

# THE CONNECTOR

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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, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT THE AGS FIELD

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### *The Prez Sez....*

Jeff Hatton

We are now well into flying season at the field and are starting to have a good turnout at the field on Wednesday night. Feel free to join us even if you are not part of the flight school. Speaking of the field, the next meeting will be at the field. Plan on coming up early for club night for some flying and food. Also remember to check the mowing list to know when your turn is.

### **May Program**

The program for the June meeting will be *"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Flying at Night."* With more than 10 years experience with night flying, Terry Terrenoire will share his thoughts on lighting the airframe and tips for successful night flights.

**COME ONE COME ALL:**  
Please bring your night flying

airplanes to the next meeting so we can demonstrate the various applications of lighting our airframes and how we connected a power source. Yes, bring your Night Vapors as well.

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### **Coming Events**

**AGS Meeting**  
June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
AGS FIELD

**Aerobatics Primer**  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM  
AGS FIELD

**Third Pylon Race**  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS FIELD

**Fourth Pylon Race**  
June 26<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS FIELD

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## “Club Nights” to Resume in June

by Don Shugard

Did you know that the summer meetings (June, July and August) take place at the field? Did you know club night was occurring those same nights? You may ask yourself what is club night? Club Night is an opportunity to get together as a club to share some camaraderie, flying, stories and food. The first Club Night starts in the late afternoon on Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> with open flying. Picnic food will be available starting at 5:00 pm. The usual club meeting will be held under the pavilion starting at 6:30pm. Night flying is welcomed after the meeting. Bring a plane or just bring yourself. Come on out and enjoy the evening.



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## Aerobatics Primer

by Jim Quinn

Details about the AGS Annual Aerobatic Primer were in last month's Connector. This is an AMA sanctioned contest for (401)Sportsman, (402)Intermediate, and (403)Advanced pilots. After an informal morning of shared competition knowledge and judging tips there will be a free lunch (like we have after pylon racing) with the competition starting at 12:00. During the morning you will be shown how the “aerobatic box” is constructed.



# Pylon Racing Report

by Don Shugard

Mother nature won the first race of the season producing a large amount on rainfall on the afternoon of Tuesday May 8. Three pilots and 9 helpers arrived at the field. Flying conditions were improving by 6:00 pm. However, field conditions were not. The pylon tiles in the center of the runways were under water. It was decided to call off the race.

Race number two started in a similar fashion. Scattered showers prevailed on Tuesday afternoon. At 6:00pm there was a light drizzle but clearing skies. By 6:30 the showers had stopped and the course was setup.. Six Sprint pilots and one Nationwide pilot competed. There were several close heats which kept the cut judges busy with 5 cuts called over the course of the night. Brent had some difficulty with a stuck throttle barrel and Bill had his gear come off but both overcame and kept their planes flyable. Bob Noll was the overall winner with a perfect 9 on the night. After the race, helpers and pilots got some air time with their night flying foamies while the hot dogs cooked on the grill.

The race dates for June are Tuesdays June 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> . Mark your calendars and come on out for a fun filled evening. Year to date race results are shown below.

Race Dates			05/08/12	05/22/12
Name	Class	Best 6	Race #1	Race #2
Bob Noll	Sprint	9	0	9
Terry Terrenoire	Sprint	8	0	8
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	7	0	7
Don Shugard	Sprint	6	0	6
Bill Markovitz	Sprint	5	0	5
Jim Quinn	Sprint	4	0	4
Scott Wallace	Sprint	0	0	0
Todd Kopl	Sprint	0	0	0
Brent Bryson	Nationwide	3	0	3
Jeff Hatton	Nationwide	0	0	0
Mike Harris	Nationwide	0	0	0

The Deadline for Connector articles is two Fridays before the meeting. Please have submissions to the Editor before then.  
 Electronic Submissions are preferred.  
 E-mail them to RC\_flyer@stny.rr.com  
**Deadline for the next Connector is 6/25/2012**

## AGS General Meeting Minutes May 7, 2012

Meeting No. 775, called to order by Jeff Hatton at 6:45PM.

John Carril reported that the April meeting minutes were corrected to refer to Bob Noll's Show and Tell airplane as a Yankee rudder only plane.

Bob Johnson made a motion to accept minutes for April meeting as corrected; seconded by Tom Kopl. Motion carried.

Bob Johnson gave the Treasurer's monthly financial report.

Tractor/Mower Project - Jeff Hatton reported that more than \$1,000 in pledges has been received to date for the tractor/mower procurement. He also reported that the shed enclosure plan for storing the tractor will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Mall Show - Bob Balsie reported that the Mall Show went well. Five or six people have requested information about the AGS.

Field Opening - John Carril reported that Field Opening went well. There were a total of 16 helpers. Everyone enjoyed breakfast prepared by Charlie Hatton who filled in for Terry. (Terry had to be in Virginia for his house closing.) All work was completed by 11:00AM. Many thanks to Charlie for preparing breakfast and to all who showed up to help.

Field Maintenance - John Carril mentioned need to schedule some paint parties to paint the lower pavilion, frequency center and benches. He mentioned tentative dates of May 26th and/or June 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed out a sign-up sheet for both days. Details to be announced.

Paul Slocum - John Carril reported that he spoke to Paul Slocum. Paul had to have a second operation on his eye and is expected to be recuperating for several months. Club will send Paul a get well card.

Pylon Races - Don Shugard discussed plans for Pylon races and passed out a sign-up sheet for helpers. Set up will be at 6:00PM and races will start at 6:30PM. Don also discussed the possibility of providing some form of instruction for new racers and also having some sort of racing event(s) for less experience fliers to encourage more interest and participation.

Judges Training - Bob Noll discussed the judges training schedule and process. Training will start on May 15 with the goal of having judges trained and ready to support the AGS Pattern contest on July 7 & 8. Training will be for Sportsman, Intermediate and Advanced Classes; however, each judge will only have to learn one of the classes.

Storage Shed - Jeff Hatton reported that the club bought four shelving units for the storage shed and that the shed is ready to be used for storing club items, flight school and event equipment, etc.

Scott Wallace inquired about the availability of AGS decals. Bob Johnson will bring decals to general meetings for members to purchase.

Safety - Don Shugard provided his annual review of the AMA safety code. He noted that the AMA is closely monitoring the new FAA regulations dealing with unmanned (non-human) carrying aircraft and their impact on R/C flying rules. Once that process is complete, it is anticipated that the AMA will be revising the safety code accordingly. Don also discussed the use of arming plugs for electrics with batteries that are not easily accessible. This safety issue may result in some changes to the AGS field rules.

### SHOW & TELL

Bob Noll - Mentioned that his Yankee won first place in Toledo and showed the Taylorcraft that he purchased. Bob also showed the battery disconnect that he uses on his pattern planes. It is made by Schumacher Products and is available in various sizes (ampere ratings).

### PROGRAM

Bob Balsie gave an interesting and informative Power Point presentation on the analyses of the causes of the Space Shuttle launch and reentry disasters, and how the lessons learned from them can be helpful even for R/C flying.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Hatton at 8:40PM.

John Carril - AGS Secretary

## Contest Judges Training is Underway

by Bob Noll

Eight of the nine judges met on Tuesday, May 15 for our first training session. All showed high interest and commitment to becoming well trained judges which will elevate our contest reputation. We viewed the AMA training video and visited the NSRCA web site to review the Sportsman Power Point presentation. We also learned how to find the maneuver list and descriptions for Sportsman, Intermediate and Advanced classes on the NSRCA web site. Frank Cease was unable to attend this first session but did view the video a day later.

We also made class assignments so that each class will have three judges. Each judge will judge one class.

Before our next training session everyone was requested to visit the NSRCA web site at [www.nsrca.us](http://www.nsrca.us) and print out the maneuver list and descriptions for their assigned class.

Our second training session will be on Tuesday May 29.

## Did you know...???

by Bob Noll - Historian

The AGS flying field was originally 74 acres when it was purchased in 1975. In 1985 an additional 24 acres were purchased. The club sold bonds to its members to raise the money.

The large pavilion was erected on July 4, 1976 while our country was celebrating its bicentennial. The pavilion cost \$800 which was obtained by contributions from the membership.



## Piper Pawnee by Hangar 9

# Club Activities for 2012

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

As you can see from looking at the calendar below, the pylon race season is well underway. If you haven't had the opportunity to help out at a pylon race before, why not stop by at the field at 6:00 pm on June 12 and lend a hand. You'll have a good time. Also, don't forget the Aerobatics Primer that will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the field.

Be sure to review the activities calendar below so that you can become familiar with the types of things that will be available for you to participate in this year.

<b>* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2012 *</b>		
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2012	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	February 11, 2012	Scott Wallace
Swap Shop	March 24, 2012 (AM)	Terry Terrenoire
Spring Fling	March 24, 2012 (PM)	Jim Quinn
Oakdale Mall Show	April 28 & 29, 2012	Bob Balsie
Pylon Race	May 8, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	May 22, 2012	Don Shugard
<b>Aerobatics Primer</b>	<b>June 9, 2012</b>	<b>Jim Quinn (CD)</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>June 12, 2012</b>	<b>Don Shugard</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>June 26, 2012</b>	<b>Don Shugard</b>
AGS Pattern Contest	July 7 & 8, 2012	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Pylon Race	July 10, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	July 24, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	August 7, 2012	Don Shugard
Family Cookout (?)	August 11, 2012	Bob Balsie
Pylon Race	August 21, 2012	Don Shugard
VR/CS Reunion	September 1 & 2, 2012	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race	September 9, 2012	Don Shugard
Fall Float Fly	September 15 & 16, 2012	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 16, 2012	Don Shugard
Annual Holiday Party	December 3, 2012	Bob Balsie

## Mowing List for June and July

Shown Below is the mowing list for the months of June and July. Please check it to see when (or if) you are scheduled and let John Carill know if you need to make any modifications.

Date	Tractor Driver	Helper #1	Helper #2
06/02/12	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matty Kopl
06/09/12	Art Riegal	Doug Breneman	Mark Lecher
06/16/12	Don Shugard	Rich Carey	Matt Hobart
06/23/12	Terry Terrenoire	Jeff Hatton	Eric Sedlacek
06/30/12	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Scott Wallace
07/07/12	Jim Quinn	Frank Cease	Ben Cease
07/14/12	John Carill	Michael Gazy	Chuck Krapf
07/21/12	Art Riegal	Don Green	Jerry Riegal
07/28/12	Bob Johnson	Vern Ziegler	Brian Ziegler



**Taylorcraft 20 cc ARF by Hangar 9**

# **57<sup>th</sup> Annual Aero Guidance Society's Precision Aerobatics Contest**

**by Frank Gioffredo**

**That's right guys, fifty-seven consecutive years of hosting this prestigious event. And it has always been successful thanks to the dedication of the AGS members coming out and getting the job done.**

**I know Bob Noll has recruited several members to become judges for this years contest, and I would like to thank you all in advance for making this commitment. In the past the AGS used only club judges. This made it a much more level playing field and pilots were judged more equally. I know Bob will have all who volunteered ready and confident to judge by the time the contest arrives.**

**My right-hand man, Jim Quinn, will again be assistant CD for this year. Without Jim I don't know how I would have made this all work over the past few years.**

**Terry will be providing the food service for most likely the final time at this years event. As most everyone knows Terry is well on his way to living in Virginia, and I would like to extend my sincerest thanks to Terry for not only being the AGS Cook for the last who knows how many contests, but for being a friend and mentor to me in this hobby as well.**

**I have asked Bob Balsie and Bob Noll to head up Prize acquisition for this year's contest in hopes of enticing more pilots to attend.**

**I know I haven't asked yet but I understand Jenn Hatton will be working Tabulation to get ready for the NATS this year. I will be looking for a couple of people to help make her job easier.**

**I will be contacting the rest of the available members to fill in the other needed jobs. My thanks in advance to all those who will again help this year.**

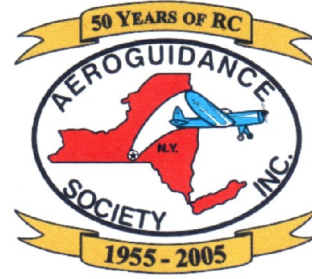


**P-47 Thunderbolt 60 ARF by Hangar 9**



# 57th ANNUAL Aeroguidance Society PRECISION AEROBATICS CONTEST

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**July 7 & 8, 2012**

*Aeroguidance Society Field  
147 Warrick Rd.  
Owego, NY*

GPS coordinates: 42° 07' 21.91" N 76° 07' 59.37" W

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  - OPENS AT 6 PM FRIDAY

FLYING STARTS

\* 9 AM SATURDAY & SUNDAY

FIRST ROUND NOT GUARANTEED

AFTER 10 AM SATURDAY

**CLUB JUDGES FOR SPORTSMAN, INTERMEDIATE  
& ADVANCED**  
**MERCHANDISE FOR ALL CONTESTANTS ...!!**

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**Don't miss our Saturday evening dinner  
at the field!**

**Bring a plane for**

- **Saturday evening fun flying**
- **After dark light flying**

# June Program

***LIGHT YOUR MODEL  
FOR NIGHT FLYING***