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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, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT  
THE ENDICOTT LIBRARY**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

## *The Prez Sez....*

Jeff Hatton

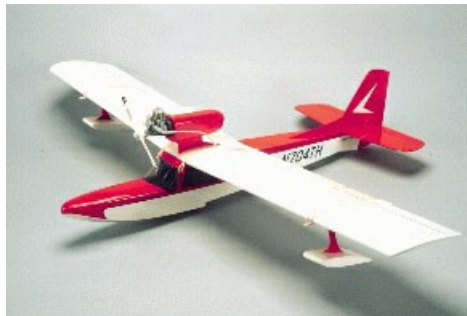
We have had a fairly busy month, First we have purchased a new mower for the field. I would like to thank all of you who pledged for the purchase and remind you to get your pledge to the treasurer as soon as possible. We did come up about \$350 short on pledges so if you did not pledge there is still time.

Ed Lancki has been busy getting nominations together for next year's officers and will be presenting them at the September meeting. Vern Ziegler has resigned his position as BMAL so we have two board positions to fill this election, one for the full two years and one to finish up Vern's term for one year. If we have more than one person running we will have a vote with the person receiving the most votes filling the two year position, and the second most the one year.

We have a few events coming up in September so read through the articles and come out to support them.

## September Program

The program for September will be on the subject of Float Flying. It will be given by Bob Balsie, who is the CD for the annual Float Fly that is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. The program will cover some general information on flying a model from water, and discuss in detail a method for installing water rudders on floats for park flier models.



"Aqua Star" by Herr Engineering

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## Coming Events

**Sixth Pylon Race**  
September 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 PM  
AGS FIELD

**AGS Meeting**  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

**Fall Float Fly**  
September 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>  
GREENWOOD PARK

**Seventh Pylon Race**  
September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3:30 PM  
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.**

**The Aero Guidance  
Society, Inc.  
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(A-C)

**Vice President:** Ed Lancki  
(D-H)

**Secretary:** John Carril  
(I-L)

**Treasurer:** Bob Johnson  
(M-R)

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Don Shugard

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**Activities:** Bob Balsie

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Float Fly

by Bob Balsie - CD

Well, guys, it's hard to believe, but it's September once again and that means that our annual Fall Float Fly is just around the corner. This year, it will take place on September 15 and 16 at Greenwood Park. Flying starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday and finishes at 5:00 PM. On Sunday, flying will resume at 9:00 AM, and will finish at 3:00 PM. The cost of the event is \$5.00 for one day, or \$8.00 for both days.

Joe and Beverly Perucci will be providing the food service on Saturday, and Frank Gioffredo has volunteered to handle the culinary duties on Sunday. And as we do every year, we will be having drawings for prizes on both Saturday and Sunday.

As stated above, I will be presenting a program on float flying at the meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope that you will all consider getting a set of floats for your plane, or maybe picking up a model of a sea plane, and coming out to the lake to try a new twist on flying. I can guarantee that you will have a great time.



“Sea Lane” by Sig Manufacturing Co.

# Pylon Racing Report

by **Bob Balsie** – Event Director

Pylon racing is back in full swing once more. If you haven't been up to the field to help out since racing started up again, you've been missing a good time. Think about stopping up for the next scheduled race on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM with the first flag dropping at 4:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Race Dates			05/22/12	07/10/12	08/21/12	08/28/12	09/04/12	09/09/12	09/23/12
Name	Class	Best 6	Race #1	Race #2	Race #3	Race #4	Race #5	Race #6	Race #7
Bob Noll	Sprint	32	9	4	5	8	6		
Terry Terrenoire	Sprint	15	8	7	0	0	0		
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	21	7	8	0	0	6		
Don Shugard	Sprint	13	6	7	0	0	0		
Bill Markovitz	Sprint	10	5	3	0	2	0		
Jim Quinn	Sprint	5	4	1	0	0	0		
Scott Wallace	Sprint	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Todd Kopl	Sprint	29	0	8	5	8	8		
Brent Bryson	Nation wide	13	3	4	0	4	2		
Jeff Hatton	Nation wide	8	0	8	0	0	0		
Mike Harris	Nation wide	0	0	0	0	0	0		



## Did You Know...?

by Bob Noll – Club Historian

### VALLEY ELECTRONICS

Valley Electronics was formed in the early 1950's by two of the original Aero Guidance Society members, George Brooks and Ralph Jackson. Their first product was a single channel radio control system consisting of a receiver and transmitter. The receiver was a miniature version of a receiver developed by R/C pioneer, Dr. Walter Good. It was a super-regenerative radio designed for operation on the 27.255 megacycle "Citizens Band" which was available at the time.

It included four sub-miniature vacuum tubes and a Sigma 4F relay. Power requirements were provided by a 60 volt dry cell battery and a 1.5 volt dry battery. The transmitter sent a tone-modulated signal. The tone could be turned on and off by the pilot to cause the relay to operate and activate an escapement-type of actuator to move the aircraft rudder in a manner which would result in a turn.

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## Election 2012

Well, guys, you won't find either Barack Obama or Mitt Romney on our ballot, but here is the slate of candidates for office in the AGS for the 2012 – 2013 year. The election will take place at the October meeting.

- President - Jeff Hatton
- Vice President - Bob Johnson
- Secretary - Frank Cease
- Treasurer - Doug Breneman
- Board Member at Large - Brent Bryson, Bob Jennings, Bob Noll

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 9/21/2012**

**AGS General Meeting Minutes  
August 6, 2012**

Meeting No. 778, called to order by Jeff Hatton at 7:00PM.

PROGRAM:

Jim Quinn and Bob Noll presented a program about Trimming and Checking Airplanes, followed by a demonstration/flying session. Bob Noll showed his Harold DeBolt vintage RC plane which was popular in the 1960's.

BUSINESS:

Minutes of last meeting - Bob Balsie made a motion to accept the minutes for the July meeting as published in the Connector. Seconded by Jim Quinn. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – For June and July presented by Treasurer Bob Johnson.

John Carril reported that he received a thank you card from Bob Frey for the memorial donation made by AGS in memory of his wife. The card will be posted on the field bulletin board.

Nominations for Officers – Ed Lancki reported that nominations are open for several positions: vice president, secretary, treasurer, board member at large.

Safety – Don Shugard explained that sand buckets located under the frequency center are there for putting out LIPO battery fires.

Tractor – Don Shugard will pick-up the tractor donated by Ed Lancki sometime this week.

Jeff Hatton reported that a used (X-Mark) commercial mower has also been located that is available for \$1,500 and a decision must be made very soon about purchasing it. He and Vern Ziegler will be going to look at it.

Jim Quinn made a motion to authorize the president to purchase the mower if it looks OK. Seconded by Bob Johnson. Motion passed.

History – Bob Noll showed and read a flier for an AGS Longest Duration Electric Flight

Contest, held between May 2 and Dec 6, 1987, that was authored by Dick Allen.

Jim Quinn thanked Bob Jennings and Don Shugard for recovering his plane from the tree it was caught in.

EVENTS:

Float Fly- Bob Balsie: Scheduled for August 15 & 16 (Sat/Sun). Starts at 9:00am. Set-up is 8:00am on Saturday; Tear-down is Sunday at 3:00pm. Helpers and a cook are needed. Bob passed out a sign-up sheet.

Pylon Races - Don Shugard stated that we still need resolution of safety rules. Rules must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Pattern Contest – Jeff Hatton reported that we are working on ideas to improve attendance next year. He said it appeared that timing may have been a problem.

Vintage plane Event – Bob Noll: VRCS meet is scheduled for Labor Day weekend (Sept 1 & 2).

SHOW AND TELL:

Bob Balsie - showed his Hobby King Coota Amphibian plane that cost \$73.00 + shipping.

He discussed all the problems he had putting it together, including a bad servo, crooked stabilizers, bent motor shaft and weak wings. He expressed the view that if one didn't mind putting up with the problems, it was a good buy. However, he did say he hadn't flown it yet.

Jeff Hatton – Showed the used Futaba 14MZ transmitter he bought.

Next month's meeting will be the second Monday of September (9/10) instead of the first due to the Labor Day holiday. The meeting will be at the library, at 6:45pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17pm

John Carril

AGS Secretary

# Club Activities for 2012

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

As you can see from looking at the calendar below, we're winding down on the activities for 2012. There are still a few left, though, that you won't want to miss. We will be finishing up the pylon racing season in September. And don't forget our 29<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Float Fly at Greenwood Park. If you've never flown a plane from water before, you should give it a try. It's a lot of fun.

Be sure to review the activities calendar below so that you can become familiar with the types of things that are 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
Aerobatics Primer	June 9, 2012	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	June 12, 2012	Don Shugard
Pylon Race	June 26, 2012	Don Shugard
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
Pylon Race	August 21, 2012	Don Shugard
VR/CS Reunion	September 1 & 2, 2012	Bob Noll (CD)
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>September 9, 2012</b>	<b>Bob Balsie</b>
<b>Fall Float Fly</b>	<b>September 15 &amp; 16, 2012</b>	<b>Bob Balsie (CD)</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>September 23, 2012</b>	<b>Bob Balsie</b>
Annual Holiday Party	December 3, 2012	Bob Balsie

## Mowing List for September and October

Shown Below is the mowing list for the months of September and October. 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
09/01/12	Bob Noll	Doug Breneman	Matt Hobart
09/08/12	Brent Bryson	Frank Cease	Ben Cease
09/15/12	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Eric Sedlacek
09/22/12	John Carril	Vern Ziegler	Brian Ziegler
09/29/12	Jim Quinn	Don Green	Mark Lecher
10/06/12	Bob Frey	Doug Breneman	Jerry Riegal
10/13/12	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matty Kopl
10/20/12	Bob Noll	Michael Gazy	John Carril
10/27/12	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton	Matt Hobart



**Gemini Biplane Electric Kit by Multiplex Model Sport USA**

# September Program

***FLOAT***

***FLYING***