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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 am sure all of you have seen my notes on the logging, so I will not repeat it here. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, or any Board member.

Speaking of Board members, we have a change. Due to work and home commitments it has been tough for Rick Allabaugh to fulfill the 2 positions he had planned to. For the remainder of this term, Scott Wallace has agreed to return to the position of Membership Chair, and one of our new members. Paul Slocum has agreed to fill out the next 7 months of the current Board Member at Large position. It is very gratifying to see a new member stepping up to help with the day to day running of the club. I am equally pleased to have Scott back at the helm of membership. He did a great job last year.

We also have an additional position that has been filled by a very qualified volunteer. Bob Noll has agreed to act as Activities Chair again this year.

Last October we sent out a questionnaire with the goal of determining the level of interest there is for each of the activities we plan each year. Approx 70 were sent out, and we got 29 responses, so about 1/2 of the club members took the time to let the Board know what they were interested in. We can only assume that the others do not care what we do, or do not do! Here is a breakdown of the results.

Fall work party-15, Auction-6 (dropped this for the past 2 years), meeting holiday party-7 (but we had great participation in Jan)

New years day fly-11 (again very good participation this year) Mall show-17, winter fly-11 (we will see what this year's change brings)

Annual dinner party-8 (again, will see what a difference this year's change will make) Spring work party-17, pylon racing-16, (the majority of these do not fly, but want to help), flight training-7, Aviation day-17, club picnic-9, intra-club fun fly-8, pattern contest-17, float fly-10, field mowing-16 (if we have to mow about 16 times and need 3 people each time, then all 16 will work 3 times. if 48 volunteered everyone would work just once!!)

monthly program-2 (think people thought this was to actually do a program, not if they thought it was good to have a program at each meeting)

We had 1 or 2 responses that were all but blank with just 1 or no activities checked. One person took the time to write a 2 page explanation stating why he would not participate in each of the planned activities as a priority. A few members checked nearly every activity, mostly those of us who have been committed to the hobby for a long time and realize the benefits we all gain from being active. Other than the annual auction, I do not see anything that should be dropped for this year. The poorest attended seems to be the float fly, but this year will be our 25th and for the few of us who really enjoy it, I hope we can get a few more people interested. On the other hand, it does produce a small amount of income for the club each year! Since it costs the

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Coming Events

March 1st, 15th, 29th In-door flying

12:00—2:00 BC United Soccer Complex

March 4th AGS Meeting

7:30 PM ME High School

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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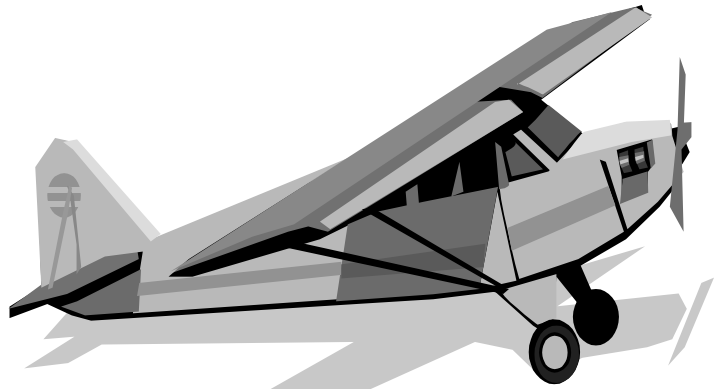
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club nothing, and a few are willing to do the work, I see no reason to discontinue the event!

As I write this the WRAMs show is just a week and a half away, 2/22-23-24. Hope you get a chance to attend and enjoy it as much as I do every year.

I finally go to talk to Dave Cook at MEHS and it is a go for the March meeting to have the gym for indoor flying after the general meeting, so that will be our "program" for that night. If you have an indoor model you want to fly, or if you want some help getting started in this aspect of R/C, or you just want to see what the fuss is about, be there!



Membership

Scott Wallace

We are pleased to welcome three new members into the Aeroguidance Society: Gary Hendrick, Paul Slocum and Andy Slocum. All three have made major contributions to club activities in 2007 and are great additions to our club.

Gary has progressed to a Four-Star 40 and is also learning to fly his electric heli. Paul and Andy made great strides with their trainer last year and will be taking those first solo flights early into this flying season. If you haven't met these gentle-men yet please do so!

I would like to request assistance from our membership in the form of associate member sponsors. We signed up 7 new associate members last year and I served as sponsor for each but ideally it would be better to have new members meet and learn the ropes from a broad spectrum of our members. A sponsor is there to help the associate integrate into the club and learn the ropes, a very important task.

We have not had anyone come forward to serve as flight school coordinator, but flight training will certainly be available to anyone interested. I encourage new fliers to bring their model to a meeting prior to flight for a full "check up". Things are much easier to catch and fix/adjust prior to heading to the field for those first flights.

Soon we'll be enjoying warmer temperatures (hard to believe) and not long after the AGS field will in use. Our field opening work party is planned for April 19.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

by Doug Breneman

There are two proposed changes to our current by-laws, last updated September 2006. The intent is to vote on these two proposals separately at our next regular meeting. I remind you that our by-laws can be amended as follows:

Article XI - AMENDMENTS

- A. Amendments may be made to the by-laws at any regular or special meeting of the membership, provided the members have all been notified in writing at least three (3) days in advance that an amendment is to be considered. Copies of the proposed amendment shall be provided to all directors or to any members who may request same. Approval shall be by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum at any regular or special meeting following written notification.

Proposal 1 submitted by Jim Quinn:

Current Article IX

Article IX - DUES, FEES, and ASSESSMENTS

- A. Dues will be imposed upon the members of the AGS in order to meet operating expenses.
- B. The dues year begins November 1st and ends the following October 31st.
- C. 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.
- D. Regular Member dues shall be seventy-two dollars (\$72) per dues year.
- E. Senior Member dues shall be sixty dollars (\$60) per dues year.¹
- F. Student Member dues shall be eighteen dollars (\$18) per dues year.
- G. 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.
- H. The total dues for a family living in the same household shall not exceed ninety-six dollars (\$96) plus special assessments.
- I. As of January 1, 2006, persons applying for membership will be charged a field maintenance fee of one hundred dollars (\$100) payable in two installments, the first fifty dollars (\$50) paid after the person has been an Associate Member for three months and the second fifty dollars (\$50) paid at the time the person becomes a Regular Member.
- J. Special Assessments may be imposed upon the members of the AGS.² These Special assessments must be for a defined purpose.
- K. 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.
- L. Special assessments will not be levied on Student and Family Members. Field maintenance fees will not be levied on new Student Members, new Family Members, or Former Members.
- M. 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 XVI.
- N. Any dues, fees, or special assessments paid to the AGS will not be refunded.
- O. 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 shall be exempt from paying any dues. All officers and the Newsletter Editor are subject to paying any and all Special Assessments.
- P. The club newsletter will be made available to the general public for a nominal fee to cover printing and mailing expenses. A subscription to the newsletter costs \$8.00 per year.

Proposed change:

- G. Family Member dues shall be one dollar (\$1) per dues year.

Proposal 2 submitted by Scott Wallace:

Current Article X:

Article X - AGS ACTIVITIES

- A. The AGS shall annually conduct:
1. An AMA sanctioned contest.
 2. A social party.
 3. A closed contest for members

Proposed change:

Article X - AGS ACTIVITIES

- A. The AGS shall annually conduct an AMA sanctioned contest.

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 3/21/08.

WINTER FLY 2008

by: Jim Quinn

The 2008 edition of the AGS Winter Fly was our best and most successful Winter Fly in years. The two day event was the secret. Unfortunately the days were reversed with the better weather on Saturday, our indoor day, and the harsh weather on Sunday, our outdoor day. Nevertheless we had a great time!

Saturday was our first attempt at an indoor Winter Fly-In. It was a great success with several AGS pilots and about an equal number of guest pilots. There were many spectators and "persons of interest," actually interested persons watching just to see what indoor flying is all about. There were monoplane, biplanes, and helicopters. The weather was excellent.

Sunday we moved outside and the weather was a different story. Thanks to Doug Brenaman for securing the site for us at BC United Soccer. Saturday was for all interested persons, but Sunday was for the strong of heart. Jim Quinn was the first to fly with his mini Telemaster. Actually, Jim was not the first R/C event of the morning. Derek Gioffredo was the first off the line with his monster Snap On truck. While Derek was doing donuts, wheelies, and jumps, Jim was doing loops and rolls in the air a few minutes later. Derek's Dad, Frank, was fueling up and the first of Frank's flights was off a few minutes later. The snow was ideal and Frank's ski setup was perfect. Touch and gos were easy for Frank. Jim Carr, a guest, also flew an electric flying wing whose performance was excellent, even in the gusty wind conditions that kept getting higher and higher. Finally the rains came.

As it was about 11:30 when it really started to rain we all decided it would be a lot more fun to go indoors for lunch, so it was off to Jim Quinn's house for some outstanding Chili prepared by Mary. As usual, Mary made about twice as much chili as we could eat, but there certainly was a lot of chili consumed in the comfort and warmth of Jim's dining room and kitchen. An apology goes out to Don Shugard who got to the soccer field about 12:00 when we were all eating.

Since a picture is worth a thousand words, I'll let these pictures tell the rest of the story. Finally, I would like to thank President Terrenoire for letting me host the 2008 Winter Fly, it was a blast. Thanks also to all the pilots and spectators who showed up.



Aeroguidance Society Meeting 725

President Terrenoire called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 on Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Guests: Ann Terrenoire, Barbara Sittler, Lee Underkofler, Ellie Cammarata, John Carril

Minutes of meeting #724 were approved.

Board Minutes for January were read by Jim Quinn

Vice President Hatton reported that an informal annual dinner party will be March 28. The place is still to be determined.

Committees:

We still are looking for an activities chairperson

Mall Show: A great success for the 25 year. Thanks to all who helped.

Indoor Flying: Sports Center on Old Vestal Road is underway and is great fun. Thanks to Matt Struck for organizing this winter event.

Indoor Flying in Sayre, PA next Tuesday. Contact Terry or Matt for details.

Pylon Racing: Frank Gioffredo presented delightful Awards to all pilots.

Bush: 1st Don Shugard, 2nd Bill Markovicz

Cup: 1st Bob Noll, 2nd Jim Quinn, 3rd Scott Wallace, 4th Terry Terrenoire, 5th Frank Gioffredo, 6th Jerry Roscoe

Winter Fly: Jim Quinn commented on the two day Winter Fly on February 16, 17.

Old Business

Dan Bushnell offered \$5250.00 for our 3.5 acres.

Membership rejected this offer.

Robinson Lumber has finished harvesting the trees they purchased.

Runway upgrade will be addressed in the spring.

President Terrenoire is getting details for purchase of the DR Grader.

New Business

President Terrenoire will have a Monokote Demonstration at the Binghamton Aeros on April 2.

Jim Quinn wanted to review the by-law for Family member dues, which was sent to the Board for review.

Show and Tell

Scott Wallace showed an Extreme Flight Yak 54 ARF

Jim Quinn showed a 1959 Rudder Only Charger scratch built.

Bob Frey showed a JN4 Jenny from USA ARF at 17oz and 270 squares

Bill Underkofler showed his modified Whiplash and a Helicopter post fly away.

Program

Bob Noll and Barbara Sittler gave a stimulating and instructive presentation of the 2008 F3A R/C World Championships in Argentina and the trip getting there.

Meeting 725 adjourned at 9:25PM with an invitation to go to Kristopher's.

AGS Dinner

Charlie Hatton

This year, for the Annual Dinner, we will be trying something different. It will be a Family Covered Dish dinner held in a Church Hall. All ages are invited.

The AGS will be providing the main dish (Chicken), drinks, and table service.

Each group is asked to bring a dish or dessert to share.

Entertainment will be provided by a local singer, John 'Yanni' Koutsaris. Door prizes will be awarded.

Details:

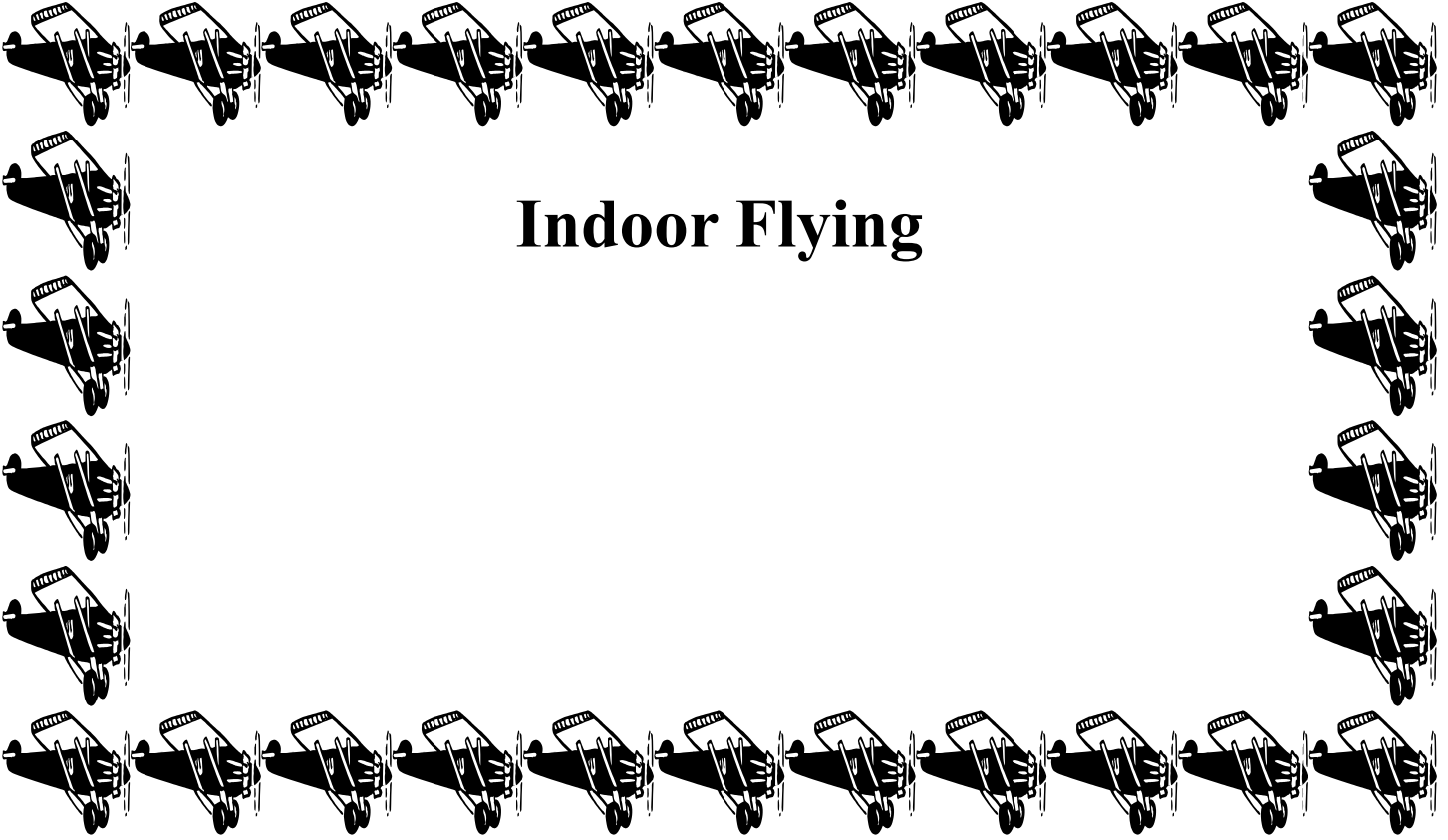
Friday, March 28th, Dinner starting at 6:30.

Endwell United Methodist Church, Watson Blvd. - Fireplace room behind the Fellowship Hall.

\$5 per adult.

Please notify me (charlie@dynamocomputers.com) or one of the board members of your intentions. We need to know: How many are coming so that we set up enough tables. What you intend to bring so that we can control duplicates. If you may be able to help setup at 5:00.

MARCH PROGRAM



Indoor Flying

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