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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

Well, the 2006 flying season is slowly winding down, and so is the membership year. As you know, the Nominating Committee will be presenting their list of candidates for office at the September meeting, and I hope you will all be there. Of course, you are free to nominate other people who you feel would make good officers as well, and this will be your opportunity to do so. My thanks to everyone who has agreed to run for office this time. The election will be held at the October meeting as usual.

As most of you know by now, my wife, Jackie, lost her footing while going down the basement stairs last Friday morning and injured herself pretty badly. She was in Lourdes Hospital for 6 days, but I was able to bring her home this week and she is recuperating. She wishes to thank everyone who sent get-well cards and emails to her.

I've only got a couple thing to mention this month so here goes.

Location for September Meeting...

Now that the summer season is (almost) over, the location for our monthly meetings will return to the Maine – Endwell High School. If you

are a new member, the high school is located near the junction of Hooper Road and Farm to Market Road. You can park on the circular drive in front of the school if space is available, or in one of the large lots that are located just past the school buildings. Our meetings take place in the library, which is the first building that you come to upon entering the circular drive.

Vote on Proposed By-Laws Updates...

At the meeting, we will also be voting on a few proposed updates to the AGS by-laws. The first is a proposed increase to the annual dues, and the need for this was discussed in an article by me a couple of months ago. The second item is a proposed change to the implementation of the initiation fee that was voted into effect last year. The third is a proposed change to the dues structure for club officers. There should be articles on these items elsewhere in this issue of the Connector.

That about does it for this time, and I bid you farewell until next month. See you at the meeting at the Maine – Endwell High School at 7:30pm on September 5th. Happy Flying!

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Coming Events

Sept 10th.....STRC Race 9

Sept 17th.....STRC Race 10

REMINDER:

This Months Meeting is at Main Endwell High School

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Proposed By-laws Change

By Doug Breneman for Terry Terrenoire

Current sub-article:

7.10 All Officers and the Newsletter Editor, shall be exempt from paying dues while in office, and the AGS will reimburse the President for his AMA dues. All officers are subject to paying any and all Special Assessments.

Proposed change (in **bold** font):

All Officers and the Newsletter Editor, shall be exempt from paying **one-half (1/2) of their dues while in office with the exception of the President who is shall be exempt from paying any dues.** All Officers **and the Newsletter Editor** are subject to paying any and all Special Assessments.

Rationale for the change:

The president will no longer have his/her AMA membership paid for but will continue to have his/her AGS dues paid. The other Officers and the Newsletter Editor will need to pay half their AGS dues. There is a need to decrease the amount of discretionary spending in order to offset some of the increases of our operation costs such as insurance, taxes, and gasoline.



The nominating committee, with the help of Terry T., has nominees for the offices of the Aeroguidance Society 2006 - 2007 fiscal year. The following nominees are:

President: Terry Terrenoire

Vice President: Jim Rogers

Secretary: Rick Curtis

Treasurer: John McGrath

Member at Large: Bob Noll (2nd Year)

Frank Gioffredo

Thank you

Ken, Rick & Tom

RACING NEWS

By Bob Noll, Race Coordinator

The results of our fifth and sixth races are listed below. The next two races are scheduled for September 10 and September 17. These races will be on for Sundays due to the decreasing daylight and will start at 4 PM. The race organizer for both of these races is Scott Wallace.

The current season championship points are;

<u>Racer</u>	<u>Class</u>	1 st	2 nd	<u>Races</u>		
				3 rd	4 th	5 th
6 th	<u>Season Points</u>					
Terry Terrenoire 8	Nextel 42	9	4	9	7	5
Bob Noll 9	Nextel 38	8	6	6	1	8
Frank Gioffredo 6	Nextel 27	0	7	0	8	6
Jerry Roscoe 2	Nextel 15	4	4	4	0	0
Scott Wallace 5	Busch 23	5	0	6	7	0
Don Shugard 5	Busch 17	0	3	0	8	1
Brent Bryson 0	Busch 8	0	0	6	2	0

Our race rules call for the best six races to count toward the season championship. So the next two races will see some changes, as the low point races will be dropped for some pilots.

NOTICE TO ALL RACERS: Pictures will be taken after the next race for this year's awards.

17th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion

by Bob Noll, Event Director

The AGS chapter of the Vintage RC Society will be the hosts for the 17th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion the weekend of September 2nd and 3rd at the AGS field. VR/CS Chapter III, The Golden Eagles, are continuing the tradition that was started 17 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, and a vintage scale event. The "Design of the Year" is the Class II Falcon 56 by Carl Goldberg. 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 Treadway Inn in Owego. The event 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.

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 Next Connector is 9/22/06.

**AGS Meeting #709
August 8, 2006**

The meeting was held at the AGS flying field. AGS President Bob Balsie called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 24 members. No guests were present.

Meeting Minutes

Approved as published.

Officer Reports

President's report:

The September 5th meeting will be held at Main Endwell High School.

VP's report:

No Report.

Secretary's report:

Minutes from the July Board meeting were read.

Treasurer's report:

Treasurer read the current financials of the club.

Committee Reports

Membership

No report

Field

Purchase of a new outhouse was tabled to be discussed at the Board meeting.

The mowing list was circulated and missing weekends filled.

The excavator and roller are scheduled for delivery for the weekend 8/12 – 8/13.

Librarian

Brent Bryson had a subset of the club library available for loan.

Historian

No Report.

Activities

No report from the Activities chairman.

Bob Frey circulated a sign-up for the annual breakfast for CHOW to be held August 19.

Bob Balsie discussed the Picnic scheduled for August 26.

Bob Noll thanked all the members who helped and participated at the 51st annual pattern contest.

Flight School

No Report

Public Relations

No Report.

Sound

No Report.

Safety

No report.

Connector

No report.

Program

No program.

Old Business

No old business.

Next Board Meeting

August 15th at Charlie Lecher's home at 7:30 PM.

New Business

Discussion of the initiation fee and its impact on our lack of new members was tabled to the Board meeting.

Show and Tell

Bob Frey had an E-Flite Brio 10 Electric Aerobatic Airplane.

Bob Noll showed the MK Magic Box which provides a hidden latch for canopies and hatches.

Mowing Schedule

Weekend of Sept 2-3

Tractor:

Helper:

Helper:

Weekend of Sept 9-10

Tractor:

Helper: Jerry Roscoe

Helper: Jim Quinn

Weekend of Sept 16-17

Tractor:

Helper:

Helper:

Weekend of Sept 23-24

Tractor: Ken Maroni

Helper: Jerry Riegall

Helper: Doug Breneman



AGS Members Place in Sportsman and Intermediate!

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

The 51st edition of the Aeroguidance Society's Precision Aerobatics Contest is in the books. Thirty-one of our members gathered in Sayre to assist in running this major AGS event. If you were not one of those 31, you missed an opportunity to help your club and get to know your fellow club members.

If you were not there, you also missed the opportunity to witness some of the best precision aerobatics flying in the northeast. Seven AGS members competed and several went home with a commemorative plaque. This is an outstanding participation by our club members, with some competing in a higher class than they did last year. Club members who competed are;

Jeff Hatton – Sportsman – 3rd place Saturday, 2nd place Sunday
Jim Rogers – Intermediate – 2nd place
Ed Helinski – Intermediate – 3rd place
Matt Struck – Intermediate – 4th place
Bill Markovitz – Intermediate – 6th place
Jim Quinn – Advanced – 3rd place
Bob Noll – FAI – 4th place

We run the Sportsman class as two separate contest, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. This is done so newcomers to competition need not attend both days thereby minimizing their expenses for lodging and meals. That is why Jeff went home with two plaques.

Thanks from both Frank Gioffredo and myself to those thirty-one club members who helped with the contest. Many members did more than one job. There were only two no-shows.

Bev Perrucci deserves a very special "Thank You" for all of the work she put in at the concession stand as well as her help at the Saturday evening dinner. We all thank you Bev for two full days and hours of help.

Two electric pattern events for small electrics were held on Saturday after dinner and were won by Dave Lockhart and John Pavlick. This event was hosted by a group from New Jersey, since bad weather did not allow them to hold the event at their June contest.

Now it's time to start thinking about our 52nd contest next year!

Field:

We all owe thanks to Frank Gioffredo, Don Shugard and Doug Brene-man for there work in smoothing out the road. The upper portion is looking much better!

The planned heavy equipment work for Aug 12th was postponed due to a "no-show" for the equipment. Still, Bob Frey, Jim Rogers & Scott Wallace did dig out some of the ditches and do some leveling of the worst spots on the road. Bob Jennings and Bob Noll took care of some overhanging branches so all in all the road is in much better shape than it was in the Spring.

Only a few more spots open on the mowing list to see us through the end of the flying season.



Intraclub Contest

By Scott Wallace and Doug Breneman

The Intraclub Contest was held on Saturday, August 26th, 2006. The weather was sunny, warm, dry, calm wind, and an unlimited ceiling, except not at our field where it was cloudy, cool, damp, and breezy with a low cloud cover. We had six brave pilots flying in spite of the conditions. The pilots were Jim Quinn, Terry Terrenoire, Scott Wallace, Jerry Roscoe, Bill Markovitz and Guillermo Leon. Scott Wallace and Doug Breneman ran the contest with help from Rick Curtis. (Thanks, Rick.) The first event was doing roops (as many roll/loop or loop/roll combinations). The second event was doing touch and goes. The third event was a balloon bust. We finished with the Dixie Death (three loops, three rolls, and a spin). The first three events were how many maneuvers could be done in a minute. (Since Jim's plane had lesser performance than the other competitors, he was allotted 90 seconds.) The last event was also timed, but it was the amount of time it took from wheels up to wheels down to complete all of the maneuvers. (Jim was timed for just one of each maneuver.) The contest was very competitive. Scott managed to do 15 roops in just one minute closely followed by Guillermo and Terry who each had 12. Three pilots, Jim, Terry, and Jerry, had 5 touch and goes. The balloon bust was a six way tie. All balloons were left unscathed. Only 250 points (max of 600 points per round) separated the first 4 competitors going into the last round. Terry was able to do the Dixie Death in just 26 seconds. Not to be outdone, Scott followed Terry's run but completed in just 24 seconds. Bill completed in a respectable 34 seconds in his biplane by doing vertical rolls. However, in the end, Terry is our new 2006 Intraclub contest winner. Scott came in second. We had a three-way tie for third place by Jim, Jerry, and Bill. Guillermo just missed also tying for third place by just 50 points. The complete contest results are:

	Roops	Touch & Goes	Balloon Bust	Dixie Death	Total Points	Finish Position
Jim Quinn	9/200pts	5/500pts	0/333pts	43sec/200pts	1233pts	3 rd
Terry Terrenoire	12/450pts	5/500pts	0/333pts	26sec/500pts	1783pts	1st
Scott Wallace	15/600pts	1/100pts	0/333pts	24sec/600pts	1633pts	2 nd
Jerry Roscoe	7/100pts	5/500pts	0/333pts	41sec/300pts	1233pts	3rd
Bill Markovitz	10/300pts	3/200pts	0/333pts	34sec/400pts	1233pts	3 rd
Guillermo Leon	12/450pts	4/300pts	0/333pts	dnf/100pts	1183pts	4th

A special thanks to G.J.'s who generously discounted the prizes for the contest. Prizes were chosen by all AGS members who attended. A good time was had by everyone - pilots, helpers, and spectators.

As far as the picnic, despite the less than ideal weather we did have over 20 club members, wives and kids or grandchildren enjoy some good food and good company. The AGS provided main courses, drinks and assorted good stuff, and members brought a dish to share. A special thanks to my girlfriend Carolyn for doing the cooking, and to Terry Terrenoire for his help and use of his grille (club grille is still missing). In closing, the Intraclub "contest" is not only tradition, it is in the club by-laws. The AGS was founded by members that saw the benefits to competition in many forms. We run fun events that challenging for the pilots and enjoyable for folks to watch. Please consider joining in the fun next year.

Proposed changes to the AGS By-Laws

By Doug Breneman for the Board of Directors

Current articles:

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.

3.2 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.

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9.4 Regular Member dues shall be **seventy-two dollars (\$72)** per dues year.

9.5 Senior Member dues shall be **sixty dollars (\$60)** per dues year.¹

9.6 Student Member dues shall be **twenty-four dollars (\$24)** per dues year.

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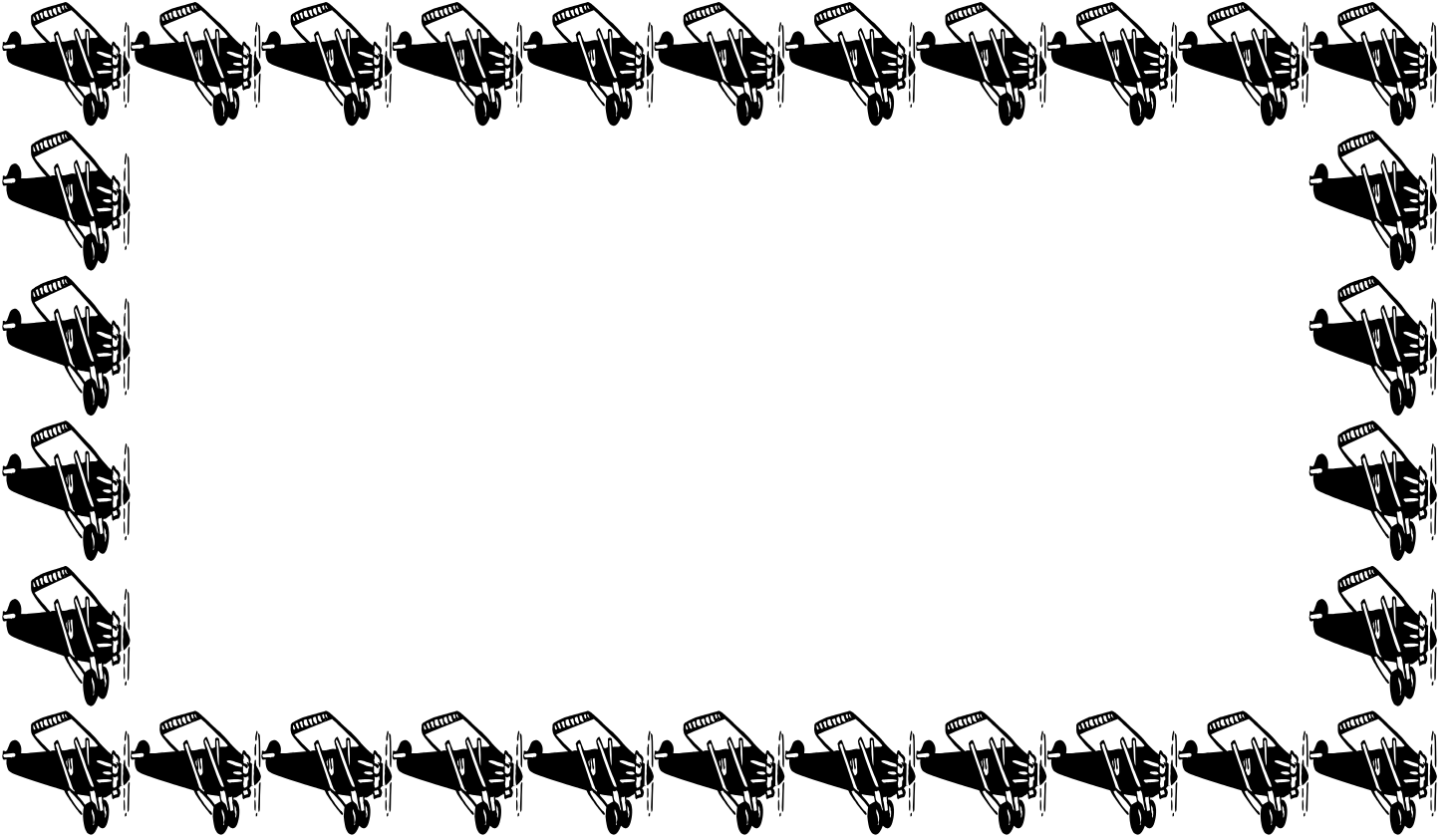
Rationale for the changes:

The name of the initiation fee has been changed to field maintenance fee to better reflect the purpose of this fee. (Articles 3.3, 9.9, and 9.12)

The payment schedule for the field maintenance fee has been changed to allow an associate member to become familiar with our club for three months before half of the field maintenance fee is assessed (article 9.9). This is similar to the AMA Introductory Membership Program which is a three month membership at a cost of \$19.95. This allows a reduced initial cost of joining the AGS, \$52.95 (\$19.95 AMA + \$33 AGS dues) for the first three months. Currently the cost is \$102.95 (\$19.95 AMA + \$33 AGS dues + \$50 AGS initiation fee). After three months, the proposed payment schedule has a payment of \$50 due for the first installment of the field maintenance fee. When an associate member gets voted in as a regular member, the balance of the dues and the second installment of the field maintenance fee are due.

All dues have been increased by \$6 per year (articles 9.4 to 9.7), with the exception of the total family dues of \$96 (article 9.8), and the \$6 discount has been removed (former article 9.9). This is needed to offset some of the increases of our operation costs such as insurance, taxes, and gasoline.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



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