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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
MONDAY July 11th 6:30 P.M at the AGS Field**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez

Submitted by Frank Gioffredo

First, my apologies to the membership and our trusted newsletter editor, for not getting an article in for last month's issue of the newsletter. I have been so busy at work I even had to pass on the last race, hope not to do that again.

I want to pass along the Board's ideas for the next couple of meetings. Meeting night, which by the way will not be on the 4th of July, it will reset to the 11th of July still a Monday. We will forgo the traditional meeting night arrangement. Show and tell and the program will not be held, instead we will have open flying until we deem it meeting time, thinking around 8:00 pm, we will then hold a condensed membership meeting. We need to discuss the proposed budget for the upcoming year, we will discuss the contest, and our normal reports and committee reports. It was suggested that we use our summer meetings to promote the idea of our intent, flying and fun. Personally I thought it was a smart suggestion.

Anyone interested in taking an office in the next administration should make it known to any of the officers as we need to put a slate of officers in the next issue of the Connector.

I know the FAA nonsense just seems to dominate our meeting and causes much frustration amongst our members but I would really like to thank Ray Phillips for such diligence in keeping us up to date on all the changes. I read the info from Ray before I read the AMA or FAA letters. Ray tends to make it so us simple guys can digest all this stuff, so Ray "thank you" for so much good work.

I wanted to wait until the meeting but I feel I need to put this out now. Due to some changes in my personal life situation I will not be able to CD the Aerobatics Contest. If there is anyone who would be willing to run the contest please let me know. I will bring more information to the meeting about this.

I think I am about out of info at this point so don't forget, come early and bring something to fly; see you there. Frank

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If the Library is closed the meeting is cancelled and a notice will be sent via the AGS mailing list.

Coming Events

AGS July Meeting
Monday July 11th
6:30 PM AGS Field

Pylon Race #5
Tuesday July 12th
6:30 AGS Field

Pylon Race #6
Tuesday July 26th
6:30 AGS Field

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AGS Officers:

President: Frank Gioffredo (A-C)

Vice President: Charlie Brown (D-H)

Secretary: Ray Phillips (I-L)

Treasurer: Bob Jennings (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

Tom Kopl (S-Z)

Stan Driggs

Past President: Rick Allabaugh

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Charlie Brown

Program: Tom Kopl

Activities: Open

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Don Green

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Frank Gioffredo

Librarian: Rick Allabaugh

Webmaster: Brent Bryson/Jeff Hatton

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Seems I'm suffering from some form of incurable illness known as compulsive "balsa builder-itis". I keep finding more airplanes to build and still enjoy working with balsa in the evenings. I guess I find it therapeutic and far more rewarding than watching TV.

The photo below is from a recent trip to the field, I think now more than ever there is so much diversity of models available that one would never get bored. In one trip to the field I flew a replica 1952 Live Wire Sr, a modern day 3D aerobatic profile, and successfully test flew my Kyosho Hurricane. It flew well and I was very impressed with the new OS 62V four stroke engine in it.



I've had great results running Saito four strokes over the years but haven't owned an OS four stroke since my one and only purchase some 30 years ago, one of the first edition OS 48 Surpass engines. That 48 was a bit finicky but I was pleasantly surprised by how well this new 62V ran right out of the box and now looking forward to building a model for my bigger OS 95V over the winter.

I decided one model I'm lacking in my fleet is an all-purpose 'beater' airplane that I can fly without worry in any weather or at one of our off-site events. The easy choice would be a cheap ARF but I've found a kit that will fill the bill perfectly. In fact you may see two of them next year as Ray also ordered one of these kits. Identity of the model will be kept top secret for now...this airplane will be a winter project for me.

My next model on the building board will not require an engine (or electric motor) and should be a very fast build.

NOTE: 72 MHz Channel #42 Must Not Be Used at the AGS Field

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Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 823

Date: June 6, 2016

Place: AGS Field

President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order.

Guests: Matthew Hunt (Neil's grandson)

Ray read the BOD minutes.

Bob Jennings gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Bob.

Repairs to the flight line pavilion will be deferred to next year.

Brent Bryson gave a report on the current pylon racing season. Thanks to both the racers and the helpers for this club event.

Frank talked about the preliminary planning for the AGS pattern contest on Aug 27 & 28. Aug 26 will be field setup for this event. Frank will provide more details on the schedule for open flying during the contest days. Bob Noll asked if Frank could include Classic Pattern class in the event.

The week following, Sept 3 & 4 will be the annual VRCS event hosted by Bob Noll at the field.

Frank reminded everyone to review the field mowing details that were published in the last Connector. All areas of the field, not just the runway, are to be mowed.

Ray Phillips read a letter from the AMA thanking club members for their time dedicated as AMA club officers. The AMA provided pins for officers.

This was our first general membership meeting at the field for the current season. Several members flew both before and after the business meeting. Bob Noll's Goldberg Ultimate biplane took to the air. Brent Bryson flew his electric powered mini Champ in spite of the wind. This flight lasted nearly 30 minutes on one charge. Cody Brown flew his electric Viper biplane. It was good to see our younger members flying electric Cubs. Charlie Brown flew his P-51 complete with landing lights that looked great as the sun was setting. Next month we need even more pilots and planes. We should not miss this opportunity to fly together and see everyone's winter projects take flight.

Ray Phillips suggested Lancaster, Pa, as a vacation destination for members and their wives. While in Lancaster there are several good places to eat and attractions of the Amish. There are also many places to go shopping to find unique gifts and treasures. One shopping location you do not want to miss is Extreme RC Hobbies located near Lancaster in the town of Quarryville, Pa. This is a full service hobby shop well stocked with modeling supplies. This store is like a trip back in time to GJ's in Vestal. The owner says he will ship to any location and will take phone orders. You can see a preview at www.xtremerchobby.com.

Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary

June AGS Field Report – submitted by Todd Kopl

Wow, it seems like we were just up there freezing for field opening and yet the flying season is in full swing! The first official day of summer has just hit the calendar yet it already looks and feels like mid-summer thanks to Mother Nature.

The field has been looking great. Last month I had our editor include an overview of everything that should be mowed for the benefit of anyone not 100% sure (I also posted at the field along with the seasonal mowing list). I did not include phone numbers on the list for privacy reasons since we do get the occasional 'guest' up there (motorcycles, 4-wheelers, etc.). However, contact info can be found by logging in as a member on the club website (everyone please make sure your contact information is correct. If not, please send updates to membership chair Charlie Brown).

Personally, I just mowed a few weeks ago and all equipment was in fine working order (Ford, Exmark, push mower, & weed trimmer). I did discover contrary to the mowing map notes there is no need to adjust cutting height from low to medium in the areas shown. Frank has pinned the height adjustment on the Ford and its high enough to cover all the areas shown (same for Exmark).

If anyone experiences issues with equipment please let myself and Frank know ASAP.

Updated mowing list for upcoming month as follows:

MOWING LIST 2016				
Dates				
6/30-7/2	Scott	Wallace	Scott	Sinnett
7/7-7/9	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
7/14-7/16	Rick	Allabaugh	Neil	Hunt
7/21-7/23	Tom	Kopl	John	Carril
7/28-7/30	Bill	Green	Cody	Brown
8/4-8/6	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
8/11-8/13	Frank	Gioffredo	Derek	Gioffredo

Mowing Crews (drivers and helpers) are responsible for switching dates with others if they are unable to work on their scheduled date(s). Please keep me informed of any switches in crews.



Lastly, check out my Father's Day gift this year ^ !

-- Todd

AGS Pylon Racing Report – submitted by Brent Bryson

No new updates at press time. The next race will be July 12 at 6:30pm.

Standings from previous month:

AGS Pylon Racing Season Standings		
Place	Pilot	Points
1	Frank Gioffredo	6
2	Brent Bryson	5
3	Todd Kopl	0
4		

Covering with iron on film like Monokote or Ultracote covering – submitted by Scott Wallace

This short video shows how ARF's covered, takes me a hour or more to do what this young woman does in 5 minutes!

<http://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?t=2585615>

Build # 6 – submitted by Scott Wallace

At least I think it's build 6 this year, have kind of lost track plus 2 more on the board right now...

Joe Bridi was a prolific RC designer and competitor in the late 60's through the 80's and he designed many, many aircraft but his Kaos designs were among the most popular RC models of all time and are still kitted in several forms today.

A lot of folks in the early 70's would build a Kaos as a second airplane (first low winger) and didn't always have great results. For an experienced pilot they flew great but for a novice they could bite on landing approach being somewhat heavy for their wing area and had a double taper wing planform.

The solution was a lightened and 'straight wing' version of the Kaos which Bridi called the Warlord and my latest example is shown below. This absolutely the best low wing 'trainer' I've ever flown yet every bit as capable of aerobatics as the standard Kaos.

This is my second Warlord; my first was built way back around 1983 while in the USAF. The club I was in had a number of pattern pilots and I liked the sleek 60 sized models of the day like the Curare, Tiporare, and Arrow but I wasn't ready for one of those at the time. Enter the Warlord, which I built and flew the daylights out of. I was encouraged to go with the pattern guys to a contest in Sumter, SC and low and behold I won first time out in the old Novice pattern!

This new model is from a kit by Bluejay Models, the gentleman (Lynn Latta) that owns the company bought the rights and templates from Joe Bridi when Joe retired. These kits are all machine cut from contest quality balsa and are a bargain, this kit was \$75 plus shipping and worth every penny. It came out under 5 pounds and has an OS 46 so should fly quite well. I covered it in leftover Ultracote from my Q-500 racing days using white and

fluorescent green with black & white checkerboard on the underside.

I plan to stock up on a few more Bridi kits while they're still available, I've built many over the years and they are all are easy building, rugged and fly great.

A bonus for me is that the Warlord and many of the Bridi designs are VRCS legal being designed back in the 70's.

Link to Bluejay RC: <http://www.bridiairplanes.com>



AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2016

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 12	Brent Bryson
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 26	Brent Bryson
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 9	Brent Bryson
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 23	Brent Bryson
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug 27-28	Frank Gioffredo
VRCS Reunion	Sept 3-4	Bob Noll
AGS Float Fly Greenwood Park	TBD	TBD

Other RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact
deBolt In-Memoriam Fly-In Rochester, NY	July 30 th	Jim Capuano cappaj1@yahoo.com
Binghamton Aeros 31st Annual Giant Scale Fun Fly	Aug 13 -14	TBD

Editor's Note: If you know of an event in the area that would be of interest to the general membership please forward that information to me at wallaceaero1@aol.com for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

JULY PROGRAM



Open Flying Prior to the Meeting



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