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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 7:00 P.M., program to follow.

The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

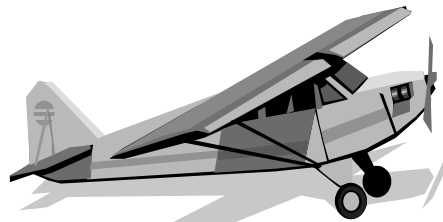
From the last meeting I felt we did a good job keeping the business to a minimum, we had some nice show and tells and a very entertaining visit to the world of Ski Flying, my thanks to Jim Quinn Tony Cammarata, and Bob Noll for their presentation. Things went so quickly we were finished by eight-thirty. I will try and make sure we are using our meeting time efficiently so programs have all the time needed.

The December meeting will be our Holiday party, hopefully you have all responded to Bob Balsie that you and your family will be attending, I am not sure what all is being planned but it is usually a really good time. We will have a very minimal business meeting; I hope lots of show and tell and some entertaining fun. The board went over many things at this months meeting, Doug will be working at getting the minutes of the board meeting posted to the web site. Some of the important things were getting things prepared to set the budget for the coming year. I will be contacting members who have not paid their dues yet this year, and just getting organized to move ahead. I still have a few committees to fill such as Field, Librarian, and Public Relations. If any one is interested in handling one of these appointments please contact me and I can fill you in on the responsibilities of the position. We are also working to get more info in the newsletter. If you have any items of interest just send them to Jeff Hatton our Editor and I am sure he will put them in the newsletter.

The indoor flying looks like it is going well, I got to go on the twenty-second

and saw fourteen or so people having a great time. Matt Struck is doing a fantastic job of organizing and running this event. If you have not been to the indoor, stop by and see what's going on.

This time of the year seems to move slowly, and I do not have a lot to fill you in on this month, so until the meeting. Winter Projects Away. Frank



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

December 2nd 7:00

Indoor Flying

December 6, 20

January 3, 17, 31

February 14, 28

March 14, 28

New Years Fly

January 1st

Jim's Hobby shop

Mall Show

January 17th and 18th

WRAMS Show

February 20th—22nd

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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Come One Come All to the AGS Holiday Party
By Bob Balsie

The AGS will be holding its annual Holiday Party during the next regular AGS meeting that will take place on December 2nd in the cafeteria of the Maine-Endwell High School at 7:00 pm. All AGS members and their families are invited to attend this festive event. The club will supply pizza and soda, and participants are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group. There will be a drawing for door prizes, as well. If I haven't contacted you as yet, or if you haven't gotten back to me with the number of people from your family who will be attending, please do so immediately, so that I can insure that we have enough food. You can reach me by phone at 748-1074, or by email at a10hog@stny.rr.com. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Activities

Terry Terrinore

. 26th annual Mall Show! This year's show will be Jan 17-18 2009. Since the date of the next meeting is the date of my last BCC class, I will not be at the meeting. I will try to get a sign up sheet to one of the other Board members.

. At the last Board meeting it was decided to make a few changes to what I published in the last Connector. The total was changed to \$10, not the \$15 indicated. If there are fewer than 6 presentations we will draw one name for \$10, if there are 6 or more we will draw for 2 \$5 winners. Congratulations to Bill Markovitz for being last month's winner. Due to the Christmas party at the December meeting, there will be no Show & Tell. We will continue it in January.

Upcoming events

New Year's Day fly: 1/1/09:

Jan 17-18: 26th annual Mall Show. We need help to set up Friday night, coverage for 5 sessions, 3 on Sat & 2 on Sunday, Plus help with tear down Sunday afternoon. Make plans now to be a part of this big event. Over the years we have gotten a number of new members from this event.

The WRAMS show will be held in White Plains in late February. Will have exact date in next Connector. I believe it will be the 21st and 22nd.

New Years Day Fly

Frank Gioffredo

Attention all, new and exciting things abound. As many of you know Jim Pecha of Jim's RC has invited the AGS as well as other area clubs to come and fly at the field behind his new shop on New Years Day. At the last general meeting the club voted unanimously to go there, Jim will open the store for rest room use and warming up. The club will still provide the normal Chili and Dogs as well as coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate. So plan now to attend. The area is easily as large as Moore Park in Vestal and up to 40 sized aircraft are acceptable. I would say start time would be 10:30am, so plan to come, maybe meet some of the other guys in the area and have some fun

Aeroguidance Society Meeting 733

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:04 PM on November 4, 2008.

Attendance: 23 Members
2 Guests

The minutes were approved as published in the Connector with one update: "Local residents should meet is and then decide..." should be "Local residents should meet us and then decide..."

Board minutes were summarized in the Prez Sez article in The Connector and will be posted on the AGS web site. The Board Minutes were not read. The next Board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18 2008 7 PM at Vice President Charlie Hatton's home. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

The Treasurer's report was given. We have 41 paid members so far.

VP Hatton had nothing to report.

It was announced that Bill Underkofler died last week. The memorial service will be held on 11/5 at 11 AM at Vestal UMC. A contribution of \$50 or \$100 will be donated to the Alzheimer Foundation.

It was also announced that Chuck Krapf had an infection after his surgery. Frank got him a card and basket from the club.

Activities:

Field Winterization will be this Saturday 11/8 at 10 AM. The rope will be put up later. There was some discussion whether we should put up the rope at all. There might be a need to paint the rods. The combination will be changed on the locks at the field. The combination will be available in the members-only section of the web site and also included with the hard-copy Connector.

Indoor flying will be held at the Sports Complex. It costs \$3 per pilot per day. An email was sent out and the information was also in The Connector.

The meeting next month will be the holiday party. This is a family event. It will be

held at the ME cafeteria. An email will be sent to get a head count for planning purposes.

The janitorial staff will receive a thank you of pizza and soda.

The New Years Day fun fly will be held on 1/1 at 10:30 AM at Jim's Hobby Shop on 12A near Chenango Bridge. Jim has frequency pins.

Tony Camarata apologized for closing the Aeros Chili Fly early. It was a good turn out of approximately 30 pilots.

Old Business:

The gas contract is on hold. They asked permission to do seismic sounding. The club denied permission. The AGS would like to receive \$2,000 per acre and 15% royalties along with a few stipulations.

There was some discussion about guest flying at the field. We want to encourage everyone who wants to fly at the field to become members. There might be some cases where folks cannot afford to become members.

New Business

The attendees were asked if anyone would like to attend pre-meeting problem solving meetings. This meeting would provide help with problems or techniques. Bob Noll is willing to help to run this. We need to see if we can get the school earlier than 7 PM. The electric and helicopter experts will need to assist if there are any questions in these areas. There was on interest expressed by the membership. These pre-meetings will not be held.

Jim Pecha came to invite everyone to Jim's R/C, his new hobby store, 70 State Route 12A near Chenango Bridge. Jim has been in the hobby for 20 years. He deals with many companies including Tower, Great Planes, Horizon, Curtis Youngblood and RTL Fasteners. He has ARFs, RTFs, and helicopters. There is 5% off for all AMA members. His prices are close to those of Horizon. Pilots are welcome to fly up to 40-size planes in his back lot. The shop is open 10-6 Monday through Friday and 10-3 on Saturday. Spektrum radios are available and other radios can be ordered.

He welcomed the AGS to hold the New Years day Fun Fly at his field. He sells gliders, but no kits. It takes approximately 3 days for orders to come in. He has internet access so that customers can see that might be ordered. There are informal helicopter presentations on Mondays from 4 to 6. His web site is www.jimbigboytoys.com

The Connector will contain Traveler's Advisory, For Sale, and other articles. New members should look for new email and let someone know if they are not receiving it. Jim Pecha will be added to the electronic distribution list.

Membership

There is one candidate to become a regular member, Brent Ciccicarelli. He is a helicopter pilot. No one at the meeting knew if he has participated in three activities. His membership vote will be postponed to the next meeting after Brent is contacted.

Show and Tell

Bill Markovitz brought a Smitty that has never been flown. It is just the airframe. He also brought a Cessna 192. It has 1 wing servo included. Both of these items are available for purchase.

Bob Balsie brought a Simprop Sunny Boy. It is made of hard foam and is an electric speed 400 2 channel trainer. It has a 7 cell NiMH battery pack. Total weight is approximately 22 oz. He has a Castle Creation Berg receiver with DSP technology.

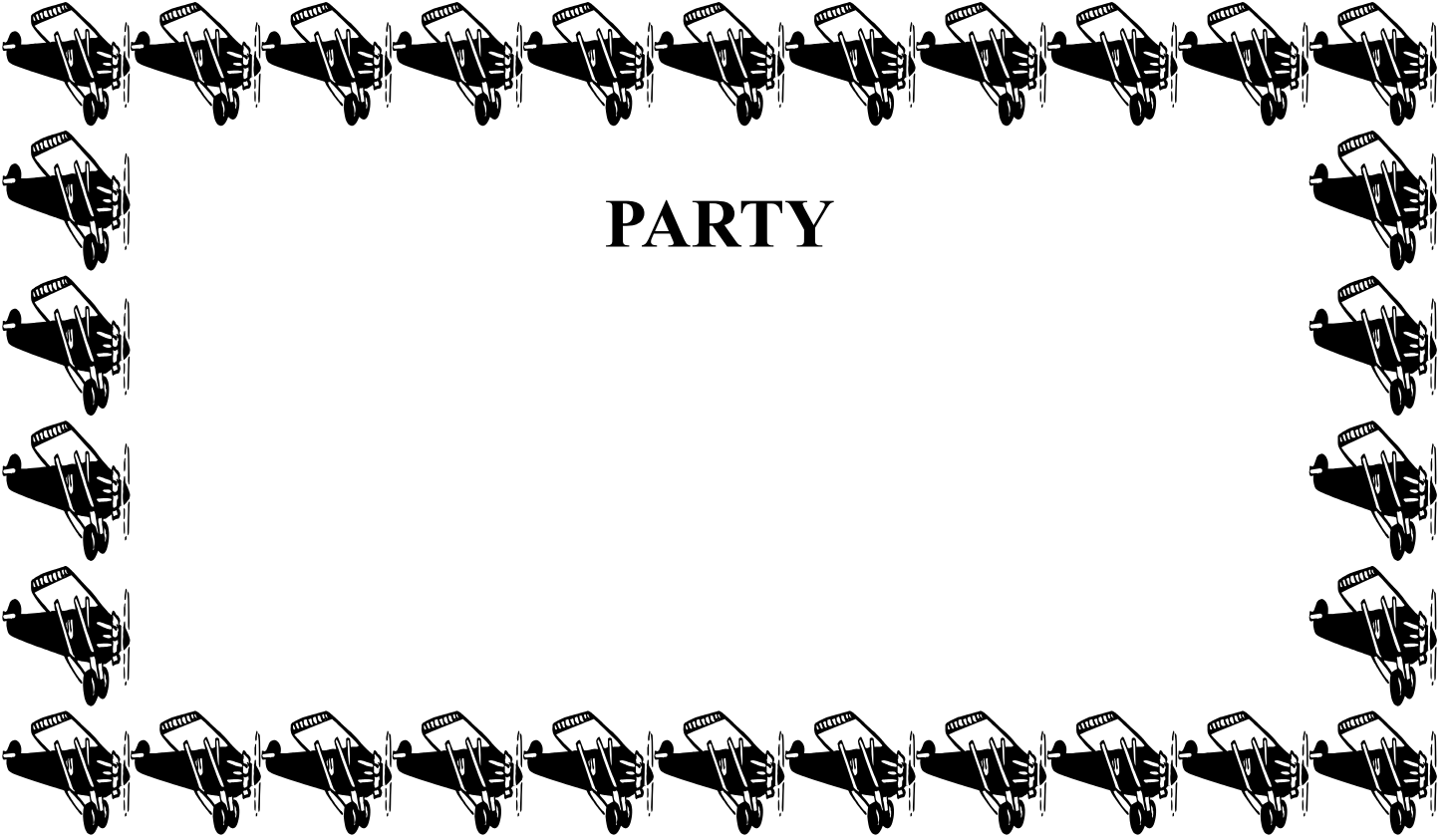
Joe Felice brought a Combat Focke-Wolf. *It has a four stroke engine is a launched using a catapult.*

Jeff Hattton brought an indoor e-flite Blade MCX helicopter. It comes with a dual rate Spektrum radio for \$130 including a 110 mah battery. You can also get the helicopter without a radio for \$100 and will bond with any Spektrum radio. It has flight times of approximately 8 minutes and it takes about 20 minutes for a re-charge. The helicopter even lights up.

This month starts Bill M. received a \$10 gift certificate to G.J.'s for participating in Show and Tell. Program - Skis

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 12/26/08.

DECEMBER PROGRAM



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