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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, DECEMBER 2ND AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Rick Allabaugh

Hopefully many of our members will be able to make it to this December's meeting at the Library for our annual Holiday Party. It was exactly one year ago this December for me when I attended the last party and decided to re-join the club. I had a great time seeing old friends and both Bob and Jackie Balsie should be thanked for the effort they put into the event.

After the Holiday party, the next event will be the New Year's Day Fun Fly. Frank Gioffredo is organizing this activity and we have already completed the necessary paperwork with the school district so that we can use the BC United soccer field.

At the last Board meeting, Jeff Hatton reviewed with us the new web site that he started to develop. We've asked him for access to it so that we can make recommendations and have him continue to develop it. I'm hoping that in the next couple of months that we transition to this site from our old one. There are a lot of innovative features in it and in the end, I think it will be a lot easier for members to use and update information on.

Finally, the club is still searching for members to volunteer for the following Committee Chairs: Activities, Program, and Public Relations.

See you at the December Holiday Party!



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting

December 2nd, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Holiday Party

December 2nd, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

New Year's Day Fly

January 1st, 11:00 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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Holiday Party Preview

It's hard to believe that 2013 is almost over and gone, but it is, and that means that it is once more time for our annual Holiday Party. As you probably know by now, the party will take place during our regular monthly meeting on December 2nd at the Endicott Library at 6:45 PM.

As usual, the club will be providing pizza and soda, and those who attend are asked to bring one of their favorite side dishes or desserts to share with the rest of the group. Jackie has amassed a large collection of prizes and gifts of all kinds, so there there will be plenty of fun things for everyone. We will be playing Aviation Bingo again this year for the initial round of prizes, and then we'll have a prize drawing that will continue until all of the gifts are gone.

If you haven't sent me an email as yet telling me whether or not you are coming to the party, please do so ASAP so we will know how many people to plan for. Give me a call at 205-1078 or send me a note at a10hog@stny.rr.com. **We're looking forward to seeing you there...!!!**



Happy Holidays from the AGS

The V.P. Soap Box

by Scott Wallace – Vice President

Well it's that time again for another edition of the ol' soapbox, with another year drawing to a close. I wish all of you an enjoyable Holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

For 2014 I hope we can all do what we can to reinvigorate the AGS. I've been encouraged of late by the increased participation in "show and tells" at the meeting. There is probably something each of us can contribute to help keep that momentum going. Even those of us that no longer actively fly or even build may have an interesting model or artifact to bring in and discuss at show and tell. I think it would be great to hear some stories from some of our older members!

I hope everyone can attend our Holiday party, and a big thank you to Bob and Jackie Balsie as they always do a great job hosting this event. Soon after we'll likely host the New Year's Day Fly. Stay tuned for details. *(Rick's Prez Sez article confirms that this event will take place again this year.)*

As for me, I'm pretty busy with work, helping out with my daughter's basketball team (U-E girls JV squad), serving as treasurer for the Vintage RC Society, and as VP for the AGS. Still, I find time here and there to keep building. I have a Midwest Sweet Stik about done for VRCS events next year, a Kaos 40 on the board and balsa ordered to build a deBolt Live Wire Senior. It's a 1952 design that's the big brother of the Live Wire Trainer that Bob Noll has shown recently.

Merry Christmas everyone!



AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting # 793

November 4th, 2013

Place: Endicott Public Library

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

Guests: None

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted as published in The Connector.

Minutes of last board meeting: A synopsis was read by secretary, Bob Noll.

Treasurer's Report: Todd gave no report but mentioned that he is collecting dues. He also provided those members who paid their dues at the meeting the club stickers for their AMA cards.

Committee Reports:

Field – Jim Quinn reminded everyone that the field winterizing work party is scheduled for 12 noon on Saturday November 9. Rick said that hot dogs, and cold and warm beverages will be provided. A donation can will be there so there is no cost to the club.

Holiday Party – Bob Balsie announced that this year's holiday party will be held at the December meeting at the library and that the club will provide pizza and drinks. Bob asked members to bring a dish. There will again be prizes. Bob will send out an e-mail requesting a headcount.

Old Business:

Finances - Rick mentioned that the club has been running a financial deficit of approximately \$200 per year for several years. Therefore, officers will not be exempt from paying dues and cost reductions will be made on most club events.

By-Laws - Rick mentioned that they are under review by the Board of Directors.

Field Rules - Rick mentioned that they are being finalized in accordance with the final voting at meeting #792.

Club Assets - Rick mentioned that Bob Noll is updating the list.

Web Site – Comments were made that the new website looks good.

Tent – It has been for sale for \$200 on Craig's List with no takers. Bob Noll reported that he has a possible buyer for the poles and will ask \$10 each for the side poles. Frank Gioffredo stated that he would like the tent, poles and stakes if they cannot be sold.

Bulletin Board at Jim's RC – Rick will contact Daren for permission.

Bob Noll apologized to Frank Gioffredo for not listing him as one of the Golden Eagles, VRCS Chapter III in his Connector article. Bob also welcomed Bob Balsie as a new VRCS member and the newest Golden Eagle.

Scott Wallace announced that AGS mugs are available for \$7 each.

New Business:

Committee needs – Rick announced that he is in need of chairmen for Programs, Activities, and Public Relations.

Library – Rick questioned the need to continue the club library. Frank Gioffredo volunteered to review the library for disposition of items and bring the relevant items to meetings. In addition to "weeding out" the Library, Frank also offered to be the Library Chairman for the year.

X-Mark Mower – Frank mentioned that he has extra blades.

Swap Shop Newsletter – Bob Balsie described his newsletter and requirement for users. Favorable comments were provided by many.

Plan Copies – Rick offered to provide copies to members.

Wounded Warrior Project – Todd Kopl read a letter of appreciation from the Wounded Warrior Project for the \$150 donated by the club from donations obtained at Model Aviation Day.

New Member – Ray Phillips was introduced as a new Associate Member.

New Year's Day Fly – Frank said he would run the annual event and provide a donation can to minimize expenses.

Insurance for BC United Field – Rick will contact AMA for date that our current policy expires.

Wings Across America – Jim Quinn reported that this AMA program was just completed and that the plane will be going to the AMA Museum. The project was started in 2008 and the challenge was to fly a Stevens Aero SQUIRT in all of the contiguous 48 states by handing off the plane to AMA members without shipping. Jim was one of the pilots.

Patches and Pins – John Carrill, Membership Chairman, told members he has the 20 Year Leader Club patches and RC Pilot Wings at no cost.

Show & Tell:

Bob Balsie displayed his Radio Link 7 channel transmitter he got from Heads-Up RC. He reported that it doesn't like to work with HiTec servos.

Bob Frey showed an Elecric-Fly SPAD with Rim Fire motor that he has for sale.

Jeff Hatton showed his home built quad-copter built for less than \$100.

Jim Quinn showed his Auto G auto gyro and gave a dissertation on takeoff difficulties.

Frank Gioffredo showed a Balsa USA Northstar kit that he has had for several years and stated that Jim Quinn is going to build it for him. He will power it with a .46 glow engine.

Don Shugard showed his newly built electric powered Whiplash, a VRCS legal Dick Sarpolis design.

Bob Johnson showed his newly acquired transmitter mitt for winter flying that cost him \$16.

Program:

Bob Balsie gave the program titled "B-17 Emergency Procedures"

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. Respectfully submitted – Bob Noll, Secretary

Club Activities for 2013

* 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
Pylon Race	June 25, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pattern Primer	June 29, 2013	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	July 9, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	July 23, 2013	Todd Kopl
Model Aviation Day	August 10, 2013	Rick Allabaugh
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)
Fall Float Fly	September 7 & 8, 2013	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 15, 2013	Todd Kopl
AGS Pattern Contest	Sept. 21 & 22, 2013	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	November 9, 2013	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 2, 2013	Bob Balsie



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