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**The Following Channels Must Not Be Used At The AGS Field: 02, 04, 13, 27, 36, 42, and 49**

## THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5<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....*

Jeff Hatton

First I would like to thank the new and returning board members for volunteering for this year.

I am in the process of getting committee chair positions filled. Thanks to Frank Gioffredo for being our new safety chair and John Carril for taking on membership.

I am currently looking for a member who would be willing to serve as Field Chairman. This is an important job for the club with the main workload being setting up the mowing schedule.

I am also looking for someone who would be willing to take on the job of Historian for the year. Bob Noll did a wonderful presentation last year showing all the activities and events the club participated in last year and I think it would be good to continue this. If anyone is interested in either of these positions let me know.

The board is also looking for a volunteer to fill a position on the finance committee. This committee is defined in our by-laws and the plan is for quarterly meetings this year.

I am also in the process of updating the AGS inventory list. If anyone has anything belonging to the AGS please

compile a list of what you have and either Email it to me or bring it to the meeting so I can have a complete list.

### November Program

The program for November will be a presentation by Todd Kopl on the Lockheed Martin "Desert Hawk III" Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.



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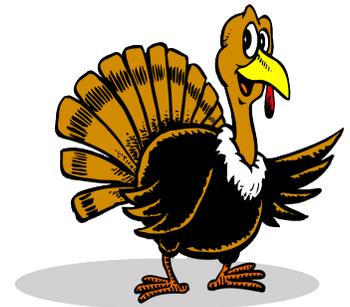
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### Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

**Field Winterization**  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM



### 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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**Program:** Jim Quinn

**Activities:** Bob Balsie

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# **It's Time to Winterize the Field**

by John Carril

Field winterization is scheduled for Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM (Rain Day, Sunday Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>). We need volunteers to help. With enough hands it shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to complete.

**I'll be circulating a sign-up sheet for helpers at the next General Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>, or you contact me anytime to sign up at: 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.
- Taking down the windsock.

We'll need some general hand tools (including cordless drill/drivers), hammers, screwdrivers, wrenches, etc.

Hope to see a lot of you on November 10<sup>th</sup>.



# **It's Time to Pay Your Annual Dues**

by Doug Breneman - AGS Treasurer

Thanks to all members who have submitted their dues for the 2012-2013. Some of you might not know or might not remember how much your dues are. Below are the applicable sections from our by-laws that should help you understand what type of member you are and how much the dues is for each type of member. I will be happy to collect your dues at the next meeting or you can mail your dues to our club mailing address:

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If you have your 2013 AMA card and have submitted your dues, I will give you a 2013 sticker that you need to put on your AMA card to be able to fly at the field. This sticker can act as your receipt of payment, or I can send you an e-mail as your receipt, or I can provide a paper receipt. One of my goals is to minimize the use of paperwork this year.

## **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Regular and Associate Members - All Regular Members shall be actively interested in radio-controlled aircraft. They must be AMA members and FCC Licensed if required. All members are expected to fulfill their obligations to the corporation such as committee assignments and assessments. All members shall agree to abide by the AGS by-laws; the AGS field rules, the by-laws of the AMA, and the AMA national model aircraft safety code.**
- B. New Members - Prospective new members become Associate Members for six (6) months by paying one half (1/2) of the annual dues, one half (1/2) of the field maintenance fee and the full amount of any Special Assessment (see Article IX), if required. Associate Members have all rights and duties of Regular Members except voting rights. During the seventh month, the membership shall be discussed and voted upon by secret ballot.**
- C. Student Member - A Regular Member attending school as a full-time student during the dues year.**
- D. Family Member - A Regular Member who is a dependent of and resides in the home of a Regular Member.**
- E. Senior Member - A Regular Member who becomes sixty-five (65) years old and shall be a member of the AGS for at least ten (10) years during the next dues year.**

## **Article IX - DUES, FEES, and ASSESSMENTS**

- 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**
- F. Student Member dues shall be eighteen dollars (\$18) per dues year.**
- G. Family Member dues shall be one dollar (\$1) per dues year.**

## AGS General Meeting Minutes October 1, 2012

Meeting No. 780, called to order by Jeff Hatton at 6:50PM.

The meeting opened with a motion by Don Green to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the Connector; seconded by Doug Breneman. The motion was approved.

John Carril welcomed a visitor and potential new member, Ed Allen. Ed is very interested in joining the club and pursuing RC flying. John also welcomed Eric Sedlacek at the meeting after a long absence which was apparently the result of some confusion and poor communication.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's report and the financial results of the Float Fly event.

**Field** – John Carril and Jeff Hatton reported on the status of the upper pavilion enclosure project for the new mower. The additional space is completely enclosed and secure; many thanks to all who helped: Don Green, Don Shugard, Brent Bryson, Doug Breneman, Frank and Benjamin Cease, Frank Gioffredo, Jeff and Charlie Hatton, Jim Quinn, and John Carril. Some additional trim and finishing work and painting still needs to be done to complete the project. Also, some field work that needs to be done before the snows come is repairing the ditch along the east side of the upper road, which apparently is caused by erosion from water run-off from the field.

**Activities** – Bob Balsie reported that Float Fly did not have too many fliers, but plenty of prizes. The weather was not the best, but overall everyone had a good time.

Pylon Racing is finished for the year; the next related event will be the party for the racing helpers. The last remaining activity for the year will be the Christmas party.

**Officer Elections** for next year were held. Nominees were: President, Jeff Hatton (2<sup>nd</sup> term); Vice Pres., Bob Johnson; Secretary, Frank Cease; Treasurer, Doug Breneman- all ran unopposed and were elected. Nominees for the two open positions for Board Member-at-Large – one full two year term and the one year balance of Vern Ziegler's term were Brent Bryson and Bob Jennings; the one receiving the most votes would be elected to the full two year term position and the other would be elected to the one year term. Brent Bryson won the 2 year term by one vote – 12 votes to 11 votes for Bob Jennings.

**VRCS Event** – Bob Noll presented a check to the Treasurer, Bob Johnson, from the proceeds of the Vintage R/C Society's annual event.

After some discussion about Terry Terrenoire's resignation from the club due to his moving to Virginia, Bob Noll made a motion that the Club make a plaque for Terry in

recognition of his many contributions to the AGS over the course of thirty-seven years as a member. It was also recommended that he be granted lifetime flying privileges at the AGS field.

### **It's Time to Pay Your Club Dues**

Bob Johnson will send out membership due notices to all members who have not paid their dues for the 2012/2013 year.

### **Show & Tell**

Bob Noll showed an engine starter, offering it to anyone that wanted it. Mark Lecher took it.

Jim Quinn showed his "Bouncer" foam plane. It is very ruggedly built and actually bounces off large objects like buildings, and also has spring loaded landing gear struts. He demonstrated the many very bright lights he installed for night flying.

Bob Frey showed his new Fun Cub made of Elapor foam.

Bob Balsie showed his GLH (Goes Like Hell) plane. It was designed for an .049 engine, but he used electric power. The plans are available from the internet at no cost, but a free-will donation is requested by the designer.

Dick Allen showed a fixture he made for soldering battery leads to connectors, using clothes pins to hold the components in place while soldering.

Tony Cammarata showed a 4-cycle engine he is offering for sale.

**Program** – Bob Noll presented a year 2011/2012 slide show that he prepared as the club historian. He also gave a CD copy of the presentation to the Secretary for the club archives.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19pm

John Carril  
AGS Secretary



# Club Activities for 2012

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

The Pylon Racing season is over and the Helper Appreciations Dinner at Kristofor's was enjoyed by all who were able to attend. The only things still on the list are the Field Winterization on November 10<sup>th</sup>, and the annual Holiday Party that will be held during our monthly meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

I hope that all of you have gotten the opportunity to participate in at least one activity this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Holiday Party.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2012 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2012	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	February 11, 2012	Scott Wallace
Swap Shop	March 24, 2012 (AM)	Terry Terrenoire
Spring Fling	March 24, 2012 (PM)	Jim Quinn
Oakdale Mall Show	April 28 & 29, 2012	Bob Balsie
Pylon Race	May 8, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	May 22, 2012	Don Shugard
Aerobatics Primer	June 9, 2012	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	June 12, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	June 26, 2012	Don Shugard
AGS Pattern Contest	July 7 & 8, 2012	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Pylon Race	July 10, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	July 24, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	August 7, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	August 21, 2012	Don Shugard
VR/CS Reunion	September 1 & 2, 2012	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race	September 9, 2012	Bob Balsie
Fall Float Fly	September 15 & 16, 2012	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 23, 2012	Bob Balsie
<b>Field Winterization</b>	<b>11/10/12</b>	<b>John Carril</b>
Annual Holiday Party	December 3, 2012	Bob Balsie

# ***NOVEMBER PROGRAM***

## ***LOCKHEED MARTIN DESERT HAWK III***

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