



# The CONNECTOR

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

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Wow, here we are approaching fall already. Where did the summer go, but don't worry there has got to be a bunch of nice days left for flying. I have had the opportunity to get out with Derek a little more recently and I am amazed how his skills are growing each time we go out. Youth is a wonderful thing.

As you all know elections are only a couple of meetings away, Bob Noll, my nominating chairman should have a slate of officers proposed later in this issue. Thanks to Bob for making this effort as it is not easy to find guys to do the jobs even though the jobs are not that hard, it requires a small amount of dedicated time. Hey if I can do it, anybody can. I have been looking back over the past couple years as President of the AGS. I would like to talk about my accomplishments, but the truth is it is all OUR accomplishments. I know without you guys stepping up to help things would not be done at all. My right hand man with the contest as well as my good friend for many years now Jim Quinn. Without Jim I would be totally lost and he never runs out of energy. Terry Terrenoire has been a master in keeping us informed on the gas drilling events, maybe someday NY will get off its but and let it happen. Jeff Hatton has kept our newsletter coming and also helping out with many behind the scenes issues, the other guys who have served on the board during my time, Don Shugard, Scott Wallace, John Seitz, Doug Breneman, Charlie Hatton, Paul Slocum, who answers the call every time I ask. To all of you my sincerest thanks for all your efforts in making my job so

much easier. I could easily go through and thank so many others for their participation. All the committee chairmen who have made their events happen, and John Carril a relatively new member stepping up to be field chair for two years running, Mark (The Webmaster) Lecher doing a great job in keeping the sight running. The (Road Warrior) Wayne Kunsman I think what it comes down to is that everyone contributes to getting it done even if it is just a little, it all helps. With that said I hope the next administration receives your support and help as well, we have a great club and it is all made possible by the membership. Be proud of what we accomplish even if it seems miniscule at the time. Again my thanks to you all. There is not a lot else going on this year as far as the board goes we have the Float Fly in September coming up, a couple of on going jobs at the field, with the cooler weather returning some more tree removal soon and we still need to repair the roof on the flightline pavilion, so if your bored, maybe a few weekend mornings we can do some cutting, roofing or what ever may pop up.

One other point of interest, we have had several really awesome days for flying lately and I have actually been able to get to the field to enjoy some of these but the really neat thing is the amount of members also showing up to use the field. It's great to see the activity. Until then, see ya all next time.

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### Coming Events

#### AGS Meeting

Sep 7th

7:00 PM Maine Endwell High School

#### STRC Race Night

Sept 12, Sept 19th

#### Float Fly

September 18 & 19

### **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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## **AGS Precision Aerobatics 2010**

By Frank Gioffredo

The first AGS contest at our home field is in the books. Things turned out pretty well, several of the faithful contest guys came and flew with many mixed reviews to start the weekend. I spoke to several of the guys during the weekend and many felt that our field was quite sufficient but could be better with the removal of more of the large green things, of which I assured next year would be better as we intend to continue to improve our facility. Also we had many positive comments on our road. A huge thanks to all who helped make the contest a success and congratulations to the new pattern flyers who made the attempt and flew the Sportsman class for the first time. I know turn out was low but we had eighteen competitors, seven our own members, which gave us a total equalling most of the contests this season. A few unforeseen issues stopped a couple of guys from coming but I believe we will see them back next year. So onward and upward we go.

I would be remiss in forgetting to thank my right hand man Jim Quinn who without I would never been able to get it all done. He is always there when I need him and man I appreciate it. Thanks everyone for the 55<sup>th</sup> consecutive AGS contest.

## **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion**

By Bob Noll, event director

On September 4 & 5, Labor Day Weekend, the AGS will host the Vintage RC Society Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion at our airport. This VR/CS reunion is the longest running VR/CS event and its name reflects the gatherings of the sixties when RC'ers from around the northeast gathered in Selinsgrove, PA to show the latest in RC equipment and fly their personally built planes.

VR/CS members fly planes that were designed at least 35 years ago and some use vintage equipment although modern equipment is encouraged. If you have a plane that meets this requirement, join the VR/CS members for some fun and fellowship.

Flying will take place from 9 AM to about 5 PM on Saturday and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday. **The AGS airport will be open to all club members and any aircraft after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.**

## Pylon Race Report

by Doug Breneman

Race #8 Date 08/24/2010 Best 6 5/11 5/25 6/8 6/22 7/13 7/27 8/10 8/24

Name	Class	Total	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Race 7	Race 8
Bob Noll	Sprint	49	0	9x	7x	9x	9x	8x	7x*	7
T Terrenoire	Sprint	39	0x*	0	7x	0	7x	8x	9x	8x
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	28	0x*	6x	0	6x	5x	0	6x	5x
Don Shugard	Sprint	26	0x*	7x	7x	5x	0	4x	3x	0
Bill Markowitz	Sprint	26	0	2	3x*	4x	6x	3x	3x	7x
Scott Wallace	Sprint	15	0x*	0x	0x	0	4x	8x	3x	0
Jim Quinn	Sprint	12	0x*	0x	3x	0x	4x	5x	0	0

x = one of the best six

\* = lowest score of best six

- Tonight the weather was getting nippy and very cloudy.
- Don was not able to fly tonight but was able to help out.
- Jim started in heat 1 but his engine quit. He did a dead stick landing and his racing was done for the night. He did help out with the rest of the heats.
- Five heats were run, and there were cuts in four of the five heats, in fact seven cuts for the night.
- The point total can really change in just one race. Bob got 7 points, but since that matched his lowest score for the season, his best 6 score did not change. Terry, on the other hand, got 8 points for the night and replaced a 0. All racers, but Bob, increased their point total.
- Bill did great tonight with 7 points, his best of the season.
- Bob and Frank had a close heat. Bob cut early and Frank was cruising along. Then Frank cut. Bob passed Frank in lap 5 and Bob went on to win the heat.
- Only two races to go this season. They will be on Sunday 9/12 and 9/19.

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 9/24/10**

## **Don't Forget Our Annual Float Fly...!!!**

**When you're filling in your calendar for September, don't forget to include the Annual Fall Float Fly. As noted in the last issue of the Connector, this event will take place on September 18 and 19 at Greenwood Park. Flying starts at 9:00 AM both days. I've sent sponsorship letters to sixty-one companies requesting support for our event, and so far I have received several state-of-the-art ESCs from Castle Creations, a Dremel Moto Tool with accessories from Dremel, and a number of gift certificates and discount coupons from several other vendors. Hopefully, we'll have even more nice prizes for the everyone.**

**If you haven't tried flying from water before, don't let that stop you. Check out the article in last month's Connector that told you how to install floats on your plane. There will be a lot of experienced pilots on hand who can give you pointers and help you to be successful.**

**Even if you choose not to fly, gather up some of your family and friends and stop up to see the action. It just may motivate you to participate next year...!!!**

**Bob Balsie**



## **AGS Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2010**

Meeting 755 came to order at 7:21 PM by Frank Gioffredo at the AGS Flying field

### **Show and Tell**

Bob Noll showed the SR 22 Turbo by Electrify ARF kit. This kit was sent to him for a review for Sport Aviator. All necessary equipment was included except the receiver.

Ed Lancki showed his Soaring Hawk that came as a RTF. Radio was a little glitchy so will be putting in his own radio.

Gib Vanding showed his ElectroStik from Tower hobbies. Stated that he had a problem with the battery sliding and solved the problem with hook and loop on both sides and that has kept the battery in place

Terry Terrenoire showed 3 planes, a .6oz Vapor with night lights, a Sequel with 120 engine and a Taurus designed by Ed Kazmirski that he stripped down and repainting.

Jim Quinn showed the NATS shirts that he had for sale for \$10 and \$15.

### **Program**

Don Shugard went over the AMA Safety Code and noted some of the changes that were made. Also read the AGS field safety rules. In addition he commented on that electric motors have to be treated with care to avoid accidents that have happened to several members. This prompted some discussion on how to avoid injury by several members.

Frank G. Asked for a motion to pass the July general meeting minutes as published in the Connector. Motion was made, seconded and passed.

### **Membership / Guest**

Richard Carey came to our meeting and rejoined our club. There was one guest Curtis Hemli who came to the meeting with Bryan Ziegler and his dad Vernon.

### **Activities**

John Carril talked about the moving of the fence and thanked all that helped with this project. Lock on the outhouse is the first 3 numbers of the field combination and those numbers have to stay to lock the lock then numbers can be changed.

Bob Balsie reminded all of the Float Fly on September 18 and 19 at Greenwood Park. Starting times for both days is 9 AM

Frank G. Talked about the Pattern contest at the AGS field this coming weekend Aug 7 and 8 Flying to start at 9:30 with helper being there by 9:00. Set up on Friday Aug 6 at 10:00

### **Old Business**

Jim Q stated that the Primer had 4 contestants all AGS members Don Allen gave a history of the road to the field and how pleased he was with the work that had been done to the road by Wayne Kunsman.

Frank G. talked about the idea of trading some of AGS land with out neighbors to give more room to cut trees. If the exchange took place it would be an equal square foot trade. This is only in the talking stage at this point.

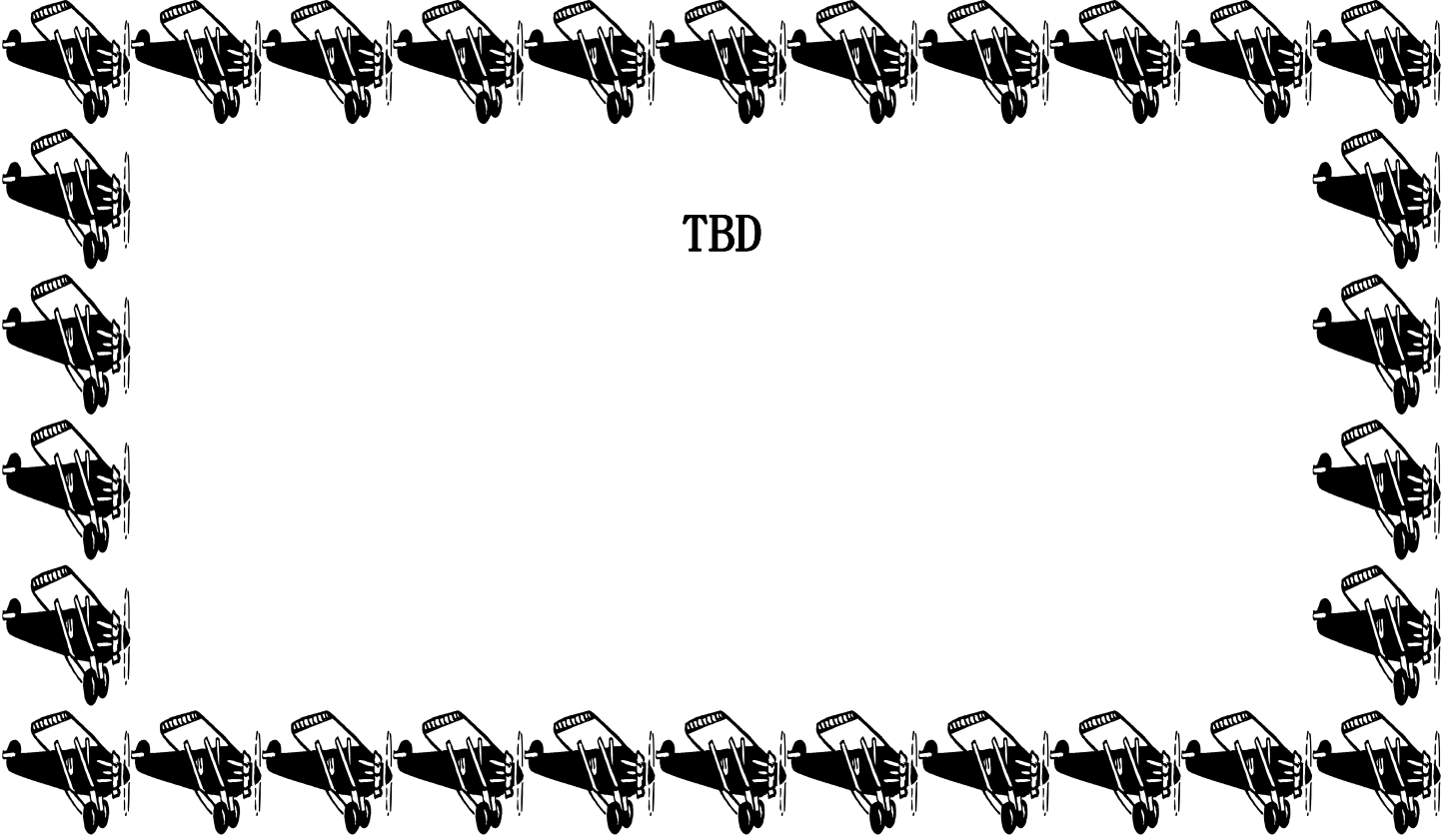
Meeting adjourned, due to darkness at 8:55 PM

## **Membership**

Paul Slocum Membership Chairman

Please join me in welcoming back a former member Richard Carey. Richard was at our August 4 meeting to join. His interest are in talking with fellow modelers and flying sport nitro RC. As I understand it Richard was at the field flying on the Friday before the contest and one of the competitors encouraged him to fly in our contest and Saturday morning Richard was signing up for the Sportsman event.

# SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



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