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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, OCTOBER 7TH AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez....

Jeff Hatton

September was a busy month for the AGS. We had both a float fly at Greenwood Park and the pattern contest at the field. I would like to thank everyone who participated to help make both of these events successes.

Hopefully most of you will be able to make it to the next meeting so we can present the new slate of officers and finish off one last piece of business on the Field Rules. The Field Rules item still remaining is the clarification on who is able to fly at our field as a guest. The proposed new wording is: "All persons who fly at the AGS field shall be members of the AMA or MAAC, and shall have in their possession a current AMA/MAAC membership card. Non-AMA members shall be permitted to fly on a one-time basis. These persons shall be under the supervision of a current AMA member and shall fly using the AMA Member's equipment with a buddy cord."

I will also be presenting a program on flight telemetry based around the Ardupilot system that I have been experimenting with this year.

October Program

The October Program will be presented by Jeff Hatton and will be on the subject of Flight Telemetry.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
October 7th, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Field Winterization
Date: TBD
AGS AIRPORT



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

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Float Fly and Pattern Contest Reports

Our 30th Annual Fall Float Fly was held on September 7 & 8 at its usual location in the Greenwood Park. The weather on Saturday was very good with some breezy conditions in the morning. However, when clouds moved in during the afternoon, the wind dropped almost to zero and this allowed almost any kind of plane to fly, regardless of size. Joe and Bev Perrucci did an excellent job making and serving the lunch that we always provide at this event. After lunch we had our prize drawing and then it was back to flying until 5:00 PM.

Sunday wasn't as good for flying, unfortunately. The temperatures dropped overnight, and the wind picked up considerably. Because of this, only a couple of people flew, but lunch, served by Frank and Derek Gioffredo, was excellent and everyone got several prizes in the drawing afterward. Because of the wind, everyone agreed to conclude the event at 1:30 PM. I want to thank the members who came to help me set up and dismantle things at the end. - Bob Balsie-CD

Thank you! That's the least I can say to all the members who came out to make our 58th Aerobatics contest a success. Even though we only had 9 contestants, with 3 of them being club members, we still had a good time and I think everyone who signed up flew. As you know the weather was not good with near 20 mph winds on Saturday and not a whole lot better on Sunday; lots of clouds but the rain did not happen until after dinner on Saturday. My thanks go out to, as always, my right hand man, Jim Quinn, without whom I couldn't have gotten anything done, to Jenn Hatton who braved the weekend to handle tabulation, to Charlie Hatton for providing the good eats, to Bob Noll for his efforts in gathering and training the club judges, to the judges, Don Green, John Carril, Ed Lancki, Bob Balsie, Brent Bryson, Derek Gioffredo, and Rick Allabaugh, as well a big thank you to Don Shugard and Jeff Hatton for providing the air experience for the judges. And to Don Green again, for his expert photography. I am sure there are many others I did not mention that played a part in this year's event. I really appreciate all that the membership brings each year to make it successful. I can see us reaching that Sixty Year mark. Thank you all for the help in getting us there. - Frank Gioffredo-CD

The V.P. Soap Box

by Scott Wallace – Vice President

I'm pleased to present this slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 AGS Board of Directors:

Officer candidates as of 9/24:

President: Rick Allabaugh

Vice-President: Scott Wallace

Treasurer: Todd Kopl

Secretary: Bob Noll

BMAL #2: Bob Johnson

Brent Bryson will serve the second year of his term as Board Member at Large. Nominees from the floor (during the meeting) are acceptable as are write-in candidates.

As you will learn from the annual financial report, we lost a significant amount of money last year. We cannot continue on this path and the in-coming Board of Directors will have some difficult decisions to make. We may be able to sell a few acres of land to buy the club another year or two of operating capital but we really need to spend within our means.

All our events must stay within the budget allocated by the Board. For smaller events such as the New Year's Fly, Winter Fly, Christmas Party, etc., the club may no longer be able to provide food/drinks as we've done in the past, but there's no reason each member attending an event couldn't just bring a dish to pass or provide something...just a thought.

It's not all bad news. We have a fabulous facility compared to many club fields I've flown at. Within the AGS membership we have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the hobby which we should embrace and each of us learn from, particularly the newer fliers.



Once Again...It's Time to Pay Your Dues

Well, it's October once more and that means that it's time to get out the checkbook and prepare to pay your AGS club dues.

At the present time, our dues are the only source of income that we have to support the club and pay all of the expenses that enable us to maintain our field and the great flying facility that we have. Every year, taxes and liability insurance increase and there are always maintenance issues to deal with, as well. The bottom line is, the sooner that you pay your dues, the sooner the Board of Directors will know how much money they have to work with for the year. This will allow them to plan a budget and see where there are gaps that need to be filled. So please get your check into the mail as soon as possible. The dues schedule is given below, along with the address that you can use to send your payment. Or you may choose to pay your dues at the October meeting on October 7th at the Endicott Library.

Dues are due 10/1/2013.

Rates are:

Regular \$72.00

Senior \$60 (65 or older in 2013 and ten years of membership)

Student \$18

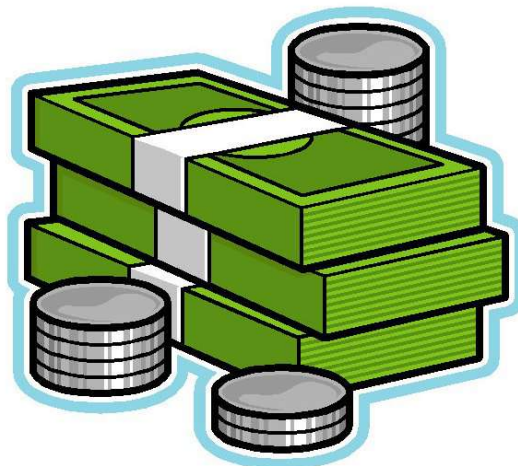
Family Members \$1

Please make checks payable to AGS and send to:

AGS

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AGS Pylon Racing 2013

by Todd Kopl – Race Organizer

The pylon season has come to an end for 2013. Unfortunately, we came up a little short on support staff for the last double header finale on the gorgeous afternoon of September 15th but all-in-all it was a great and exciting season.

Statistically speaking, 10 races were planned, 6 were completed, 2 rained out, and the final 2 canceled.

Thank you to all the dedicated helpers that showed up all season long to support these races.

PYLON RACING POINTS STANDINGS								
NAME	CLASS	BEST 6	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	RACE 4	RACE 5	RACE 6
Todd Kopl	Sprint	37	7	8	0	8	8	6
Bob Noll	Sprint	35	9	8	6	6	0	6
Frank Gioffredo	Sprint	30	5	0	8	6	5	6
Bill Markovitz	Sprint	10	3	4	0	3	0	0
Brent Bryson	Sprint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Hatton	Nationwide	15	6	5	4	0	0	0



AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting # 792

September 3rd, 2013

President Hatton called meeting 792 to order at 6:45 PM.

Meeting 791's minutes were approved as published in the Connector.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Johnson, gave the financial report.

Treasurer Johnson also reported that the name plaque for Ed Arrington was ordered.

A "thank you" letter was read from the Owego Fire Department thanking the AGS for its \$50.00 donation in memory of Ed Arrington.

AGS Club Activities:

Model Aviation Day: Rick Allabaugh gave a final report on Model Aviation Day and suggested he would modify advertising for 2015. A great round of applause was given to Rick for his outstanding job of organizing and executing our 2013 M. A. D.

VR/CS Reunion: Scott Wallace reported on the VR/CS event at the AGS R/C airport over the Labor Day weekend. The VR/CS made a \$200.00 donation to the AGS. Scott Wallace was the concours winner. Flying competition was not completed due to the weather.

Float Fly: Bob Balsie reported that all preparations were ready for this next weekend's float fly and encouraged everyone to come and fly.

Aerobatic Contest: Frank Gioffredo reminded us that the setup for this year's aerobatic contest will be on Friday, September 20, at 10:00. Jim Quinn encouraged all AGS pilots to fly in the Classic Pattern Association's portion of this year's blended contest, if not already flying in the AMA/NSRCA portion of the contest. CPA has no turn-around maneuvers.

Old Business: None.

New Business

Aerobatics Contest: Jim Quinn made a motion that: All AGS members pay 50% of contest entry fees for the 2013 Aerobatic contest. An amendment was made by Frank Gioffredo that first time Sportsman entrants still fly for free. The motion, as amended, passed.

Storage Locker: Rick Allabaugh and Scott Wallace volunteered to be at the storage locker on Thursday at 5:00PM to clean out the locker. Others were encouraged to join in to help.

Nominations for Club Officers: Scott Wallace reported that we still need a candidate for Treasurer.

AGS Airport Issues:

Tractor/Flail Mower: Frank Gioffredo will look into the rollers on the flail mower.

Cell Phones: A reasonable number of cell phones should stay in the flight center for emergency calls.

First Aid Kit: Scott Wallace will update and refurbish our First Aid kit.

Show and Tell:

Jeff Hatton showed a *Monolog* aerobatic airplane he won at the D1~D2 NSRCA “Shoot out” in Maryland last weekend.

Frank Gioffredo showed his Drvine *Turbulent* scale model of the full size DT, a VW powered European home built. Frank mentioned this model was originally built by former AGS member Steven Bard. Frank is looking for plans for floats designed for the *Antic* airplane so he could build them for his DT.

Program: A very informative and educationally entertaining program on flying the B-17 was professionally presented by Bob Balsie.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Quinn, AGS Secretary



Club Activities for 2013

by Bob Balsie – Activities Chairman

As you can see from the Calendar below, 2013 is all but over...at least from an activities standpoint. Todd Kopl will be scheduling the annual appreciation dinner for those who helped out with the pylon races this year, and Jim Quinn will be choosing a date for us to winterize (not close) the field. The field is never closed; it's always available at any time of year for those who want to go there to fly. Then comes the Annual Holiday Party and then we reset to begin all over again in January. I hope that you all had a good year and that you had the opportunity to participate in at least one event. See you at the meeting on Monday...!!!

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2013 *		
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
Model Aviation Day	August 10, 2003	Rick Allabaugh
Pylon Race	August 13, 2013	Todd Kopl
Pylon Race	August 27, 2013	Todd Kopl
VR/CS Reunion	8/31 – 9/1, 2013	Bob Noll (CD)
Fall Float Fly	September 7 & 8, 2013	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 15, 2013	Todd Kopl
AGS Pattern Contest	Sept. 21 & 22, 2013	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 2, 2013	Bob Balsie

AGS Mowing List

Date	Mower Driver	Helper #1	Helper #2
October 5	Noll, Bob	Carill, John	Johnson, Bob
October 12	Hatton, Jeff	Hatton, Charlie	Green, Don
October 19	Quinn, Jim	Cease, Frank	Cease, Ben
October 26	Kopl, Tom	Kopl, Todd	Kopl, Matty
November 2	Gioffredo, Frank	Gioffredo, Derek	Allabaugh, Rick
November 9	Wallace, Scott	Lancki, Ed	Peeling, Harold
November 16	Shugard, Don	Ziegler, Vern	Ziegler, Bryan
November 23	Noll, Bob	Carill, John	Johnson, Bob
November 30	Hatton, Jeff	Hatton, Charlie	Green, Don

Airport Activities

by **Jim Quinn – Field Chairman**

We no longer have our storage facility on Glendale drive. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to distribute the material from the storage facility to various locations around town. If you and a friend have some free time we could use your help in putting the shelving from the storage facility back together at the AGS's airport storage garage. Much of what will not be eaten by our "residential guests" has been stored there. Other materials can be added as our shelving is put back together.

It seems that our grass is not growing as fast as it has been earlier in the season, so check before you mow to be sure you are actually cutting something. Both mowers are in good working order once again so the choice is yours for which machine you mow with.

Even though there was some rain, runway 6-24 still looks very good after our aerobatic contest when some of the participants parked there while we flew on the "competition runway" 12-30.

We've had some spectacular flying days at the end of September and the beginning of October so let's not think about "winterizing" our airport until early in November. Our runways are open. Please use them regularly.

Thanks to everyone who helps keep our facility in such good shape!

OCTOBER PROGRAM

FLIGHT TELEMETRY

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