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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, JANUARY 7TH AT 6:45 PM AT
THE ENDICOTT LIBRARY**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Jeff Hatton

It has been a fairly quiet month with the AGS, Hopefully you are all working on winter projects and indoor things to fly. I traveled with Jim Quinn this past month out to the Holiday Electric Festival in Geneva Ohio. There were approximately 250 registered pilots at the event with all different types of indoor planes. I am still looking for someone to head up finding programs for the meetings. If I haven't contacted you yet and you are interested either in coordinating the programs or putting on a program please let me know. Also, If you have any program requests for the upcoming year let me know.

January Program

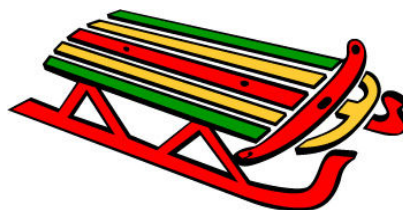
The program for January will be a presentation by Jeff Hatton on the subject of setting up and using channel mixing, exponential, dual rates, and end point adjustments on your computer radio.

Aviation Crossword

Starting in this issue, we will be having an aviation crossword puzzle. Doug Breneman has offered to be the word master for this feature. He will also be doing some word search puzzles in future issues. Check out the first one on page 7 and test your knowledge of famous aviators. Answers are on page 8.

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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

January 7th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

AGS Winter Fly

February ??, 10:00 AM
BROOME SOCCER FIELD



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.

December Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Hatton at 6:45 PM.

November Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November meeting as published in the Connector. The motion carried.

Activities: Bob Balsie reported that the activity for the meeting was the Annual Holiday Party. He also stated that the next club activity would be the annual New Year's Day Fly to be held at the Broome United Soccer Fields. Frank Gioffredo, the chairman, gave a short preview of the event.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM to begin the Holiday Party.

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(A-C)

Vice President: Bob Johnson
(D-H)

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(I-L)

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(M-R)

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Brent Bryson (S-Z)

Bob Jennings

Committee Chairmen

Membership: John Carril

Program: Jim Quinn

Activities: Bob Balsie

Field: Open

Historian: Don Green

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Ed Lancki

Safety: Frank Gioffredo

Librarian: Open

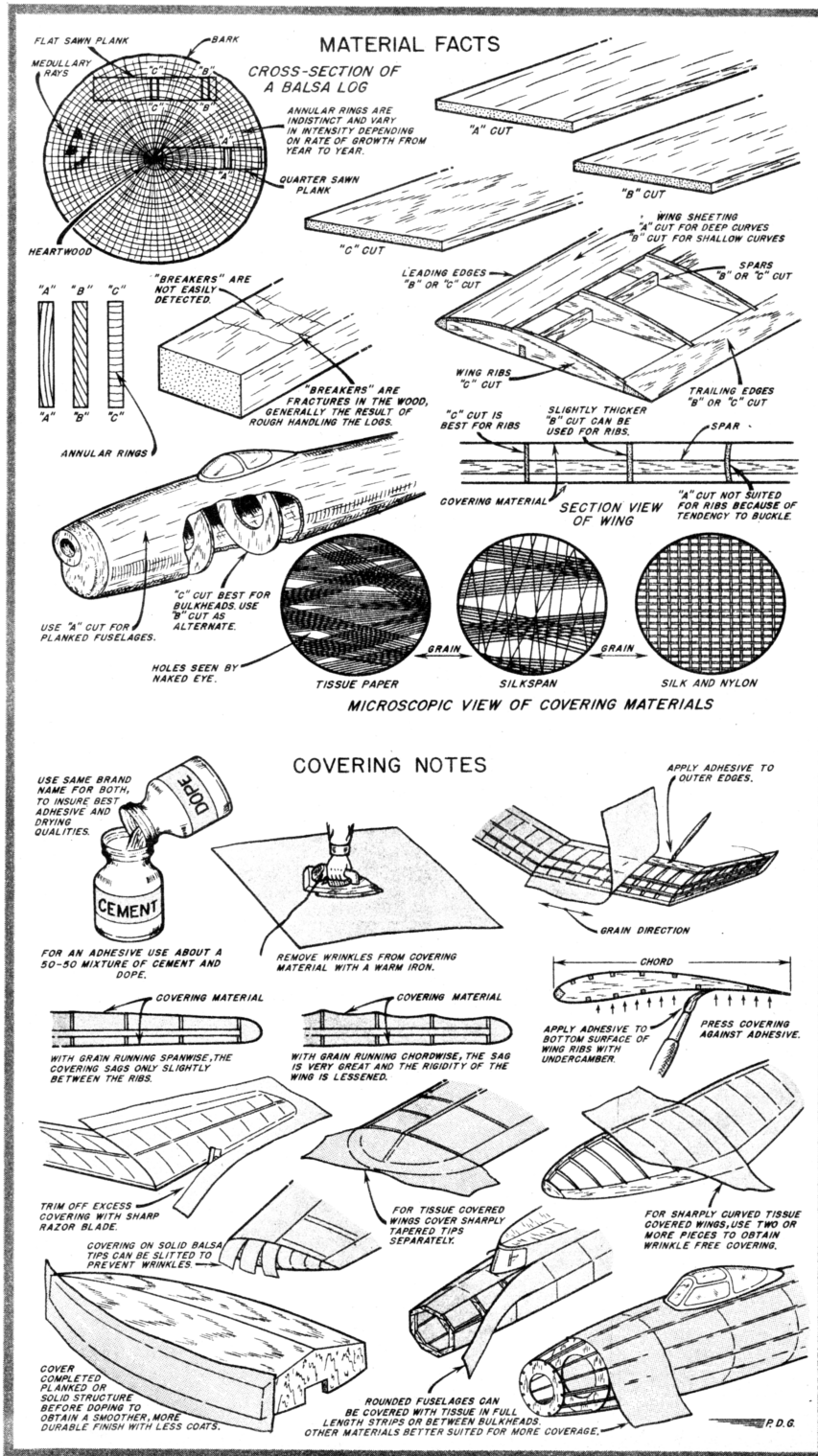
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Builders' Group

by Bob Noll



Nine AGS members signed up for this winter's builders group. The group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Three sessions have already been held at Bob Noll's hanger. Here's a list of those who have chosen their building projects:

Bob Johnson - Top Dawg and Tufflight Bouncer

Scott Wallace - British design, the "Super 60".

Bob Balsie - Pete-n-Poke Kit

Don Green - Mid Star .40 Kit

Frank Cease - Top Dawg

Frank Gioffredo - Top Dawg

Eric Sedlacek - Model repair

Vern Ziegler - Still deciding

Brent Bryson - Finish up some existing models and start some new ones.

If you have never built a model from a kit or plans, or if you haven't built anything for a while, why not join the group and see what you've been missing? There are always some good socializing, building tips to pass around, and

the occasional video to watch and enjoy. Not to mention the coffee and goodies, too. The next meeting will take place on January 8th at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you there...!!!

History Happened Here Christmas 2012

by Jim Quinn

What is a Christmas party without food? There was plenty and it was delicious. Traditionally, AGS provides the “main course” and beverages and the members bring a dish to pass. 2012 was no exception. There was a great variety of family favorites for all of us to feast on and enjoy.



More than food, what is a Christmas party without gifts? If there was plenty of food there were even more gifts.

An evening so fabulous should be memorialized. With Terry Terrenoire snugly warm in Virginia we needed a new camera man. So...



With our bellies full we all settled down to the serious business of Bingo. Tensions were getting higher and higher until the ice was finally broken with that first shout of “bingo.” After that first prize was claimed “bingo” became the word of the hour until every guest had at least one gift.

After bingo it was a free for all drawing for door prizes. Frank Gioffredo kept the evening flowing with his smooth calling of bingo and calling out for 5 or 6 rounds of door prizes.

With all of us wondering how we would manage getting all those prizes out to our cars we all began farewells and thank yous. Just one question remained? How do Jackie and Bob Balsie keep making our Christmas parties better and better each year? I guess the answer lies with Santa himself. When I asked Santa he just said “Jackie and Bob, like me, are magical!”

HISTORY HAPPENED HERE

New Year's Day 2013

by Jim Quinn

Did I say chili? Or did I say chilly? The answer to both questions is yes.

Answering the first questions was the team of Frank and Derek Gioffredo. Frank's taste buds were not at their best so Derek stepped up and advised his dad on the final touches to make Frank's Chili its traditionally superior taste. Yes, hot dogs, and hot drinks were also part of this delicious lunch.



Once Doug Breneman unlocked the gate it was up to Vern Ziegler to get us to the parking lot. Thanks to Vern's plow parking was easy.

Thanks to Mother Nature it was also chilly. The winds were blowing and the snow was cooperating with the winds. Did that bother the hearty AGS pilots? Not in the least.

With the cold weather it was easier to get our airplanes into the air with a helping hand of another pilot.



Our President, Jeff Hatton, had recently returned from an F3P indoor contest in Geneva, OH. He had to change gears to get more clothes on and a very different airplane in the air.

History keeps being made at many AGS events when multiple families of three generations attend. Our New Year's day welcomed three generations of Hattons and Kopl. Todd might have missed his dad, Tom's, lesson on landing. More likely, however, it was trying to land with wheels in powdery snow. Either way, happily, the third generation, Matty, was quick to recover the airplane for his turn to fly.

Club Activities for 2013

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

Well, guys, we all survived the roll-over of the Mayan calendar, and according to those learned men we are now beginning a new creation of the world. So what better way to usher in that new creation than with the first meeting of the year on January 7th at the Endicott Library.

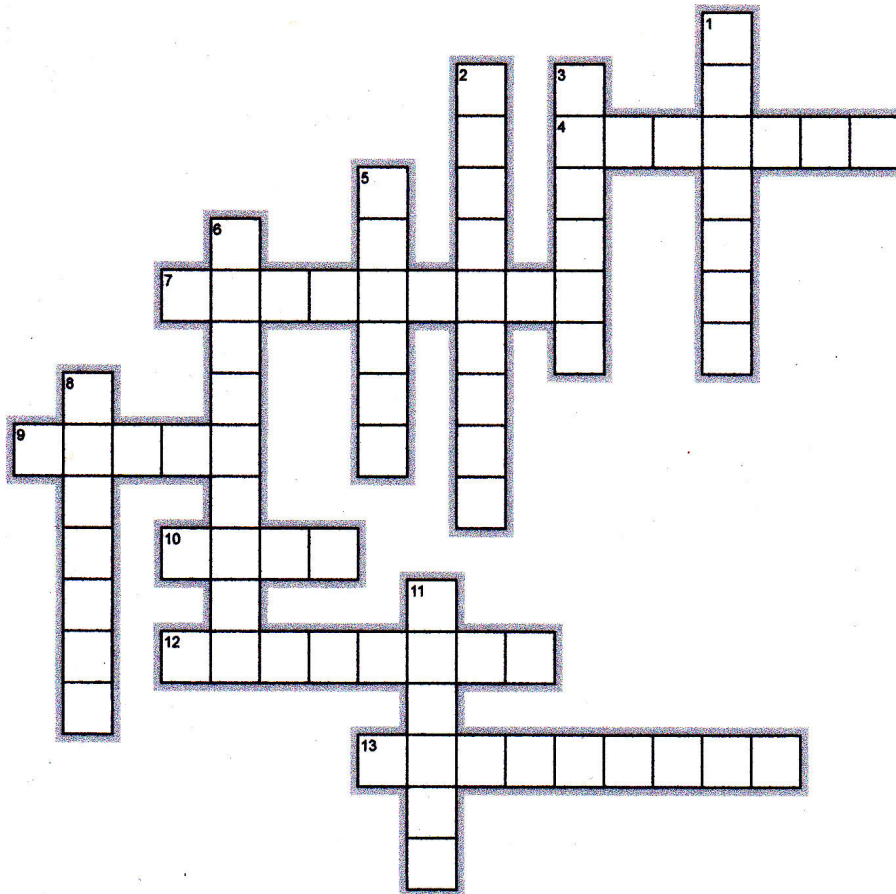
If you haven't built a model before, or if it's been a long time since you built one, check out Bob Noll's article on the Builders' Group on page 3 and consider joining.

Though Spring is a little ways away, it will be here before you know it, so think about reconditioning those models that have been sitting for the last couple of months. The days are getting longer and the warm weather will soon be here.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2013 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2013	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	TBD	Scott Wallace
Spring Fling	TBD	Jim Quinn
Field Opening	April ??, 2013	?
Pylon Race	May 7, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	May 21, 2013	Todd Kopl
Aerobatics Primer	TBD	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	June 11, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	June 25, 2013	Todd Kopl
AGS Pattern Contest	TBD	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Pylon Race	July 9, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	July 23, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	August 6, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	August 20, 2013	Todd Kopl
VR/CS Reunion	8/31 – 9/1, 2013	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race	September 7, 2013	Todd Kopl
Fall Float Fly	September 7 & 8, 2013	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 14, 2013	Todd Kopl
Field Winterization	TBD	(?)
Annual Holiday Party	December 2, 2013	Bob Balsie

AVIATION CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Famous Names in Flight



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

- 4. Amelia
- 7. James "Jimmy"
- 9. Burt
- 10. Sally
- 12. Charles
- 13. Pappy

Down

- 1. Kelly
- 2. Neil
- 3. Chuck
- 5. Orville
- 6. Quique
- 8. Glenn

2012 – 2013 Dues Report

by **Doug Breneman - AGS Treasurer**

Over half of the members have paid their annual dues. Thank you! Your dues is the primary source of income of our club. For those who have not paid yet and wish to renew your membership, there are two easy ways to pay your dues: send a check to our club post office box or see me at the January general meeting.

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Article IX in the bylaws (found in the Members Only section on our website) describes all dues. A summary is:

- Regular member \$72.
- Senior member \$60.
- Student member \$18.
- Family member \$1.

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key

Across

4. **EARHART**—Amelia
7. **DOOLITTLE**—James "Jimmy"
9. **RUTAN**—Burt
10. **RIDE**—Sally
12. **LINDBERGH**—Charles
13. **BOYINGTON**—Pappy

Down

1. **JOHNSON**—Kelly
2. **ARMSTRONG**—Neil
3. **YEAGER**—Chuck
5. **WRIGHT**—Orville
6. **SOMENZINI**—Quique
8. **CURTISS**—Glenn
11. **ARNOLD**—Henry "Hap"

After Christmas Sale

by Doug Breneman – AGS Treasurer

Did you know that at each meeting I bring some of the AGS Logo merchandise? These items include:

- decals of various - sizes from \$0.75 to \$5.00
perfect for each of your winter projects



- embroidered patches - \$10.00
suitable for a club jacket or shirt (9 1/4" x 7")

- 10 oz. Mugs - \$5.00



- baseball-style hats - \$7.00
Adjustable band in back.



- We also have AMA ID Decals – 2 for \$0.25.
Meets AMA safety code for plane identification.



The AGS Board of Directors is trying to find a suitable supplier for club jackets and shirts. All merchandise is in stock except for hats. If anyone knows the location of our stock of AGS hats and can confirm the price shown above, please let me know.

JANUARY PROGRAM

***EXPO, DUAL-RATES,
END POINTS AND MORE***

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