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Summer Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field
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

Well, Gentlemen. I volunteered for the office with a commitment to reach three goals! The first was getting the money in our hands for the logging. That was done last November. The second was the major work on the field road, and that was accomplished two weeks ago, during the Spring work party. The cost was a few hundred more than I had hoped but less than budgeted. We allowed \$2000 for road work and spent just over \$1800. That included 17 hours on the excavator, and 10 hours on the roller. Between the 2 we burned just about 40 gallons of fuel. The cost of the fuel is included in the \$1800. The third goal was to add five new members, and it looks like we are on our way to doing just that, partly with the help of the following:

During the early part of this administration we also sought participation with AMA in their experimental TAG program. Many thanks to Scott Wallace for his work in getting us accepted, but it has added yet another major project for us, but this should be a fun project...working with prospective new members and curious kids. At the last Board meeting we spent most of our time working on the format and manpower requirements for our Model Aviation Days. I'll give details at the next meeting, but here is an overview.

Date change to July 21st...It was June 30th.

We are seeking sponsorship from BAE and Lockheed Martin. BAE has come thru with \$300! We will have a ground school, Delta Dart building, demo flights, trainer flights,

static display, and free lunch with goodwill offering.

We are estimating the need for 25 to 30 workers in the following areas: Food prep, Dart building, ground school training, and traffic control. Here is another opportunity for those of you who could not help with the field clean up day to contribute to the successful running of our club.

If we all get together and commit to offering the public a great event we will all have a ball and the club will be better for it. Scott has done a lot of work to get us this far. I hope the club will give him the support he deserves.

On another note: September is just 4 months away, and we need 5 volunteers to run for the offices of Pres, VP, Secty, Treasurer, and Board Member at large. I will continue on the Board as Past Pres, and Scott Wallace will be serving his second year as BMAL.

This has been a hard work year, so next year should flow pretty easy, and you get your AGS membership for 1/2 price! How can you beat that?

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
June 5th

Pylon Racing
June 5th, 17th, 19th

Intra club "contest" and picnic for CHOW
June 29th

Broome County Aviation Days.

(Not yet confirmed!)
June 30th

REMINDER:

SUMMER AGS MEETINGS ARE AT THE AGS FIELD.

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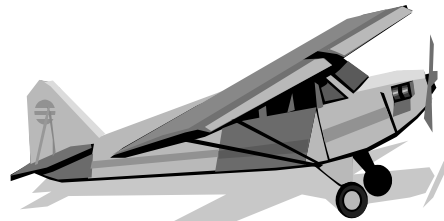
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Bylaws changes to be vote on at the next meeting.

Terry Terrenoire

Per the current Bylaws, everyone has been sent a copy of the proposed changes, and they are available on the club's web site. Since there are a number of changes, I do not plan to cover them individually at the meeting. I am going to propose that all changes being recommended by the Board be accepted as a whole. One vote, up or down!

These proposed changes are mostly grammatical and housekeeping, and in no way change the operations or intent of the organization. The other changes are clarifications and additional definitions of the way we are currently operating. Some of these have been suggested by AMA, due, I am sure, to problems some other clubs have had around the country. Gone are the days when a bunch of people of like interest could get together and have fun with no concern for "Legal Liabilities". These changes have now been reviewed by 2 administrations, so please read them and be prepared to vote when you come to the meeting. If you discover something that concerns you, or you do not understand, please contact me or any other member of the Board. We may have overlooked something, or we may be able to explain the rationale behind the change. The Proposed Changes are attached to the mailing along with the connector.



A VISIT BY THE LOCAL MODEL A CLUB

by Bob Noll

The AGS has invited the local Model A Ford club to visit our flying field and see what RC flying is about. The Southern Tier Model A's holds their monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and have accepted our invitation. They will visit on June 6 and arrive between 6:15 and 6:30 PM. A few demonstration flights have been planned along with the students training which is scheduled. They will be having a covered dish picnic while they are visiting



Aeroguidance Society's Pattern Primer 2007

by: Jim Quinn

The breeze was light and the sun was warm. The runways were freshly mowed and all the lines were clear and bright. The legendary Bob Noll had his stick plane ready for the morning instruction. The grill was poised and waiting for lunch. All seemed right with the world of Precision Aerobatics. How could this be the Aeroguidance Society's Pattern Primer. No high winds, no freezing temperatures? Yes, it was true, the AGS Pattern Primer 2007 was perfect.

So we were waiting for aerobatic pilots. Bill Birkett arrived from Geneva. He even brought Jim Willing and Jim's son along with him. Ed Helinski followed shortly as well as Don Shugard. Time passed, phone calls were made to other local aerobatic pilots, Sportsman sequence wisdom was shared and Mary arrived with lunch. The question was, where were the other pilots? Guillermo Leon arrived just in time for lunch. Lunch was over and it was time for the contest to begin.

Since he was the only Intermediate pilot, Ed Helinski opted not to fly. Bill, Don, and Guillermo were left to challenge the skies of Endicott, NY with the new Sportsman sequence. Frank Gioffredo and Art Riegel sat in the chairs for rounds one and two. Mary finished putting lunch away and began tabulations. Shane Willing helped with the scoring. Bob Noll and Jim Quinn took over the judging responsibilities for rounds three and four.

After the fourth round there was a short break. Observations were made by all four judges giving pointers and tips to the three aerobatic pilots. Bob Noll and Frank Gioffredo got back in the chairs for rounds five and six. More tabulations took place and final placements were established.

Bill Birkett came in second just 25 points out of first place. Guillermo finished first and Don was a close third. Thanks to Bob Noll for making the beautiful awards.

Thanks to all the help that made this Pattern Primer so easy for me as CD and so much fun for the pilots. The final question remains, where were the other pilots? Because of the hard winter and the late snow falls did the change of our original date cause aerobatic pilots not to come. Was it Memorial Day weekend that kept them away? We can hope for a better turn out for 2008.



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 6/22/07.

GET READY FOR OUR 52nd ANNUAL PRECISION AEROBATICS CONTEST - AUGUST 4 & 5.

By Bob Noll, Contest Director

All members should plan to help with this major club event. This year we will continue the tradition of the longest running precision aerobatics contest in the country, for which we were recognized by receiving the AMA President's Award in 2005.

The site will again be Blue Swan Airport property in Sayre, PA. We hold the contest there because it is a great site with no obstructions.

There are enough jobs to go around. Sign up to be a judge assistant if you want a front row seat to see some of the best aerobatic flying around. If computer tabulation is your bag, then try a job in tabulation. Those of you who like to cook and stay in the shade under our "big top" would enjoy helping Terry Terrenoire at the concession stand. *I will be circulating a staffing plan at the June meeting, so sign up and help your fellow club members.*

Those of you who like to camp will enjoy pitching your tent or setting up your camper for the weekend. Many contestants will be camping. Field set-up will be done Friday afternoon and the field will be open for practice flying at 3 PM.

The contest starts at 9 AM Saturday and will continue until about 5 PM after which we will have a chicken dinner for all contestants, their families and for our club members. Some demonstration flying is expected after the meal until dark.

On Sunday flying will start again at 9 AM and continue until about 3 PM. After that all club members working at that time are needed to tear down and return the facility to its pre-contest status.

Since we will be using contestant judging, our club members can compete. So if you competed in our Pattern Primer or have since decided that you would enjoy the excitement of competition you are invited to enter the contest. The entry fee will be waived for all AGS members who work at the contest.

Don't forget to put August 4 & 5 on your family calendar and help the AGS run one of the best aerobatic contests in the east.

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Jeff also showed his electric Flyton Rogue 3D.

Terry Terrenoire showed 1 of the 2 Hobico trainers. Basic system supplied.

Terry also showed his electric GWS tiger moth and his 4 Stevens Aero models that are in progress of being built. All are light weight, high quality kits that are very reasonable 4 planes for \$107. Terry's last project his e-flight helo, updated the body and put an aluminum drive components for improved reliability.

Jim Quinn showed his black magic. His first new plane in 5 years. He has 3 flights, plane flies nice.

Jim showed his second winter project, a Focus which was a fun rebuild – previous owner landed it on the wing.

Jim's last acquisition was an Airhog, extremely small electric, replaces his plane that he lost a year ago. (It flew away like a leaf.)

Charlie Hatton, showed off his Decathlon made by DMZ, plane features a light weight full range receiver that he picked up at the RAM show.

Bob Noll showed his Royal Rudderbug. This is a "re-cover" of one off Bob early (1953) planes. At a November 2006 General Meeting Bob demonstrated how to use silk and dope to cover a portion of this plane.

Intra-Club Picnic for CHOW!

It is almost time for a great event! This year we are combining several traditional events into one.

On Sunday, June 17th starting at 1 PM we will hold the club picnic. Every club member & their family is cordially invited. The AGS will be providing the main courses and drinks, please bring a dish to share. We are also going to be collecting food & money for CHOW- even if you can't make the picnic please see any Board member and make a contribution.

After the picnic we'll hold the Intra-Club Contest. This year we'll have a plethora of interesting events for both pilot & spectators alike. We encourage everyone to fly a trainer or similar type mild sport plane so that more folks might be willing to participate. Fabulous prizes will be provided.



**AGS Meeting #717
May 1, 2007**

Prior to the official opening of the meeting the group had a general discussion on our upcoming Model Aviation Day on June 30th and the incorporation of the Tag program.

Present Terry Terrenoire started the discussion by saying that the use of the Tri - Cities Airport was not approved for our Tag Event. However, contrary feed back has been provided.

Also, Terry noted that there are several other events scheduled for the same weekend: Chow, WBNF is sponsoring a car show and Broome County Airport is having its Aviation Days on the same weekend.

Terry went on to say that he had contacted Broome County Airport about us joining them. Several advantages, increase number of attendees and indoor facilities to use for the intro and flight simulator portion of the program. Scot Wallace, Membership Chairman, expressed concern that a safety risk may exist with the number of people involved and inexperienced flyers. Terry stated that safety was primary consideration, and there was ample space to insure that the event would be safe and that we would not interfere with other airport activities. Discussions followed on conflicts with using our field versus exposure and potential conflicts with full scale planes and the general public. The discussion concluded with the group agreeing that the potential benefits associated with having the activities at the Broome County Airport far exceed the potential risk. Terry was to contact the Airport in preparation for this month's board meeting.

The general meeting was held at the Maine-Endwell High School library. AGS President Terry Terrenoire called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Present at the meeting were approximately 24 members and 2 guests.

Terry stated that tonight's is the annual project night

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April meeting minutes as published. The motion was made by Mark Lecher and seconded by Tom Kopel. The motion passed.

Officer Reports

President's report:

Present Terry Terrenoire started preparation for this weekend's field opening is well underway. Equipment is available and that he finalizing the proper insurance coverage is in place. Planned activities include: cutting of trees that impend on the road, move the gate, repair the road and associated draining ditches, prepare the field and clean shed. Bill Hinrichsen is to bring his tractor with a post hole digger and Art Riegel is to get materials for gate. Everyone interested in learning to use heavy equipment is to contact Terry.

New Business

Terry Terrenoire Terry announced that Brent Bryson will serve as Vice President for the remaining of the term. Brent received a warm round of applause Terry also stated that he has a new mail address amaterryt@juno.com.

Terry would like see us provide us to pursue an indoor space for flying during winter months.

Because of the recent fire at Bob's Honda, Treasurer Frank Gioffredo is no longer able to serve as the coordinator for the 2007 STRC Pylon Race Season; a volunteer is needed to fill this position.

Old Business

Terry brought 1 of the 2 planes and flight simulators provided by the AMA tag program.

Doug Breneman will install one of the copies of the Tag flight simulators on the club's computer.

Bob Knoll will install other copy on his computer and bring the computer to the Model Aviation day.

The membership applications have a new tag logo. It was pointed out that we should use this application when we have a new member that was attracted because of the AMA Tag program. Terry outlined the Student training program that came with the planes and flight simulators. The student training program has 2 phases and designed to insure that the new pilot demonstrates sufficient skills prior to soloing. The program also includes a guide for selecting pilot that will serve as trainers under this program. Jim Quinn suggested that Terry send electronic copy to members.

Flight School starts next Wednesday. Terry Terrenoire to contact Scott Blazicek and remind him.

Terry Terrenoire shared pictures that were taken of Bob's Birthday cake.

Secretary's report:

Board Meeting was April 17, 2007

Attendees

Terry Terrenoire

Rick Curtis
Bob Noll
Frank Gioffredo

Terry Received 2 Hobico Planes, complete with buddy boxes & 2 G3 Simulators as part of receiving the award for the Tag program

Because of the bad weather Field work day was changed to May 5. Other activities also moved, refer to Club calendar that was distributed with last month's Connector Jim Quinn stated that the Primer is now May 26th

Our Club's attorney, Ken Hellesek has retired, Terry is attempting to contact him and get our records. We also need to find replacement Attorney.

Terry reviewed the equipment rental, company requires insurance. Terry checked with our insurance agent, indication that we will be able to add temporary coverage for this.

Update Field Rules need to get reprinted and place at the field.

Rick Curtis to prepare input for proposed Bylaws update. This input is to be reviewed at the May Board meeting and published in the June Connector. By laws updates are based on a recommendation made by past President Bob Balsie and Doug Breneman.

Club received a significant contribution from Dr. Afzal Rehman, Rick Curtis to send letter thanking him. Also we received past dues from 2 members and re-instated them.

Brent Bryson accepted the position as the new club Vice President.

As part of our Model Aviation Day, we need to incorporate the TAG program

The Connector has a reserved a spot for each member to identify Buy Sell & Trade Inputs. Send inputs to Jeff Hatton for publication at least 2 weeks prior to the general meeting date

Next Board Meeting

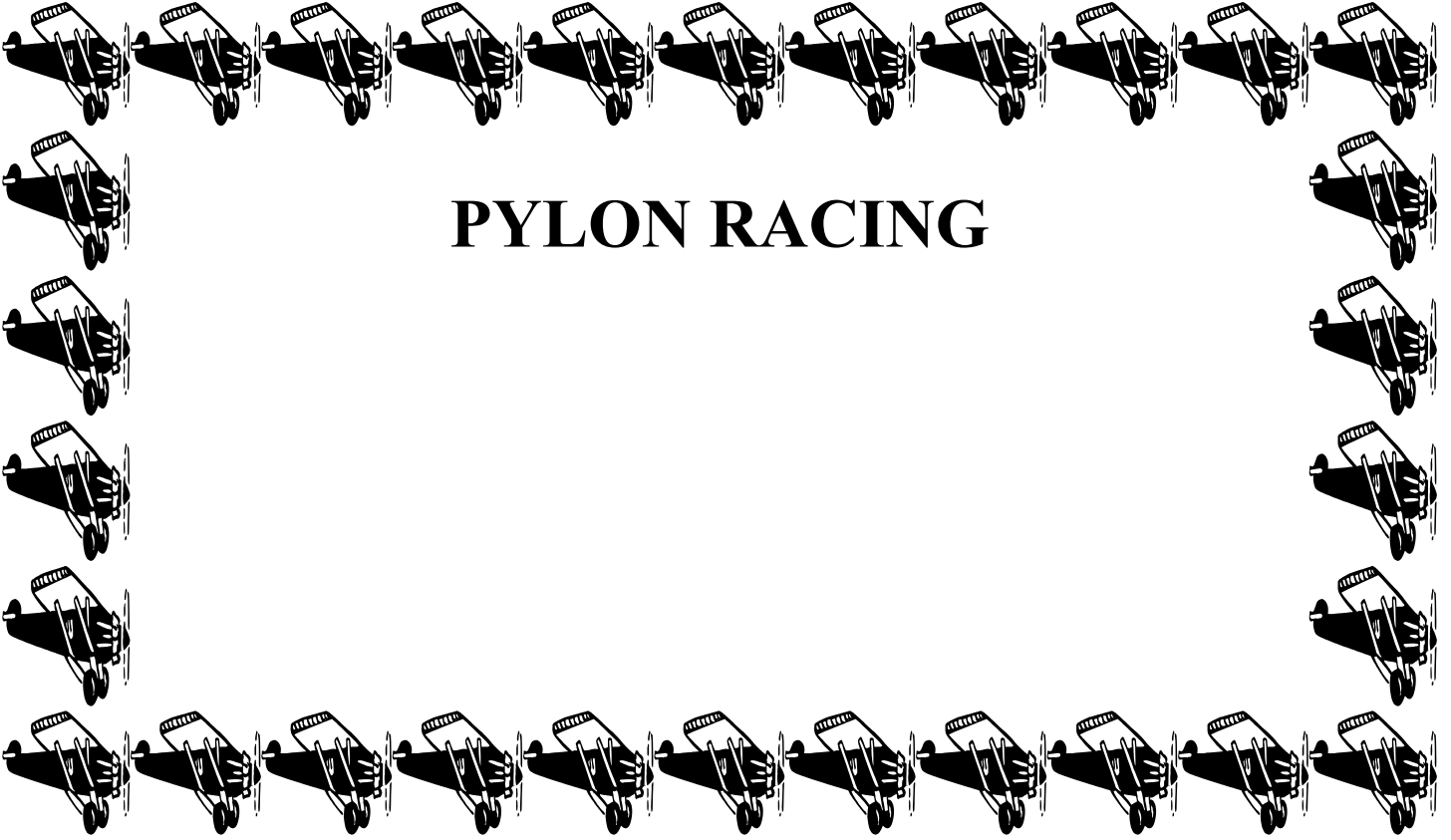
Please contact a Board Member to find out the time and location for the next board meeting.

Show-N-Tell.

Jeff Hatton showed his black magic which a work in progress, hopes to have complete by end of the month.

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JUNE PROGRAM



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