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## ---- LOCAL NEWS BULLETIN ----

### Mid-Winter Construction Groups

ASTRE will be conducting a series of construction groups over the winter. For the next three months, we will have a special meeting schedule to accommodate this. Our meetings will be held in Room 005 of the Classroom Building of the Fulton-Mongomery Community College. Our meetings will be scheduled to run from 10am to 5pm. The first hour (and the first hour only) will be devoted to club business. The construction group will begin at the end of the business meeting. These meetings will be scheduled as follows:

January 13 - Building Parachute and  
Streamer models

February 10 - Building Boost/Gliders

March 10 - Building Helicopter models.

For each meeting, we will have specially prepared kits for the participating modelers. These kits will be available for a reasonable fee. There will be fifteen to twenty kits available for each meeting, with preference being given to younger and/or less-experienced modelers. You may also choose to bring your own parts/kits and build whatever you feel like. In any case, you should be sure to bring along all of the tools and supplies necessary to build model rockets. These include:

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| hobby knife   | working board |
| sandpaper     | tape          |
| glue          | ruler         |
| pen or pencil | scissors.     |

It is hoped that these construction groups will get people thinking about building for the spring, learn about the construction of competition models, and learn good construction habits. In any event, it should prove to be a good chance to get together with other club members and have some fun with model rockets.

### Notice of Vote to Amend ASTRE By-laws

There will be a vote at the January 13 club meeting on a proposed amendment to the ASTRE By-laws. The amendment reads as follows:

#### Article 4. Dues:

Change: "Dues shall be \$4 (Junior), \$6 (Leader), and \$10 (Senior) per year, payable in advance. These Section dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to the NAR. All dues monies shall be kept in a General Fund by the Secretary/Treasurer and shall be paid out by him/her only on order of the Section Board of Directors."

To: "Dues shall be set at a level determined by vote of the general membership, payable in advance. These Section dues are separate and distinct from national dues paid to the NAR. All dues monies shall be kept in a General Fund by the Treasurer and shall be paid out by him/her only on order of the Section Board of Directors. A portion of these dues will go into a Newsletter Fund, dedicated to the publication of a section newsletter."

(changes are underlined)

Purpose: The club has undergone many changes in the three and a half years since its inception. The first change will allow us to change the dues schedule to pay for the expanded projects and membership services we offer. The second change reflects the separation of the offices of Secretary and Treasurer. One of the club's primary services is the club newsletter. The third change will insure continued funding for this project.

Effective date: January 13 meeting.

## ASTRE Contest Schedule

We have yet to make a decision on the degree of contest activity that we plan to participate in this coming spring and summer. We have to consider items such as how many of us intend to pursue individual competition efforts, how many of us plan to go to NARAM, and whether we plan to seriously contend for the Section Championship again at NARAM. These will be considered in composing the 1990 ASTRE contest schedule. We must also consider how many meets we want to fly, the scheduling of those meets, whether we want to attend any "road" meets, what events we want to fly, how to fly them, et cetera.

I suggest that we make our basic plans (how many meets and a rough schedule) at the January and/or February business meetings. I also suggest a special meeting of the Competition Committee (basically, myself and anyone else who is interested in this matter) to handle the specifics of scheduling these meets. I have talked to Chuck Weiss and he has volunteered to host this meeting at his home, February 10, following the B/G construction session.

## 1990 Calendar

At the right is a preliminary schedule of model rocket events in the Northeast (as well as the NARAM events). This should give you some idea of the "road" meets that we have to choose from. Some listings are tentative ("\*" denotes that the event is tentative). Note that due to the scheduling of the 1990 Internats [mid-June], WUBBA is not expected to be held this year.

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## Future ASTRE Meetings

January 13, Sat, 11am at FMCC, Rm 005.  
PD/SD Construction Session.  
(Business meeting at 10am - Elections.)  
February 10, Sat, 11am at FMCC, Rm 005.  
B/G Construction Session.  
(Business meeting at 10am.)  
February 10, Sat, approx. 7pm at Chuck Weiss' home.  
Meeting of Competition Committee.  
March 10, Sat, 11am at FMCC, Room 005.  
HD Construction Session.  
(Business meeting at 10am.)

\* mid-March - GODDARD Open meet, GSSS,  
Bridgewater, NJ.  
\* late April - ECRM Regional meet, NARHAMS,  
site TBA.  
April 20-22 - Pearl River Seminar, PRVS, Pearl  
River, NY.  
April 29 - NICE 10 Open meet, NOVAAR,  
Manassas, VA.  
May 20 - UPSTATE II Local meet, MARS,  
Farmington (Rochester), NY.  
\* May/June - MARS Regional meet, NOVAAR,  
Manassas, VA.  
\* June xx - CMASS-5 Section meet, CMASS,  
Eastern MA.  
June 24 - The Killer Bees Move North Open meet,  
MARS, Farmington (Rochester), NY.  
August 4-5 - National Sport Launch, Dallas, TX.  
August 6-10 - NARAM-32, Dallas, TX.  
August 10-11 - '92 U.S. Team Flyoffs, Dallas, TX.

### Important Note for AMA members

If you are an AMA member (or have AMA insurance) bring your AMA card to our next meeting.