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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, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT  
THE AGS AIRPORT**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

## *The Prez Sez....*

Jeff Hatton

I will be out of town for the meeting this month. Scott will be handling the meeting at the field. There will be Club Night beforehand so come on out for some food and flying before the meeting. Unfortunately, I will also be out of town for our Model Aviation Day on the 10th, but I know that Rick will do a good job keeping things running and the club will provide the support needed for this event. We also have our Pattern Contest coming up in September so it's time to start thinking about how you will be able to help out for this event as well.

On a sadder, note one of our new members, Ed Arrington, passed away suddenly this month. The AGS has made a donation to the Owego Emergency Squad in his memory. He was quickly becoming one of our more active members and will be missed.

## August Program

No Program this month.



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## Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
AGS AIRPORT

**Pylon Race #5**  
August 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS AIRPORT

**Pylon Race #6**  
August 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS AIRPORT

**VR/CS Reunion**  
August 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 AM  
AGS AIRPORT

**The Field is Open.**  
Remember to keep your  
speed under 10 MPH on  
the access road.

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## **AGS Annual Fall Float Fly 2013**

by Bob Balsie - CD

On September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, the AGS will be sponsoring our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Float Fly at Greenwood Park in Lisle, NY. This is always a fun event and we usually have a pretty good number of members from other area clubs as well as many people from out of town.

This year, I am hoping for better weather since last year we were hit with high winds and the year before the event had to be canceled due to the infamous Flood of 2011.

As always, we will be serving lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and we hope to have a nice selection of prizes for the participants (although so far we have not received a lot of merchandise from donors).

I will be needing some assistance in order to run this event. I'll be contacting members to provide the cooking services on Saturday and Sunday, and also to help me set up on Saturday morning, and to help with tear down on Sunday evening. I will pass around a sign-up sheet at the August meeting.

This has always been a fun event in the past and there's no reason that it should not be so this year, too. So plan on getting out your float plane, or just coming by to watch. You're sure to have a great time.



**Hobby King "Coota"**

## **The V.P. Soap Box**

**by Scott Wallace – Vice President**

**Model Aviation Day is right around the corner, and as of last month's meeting we had some jobs to fill. Please consider donating a few hours to support the club for this very important event. Plenty of tasks could use some help and none of them require more than a casual R/C skill set.**

**It's been so hot for much of this summer I'm sure many of us have avoided flying, but before we know it Fall will be here and perfect flying weather. I have finished not one but two new kit builds and have some flying to catch up on. Both models I've built are "vintage" designs and have rekindled my enjoyment in building; I already have 2-3 projects lined up for this winter. If you haven't experienced it before, August 31 and September 1 will be the VR/CS vintage R/C event at our field and it is well worth checking out. You'll see interesting models that were designed 35 - 50 or more years ago. Most are recent builds with modern engines/motors and radios, but you will see some truly vintage equipment being flown as well. It's worth stopping by to watch for a few hours!**

## **Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion**

**by Bob Noll – CD**

**The Aero Guidance Society will again be hosting the Vintage R/C Society for its 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion on August 31 and September 1 at our airport. This long running event features radio control models that were designed 35 years ago or more. The weekend will start on Friday evening with a gathering at Mario's in Owego, since the headquarters hotel is the Owego Treadway Inn. VR/CS members will be arriving at our airport about 9:00 AM on Saturday and will fly a variety of vintage plane designs until about 5:00 PM. At that time they will leave to prepare for the Saturday evening banquet at the Treadway Inn. Some pilots will venture to our field on Sunday morning before traveling home. Some will use Sunday to visit our wine country and the other places of interest in the area. Many wives and spouses attend this event with their pilots, as well.**

**I am sure you will want to see these vintage planes, so come to the airport on Saturday and don't wait until Sunday. Our airport will be open to all pilots after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.**



## **Farewell to Dick Allen**

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

Most of the members of our club have met and flown with Dick Allen. He is one of the founding members of the Aero Guidance Society. He helped us to secure our current flying field by climbing up the side of the mountain on which our field is located to make a flight with a model, so that we could honestly tell the Owego zoning board that the field was currently being used to fly radio controlled airplanes. Sacrifices like this are only a small part of the things that Dick has done over the years to help the club remain a successful organization. In addition, he helped to found the annual Scale contest at the Old Rheinbeck Aerodrome. (You can read about the Old Rheinbeck Airdrome in the most recent copy of Model Aviation).

The time has finally come for Dick and his wife Marilyn to cease their annual “migration” between Endicott and Naples, Florida and move to Florida, permanently, so on August 10<sup>th</sup>, they will be flying from Link Field for the last time. To show the club's appreciation to Dick for all he has done, the club held a farewell dinner for Dick at Kristofor's on July 26<sup>th</sup>. In addition to Dick and Marilyn and Marilyn's daughter, Jodie, there were also nineteen AGS members and spouses. The evening began by ordering all kinds of great food, and then Bob Noll and Frank Gioffredo shared a couple of stories about Dick and their past activities with him. A lot of socializing followed and the festivities concluded with a drawing for Dick's Craftsman drill press which was won by Bob Balsie. Everyone then bid farewell to Dick and his family and the dinner ended about 8:30 PM. We all wish Dick the best in his future endeavors in Florida. The club will not be the same without him.



**Farewell Dick Allen 07/26/2013**

# AGS Pylon Racing 2013

by Todd Kopl

Race 5 was conducted on July 9<sup>th</sup> with three pilots (Jeff, Bob & Frank) in attendance. I was on business travel and appreciate everyone's effort to get this race in.

Race 6 went off without a hitch on an absolutely gorgeous evening July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Four pilots were in attendance (Bob, Todd, Frank, and Bill) with some very close racing action taking place. This was the inaugural race for my new "Go-Daddy" racer (photo attached) and she flies great! Many thanks once again for all the helpers that come out to participate...without you we don't race. The next race is Tuesday evening, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Note: The race results/standings are also published on the AGS website.

PYLON RACING POINTS STANDINGS						
NAME	CLASS	BEST 6	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4
Bob Noll	Sprint	29	9	8	6	6
Todd Kopl	Sprint	23	7	8	0	8
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	19	5	0	8	6
Bill Markovitz	Sprint	10	3	4	0	3
Brent Bryson	Sprint	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Hatton	Nationwide	15	6	5	4	0



# AGS General Meeting Minutes

**Meeting Date: July 1, 2013**

**Meeting Number: 789**

President Hatton called meeting 789 to order at 6:53 PM, waiting for members to find the emergency location due to the excessive rain which changed the meeting place from the AGS R/C airport to Delta Engineers.

Minutes of both May and June minutes were approved as published with a Tom Kopl motion and a Bob Johnson second.

Bob Johnson gave a treasurer's report.

## **Activities at the AGS Airport:**

**Field:** Jim Quinn reported all is going well at the AGS R/C airport. He thanked all the volunteers who are helping with mowing. Jim and others commented that the mower that should be used on our runways is the mower that the team of the week feels most comfortable using. One member cautioned that the flail mower might cut the grass too short during our driest months. Another member commented that when the ground is hard enough for the flail mower and tractor, it might also be too hard for rolling.

Charlie Hatton is looking into the possibility of using some spray equipment to finish the staining of the upper pavilion.

Joe Perrucci will replace the operations manual for the tractor/flail that he developed a few years ago. Both copies are missing. He will also develop a similar manual for the new mower.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Field Rules Update:** There was not a quorum of members for a vote on the revised Field Rule #1, so it was tabled until the next meeting. All the other rules were passed as amended at the June meeting.

**Pattern Primer:** Jim Quinn commented on the AGS Primer and CPA contest. He thought it was a great success, except for the very small number of contestants; just 3, 1 AGS member and 2 from other clubs. Jim sent out about 100 emails to all the NSRCA members from the past three years and reminded our own membership at two meetings and in the Connector. The problem may have been the weather. History was made with the first ever CPA contest in NY. The contestants were well pleased. The contest operated at a slight loss. Brownies from the contest were served at the meeting, and chips and soft drinks were saved for the next club night.

**Model Aviation Day:** Rick Allabaugh is making great progress for Model Aviation Day on August 10, 2013. He showed a poster that everyone liked which he will distribute around the county. He has some free advertising in the newspaper and on TV. He sent around a sheet for volunteer duties. He needs about 4 flight instructors/2 assistants, 2-3 ground school instructors,

1-2 Delta Dart staff, pilots for demo flights, and 2-3 simulator instructors . He also needs to contact the CAP for traffic control. Scott Wallace and Tom Kopl have the AGS trainers. Scott Wallace donated a Spektrum TX, RX, and battery pack for one of the trainers.

**Pylon Racing:**

No comment was made on Racing.

**Annual Pattern Contest:**

The AGS contest is scheduled for September 21-22. This contest is also a “blended” AMA and CPA contest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made and seconded to allow Jim Quinn to purchase a plaque honoring Dick Allen's many, many years of service to the AGS. Jim will also coordinate a farewell party at Kristofor's for Dick and Marilyn before their departure to Florida on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

**SHOW and TELL:**

Bob Johnson demonstrated several arming plugs.

President Hatton thanked Rick Allabaugh for providing a wonderful meeting place and coffee as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jim Quinn, Secretary**



**Pulse XT 40 by Hangar 9**

# Club Activities for 2013

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

Our bi-annual Model Aviation Day will be held at our field on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Rick Allabaugh is the chairman for this event and he will be needing us to help him, so please volunteer some of your time to help make this event a success.

And don't forget the next two Pylon Races and the Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion coming up this month, as well.

<b>* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2013 *</b>		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2013	Frank Gioffredo
Winter Fly	March 9, 3013	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
<b>Model Aviation Day</b>	<b>August 10, 2003</b>	<b>Rick Allabaugh</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>August 13, 2013</b>	<b>Todd Kopl</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>August 27, 2013</b>	<b>Todd Kopl</b>
<b>VR/CS Reunion</b>	<b>8/31 – 9/1, 2013</b>	<b>Bob Noll (CD)</b>
Fall Float Fly	September 7 & 8, 2013	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 8, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	September 15, 2013	Todd Kopl
AGS Pattern Contest	September 21 & 22, 2013	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 2, 2013	Bob Balsie



## **AGS Mowing List**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Tractor Driver</b>	<b>Helper #1</b>	<b>Helper #2</b>
August 3	Wallace, Scott	Lancki, Ed	Peeling, Harold
August 10	Shugard, Don	Ziegler, Vern	Ziegler, Bryan
August 17	Hatton, Jeff	Hatton, Charlie	???
August 24	Quinn, Jim	Cease, Frank	Cease, Ben
August 31	Noll, Bob	Carril, John	Johnson, Bob
September 7	Kopl, Tom	Kopl, Todd	Kopl, Matty
September 14	Carey, Richard	Seitz, John	Green, Don
September 21	Gioffredo, Frank	Gioffredo, Derek	Allabaugh, Rick
September 28	Wallace, Scott	Lancki, Ed	Peeling, Harold

## **Airport Activities**

**by Jim Quinn – Field Chairman**

**I hope everyone is enjoying our recent stretch of great flying weather and is frequenting the AGS airport. Every time I have flown recently the runways look good and the entire facility is looking good as well.**

**A recent note from Don Shugard clarifies more progress and care of our facility. Don writes, “Bob Jennings and I sickle-mowed the road this morning. We also took the time to make room for the old John Deere #2 in the shed. This is the only piece of equipment we have that can mow the edges of the road. We moved it inside to keep it out of the weather to hopefully preserve it for a few more years. We moved the blade for the back of the tractor into the shed as well.**

**As part of waltzing the equipment around we noticed the radiator on the 8N has become plugged with hay from the recent brush hogging. Bob and I tried to clear it as best we could. I already talked to Frank about it. This note just serves as a reminder to blow/wash it out, perhaps at Dan's garage. We also need to come up with a new release mount for a cable on the John Deere #2. The old one rusted off and makes operating the old girl even more interesting. A new seat on the #2 wouldn't go astray either. (Thanks for the old blanket, Bob!!!).”**

**A call from Frank Gioffredo let me know of repairs that are needed on our Xmark mower. Frank is getting the parts together so he can make the proper fixes.**

**Thanks to all who are doing such a great job mowing. A special thanks goes out to Bob Jennings, Don Shugard, and Frank Gioffredo for keeping us a step ahead of any problems.**

**Now, let's get out and fly!**

# ***AUGUST PROGRAM***

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