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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

I sure am sorry we lost the March meeting because Scott had a great program on tap. The good news is that he and Bob Noll will present it at the April meeting. Thanks, guys!

During the past 2 Board meetings we have had to accept the formal resignations of about a dozen members who, for various reasons, will not be renewing for the upcoming year. None of them have been active in the recent past, so the loss is more financial than it is from a work load, but they will be missed. We also had one former member looking to return who indicated that we don't seem to offer help to newcomers. I went out of my way to talk to him at GJ's one day and offer my services any time he needed, and another member has gone out of his way to assist with some preliminary flight training. I really don't know what else we can do! If you have any ideas, the Board would sure like to hear them.

Speaking of the Board...we are losing another member. Our VP, Jim Rogers, has accepted a new job back in Colorado and will be leaving the end of March, so we are looking for someone to fill the spot for the next 6 months. The tough part of the job has been done, and done well...the annual dinner. The main responsibility for the next 6 months is to keep me healthy, so you don't have to take over as Pres. Give me a call if you would like to fill this gap. Jim: Thanks for all you have done. Your advice and

council was very valuable and insightful. Thanks again, and best of luck in your new position.

On the plus side of membership, we do have a few prospective new members in the wings, so to speak. It is up to ALL of us to make these new people feel welcome. To this end we had a lengthy discussion at the last Board meeting concerning the use of sponsors, and just what is expected of a "sponsor". For those of you who may not know...years ago we established the procedure of assigning 2 sponsors to each new member. The names of the sponsors were given to the new member, and the sponsors were given basic contact information on the new member. It was then the responsibility of the sponsors to contact the new member, introduce themselves, and offer to provide any assistance that the new member might need. That assistance need not be provided directly by the sponsor, but he is responsible to put the new member in touch with the appropriate member who can supply the needed help. It is also the responsibility of the sponsors to monitor the participation in 3 club activities, and to report such at the time of voting on full membership. The benefits of this procedure are obvious. The fact that it has not been followed for a while makes me wonder why, but that has now changed, and Scott will be asking for volunteers to be "sponsors". If you have been in the club for more than a few years, please consider taking on this very important role.

Matt Struck and I have been traveling to Sayre, PA for some great indoor flying this winter, and there are still 3 more sessions scheduled. If you would like to join in, give either of us a call

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### Coming Events

#### AGS Meeting

April 3rd

Pre-meeting at 7:00 for interested pylon racers

#### **FIELD OPENING**

**APRIL 21st 9:00 AM**

#### **Toledo Trade Expo**

**April 13th—15th**

### **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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for the dates.

We now have a flight school coordinator...Scott Blazicek. Scott has not been able to participate much over the past few years but he has maintained his interest in the club and our activities. He will be at the April meeting looking for instructor volunteers, and students. Ed Lancki has agreed to be our "Field Chairman". The most difficult part of that job is the maintenance of the field mowing list. We must have 2, but prefer 3 people each week to get this necessary job done. It only takes a couple hours and with over 50 members, mowing 20 times, with 3 people each time, that makes 60 bodies. If everyone takes a turn, then just 10 members will have to do it twice!! If you do not know how to drive the tractor, we can teach you, or you can do the hand mowing around the pavilions and run the weed wacker, or you can be the 3rd party who does the cleanup of the outhouse! Let's all get behind Ed and make his job one of just having to call you to remind you that it is your turn.

On a final note: Look around at the next meeting. Ask yourself what each member at the meeting is doing for the benefit of the club and his fellow members. How many of them have stepped up to volunteer for important positions, then look in a mirror. Many of the longtime members are getting up in years, most of us are over 60, some over 70, and a couple over 80! We have lost 2 over the past few months and as we continue to loose core members, who among you is ready to step up and do what is necessary to maintain the viability of this great organization, or will you look back 10...15...or 20 years from now and have to recall all that the organization has accomplished. The decision is yours. I have had my fun, and contributed as much of my time and financial resources as I could afford, but my time is growing short, as is Bob Noll's, Bill Underkoffler's, Art Riegel's, Ralph Jackson's, Dick Allen's, and many others who have been pillars of the Society. It is time for YOU to step up and start filling some of these shoes, before it is too late!!



**Field Report**

Scott Wallace

Winter may have been slow to arrive around here but these past few months have been more than enough! A sure sign of spring is the opening of the AGS Field. This year our Field Opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 9AM. Terry Terrenoire will serve up breakfast and we will then get to work getting our field set up and ready for flying. Please volunteer to help- it should only take a few hours of your time and why not bring a model along as well to get in a flight or two after the work is completed.

## **Condition Critical! PLEASE read this carefully.**

In the 7 years I have been a member of the AGS we have seen a significant decline in membership. This is not just an AGS problem but a national one as well for many clubs.

The AMA recognizes this issue and has been working on programs to try and grow interest in the hobby.

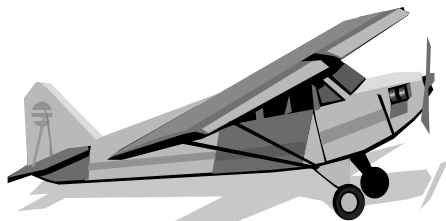
The Aeroguidance Society is now officially enrolled in the AMA's "Intro-Pilot Program".

In a nutshell the program allows **Non-AMA members** to get 60 days worth of full AMA insurance coverage provided they are flying at the club field ONLY under the direct supervision (on a buddy box) of the club's designated Intro-Pilot Program instructors. These designated instructors are Terry Terrenoire, Frank Gioffredo and Scott Wallace. The goal of the program is to capture the excitement of flying for folks with interest but that have yet to "take the plunge" and become AMA and club members. It is hoped that after the introductory time period these folks will be enthusiastic and motivated to get fully involved with the hobby and join the AMA and of course the AGS. The AGS has its own club trainer to use, however if the person has built their own model they may also use their own aircraft.

We have all at one time or another had a family member, friend or co-worker express an interest in our hobby. **I challenge each and every member of the AGS to cultivate that persons interest for 2007 by pointing out that they can fly this year in this program without cost or obligation to themselves- just direct them to contact any of the three club designated instructors, we'll do the rest.**

In closing let me point out that this in no way changes our standard club flight training program. If someone joins the club as an Associate Member they can still chose anyone they would like to work with for flight instruction. This program is only for those that have not joined the club or AMA and therefore requires the use of a club designated instructor. I would also like to take time to thank Scott Blazicek for agreeing to serve as Fight School Coordinator for this year. I'm hoping with a little effort from all of us we'll have plenty of new recruits by Summer. Thank you for reading.

Scott Wallace  
AGS Membership Chairman



## **April Program**

Third time is the charm! After postponing the pylon racing program in February and then being snowed out in March, hopefully without further delay we will be able to present an interesting program on Q-500 racing at the April meeting, the presentation will be by Scott Wallace with Bob Noll standing by as a backup pending my availability. Actually the timing is good as racing season is now just around the corner and there is still time to prepare an ARF Viper or Predator and come race with us. This is no doubt one of the most fun per dollar activities in all of radio control modeling- don't miss out on an exciting season of racing either as a competitor or helper!

## **Membership**

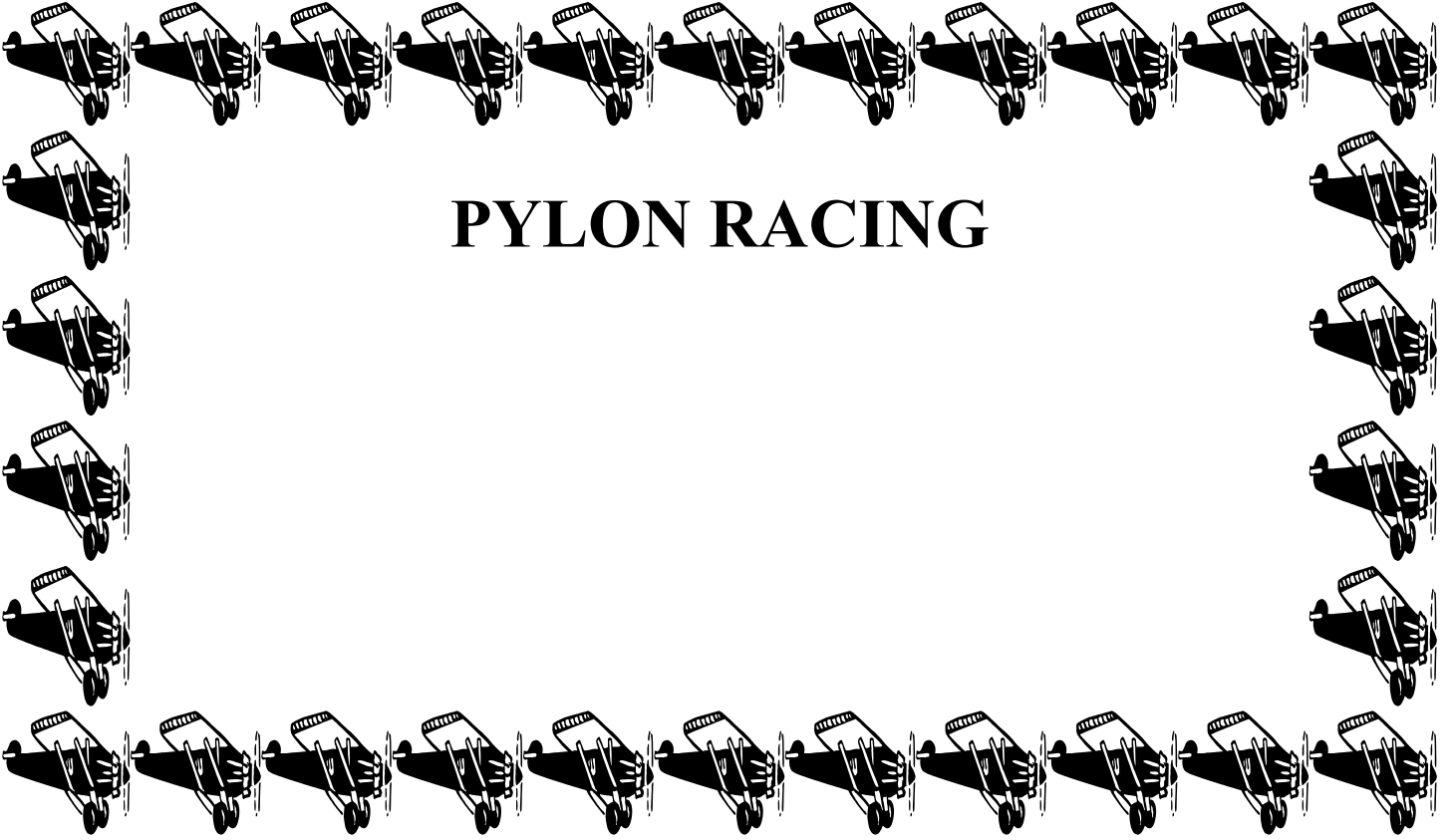
I wish there was more to report but for now its pretty quiet- hoping that changes once the field is open and we can get folks up to our field.

Please take the time to read the write up in this issue about the "Intro-Pilot Program". I am asking each of you to find a perspective RC flyer and point them towards the AGS Board so we can get them enrolled in this exciting program and flying!

At the April meeting we will be voting on Regular member status for Alex Rowell. Alex is a very good young man that had helped at several club activities last year and I'm sure is looking forward to improving his flying skills in 2007.

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](mailto:jeff@priusonline.com)  
**Deadline for Next Connector is 4/20/07.**

# APRIL PROGRAM



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