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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

Terry Terrenoire

Time marches on and before we know it, the REAL flying season will be here. Coming home at 5:00, I can already see a marked increase of daylight. Sure gets my juices flowing, but we have a lot of work to do this year to get our field and road into the condition we need for future preservation.

At this point, we are still in need of volunteers to fill a few key positions. What have YOU done for the club in the past 2 or 3 years?? Take a look at the jobs that are being done, and who is doing them. For the most part, it is the same old faces. The Board is made up of 4 very "experienced" members and 2 that have been in the club for less than 3 years, but they have stepped up to contribute their time and efforts so that we can all have more fun in our chosen hobby.

Along those lines, there is no position that requires a lot of work over an extended time frame. The Activities Chair position should take no more than an hour or so per month, for the next 7 months. Surely someone can afford to donate 7 or 8 hours of their time to helping out. For the field maintenance jobs, there will be some longer hours over the first few months, but once the work is done, we should have smooth sailing.

For the field positions, we are looking for 3 people to share the load. One to head up the road repairs, and I have done all of the preliminary work, one to take care of the buildings and equipment. Some of us on the Board are taking care of the most needy area there, repairs on the tractor. The third field position is maintaining the mowing list. This simply involves making a quick call each week to the guys who have signed up to mow for that week, just as a reminder. I will make sure that all the slots are filled for the coming month before I adjourn each monthly meeting.

For this year we have about 55 paid members, and about 10 of them have done the bulk of the work so far. What have YOU done for the benefit of the club? Step up and help take some of the burden from your fellow club member.

In this issue you will find some details of the upcoming dinner party being arranged by Jim Rogers. Great job! You will also find details on some indoor flying that Matt Struck has arranged, so we can keep our thumbs in training, without freezing our fingers off. Thanks, Matt.

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Coming Events

WRAMs Show

Feb 23-24-25

Lebanon Swap Shop

March 10

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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Indoor Flying

by Matt Struck

The AGS has secured a local facility for the use of indoor RC flying. The site is the new Greater Binghamton Sports Complex – GBSC - located off of Airport Rd in Binghamton – the new big inflated dome. This facility will be available year-round. An application for additional site insurance for the AGS has been submitted to the AMA and was paid for by a club member.

Three details for mention at this time are :

1. This is only available to AGS members
2. Membership to the GBSC, although not required, will be most practical, cost effective and useful. Membership for a year is \$35 compared to paying \$10 each visit. GBSC membership gives one access to any open field (meaning they can fly in any open field if common sense dictates it is safe to!), whereas non-GBSC members have no access to using the fields at all. Non-GBSC members would either need to be a guest of a GBSC member to fly and pay the \$10 fee or reserve a time slot/field for a sum of money.
3. Because this is based on not reserving timeslots/fields, which keeps the cost to \$35, one cannot expect to show up any day, any time and expect to fly - it will be hit or miss. Weekends and weekday evenings are for the most part unavailable – yes, there will be exceptions to this. The best times are in the AM and afternoon on weekdays and Sundays until noon-ish. A simple phone call to the GBSC can let one know what is going on. Also, if one shows up on Monday at 11 am and nothing is going on inside the dome, the lights will be off and they won't be turned on just for you. GBSC membership does

not turn the lights on. Spending money on reserving a time slot and field turns the lights on (GBSC membership gives one a discount on reservations). On most days there is enough light coming through the skylight and the white dome material itself to provide adequate lighting conditions when no lights are on. My experiences with late morning and afternoon visits have been that something was going on inside part of the dome, some lights were on, and the space not being used (space to fly in) was lit by the lights that were on.

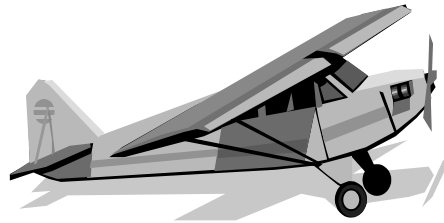
Other specific details will not be presented here. Guidelines and restrictions are currently being established . If you have any interest in flying at this site you **MUST** contact Matt Struck at 687-4860 or rcquietflyer@hotmail.com. He will provide specific details to you at that time. Feel free to stop by the facility anytime to check it out.

Mall Show
by Terry Terrenoire

Our 24th annual show came off without a hitch. We had 13 people sign up for more information, and Scott will be following up with them. I have already sent out an invitation to the 8 with e-mail addresses to attend our next meeting, and Scott will make sure that they get a copy of this newsletter. We had pretty good participation by club members in staffing the booth for the weekend, but I was disappointed in the number of members who supplied airplanes... while we had a very full display, only 7 members had airplanes there!

With next year being the 25th, I hope all of you plan now to be a part of it. Along those lines....if someone can store the table covers and skirts for the year, I would appreciate it. Right now I still have them in my van. Worst comes to worst, I'll store them in the rafters of my shed.

Thanks again to all who worked the show, and all who provided planes. Overall, the club was well represented.



2007 AGS New Year's Day Fly
by Frank Gioffredo

Well, another New Year's Day has gone by, and another successful NYD Fly is in the books. We had 27 or 28 people come to participate in the day's activities, even a couple of past members came showing renewed interest in rejoining the club. There was plenty of chow for everyone and coffee and hot chocolate as well. Scott Wallace wasted no time procuring the first up spot this year—better luck next year, Ken. The weather was decent to us: forty-five degrees and overcast, but wind, for the most part, did not exist. Thanks to everyone who came out to make the day a great time for all.



Membership Report
by Scott Wallace

I was able to obtain promotional materials from the AMA which were used at the Mall show, along with our club trainer and AGS brochures. Hopefully we will see some prospective new members from this effort, I already have serious interest from 3 prospective new members.

I have submitted the TAG (Take Off & Grow) application to the AMA. If we are one of the selected clubs, the AMA will provide the AGS with a flight simulator, classroom materials and a complete trainer aircraft and radio to use at our Model Aviation Day! These items would be ours to keep.

Finally, the AMA Intro-Pilot program could be useful in our recruitment efforts- I have requested information and will brief the Board ASAP.

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 2/26/07.

**AGS Meeting #714
January 2, 2007**

The meeting was held at Maine Endwell HS Library. AGS President Terry Terrenoire started the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 19 members. There was 1 guest (returning old member) also present.

Meeting Minutes

Connector minutes approved as written.

Officer Reports

President's report:

President Terry Terrenoire reviewed highlights in "The Prez Sez" section of the Connector.

Vice President's report:

Treasures Report

Frank Gioffredo reviewed the current status of our various accounts. Largest expense has been associated with the rebuild of the clubs tractor.

Secretary's report:

Secretary Rick Curtis reviewed highlights of the board meeting. Administrative Objectives: a) Streamline the membership meeting; b) put decision making in board & c) grow the Membership. The goals of the board are: a) repair the tractor; b) repair the road & c) sign the logging contract. The club needs to focus on new memberships. To aide in this the following incentives will be provided to new members when they obtain the full member status – hat, mug, jacket patch, decal.

Committee Reports

New years Days Fly. Frank Gioffredo reported that 27 people at one point attended the New Years Day Fly. Mark Lecher has already posted pictures on the web site.

Membership

Membership Chairman Scott Wallace showed the Club trainer that he had donated. Scot also reviewed program AMA TAG program and how it may apply to our club.

Vice President Report.

Vice President Jim Rogers talked about the upcoming dinner party. Currently plans are centering around a western Murder Mystery where all of us are participants in the – Night of Mystery. Additional information to come at the next Club meeting.

Unfilled Committee Positions

The Board is looking for volunteers to serve as committee chairs or members of the following committees. Please contact Terry Terrenoire if interested.

- Activities
- Field
- Flight School
- Historian
- Librarian
- Public Relations

Old Business

Terry Terrenoire reviewed the Board's decision on the Social Member status, decided to make no change. The Board decided not to pursue the Social member status. Regardless whether or not an individual is a member of the Club or not, all individuals are invited to attend all club meetings. Non members can continue to receive news letter for \$6.00

The Club donated \$100 gift certificate to member who lost everything during last years floods and offered to help his family to clean-up and recover from the flood. Bill thanked the Club for all the help.

New Business

Terry Terrenoire approached the Mall management about using an empty store front for flying. Mall management very supportive and indicated that they will provide an empty store front. Set up on Friday begins around 9:00 pm. Members are requested to sign up and support this activity.

Board approved the option to maintain Club web site for 1 year. Mark Lecher has processed the application.

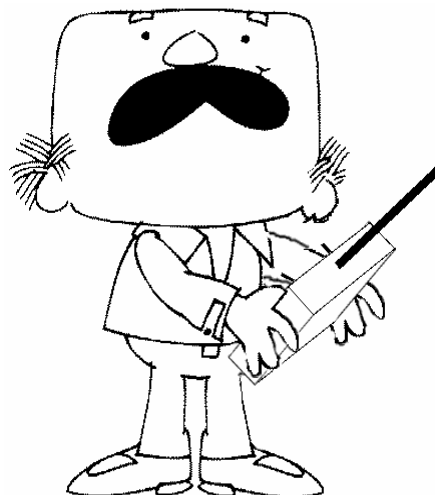
Show and Tell

Terry showed his e-flight spread spectrum helo and talked about the spread spectrum capabilities.

Tuesday 9th indoor fly in Sayre. Contact Matt or Terry for info.

Program

Mark and Charlie Lecher presented a well received program on unmanned "aircraft" which included key milestones in their development and where the in visionaries see the technology going.



ANNUAL DINNER PARTY WITH A WESTERN FLARE!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 10TH

For those I may not have met, let me introduce myself. My name is Jim Rogers – serving this year as your vice president. My wife, Liz, and I moved to the area a year and a half ago from Denver. I have been flying RC for 30 years and was excited to find a club with so much talent.

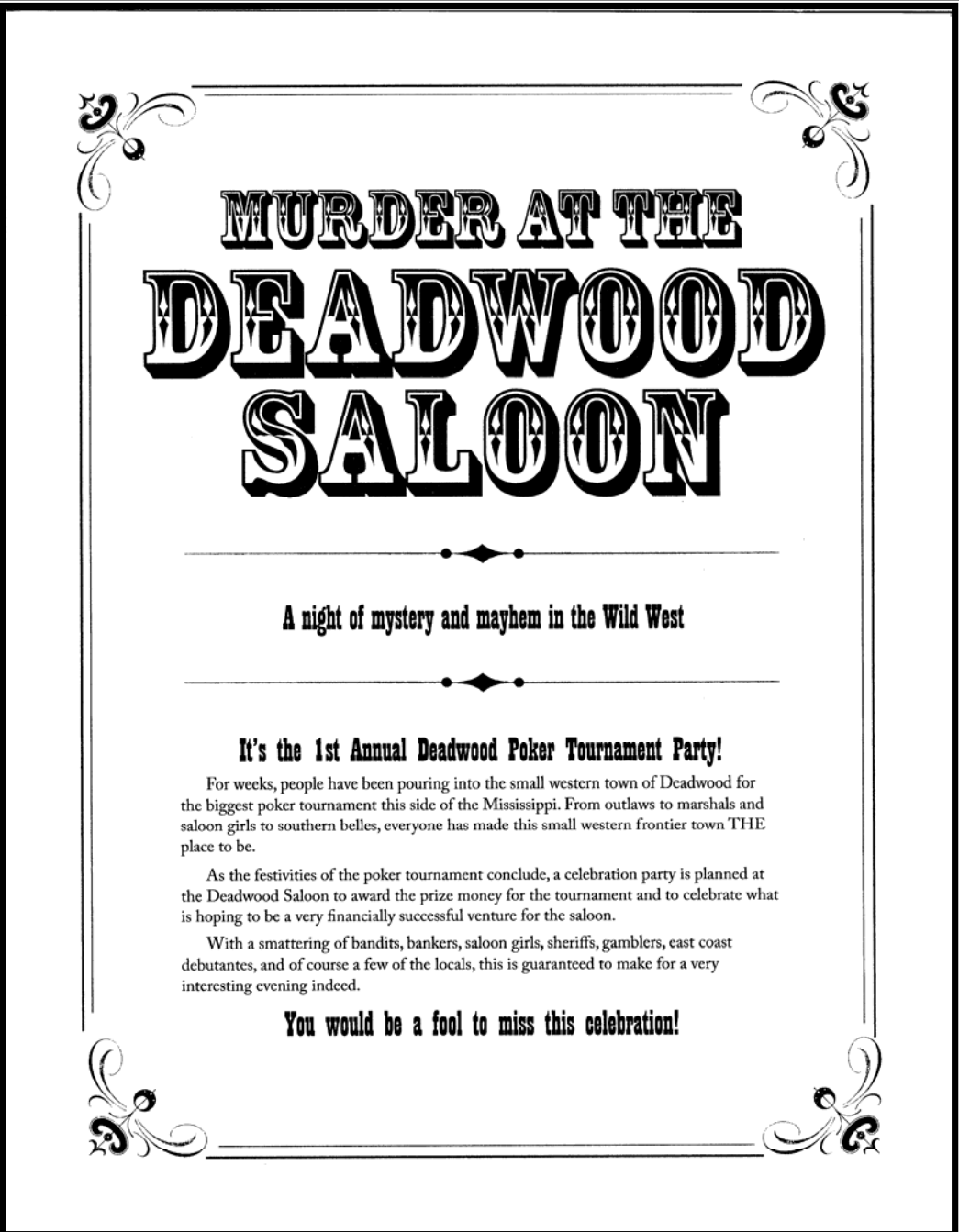
I've learned that one of the privileges of being club vice president is planning the Annual Dinner Party. So, being relatively new to the club, I spoke with several of the members about past events and found out that the annual party is a tradition as old as the club itself. The annual party has been an opportunity to thank our spouses and significant others for supporting us in our modeling endeavors and tolerating our absence from the home front every time the weather looks suitable for flying. I also heard quite a few stories about the variety of great parties that have occurred over the years. It was apparent that nothing less than a gala event would do!

This year, with the help of my wife, we are excited to present a night of mystery and great food with a western flare. Being from Colorado it just makes sense. We will be hosting a murder mystery on the evening of March 10. I think that

everyone will find this to be a very enjoyable and memorable evening. Unlike many murder mysteries and dinner theatres, each of our guests will have an important part to play in solving this crime. Maybe you will be Gambling Jack, Billy-The-Bartender, or one of the saloon girls. No matter what part you're cast as, a great evening is guaranteed! Now for the good news – there are no scripts to memorize or read. Each guest will simply have a set of goals to achieve during the evening. So the evening will unfold however it may.

A few notes on logistics: Dinner will be buffet style with soda, coffee, tea included. A cash bar is also available – after all, the Deadwood is a saloon! Actually, the venue is the Tioga Trails Café, a lovely spot that we've found right here in Owego. Invitations should arrive in the next few days. When I receive your RSVP, I will mail out your character description and you can get to work looking for that ten gallon hat you put in the attic. Awards will be presented to the best dressed – so help me prove Bob Noll wrong. He told me that y'all, being easterners, wouldn't be able find any western wear.

So get ready to hitch up the buggy and head on out for a great evening!



MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON

A night of mystery and mayhem in the Wild West

It's the 1st Annual Deadwood Poker Tournament Party!

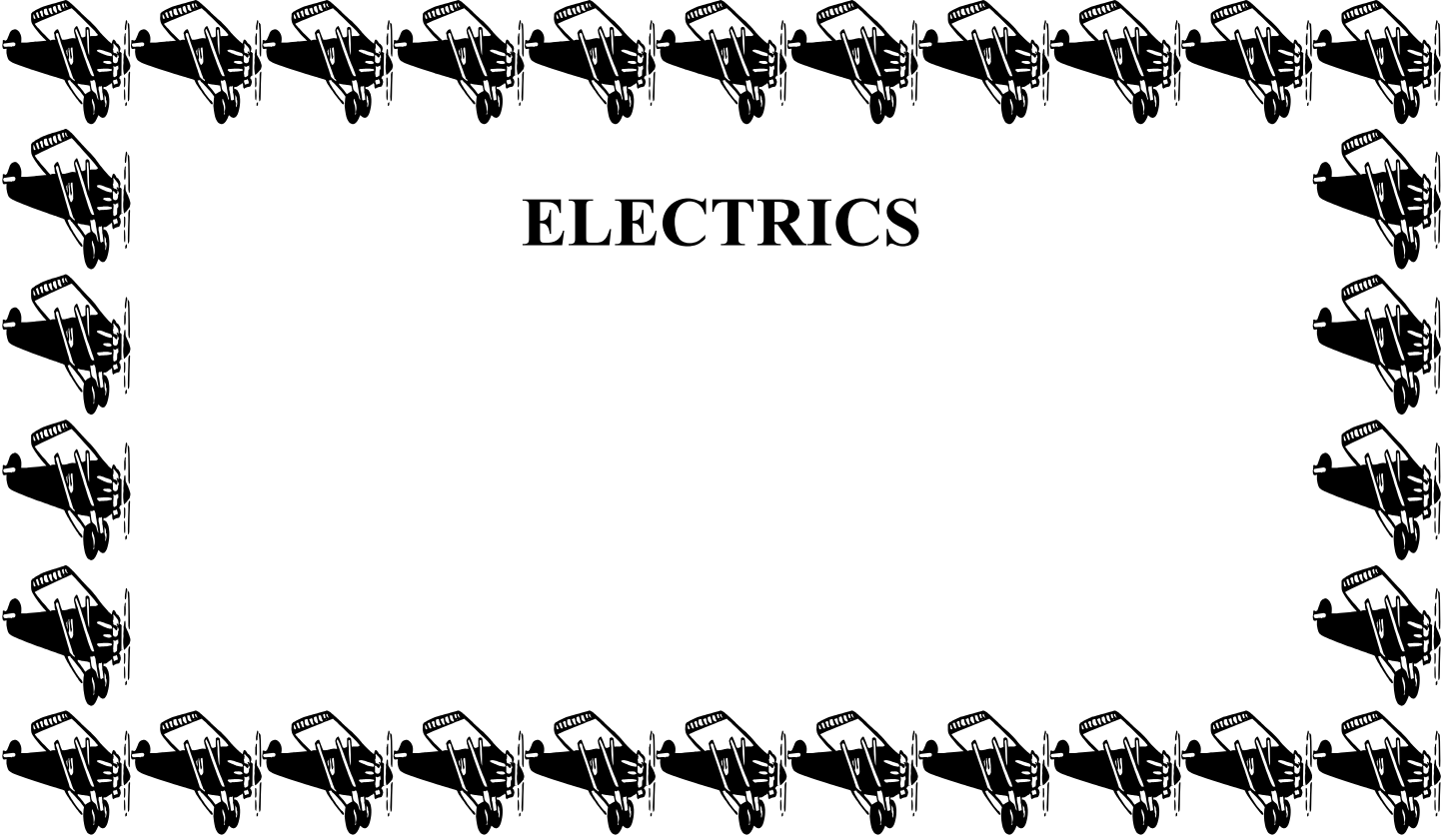
For weeks, people have been pouring into the small western town of Deadwood for the biggest poker tournament this side of the Mississippi. From outlaws to marshals and saloon girls to southern belles, everyone has made this small western frontier town THE place to be.

As the festivities of the poker tournament conclude, a celebration party is planned at the Deadwood Saloon to award the prize money for the tournament and to celebrate what is hoping to be a very financially successful venture for the saloon.

With a smattering of bandits, bankers, saloon girls, sheriffs, gamblers, east coast debutantes, and of course a few of the locals, this is guaranteed to make for a very interesting evening indeed.

You would be a fool to miss this celebration!

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