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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, April 7<sup>th</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

For those who weren't able to make the Spring Fling hosted by Jim Quinn, you missed a good time. Yes, it was cold, windy, and it snowed at one point when my plane was in the air, but it was a lot of fun. We may have even gained a new member out of it as Neal Hunt expressed an interest in joining the club.

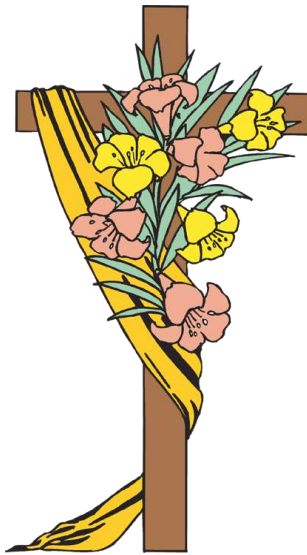
**SAFETY NOTICE:** If I have the story straight, at the Spring Fling, Jim had a lipo battery in his jacket which shorted and started to smoke. By the time I saw the battery, it was burning on the ground. Fortunately, no one was hurt and the battery was under control, but it really makes you think about lipo battery safety...

As a follow up to our last meeting, the Board is stepping back and taking a more in-depth review of our financial picture before we make a final recommendation on a Special Assessment or Dues Increase for the next fiscal year. A big thanks goes out to Mike Harris for volunteering to help us set up the tool to evaluate the situation. I'm meeting with Mike and Todd Kopl before the next Regular Meeting and I hope to have an update for all.

Field Rules – At the upcoming meeting, Frank Gioffredo will be going over our field rules which will be posted at the field during Field Opening.

As I write this article, I'm looking forward to the flying season as hopefully this is the last cold snap we have.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting!



#### April Program

The program for April will be a presentation by Bob Noll on the subject of Setting Up Control Systems.

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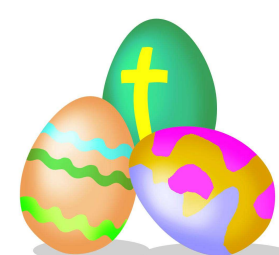
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### Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**  
April 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

**Field Un-Winterization**  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 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.

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## Spring Fling Report

by Jim Quinn

Thanks AGSers for the pleasure of hosting your 2014 Spring Fling. It seemed our winter flying season was freezing up until Frank Gioffredo gave them a shot of antifreeze several years ago. With the special assistance of Doug Breneman our winter runway was ready for aviating.

The weather you ask? Yes, it was sunny and overcast; it rained, snowed, and was clear. At times the wind made it hard to stand up straight and at other times it seemed to be a gentle spring breeze.

We had a great turnout of friends and family along with a strong showing of AGSers themselves. Not everyone flew, but everyone was treated to several tasty desert treats thanks to Ray, Neil, and especially Mary. They provided a delicious assortment of goodies to compliment Frank's coffee/tea.

Thanks to Don Green we have a lot of pictures of the Spring Fling on our Facebook page. Befriend the AGS on Facebook, if you already haven't done so. It is a great place to get info about us. ([facebook.com/aeroguidancesociety](https://www.facebook.com/aeroguidancesociety)).

**A final note of good news, the Spring Fling 2014 even showed a profit! Thank you to so many of you who donated to help the AGS fund this flying event.**



# The V.P. Soapbox

by Scott Wallace

I look out my window this morning, March 26<sup>th</sup> and it's snowing! Not what I want to see when I have two new airplanes to fly and one I want to paint. Oh well...

I am looking for feedback from the membership concerning AGS apparel (club hats, shirts, and jackets). Do we have enough interest to warrant ordering a new supply of each? I suspect if we don't have commitment to purchase a minimum of say 10 of each item it wouldn't be cost effective to try and get a small number of each. One thing I would strongly consider is modernizing our 'look'. The baby blue club shirts and trucker style hats are simply very dated looking and many of us wouldn't be caught dead in them. On the other hand, that's our traditional club look & style so there's pro and con to each approach. I'm considering a more modern looking navy blue polo shirt with the AGS logo, and better quality shirt than the thin ones we currently have. I haven't begun looking into hats but I know there's got to be something better than our current style. Please call or email me with your thoughts concerning club apparel so I can get a consensus on how to move forward.

I'm one of the few fliers in the club that uses JR radios. I bought my very first 4 channel radio in 1980 from Circus Hobbies (who remembers that name?). Later I bought a JR 6 channel and I recall thinking how cool it was because it offered servo reversing! Fast forward to today, we have so many amazing choices with every conceivable type of programming, telemetry, voice notifications, etc., in all price ranges.

As a long time JR flier I've been watching the recent JR/Spektrum divorce unfold with interest. After months of research, and handling every new radio I could find at the WRAM show, I've remained with JR and have purchased new XG14 and XG6 transmitters. The new JR radios use DMSS protocol so I've sold off all my Spektrum receivers as they won't work with the new JR XG series radios. I've also converted my receiver batteries from NiCad/NiMH to Li-Fe so many changes for me on the electronics front this year.

In doing all my radio research, I put together a nice Power Point presentation that covers all the major radio manufacturers' entry level, mid-level and higher end transmitters; I had hoped to present this at the April Program but work has decided I need to be out of town all that week. Maybe another time...



# AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting #797

Date: March 3, 2014

Place: Endicott Public Library

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Minutes of last meeting: Jim Quinn asked for a correction to the name of his Show & Tell plane to Mini Saturn. He said he was only kidding when he called it Pentathlon. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Last BOD meeting: Bob Noll gave a summary report.

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

## Activities:

- Spring Fling - Jim reported on plans for March 15. Don Shugard will follow-up on approval from BC United for use of their facility.
- Field Cleanup - Jim Quinn, Field Chairman, reported that no date has been set.
- Flight School - Brent Bryson reported on his plan. He has 3 instructors and 4 students signed up. He is planning for 2 sessions per week. Don Shugard explained a hazard when using electric powered planes with a buddy box where motor power can be inadvertently turned on when checking master/trainer compatibility.

## Old Business:

- Club Finances – Rick reported on the Special Meeting of 2/24/14. A discussion followed and the subject will be taken back to a BOD meeting.
- Rick distributed more AGS business cards for members to use to recruit new members.
- Rick noted that the AGS web site has been simplified and updated and he thanked Mark Lecher.
- Mike Harris reported that “Likes” on our Facebook page are now 38.
- Bob Balsie reported that the Swap Shop Newsletter is going well.
- Rick reported that he has several good suggestions for meeting programs.

## New Business:

- Mike Harris reported that he has formed a new AMA sponsored club for indoor fliers in the area. The name of the club is Broome County Radio Control Modelers. There are no dues and only a landing fee. Flying is planned for Binghamton West Middle School on Thursdays from 7 to 9 PM. Detail can be found at [www.BCRCM.org](http://www.BCRCM.org). (*Mike meant to say AMA Chartered Club – Sec.*)
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Show & Tell: None

Program: Ray Phillips gave a very interesting Power Point presentation, “History of the J-3, Piper Cub”.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted – Bob Noll, Secretary

## Activity at the AGS Airport

by Jim Quinn – Field Chairman

Let's start with the good news. The lock still works, but it sticks a little when locking up. A drop or two of oil should help that situation as well as making the tumblers roll more smoothly. More good news, the road up to the airport is very good. It probably spent the winter down south, it looks so good. The runways themselves look good as well.

Now for the rest of the story. The runways are soft, but when I stand at the intersection of our two runways I can't hear any water running. If I stand in one spot my tender little frame starts to make an impression in the sod. The parking area is very soft. Do NOT park in the parking lot if you can avoid it. Park on our "paved" portion of the access road and back down to the top turn when turning around.

Spring preparations at our airport might be scheduled on April 12<sup>th</sup>, if we don't get too much rain. The following weekend will be Easter and that wouldn't be a great time to volunteer for spring chores. I'd like not to wait until April 26<sup>th</sup>, but our primary asset is our airport and I'm sure no one wants to damage it so he/she can get flying a day or two sooner. Let's plan on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

Thanks in advance for all who will volunteer. Be sure to bring a plane to fly after field prep and runway conditioning is completed. All work and no play makes an AGSer a dull pilot.



# Indoor Flying Report

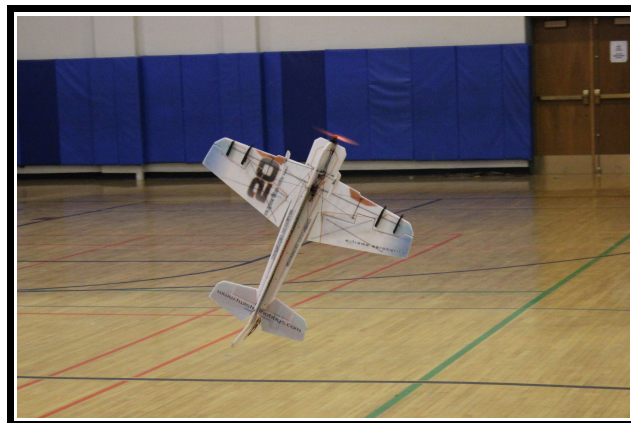
by Jim Quinn

The first “meeting” of the Broome County Radio Control Modelers (BCRCM) went very well. The West Middle School gym on Highland Avenue in Binghamton provided an excellent place to fly. There were 17 or 18 people in attendance. Most were pilots, but there were a few who came to watch and learn.

We all did some learning when it came to the indoor racing event. E-flight's Champ was the plane of choice for the event. Five planes were entered in the “let's try it out” races. One thing we learned for sure was how durable those Champs are. Between a few midairs, a few “slam it into the gym floor and goes,” and several, “who moved that wall into my airplane,” the Champs just kept flying, and flying, and flying.

Most of the evening was free style flying with a little bit of everything in the air. There were helicopters, quad-copters, and a whole host of various kinds of airplanes, from Vapors, to Champ racers, to 3D, to aerobatic airplanes coming in all different sizes.

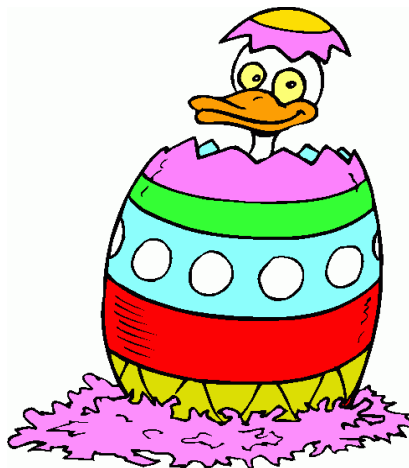
A special thanks goes out to one AGSer, Mike Harris, for getting this new venue off and literally flying for us. Make plans to join us at future BCRCM events. They can be found on our Facebook page. “Friend” us and enjoy.



## Club Activities for 2014

Given below is the Activities Calendar for the coming year.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2014 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2014	Frank Gioffredo
Spring Fling	March 15, 2014	Jim Quinn
<b>Field Un-winterization</b>	<b>April 12, 2014</b>	<b>Jim Quinn</b>
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



# ***APRIL PROGRAM***

## ***CONTROL SYSTEM SET-UP***

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