



# The CONNECTOR

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Summer Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at AGS Field at 7:00 P.M.  
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter .

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Hey I think summer is finally starting to look upon us, Weathers getting better, days are getting longer, I managed to get out a couple Sundays ago and sneak in a flight on the racer, then found I could not get to the first race, which got rained out so I still get a shot. By the time you read this we will have had our second so it's on. I also got the occasion to travel to Utica on business and got to enjoy a few flights on Derek's Excelleron, flying with Jim Quinn and Terry T. at Paradise and thanks to Terry for driving, felt really good getting some air time.

As most have seen our wood cutting is nearing completion and the northern end of the field is looking good, with the new open area you want to be careful not to fly to low as the pavilion can creep up on you fast. There is a lot of small timber in the piles of brush that are left. Anyone needing fire wood feel free to take any of this material, also we will continue to work on clearing the ends If the runways and Dan is working on the east side of the field as well.

With the relocation of the runways we have had a suggestion to reset the safety fence along the new 12-30 runway, which would allow for more space around the flight pavilion as well. We will discuss it in more detail at the meeting.

The road repair is temporarily being put on hold as Wayne Kunsman injured his shoulder and will be having surgery this week. Give him a call and wish him a speedy recovery.

One final thing the board would like to propose a date change to the payment of

dues as well as a penalty fee for exceeding the payment time table. The reasoning behind this is the amount of time spent each year trying to get members to pay their dues. We don't believe anyone is just avoiding paying, rather it is the off time of the year and with taxes and various other household expenses looming it can be difficult to part with those extra dollars. The treasurer and prez have the task of chasing the dues until all are paid or members resign or are voted out, and this usually goes on from November through out the spring months. So I will be making the proposed by-laws change requests for the June meeting for a vote. I will make the proposal separately from my article.

Till the next time great flying.



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### Coming Events

#### AGS Meeting

May 1st

7:00 PM AGS Field

#### STRC Race Night

June 6th, Jun 22nd, July 13th, July  
27th, Aug 10th, Aug 24th, Sept 12, Sept  
19th

**REMINDER**  
**THE NEXT MEETING**  
**IS AT THE**  
**AGS Field**  
**June 1st @ 7:00 pm**

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**Activities:**

**Field:**

**Historian**

**Public Relations**

**Sound:**

**Safety:**

**Librarian:**

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## **AEROBATIC PRIMER 2010**

By: Jim Quinn

**AGS AIRPORT**  
**July 10~11, 2010**  
**10:00: Instruction**  
**11:30 Lunch**  
**12:00 Flying**

To better support all the aerobatic pilots in the NSRCA District I this is a TWO DAY contest, but as in the past it will be for 401, 402, and 403 ONLY! For the last several years this has been an AMA sanctioned contest. The best thing that hasn't change for 2010 is the morning ground school provided by AMA Hall of Fame Bob Noll. Several other aerobatic pilots will also be on hand. Bob will be explaining all the subtleties for best scoring at a contest. We will also use this time for any final trim flying, or ma-neuver explanations.

Now to the good part, the flying! AMA has NOT issued a new set of maneuvers for the 2010 aerobatic season for Sportsman, Intermediate, and Advanced. The best way to get information about the sequences is to go to the National Society Radio Control Aerobatics' (NSRCA) website, [www.nsrca.us](http://www.nsrca.us). On the home page's left margin there is a title, "Judging Rules" click on it. On the next page in the center, near the bottom will be four links, one for each of the AMA competition classes. Click on your sequence and you will get a wonderful description of each maneuver for each class.

Lastly let me say I hope every member of the AGS comes to the primer. If you currently compete in AMA sanctioned contests as Masters, or FAI come as a judge and helper. Everyone else should come and fly. Bring your favorite airplane, the one you like to fly most often and the one you fly the best. I guarantee you will finish the day a better pilot. You may not come in first place, but you will be a better pilot. We all fly STRAIGHT and LEVEL, or so we think. That is the second maneuver in the Sportsman Sequence, right after TAKE OFF. Flying truly STRAIGHT and LEVEL takes a lot of skill. Come to the contest you will leave a better pilot. OH! Did I mention free food? Actually, it is not free, it is included in the entry fee of \$30.00, but for AGS members that fee is waved!

### **Cub Scout Demp**

Rick Curtis

we had a very successful demo to some Cub Scouts and several of their parents at the field on Friday.

In all we had about 15 guests up to the field on Friday evening.

We also had the following AGS members at the field to support of this activity

Don Shugard

Bob Noll

Joe Perrucci

Jeff Hatton

Jim Quinn

Bill Markovitz

Gary Hendrick

Scott Wallace

The guys brought, gave a brief description of their plane and demonstrated its operation. While the demonstration was going on, others described what the pilot and plane were doing.

**AGS General Meeting Minutes – May 4 2010**

Meeting #751 came to order at 7:22 PM by Frank Gioffredo

Motion made to accept the April General Meeting minutes as published in the Connector- motion passed

Frank G. – Talked about the tree cutting at the field and should be done by the end of May. He also noted that Wayne Kunsman will start the road work after the tree cutting has been completed. Also stated that the contest on August 7/8 has been sanctioned.

Paul Slocum noted that the new charter for the club arrived on May 4

Bob Noll – Talked about the Pylon Racing and the books are \$35 for anyone wanting to race. Asked for additional helps and that at 3 PM on Sunday (May 9) field would be set up for Pylon training.

John Carril – Talked about field set up and thanked all that helped and noted that Terry Terrenoire did the breakfast. The painting and roof were not done do to the weather conditions.

Bob Noll – talked about the mower posi-

tions mower should be above the stop when not mowing the runways.

Jim Quinn – The Primer will be the second Sunday in July

Rick Curtis –Scouts will be camping at the field either the May 21 or 26 and would like people to come and put on flying demos.

Bob Balsie – Talked about the issues of doing the mall show in April due to Easter time. Bob moved the date to May 14 and 15 of 2011.

**New Business**

Jeff Hatton reported that he had found 2 servers that were free. This was due to the present server was no longer available.

Frank G. He mentioned that Bob Balsie had mentioned some By-Law changes.

Bob B will bring to the meeting next month.

Frank G. stated that JUNE meeting will BE AT the field.

Frank G. He stated that he will be looking for a new president of AGS for the upcoming elections

Frank G. Talked about the new building being considered at the field for around \$4700 in materials.

Frank G. – Mentioned that Daren, now running Jim’s RC, will be buying GJ’s and is looking for help.

**Program – Project Night**

Don Shugard – Showed his foam Infineon electric

John Carril – Talked about his glider that he converted to electric with a 260 watt motor and folding prop.

Gib Vanding- He showed is Cesena electric in which he had installed equipment that can be programmed for horizontal and vertical control

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**Proposed by-laws changed regarding dues date changes May 24, 2010**

**Changes to Article IX**

Line B states: The dues year begins November 1<sup>st</sup> and ends October 31<sup>st</sup>

Would change Line B to: The Dues year begins January 1<sup>st</sup> and ends December 31<sup>st</sup>. All dues are due no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any dues paid past April 1<sup>st</sup> would be subject to an additional six dollars (\$6) per month late charge. Anyone in need of special consideration would need to make a request to the board of director for such.

To bring our calendar to correction there would be an addition to the October dues of twelve dollars (\$12) for Regular Members ten dollars (\$10) for Senior Members. As student and minor family members Dues are one dollar (\$ 1) no addition to their dues would be applied

We had pattern aircraft (electric and fuel), pylon races, foamies, helos, float planes, fun fly planes, flying wings and aileron less planes and planes in the process of being built.

We had a brief discussion on the difference between fling these RC aircraft and the full size versions and which is easier to fly and why.

All of the kids and parents enjoyed the activity. One of the parents had to leave but it took him another half hour to get out because of his and his son's interest of what was happening.

Also, one of the parents expressed a lot of interest in the club, he used to fly when he was younger and enjoyed building planes. ( I will get you his name and number)

Just want to thank the club and all the guys for their support to this community service activity.

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 6/25/10**

# *Proposed By-Laws Changes*

Bob Balsie

## Proposal #1

**The first proposal deals with three issues facing the club.**

**The fact that after a person is voted into full membership, they no longer have to do anything that supports the club.**

**The difficulty in getting people to assist in mowing operations at the field.**

**The difficulty in getting people to serve as officers or committee chairpersons.**

## **Current Wording:**

### **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

G. A member in good standing is one who:

1. Maintains membership in the AMA
2. Is current with AGS dues, fees, and assessments
3. Participates in at least one of the activities listed below during the current year:
  1. Flies at a club-sponsored event
  2. Assists in running a club-sponsored event
  3. Serves as an elected officer of the AGS
  4. Contributes an article to the AGS newsletter
  5. Participates in mowing the AGS field or other maintenance operations of the AGS property
  6. Participates in a "show-and-tell" portion of a club meeting
  7. Participates in any other club activity, as published by the Activities Chairperson, which is not mentioned above.

## **New Wording:**

### **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

**G. All AGS members shall be required to participate in at least three activities each year which support the club and its goals. Members are on the honor system to insure that they comply with this requirement. Activities which meet this requirement may be, but are not limited to:**

**Serving as an officer, Board member, or member of a permanent committee.**

**Setup and/or presentation at the annual Mall Show.**

**Helping to support one or more of the STRC races.**

**Assisting in running a club-sponsored event.**

**Serving on a field mowing team.**

**Each AGS member shall be required to work at the annual AMA sanctioned contest if they are able to do so. Working at the contest shall constitute one of the three activities that are required to be performed each year by all members, as noted above.**

**Each AGS member shall be required to participate in a field mowing team if they are physically able to**

**do so. Club officers, Board members, and chairpersons of permanent committees shall be exempt from the requirement to participate in field mowing. However, they may choose to participate in this activity if they so desire.**

## **Proposal #2**

**Our by-laws are a legal document that defines how we operate our corporation. Robert's Rules of Order are a highly structured operating procedure. While we generally follow Robert's Rules, we don't do so to the letter. The following change gives us flexibility in running our meetings.**

### **Current Wording**

#### **1) Article IV - MEETINGS**

**All meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.**

### **New Wording**

#### **1) Article IV - MEETINGS**

**All meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline.**

## **Proposal #3**

**The by-laws specify twelve committees. Some of these committees have very little workload. In addition, it is difficult to find people to serve as chairpersons of these committees. The following changes combine some of the committees to reduce the total number.**

### **Current Wording:**

## **Article VIII - COMMITTEES**

**A. All committees of the AGS shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of one (1) year or less if sooner terminated by the action of the President. The responsibility of each committee shall be defined and documented by the President. The Permanent committees shall be:**

- 1. Activities**
- 2. Contest**
- 3. Field**
- 4. Historian**
- 5. Librarian**
- 6. Membership**
- 7. Newsletter Editor**
- 8. Nominating**
- 9. Program**

10. Public Relations

11. Safety

12. Sound

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### Activities and Public Relations

Contest

3. Field

4. Librarian and Historian

5. Membership

6. Newsletter Editor

7. Nominating

8. Program

9. Safety and Sound

**B. The Finance Committee shall consist of five (5) members - the Vice President, the Treasurer, and three (3) regular voting members of the AGS who are not officers. One (1) regular voting member shall be appointed annually to the Finance Committee by the Board of Directors for one three (3) year term.**

C. A nominating committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. At least one (1) candidate for each office shall be recommended.

**D. A vacancy in any committee because of death, resignation, removal or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these by-laws for regular appointments to such office.**

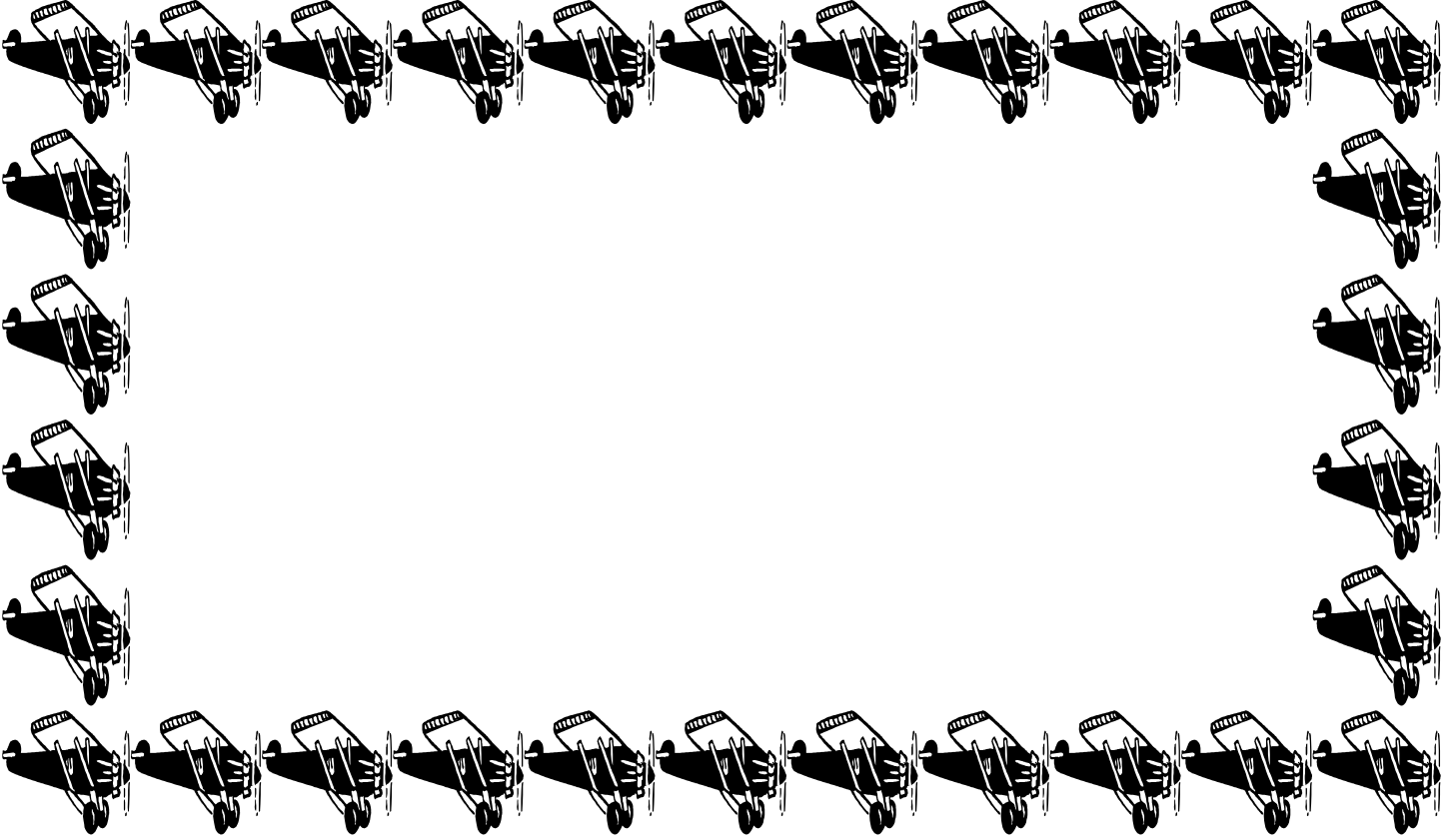
### Additional Item

**At the present time, we have a library located at G.J.'s Hobby Shop. No one seems to be making use of it. Do we still need to keep the library? If not, why don't we liquidate its contents and delete the position of Librarian from the list of Permanent Committees?**

**Submitted by Bob Balsie 5/24/2010**



# JUNE PROGRAM



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