



# ARCS NEWS



April 3, 2004



## Club Meeting- Friday, April 9, 2004 7 PM at Walt's

### President's Message:

Spring is here! We're on Daylight Savings Time which means the flying can begin. Mike Amie says the field is in pretty good shape. It could stand to be rolled. The road needs some minor work and some brush could be trimmed. Here's what's happening this month:

#### Club Officers:

President: Herb Ziegler  
638-2824  
Vice President: Mike Amie  
468-1332  
Treasurer: Mike Schofield  
488-2120  
Secretary: Al Metz  
492-3019  
Safety Officer: Dave Kennedy  
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#### Board of Directors:

Rocco Mangano  
Dave Mathewson  
Mike Gosson  
Phil Artese  
Mark DeFilippo

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- Most of the new shirts and hats have been distributed to those who ordered them. If you haven't picked yours up yet you can pick them up at the meeting or make some other arrangement with me. We also have a few extra shirts and a lot of extra hats. See me if you want one.
- Election of officers occurred during the last meeting. The winners are: Pres: Herb Ziegler, Vice Pres: Mike Amie, Secretary: Al Metz, Treas: Mike Schofield. Thanks to the membership for your support!
- The tractor is almost ready to bring out to the field. There were no major issues with it this year. It needed a new battery and just routine maintenance.
- Speaking of the tractor, take a look on page 2.
- Flight training will start on the 15th. As is always the case, every Thursday evening is reserved for flight instruction only. Do not plan on flying if you are not learning. If the weather is bad on the 15th, students are encouraged to bring your planes out anyway. We can meet at the main hanger to pre-flight the planes.
- Tentative dates have been established for summer events. Please look at the calendar on page 4. I will need volunteers to run each event.
- We will have a clean-up day at the field on Sunday, April 18th starting around noon. Please come if you can. I promise not to work you too hard.
- Dave Mathewson has been working with a group of engineering students at SU on a project involving an RC plane. The plane they are using is on its last legs and, being typical college students, they have no money. If you have a trainer you are willing to donate to the cause, please talk to Dave or Herb.
- The Ramada Inn has informed me that they are doing a major remodeling project next winter and will not be able to host our Forum. A lot of work has gone into it and we don't want to skip a year. If you know of any alternatives, please let me know.
- Just a reminder, *everyone* must use the access road to get to the field. You must watch for and yield to any full-size aircraft. You may *not* drive across the runways. If you are unfamiliar with the airport layout, please contact one of the officers for assistance.

I hope to see you at the meeting Friday night.

*Herb.*

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## Time to buy a new tractor?

I've been looking at replacement tractors and I think it is time to upgrade to a better model. The one I would recommend is a John Deere model G100, available from Home Depot. It is a garden tractor, which means it has larger wheels and is heavier duty than a lawn tractor. It has a 25HP Kohler, vertical shaft, V-twin, overhead valve engine, and a 54" mower deck, and a hydro-static transmission. The price is \$3899.00 plus tax. The tractor shed door will have to be modified to fit the larger deck which should not be a big problem.

Our current tractor has a 12.5 HP Kohler, vertical shaft, single cylinder, overhead valve engine and a 42" mower deck. It was purchased in March, 1992 for \$2100.00 plus tax. It is still in good condition and can be sold to offset some of the costs.

The new machine would significantly reduce the mowing time and would be more suitable for pulling the roller around the field.

The club treasury has around \$6000.00 in it. This is due to the tractor fund which was established about 12 years ago. 15% of the dues money go into this fund, with the intent of having enough saved up to buy a new tractor when the old one wears out.

If you want more information, I encourage you to go to the Home Depot and look one of these tractors over. You can also visit [http://www.deere.com/en\\_US/ProductCatalog/HO/servlet/com.deere.u90785.cce.productcatalog.view.servlets.ProdCatProduct?pNbr=SKU20258&cNbr=HO\\_LGT&sCName=G100%20Series&tM=HO](http://www.deere.com/en_US/ProductCatalog/HO/servlet/com.deere.u90785.cce.productcatalog.view.servlets.ProdCatProduct?pNbr=SKU20258&cNbr=HO_LGT&sCName=G100%20Series&tM=HO) to see the specifications.

We will be voting on this at the meeting.

*Herb.*



## Aero Radio Club of Syracuse Membership Application/Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check all that apply:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ New Member initiation fee \$ 5.00

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Junior Member (under 18, parent *NOT* a member) \$10.00

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Junior Member (under 18, parent *IS* a member) \$ 0.00

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Senior Member (over 65) \$15.00

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Regular Member (18-65) \$35.00

Radio Channel(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Late Fee (after Jan. 31, Renewals only) \$ 5.00

Submit this form and payment to:

Add up all applicable fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Schofield (ARCS Treasurer)  
3910 Howlett Hill Rd.  
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Make checks payable to ARCS

## Thanks!

At the last meeting, I was presented with an award. We didn't have a camera at the meeting so the photo below is a re-enactment of the presentation with my son Eric standing in for Mike Amie. The plaque says, "Herb Thank you for your hard work and dedication from the members of Aero Radio Club of Syracuse 2004". This was quite a surprise for me and I feel honored to receive such an award. As for all my "hard work and dedication", I can't imagine a better way to spend my time. In the 10 years I've been involved in the club, every minute has been enjoyable. Every member I've met I consider a friend and there's nothing more enjoyable than flying with, working with and helping friends. To all the members, thank you very much! I look forward to many more years of flying with the best R/C club in the world.

*Herb.*



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## AERO RADIO CLUB OF SYRACUSE

### Calendar

Fri, Apr. 9	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting
Thu, Apr. 15	6PM at the field	Training begins (weather permitting)
Sun, Apr. 18	Noon at the field	Clean-up Day
Sun, July 11	Noon at the field	Club Picnic
Sat, Aug. 7	Old Forge	Mountain RC Fly-in (Walt's Club)
Sun, Aug. 15	Noon at the field	Fun Fly
Sun, Sept. 5	Stars Field	STARS annual air show
Sun, Sept. 19	STARS Field	ARCS/STARS Picnic (tentative)
Sat-Sun, Oct. 2-3	New Jersey	AMA District II Fly-in
Fri, Oct. 8	7PM Walt's	Club Meeting- No meetings thru summer