AM

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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Program Chairman

As most of you know, Jim Schwab is our new Program Chairman for 2006. I've included a short "bio" of Jim elsewhere in this issue. Jim comes to us with an extensive background in modeling and club activity, and I know that he will be a really asset to the AGS.

And that brings my column to a close for this month. Hope to see all of you at the next regular meeting, which will take place in the library of the Maine-Endwell High School at 7:30pm on March 7th. If you haven't been to a meeting for a while, why not stop by and renew some old acquaintances. You'll be glad you did!



Meet Our New Program Chairman

Bob Balsie

Jim Schwab was born and raised in Rochester N.Y. He lived in Canandaigua N.Y. after being married in 1976. He has an apartment in Owego for work, and goes home on the weekends to spend time with his wife Dee, son Scott, and daughter Leanne.

Jim was an inner city school teacher in science and special ed. for 8 years, then

went to Eastman Kodak Co. in 1980 - 2003 and was laid off in Dec. 2003. He started work at Lockheed Martin in Owego in August of 2005.

Jim flew control line and free flight models growing up and started R/C in 1979 with the "Sky Rovers R/C Flying Club" in Clifton Springs NY. He joined the "Canandaigua C.H.I.E.F.S." R/C club the second year of their existence in 1985 and has been a member ever since. He has held a variety of posts with the C.H.I.E.F.S. over the years, including Secretary, Vice Pres., Newsletter Editor, Flight Instructor, Events coordinator/Cook, and even created the C.H.I.E.F.S. website and was the webmaster as well.

Jim enjoys building World War II warbirds from plans and kits, and while he prefers glow/gas planes, he also flies electrics.

From the Webmaster@agsny.org

We have web site! Owned wholly by the Aeroguidance Society. The old one was coming up for renewal and as Mike Harris was leaving the club, I contacted him about transferring the domain. He was no longer interested in maintaining it, so on February 10th, we transferred the domain to the club. At the same time I managed to also register the domain AGSNY.ORG for the club before Automated Graphics Systems or American Gem Society could. They own most of the other AGS related domains.

At the same time, I also acquired web hosting service which gives us plenty of new advantages such as 1 gigabyte of space and email addresses. Now when you want to contact the officers and certain chairman, they now have their own email addresses:

President@agsny.org
VicePresident@agsny.org
Secretary@agsny.org
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In addition, we also have available to us what are know as "Alias" email addresses which are single email addresses which send to a designated group such a the Board Members you would address the email as The email would go to the Officers, the Board members at large and the past President.

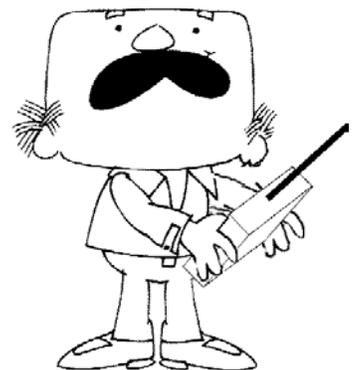
Special Interest Groups can now have their own web sites! Aerobatics, Electric, Indoor, Pylon, etc. can simply be accessed (once set up) by going to aerobatics.agsny.org, electric.agsny.org, etc. Or they could be accessed through the normal website.

Now that we have this control and abilities, all we need now is suggestions on what you want on it.

Flight School

Frank Gioffredo

Flight School will begin on May 10th. We will be starting a sign up at the next meeting for Students. I have been gathering info the group that has signed up to help create a formal flight progression plan I would like to get together in March to get the Lay out set for what we want to do. I would also like to plan a ground school for April where we can check out Student's Planes and make corrections to installs if needed, ie. motors/ engines, radio gear and link-ages, tanks, and the likes for new student I would like to recommend contacting your sponsors to also assist in plane set up. We will go more in depth at the meeting.



The Deadline for Connector articles is two Fridays before the meeting. Please have submissions to the editor before then. Electronic submissions are preferred, E-mail them to jeff@priusonline.com
Deadline for March Connector is 3/24/06.

Annual Dinner Party
of the Aero Guidance Society
at
Two's Company Restaurant at the Enjoie Golf Club in Endicott
on
Saturday, March 25th, 2006

Cocktail hour will begin at 6pm
Dinner Buffet will begin at 7pm

Dinner Buffet includes Chicken Marsala, Roast Beef, and Italian Roasted Chicken, Tossed Salad, Salt Potatoes, California Medley, Coffee, Tea, Rolls and Butter, and Dessert

A cash bar will be available

There will be an Ice Breaker Game during Cocktail Hour and Scavenger Game during Dessert Hour

The cost will be \$25 per person

RSVP is requested

Payment must be received by March 25th

RSVP to Brent Bryson at 607-785-8253 or bbryson@stny.rr.com
Payment can be made by cash or check payable to AGS at the AGS meeting, or sent to Brent Bryson, 3633 Pheasant Lane, Endwell, NY, 13760, or delivered to any AGS board member.

P.S. There is an elevator from the main level to the restaurant level.

**AGS Meeting #703
February 7 , 2006**

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 34 members and no guests.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Bob reported on the board meeting with forester Roy Hopke and put out an invitation to club members to come to the Winter Fly on February 18. Bob took the action to invite other area clubs to the winter fly-in.

VP's report:

Brent reported on the upcoming Banquet set for Saturday March 25 at Two's Company in Endicott. Cost is \$25 per person, cash bar. Cocktails start at 6:00 pm followed by Dinner at 7:00. The menu includes a choice of chicken marsalla, Italian roasted chicken, roast beef entrees served with salad and desert. Please RSVP to Brent by 3/1 on attendance. Payments to Brent before 3/25/06.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the January Board meetings were read.

Treasurer's report:

The financial report was given and accepted.

Committee Reports

Membership

The following members eligible for voting in as AGS members:

Matt Quinlivan
John T. Rudy
James Trucker

Field

Scott Wallace reported that the field clean up will occur 4/8/06 at 9:00 am. Scott had been to the field recently and reported that the road is in horrible condition and is going to need some work. Scott expects the clean up to take 1/2 day or less.

Moving the gate will occur as a separate event .

Librarian

No Report.

Historian

No Report.

Activities

Winter Fly scheduled for February 18 at the BC United Soccer Field.

Terry reported that the Mall Show went off as planned. He noted that the table skirts and tops were in poor shape and would need to be replaced next year.

Public Relations

No Report.

Sound

No Report.

Safety

No report.

Connector

Deadlines are now published each month. Get items for the connector to Jeff Hatton by the deadline.

Old Business

Jim Quinn announced that the History Book is published and available to club members for \$10.00.

Jim Quinn has sanctioned for the Aerobatics Primer for the first Saturday of May. The contest is for sportsman and intermediate class only

Bob Noll has sent a write up on the History Book to Model Aviation and Flying Models magazines. Cost for the History Book is \$15.00 for non-club members.

Bob asked for 2 copies to send to Dave Brown and Dave Mathewsen. The Club agreed and gave him the copies.

Frank Geoffriddo mentioned the 50-50 raffle was being used to promote attendance.

Frank invited everyone to the Fly-in 2/18/06 11:00 - 2:00. Rick Allabaugh will be checking for AMA cards at the event.

Bob Frey: Thanked Jim and Afzal for the work they did on the history book.

Jim Quinn got estimates for barriers for pilots at the flying field. He forwarded the estimates to Scott Wallace.

Next Board Meeting

February 21 at Doug Breneman's home. Time is 7:30pm.

New Business

No New Business.

Show-N-Tell.

Bob Frey:

Telnz Convair XFY Bob used a brushless motor mpjet ac22-7/45 that pulls 8 amps from the LiPO pack.

Jim Quinn:

Typhoon 2000 wings foam wings

Terry Terrenoire:

Whiplash – Dick Sarpolus 1974 design .The honey combed wings weigh 3 ounces. The total weight of the components is under 10 ounces. Terry expects the plane to weigh about 15 ounces.

Bob Noll:

Bob presented a Falcon 56 by Carl Goldberg 1965 --- 1970s . Bob educated us that in the old days the fuse was widened for the proportional bricks at the time. Bob built the plane from a wing kit and scratch built the rest. A veco 19 is mounted on the nose. Bob plans a silk and dope finish to match the popular Goldberg black and red.

Bob reports that the kit is available from Bob Harris @ Early-RC and as an aside that Early Rc is up for sale and apparently has 6 potential buyers.

Bill's Decals sells the old water transfer decals. See billsdecals.com for information.

Scott Wallace:

Madness -- a 4.5 pound, 60 sized kit from Argentina CA models.

Matt Struck:

Radical RC has a 32 model memory for a futaba 9c, 9z. They also sell an ammo container for charging and storing LIPO batteries.

Matt has two battery bunkers (2 for \$30). He uses one for charging and one for storage and transport of his LIPO batteries. The Battery Bunkers are available at batterybunker.net .

Matt also showed a Fireproof safe from Office Max to store the LIPOs

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Mid-Winter Fly

Frank Gioffredo

Well our Mid-Winter Fly is in the books and to all accounts was quite a success considering the extremely uncooperative weather. Rick Allabaugh and myself spent the late afternoon hours Friday preparing the slightly famous Chili and praying for better weather for Saturday. Well the Chili turned out great and the weather did not, but to my surprise thirteen brave or crazy individuals, depending on how you want to look at it, braved the cold, WIND, and SNOW for a couple of hours, at which time it was a unanimous decision to pack it in. We did manage to consume a couple of pots of coffee and almost a half of the pot of Chili. Just a run down of the day was Temp was around sixteen degrees, with winds around ten to fifteen mph. giving us wind chills around minus five or so, lots of clouds and at one point a near white out snow flurry.

Kudos to the three brave souls who ventured to fly, Bob Frey, Jerry Roscoe, and Terry Terrenoire all flew electric powered craft, the rest of us shivered and watched. In attendance were, Ken Maroni, Rick Allabaugh, Rick Allabaugh Sr.(visitor), Bill Hinrichsen, Doug Breneman, Bob Frey, Brent Bryson, Jerry Roscoe, John McGrath (visitor), Don Shugard, Tony Cammarata, Terry Terrenoire, and myself. Thanks to you guys for coming out in such terrible weather to make the event worth while.

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Frank Gioffredo:

Derek's airplane 14.4 ounces Eflite park 400, FMA receiver - Eflite servos

Jim Schwab:

Dick Sarpious Choice Cut. Fuse is under construction.

Gib Vandling:

Gib mentioned that his speed controller shuts off at 8.4 volts which is not acceptable for the LIPO batteries that require a 9 volt shutoff. Several members mentioned that the Jeti speed controller from Europe shuts off at 9.0 volts.

Associate Member Voting

Bob Noll made a Motion to delay voting in Matt Quinlivan for a month, extending his associate status, and that his sponsor to talk to him about AMA safety rules. Terry Terrenoire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

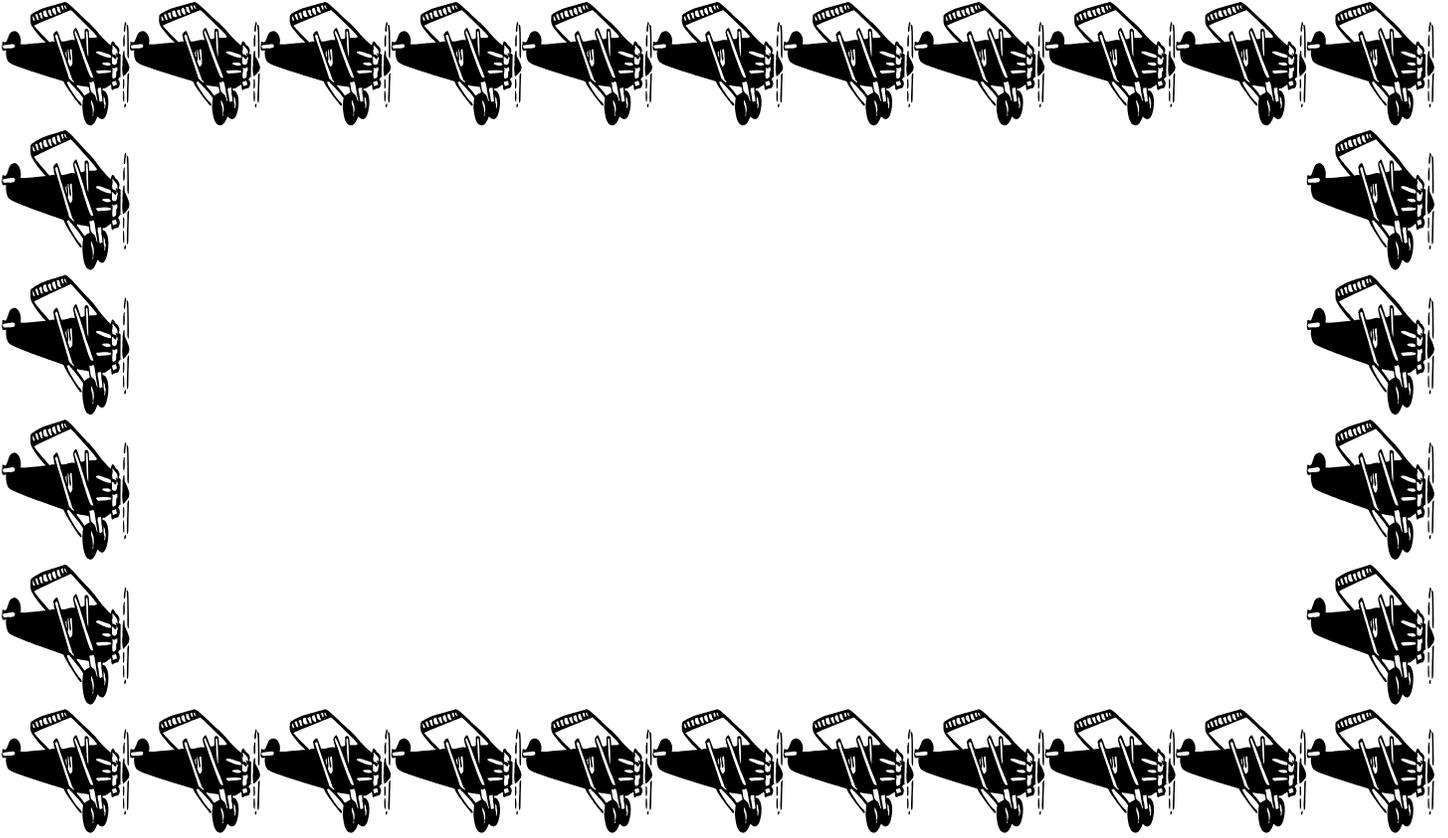
John T. Rudy and James Trucker were voted on as becoming regular members.

Program

Terry Terrenoire made a presentation on the history of the trials and tribulations of skinning foam core wings. Early on contact cement was used, followed by white glue and epoxy. Today's skinning is done using poly glue.



MARCH PROGRAM



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