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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, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### The Prez Sez....

#### Rick Allabaugh

I'd like to thank all those members who either attended the special Financial Meeting we held or sent me an e-mail with their thoughts. For those who weren't able to make it, we discussed selling off a portion of our property, selling off the entire property, having a Special Assessment, and raising dues.

A couple of important items came out of that meeting. A majority of the members who attended were not in favor of selling the entire property. This is the one factor which differentiates us from the other clubs in the area who rent their field and there didn't really seem to be any benefit to the club to pursue this. More importantly, the club needs to remain focused on growing membership in addition to looking at cutting costs and just raising dues. Growing our membership will be a topic for discussion at the next Regular Meeting.

After the Financial Meeting, I received a few follow-up e-mails with other ideas that we didn't discuss as a group. The Board will review all options before making a final recommendation.

Finally, this month Ray Phillips will be delivering a Program on the J-3 Cub.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting!



#### March Program

The program for March will be a presentation by Ray Phillips on the history of the venerable Piper Cub.

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### Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:45 PM  
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

**Spring Fling**  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM  
Broome Soccer Fields



### 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.

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## Spring Fling Preview

by Jim Quinn

**SPRING FLING 2014**

**March 15**

**1:00~4:00**

**BC United Soccer Fields  
(AGS winter airport)**

<b>Got Milk?</b>	<b>???</b>
<b>Got Airplanes?</b>	<b>Absolutely!</b>
<b>Got Coffee?</b>	<b>Yes(Thanks, Frank!)</b>
<b>Got Brownies?</b>	<b>Yes(Thanks, Mary!)</b>
<b>Got Wheels?</b>	<b>Sure!</b>
<b>Got Skis?</b>	<b>Probably!</b>
<b>Got Floats?</b>	<b>Probably!</b>
<b>Got Warm Clothing?</b>	<b>You better!!!</b>
<b>Got Lunch?</b>	<b>Sorry, just deserts and coffee!</b>
<b>Got donations?</b>	<b>Any and all accepted!</b>

See you all at the AGS winter airport (BC United Soccer Fields with special thanks to Doug B.)



## **New Member Profile**

by Ray Phillips

**I am retired from IBM with over 36 years of service.**

**My modeling interests began at the age of 12 by building 1/2A U-control airplanes. After these first U-controls, I flew free flight airplanes and gliders. Later, I became interested in radio control. I built several single channel rudder only airplanes. These planes were built from kits or plans. My first radio was a kit-built tube radio system. As I gained experience, I discovered that single channel transistor radios proved to be much more reliable.**

**My first multi-channel system was an F&M 5 channel proportional system. I flew this system in several airplanes including a Sr Falcon and VK Cherokee. Over the years I assembled many single channel and multi-channel radios from kits. I credit these modeling activities for my career in electronics.**

**I find building airplanes from either kits or plans the most rewarding aspect of the hobby.**

**My interest in aviation was influenced by my home town, Lock Haven, Pa. This was the home of Piper aircraft for nearly 50 years.**

**In 1968, I earned my private pilot's license. In 1971 I added a glider rating and in 2001 an instrument rating to my license. Over the years, I have owned 2 gliders and currently own a Piper Cherokee 180 that is based at Tri-Cities airport in Endicott. My wife, Brenda and I enjoy weekend trips to fly-in breakfasts and local flying events.**

**My radio control modeling interests include airplanes, both electric and gas, and gliders.**



## **The V.P. Soapbox**

Submitted by Scott Wallace

Don't know if everyone agrees, but I've had more than enough of this winter! I can't wait for warmer weather and blue skies, and the opening of the AGS field. Much like spring training in baseball, spring in the RC modeling world brings renewed hope and the expectations of new models taking flight.

One I'm looking forward to is my new Extra 300, has an OS Max 95AX 2 stroke glow engine currently installed, but OS has now released a gasoline version of this engine and I'm seriously considering obtaining one to experience the fun of learning (for me) an engine type I haven't previously used.

Once the temperatures increase I'll be able to paint my Midwest Sweet Stik and get that airplane ready for a few VRCS events this year. Though I've made a lot of progress on my Live Wire Senior, there's still a lot to do and I'm not sure it will get completed anytime soon. Let's see, I also want to build a VK Fokker Triplane, a UFO for classic pattern, a new advanced trainer just to have around, and I'm always tempted to have a fleet of electric WW2 warbirds, and try one of the neat electric F-1 racers that are discussed in this month's Model Aviation magazine...if only I had the time and money!

As we begin a new year of outdoor flying, I'm reminded that despite our differences, this remains a hobby that everyone from all walks of life can enjoy. Whether we enjoy glow, gas, or electric models, or champion a favorite brand of radio over another, sport flying vs. completion, at the end of the day we are all brought together by a common interest in model aviation.

I believe the real hallmark and legacy of the AGS is the camaraderie of our diverse group of members over these many years. This year, above all else, let's have fun!

Scott's 1952 Live Wire Senior – slow but steady progress.



# AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting # 796

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM.

Minutes of last meeting: Accepted as published in The Connector.

Treasurer's Report: Rick gave a summary during his budget presentation since Todd Kopl was not able to attend.

Announcements:

Rick reported that no one has volunteered to run the Winter Fly in February. After general discussion, it was decided not to hold a Winter Fly this year.

Guests: Mark Hunt, Matt Hunt, Neil Hunt and Mike Harris were introduced.

Discussion Items:

Jim Quinn expressed his concern about members having to personally subsidize club events.

Rick asked Bob Noll to clarify the board's position regarding financing of club events due to a recent e-mail circulated to members that contained misinformation. Bob stated the board's position as follows: Each event director should try to run their events on a "break even" basis. However, if expenses are not covered by those attending, the event directors will be reimbursed.

Frank Gioffredo repeated his statement made at an earlier meeting that he did not expect to be reimbursed for the New Year's Day Fun Fly. (Sec.- The treasurer did send a check to Frank for his small out-of-pocket expense.)

Jim Quinn agreed to run the Spring Fling in March.

Old Business:

Rick reported that the club sent flowers to Frank Gioffredo's father's funeral.

Rick passed around a sheet for meeting program suggestions.

Rick gave a general overview of the 2013-2014 budget which showed a deficit. It assumed a membership of 42 members.

Brent Bryson said that the club should only depend on sustainable income to meet our expenses and not depend on such things as land sale or tree harvesting.

A special general membership meeting to discuss the budget will be scheduled later in February with a target date of February 24.

Website – Rick stated that the current AGS web site at agsny.org will continue to be the official website of the club and will be redesigned primarily for members. The development web site has been terminated.

Mike Harris explained the new AGS Facebook site which is designed primarily to attract new members. Mike, as prime administrator, also explained how to use the Facebook site and mentioned additional club administrators.

New Business:

AMA Model Aviation Day for 2014 is August 16.

By-Laws – Scott Wallace led the discussion on proposed updates to our By-Laws.

- Article II – motion to accept by Jeff Hatton, seconded by Gib Vandling – accepted
- Article IX – motion to accept by Bob Jennings, seconded by John Carril – accepted
- Article III – remove from By-Laws based on acceptance of Article IX
- Article VIII - motion to accept by Bob Jennings, seconded by Tom Kopl – accepted
- Article X – motion to accept by John Carril, seconded by Bob Johnson – not accepted
- Appendix Changes – Motion to accept by John Carril, seconded by Tom Kopl – accepted

Rick announced that Don Shugard is our Activities Chairman.

Bob Noll distributed AGS business cards that he made up in order to help with recruitment of new members.

Returning members are Harold Peeling and Mike Harris.

Show & Tell: Jim Quinn – an indoor foamy named Pentathalon

Program: Mark Hunt gave a presentation on “Designing a Pattern Plane”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 PM

Respectfully submitted – Bob Noll, Secretary



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## Flight School Update

by Brent Bryson - Flight School Coordinator

The traditional flying season is coming soon, and with it is the start of the AGS Flight School. Whether your immediate goal is earning your wings with your first solo, or gaining advanced flying skills the AGS Flight School is the best and fastest avenue to success. We are fortunate to have extremely qualified pilots, in terms of experience and skill, who have volunteered their time to be instructors, and staff members who will help you be successful in setting up, adjusting, and flying your aircraft. We also have a couple of club owned trainer aircraft that will be available free of charge, in the event that you don't have a suitable aircraft, or if your own aircraft is down for "maintenance".

The plan is to have a couple times every week that are set aside for flight training where students will be able to show up without needing to arrange in advance with an instructor. We also plan to have the AGS training aircraft available at the field during the training sessions in the event someone doesn't bring a plane, or their plane has a problem at the field. This will also enable students to attend training in the event that they get out of work right before the training session, or decide at the last minute that they want to attend a session. Of course we would like all students to make it to all sessions if possible for the greatest rate of advancement.

Each student will have their own training plan and training record so that they can track their progress, and have a good idea of what they will be learning next.

There will be more information, and a sign up sheet at the next meeting. Also, please call or send an email to me if you plan on being a student, or would like to be an instructor or helper. Keep in mind that you can be a student and an instructor or helper.

Brent Bryson, 607-760-9397, or [bbryson@stny.rr.com](mailto:bbryson@stny.rr.com).



**Sig Kadet LT-40 EG ARF**

# Pylon Racing Tentative Schedule

by Bob Noll – 2014 Race Coordinator

I would like to start our racing season a few weeks earlier than in the past in order to minimize the need for Sunday races. My experience is that Race Coordinators have had a hard time recruiting helpers for Sunday races. Last season 2 races scheduled for a Sunday were not held due to lack of help. Therefore, I am proposing the following race schedule for this season;

- Race 1 – April 29
- Race 2 – May 13
- Race 3 – May 27
- Race 4 – June 10
- Race 5 – June 24
- Race 6 – July 8
- Race 7 – July 22
- Race 8 – August 12
- Race 9 – August 26
- Race 10 – September 14 (Sunday)

If you think we could start racing on April 15 we could eliminate the Sunday race. Maybe we could race only a week apart for 2 races instead of the 2 week separation. I have a meeting the first Tuesday of each month so those dates are out for me. Please let me know. I need to hear from our pilots as well as our helpers.

I show the following pilots and their channels based on last season's information from Todd Kopl;

Frank Gioffredo	CH 25
Brent Bryson	CH 20, 2.4 GHz
Mike Harris	2.4 GHz
Bob Noll	2.4 GHz
Todd Kopl	2.4 GHz
Rick Allabaugh	2.4 GHz
Jeff Hatton	2.4 GHz

If anyone else wants to be added to the racers list please let me know.





## Club Activities for 2014

Given below is the Activities Calendar for the coming year. Our next event will be the Spring Fling coming up on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim Quinn is the chairman for this event so he will be responsible for insuring that the temperatures will be mild, the sun will be shining, the snow will be firm, and the winds will be light. Please plan to come and fly your ski plane, or just to socialize. It should be a fun event, as always.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2014 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2014	Frank Gioffredo
<b>Spring Fling</b>	<b>March 15, 2014</b>	<b>Jim Quinn</b>
Field Un-winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Pylon Race	April 29, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	May 13, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	May 27, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 10, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 24, 2014	Bob Noll
Pattern Primer	TBD	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	July 8, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	July 22, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 12, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 26, 2014	Bob Noll
VR/CS Reunion	August 30-31, 2014	Bob Noll (CD)
Fall Float Fly	September 6 & 7, 2014	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 14, 2014	Bob Noll
AGS Pattern Contest	TBD	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 1, 2014	TBD



# ***MARCH PROGRAM***

## ***HISTORY OF THE PIPER CUB***

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