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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, MAY 6TH AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Jeff Hatton

The flying season is finally here. With the field now open, hopefully we can all get back out and fly again.

I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate flight school this year, I will be passing around a sign-up sheet for students and instructors at the next meeting.

It is also the beginning of the pylon racing season and I am sure that the racers will appreciate all the help with the races that anyone can give.

Expect to be hearing from Frank Gioffredo shortly on some updates to the field rules as well.

A special thanks to Bob Balsie for stepping up to provide a program for this month's meeting.



May Program

The program for April will be a presentation by Bob Balsie on the subject of Control Line models and flying. See Bob's article on page 2 of this issue.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
May 6th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Pylon Race #1
May 14th
AGS FIELD

Pylon Race #2
May 28th
AGS 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.

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May Program

by Bob Balsie

At the May meeting, I will be presenting a program on the subject of Controline Flying. Since controline flying is not as popular as it once was, especially in our area, I would wager that most of our younger members (and maybe some of the older ones, too) have never seen a controline model fly.

Many people think that because the controline plane is flying in a circle, attached to a set of flying wires, that the plane isn't really flying, but just being tethered like a rock on a string. Another erroneous belief is that all controline planes can do is fly around and around in a circle. Again, this is not the case. In this program I'll be giving all of you an overview of controline flying and the various types of events that are flown in this aspect of the hobby. I'll also have a few models on hand to help you see how these planes work. And finally, I have a video, produced by AMA, that you will find both interesting and informative. So mark your calendar for Monday, May 6th and stop by for a fun evening.



AGS General Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2013

MEETING #785

Endicott Public Library

President Hatton called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM

A Treasurer's report was given.

ACTIVITIES:

Winter Fly: Bob Balsie reported that the Winter Fly on March 9 was a huge success, although the pilot count was down a little. Those who came enjoyed a great day.

The Spring Fling on March 30 was canceled due to a lack of interest. Only one person indicated he wanted to participate.

Because of rescheduling both of these events the participation might have been lower than normal.

Ham Fest: President Hatton needs two additional volunteers if the AGS is to participate in this event. He will send out a general email with the event particulars and requests for additional volunteers.

Field Opening: Jim Quinn has requested that extreme caution be exercised if any members drive up to the AGS R/C airport. The parking area is extremely wet and significant damage could be caused by driving on it. As always, our airport is never closed, but common sense must prevail lest our property is damaged. Jim thanks everyone for understanding and cooperating.

Model Aviation Day: Rick Allabaugh announced that August 10th is the date of choice for this event. He is in contact with Todd Kopl to include Cub Scouts, and Brett Bryson to include Civil Air Patrol help for traffic control.

Historian's Report: Don Green showed a running photo history album.

Builders' Group: Bob Noll reported that the Builders' Group is doing well.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hatton reported that our Safety Chairman, Frank Gioffredo, is reviewing and updating our Field Rules to increase safety and reflect advancements in equipment. This update will be provided to the membership for review upon completion. President Hatton explained that these updates will be more conceptual than equipment specific so the actual implementation might be applied differently from member to member, but that the issue of safety will always be equally maintained.

Bob Noll asked for a current roster to be printed in the next issue of the '**CONNECTOR**.' The membership agreed that the roster on the website should be sufficient. Our Secretary will be sure to get our current membership list to our webmaster to be posted on the website.

President Hatton announced that our new website is almost ready for use. It can be visited for review through our old website.

Sadly for us, **ERIC SEDLACEK** resigned from the AGS. He will be moving to North Carolina for a new job. We are all happy for Eric's new position, but will miss him. Eric wanted to thank Bob Balsie, Don Green, and Bob Noll for their support of his membership.

Bob Balsie had some CA left over from the 2012 Float Fly. It was used as prizes for Show and Tell.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

SHOW AND TELL:

Bob Noll showed his PHOENIX 7. Construction time for this ARF was about 4 days. It is powered with an OS .55. Bob used the fixed gear option. He was very impressed with this kit and on a scale of 1-10 he rated it an 11! Even the hinge gaps were sealed!

Harold Peeling showed his NORTHEAST SAIL PLANE kit of a DLG. All up weight was 11oz. Harold has not used the discus launching capabilities of this sail plane yet, but initial glides show great potential. Almost 90 degrees of flaps are used to spill lift in preparation for landing.

Jeff Hatton showed his R/C SUPER HERO IRON MAN. This is a blue foam scratch built "airplane" Jeff made using his recently constructed CNC router table that he also scratch built. The templates for construction come from PHLATBOYZ. It is powered with an E-Flight 370.

ALL THREE AIRPLANES ARE AWAITING BETTER WEATHER FOR TEST FLYING.

PROGRAM

Jim Quinn presented a program on the CLASSIC PATTERN ASSOCIATION. Jim used the library's smart board to display the CPA's website and used various parts of the website for a lively discussion. Jim mentioned that there will be four CPA contests within a 2 hour drive of Endicott in 2013, two of which will be at the AGS R/C airport.

Frank Cease
AGS Secretary

Club Activities for 2013

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

It's hard to believe but one-third of 2013 is behind us already. I don't know about you but I thought that I'd have more building done by now. I'm still trying to finish up the Rainbow model that I started last month, but it's been fighting me every step of the way. I may get it completed before the May meeting.

Check out the calendar below to see what other fun events will be available for you to participate in this year. There should be something for everyone. Our next activity will be the first Pylon Race of the season on May 14th. Hope to see all of you guys at the field this summer.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2013 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2013	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	March 9, 2013	Don Green
Field Opening	April ??, 2013	Jim Quinn
Pylon Race	May 14, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	May 28, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	June 11, 2013	Todd Kopl
Model Aviation Day	June ??, 2013	Rick Allabaugh
Pylon Race	June 25, 2013	Todd Kopl
Aerobatics Primer	June 29, 2013	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	July 9, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	July 23, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	August 13, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	August 27, 2013	Todd Kopl
VR/CS Reunion	8/31 – 9/1, 2013	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race	September 8, 2013	Todd Kopl
Fall Float Fly	September 7 & 8, 2013	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 15, 2013	Todd Kopl
AGS Pattern Contest	September 21 & 22, 2013	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 2, 2013	Bob Balsie

AGS Mowing List

Date	Tractor Driver	Helper #1	Helper #2
May 4	Bob Noll	Doug Breneman	Matt Hobart
May 11	Jeff Hatton	Frank Cease	Ben Cease
May 18	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matty Kopl
May 25	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Rick Allabaugh

Our Future Aviator

by Todd Kopl

Matthew Kopl (AGS Member) recently won 1st place at his yearly science fair at Hillel Academy. His subject was The Science of Flight. He is 10 years old & a 4th grader. Judges come in from outside agencies including Kupernick Observatory and students were allowed to select the subject matter with teacher/parent approval. One judge came up to him after the awards and complimented his knowledge of the subject matter during the oral presentation. Here is a photo of Matthew and his project:



Radio Controlled Model Airplane

Float Fly

May 18th & 19th, 2013

Nathaniel Cole Park
1674 Colesville Road

Harpursville, NY 13787

10 miles East of Binghamton, NY

GPS Coord. N 42.14762° W 075.71017°

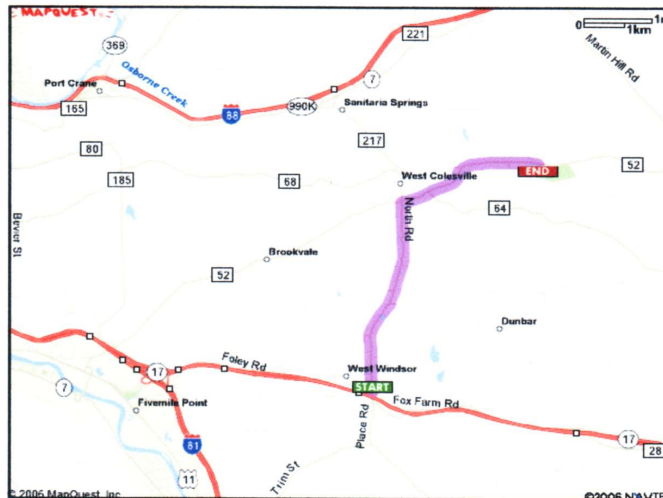


DIRECTIONS:

NY Rt. 17 (186) to Exit 77. Turn Toward Gas Station onto North Road. Follow North Road 4 miles to four corner intersection with Colesville Road. Turn right onto Colesville Road. Follow Colesville Road 2 miles. Entrance to the park will be on your right.

SCHEDULE, FEES AND FEATURES:

AMA sanctioned event.
Flying 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.
Landing Fee: \$10 both days, or \$8 one day.
Pilot Door Prizes. On site self contained RV overnight camping available, please contact CD. Lunch will be available both days.



The MOB would like to thank last years event sponsors who donated prizes:

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Bring the entire family, Cole Park boasts a beautiful 53-acre lake and twin arcs of white sand, the largest protected beach in the county system. There are two picnicking areas and all the amenities necessary to make Nathaniel Cole one of our finest parks. See www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/ParksNatCole.php

MAY PROGRAM

WIRED FOR EXCITEMENT

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