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## THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### *The Prez Sez. . . .*

Well.....in the absence of a duly elected President, and with my term of VP expired!, I guess this will have to do.

The 2 club trainers have found new winter homes. Scott Wallace has one and John Carril has agreed to take the other. This is a temporary solution and I would like to make the following comments and recommendation. These 2 trainers were given to us by AMA for a promotion several years ago. Total value at that time was around \$800. Today we would be lucky to get \$100 each for them. They are both "gas" powered and the radios are on 72 MHz. Both the radios and power plants are "out of date". They could pretty easily be converted to electric, and just as easily the Rx could be changed out for a new 2.4 Rx. These changes would take time and cost money and we would still have the storage and maintenance. problem.

My suggestion is to sell both of them and put the money in our treasury. We should offer them first to club members, then possibly hang them at GJ's. As a last resort they could be taken to the WRAMs show in February and put in the swap shop. Another option would be to remove the engines and Rx. These could then be offered on E-Bay, or some other sales forum. Then the airframes, complete with

servos could be offered to someone who was interested in making the conversion to electric without having to invest in materials he did not intend to use. Give this some thought and we can discuss it at the next meeting.

In the absence of new officers and the relative lack of activity at this time of year, there was no Board meeting after the last general meeting.

As I write this we are having our first hard freeze. Woke up this morning to see frost on the grass!!! **Uuuuuug!!!** Have I ever commented on how much I hate winter?? Virginia is looking better and better.

But...it IS time to start thinking about our 2 planned winter flying sessions. January first has been a long held tradition that I look forward to each year. Then there is the February "winter fly". That event was particularly interesting the 2 years we had an indoor venue that could be used one day of the weekend the we would go outside for the other day. Jim Quinn and Frank Gioffredo have headed up these events for the past few years and I am sure they would appreciate any help you can offer for the coming year.

In closing, I hope all of you made it thru the rains and flooding OK. If you did not, and need some help, let the club know. We have provided assistance to members in the past.

Terry Terrenoire

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### Coming Events

#### **AGS Meeting**

Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:45 PM

ENDICOTT LIBRARY

#### **Holiday Party**

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 6:45 PM

ENDICOTT LIBRARY

#### **New Years Fly**

Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM

Broome Soccer Fields

### **Cancellation of AGS Meetings:**

In the event of poor weather,  
call the Library at 757-5350. If  
the library is closed, you will  
receive only the hours of  
operation.

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**FIELD WINTERIZATION**

John Carril

Field winterization is scheduled for Saturday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30AM (Rain Day Sunday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>). We need volunteers to help. With enough hands it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to complete.

**Since the next General Meeting won't be until after the field winterization date I won't be able to circulate a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Instead, I would ask that you contact me to sign up to help (642-3579 or jcarril@stny.rr.com).**

Some of the tasks that need to be done include:

- Taking down the three AGS signs (Day Hollow, Gate, Flight Line Pavilion)
- Moving the frequency center and metal cabinet to the Upper Pavilion
- Moving benches under the flight line pavilion
- Packing electronics, etc., out of the frequency center and metal cabinet for winter storage.
- Winterize the tractor, mower, and weed whacker (e.g., check antifreeze, change oil, add fuel stabilizer).
- Take down the windsock.

We'll need general hand tools (including cordless drill/drivers), and some mechanics tools. I'll be contacting some of you that have signed up directly to coordinate who is bringing what.

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**...and the Trez Sez**

This is the beginning of a new fiscal year and that means it's time to pay your dues for the coming season. The dues are \$72.00 for Regular members, \$60 for Senior members and \$18 for Student members. You should pay your dues as soon as possible so that we will have an idea about our available resources for the coming year. Bob Johnson will be at the next meeting to receive your payment and will put a sticker on your AMA card. You may also mail your dues check to the club post office box. The address is given on page 2 of this newsletter.

## AGS General Meeting Minutes October 3, 2011

Meeting No. 768, called to order by Jim Quinn at 7:05PM.

Andrew Eberhard (a friend of Brian Ziegler) was a guest at the meeting. Andrew has a P51 micro and is interested in pursuing RC flying.

Bob Balsie made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting as posted in the Connector. Seconded by Frank Gioffredo. The motion was approved.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's monthly financial report.

Terry Terrenoire announced that the Pylon Race helper's party was scheduled for October 11 at 7:00pm at Kristopher's.

A discussion about the rut on the runway from the mowing tractor and the need to get a lawn tractor for the field mowing was held.

Rick Curtis made a motion to have a straw vote to pursue getting a lawn tractor. Ed Lancki seconded and the motion was passed. Members voted in favor.

A discussion and vote was held on accepting Vern Ziegler as a regular member. The Secretary will count the ballots and send a notification letter to Vern.

Jim Quinn presented a Hall of Fame plaque to Dick Allen.

### Show and Tell:

Bob Johnson showed a deflection scale with a magnetic base that he purchased at Harbor Freight.

Ed Lancki gave a presentation on glow to electric conversion, including formulas to use, methods for selecting motors, and prop selection. He also showed a jig that can be used to measure thrust.

Jeff Hatton showed the 21-1/4 x 14-1/2 carbon fiber prop he bought to replace his 21 x 14 APC prop. The carbon fiber prop is 3 oz lighter. He also showed a full collective pitch micro helicopter that costs about \$200 RTF.

Rick Curtis showed a Seabird that he purchased used for \$50.

Jim Quinn showed a Formosa that he bought from Terry, and also a scratch-built plane that he has for sale.

Don Shugard had Gertrude Hawk chocolate for sale to raise funds for Mom's House that was completely flooded.

### Program:

Mark Lecher gave a power point presentation on Glen Curtis and the Curtis Museum in Hammondsport, NY.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

John Carril  
AGS Secretary

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 [RC\\_flyer@stny.rr.com](mailto:RC_flyer@stny.rr.com)  
**Deadline for the next Connector is 11/25/2011**

## **Make a Note of the New Meeting Start Time**

Since the library staff wants us to be out of the library by 8:45 PM, I asked them if we could change the start time of the meeting to 6:45 PM. This will give us a little extra time for our meetings on nights where we have a longer program, or where we have a lot of things to discuss. See you all at 6:45 on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Balsie

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## **Don't Forget the Annual Holiday Party**

It may be a little early to start thinking about Christmas, but our Annual Holiday Party is just around the corner. The date will be December 5<sup>th</sup> and as usual, the party will take place at our monthly meeting. We will have our usual prize drawings and we'll play Aviation Bingo again this year. One change will be that this year, all of the prizes will be wrapped in Christmas paper so you won't know what you're getting until after you open the prize. Here's your chance to see if it's really true that "good things come in small packages". All members and their families are invited. Once again we'll be serving pizza and soda provided by the club and members are encouraged to bring their favorite appetizer or dessert. So mark your calendars and think snow!

Bob Balsie



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