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THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON Tuesday Oct 3rd 6:45 P.M at the Endicott Library

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

PLEASE NOTE:

Like last month, please check in the Connector as I believe our normal meeting night for the first Monday had to be moved to the first Tuesday of the month. Sorry for the inconvenience, but the Library rooms are being booked up before we can sign them out...

Loss of a long time AGS Member:

In case you haven't heard, the AGS recently lost a longtime member of the club, Gib Vandling. I've known Gib ever since I was a member of the AGS. I didn't know him on a personal level, but I enjoyed talking to him every once in a while about RC. He will be greatly missed. The Board is making a donation, in Gib's name, to the Mercy House. We are also getting a memorial plaque to place up at the lower pavilion.

X-Mark Tractor: We are currently having an issue with the X-Mark tractor. It sounds like there may be a loss of power when you try to cut grass. Please be aware of this. The Board has reviewed this and I'll be contacting Todd Kopl/Frank Gioffredo to look into this to see if it is an easy fix or something more substantial. In the meantime, please don't try to repair the mower on your own. Contact Todd.

Slate of Officers: At the October meeting, we need to vote on the proposed slate of officers. I'm a little behind the eight ball on this as we should have announced the slate at the last meeting. So far we have:

- Rick Allabaugh President
- Frank Gioffredo Vice President / Past President
- TBD Secretary
- Brent Bryson Treasurer
- TBD Board Member at Large
- Bill Green Board member at Large

As you can see, I have two (2) open slots that I need to fill. If you are interested, please let me know.

End of Summer: As I write this, it's officially the end of summer. However, it's 75 deg. F outside at noon. I wish I could just leave work now as I know that Charlie Brown, Bill Green, and others are enjoying the field and the weather. Only another 20 years until I retire!

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 Float Fly

Sep 30- Oct 1

**NATHANIEL COLE
PARK**

AGS Oct Meeting

Tues Oct 3rd

6:45 PM Endicott Library

AGS Field Winterizing

Sat Nov 4

Rain Date Sun Nov 5

For AGS field current weather info contact:

BGM Automated

**Terminal Information
System (ATIS)**

607- 729-8335

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AGS Officers:

President: Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

Vice President: Charlie Brown (D-H)

Secretary: Ray Phillips (I-L)

Treasurer: Brent Bryson (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

Tom Kopl (S-Z)

Bill Green

Past President: Frank Gioffredo

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Charlie Brown

Program: Tom Kopl

Activities: Frank Gioffredo

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Open

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Frank Gioffredo

Librarian: Brent Bryson

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

Finally (but definitely not meant to be last)...: Get Well Soon wishes go out to Neil Hunt who's been dealing with a leg infection. While he may be home resting, I know that he's itching to get out and either build or fly...

As always, I hope to see ya at the next meeting!

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Nearing the end of the flying season for me, my fingers don't work all that well in cold weather...yes some may argue they don't work all that well when its warm either! I try and support our winter flying events but one cold flight is about all I can handle, after that I'm just there to hang out.

I do enjoy an occasional bit indoor flying and hope to get a few sessions of flying again in Sayre (presuming that will continue). Debating on continuing to just fly the two indoor models I have or get one of the new Twisted Hobbies ultra-lite offerings for this season. They came out with a new series last year that featured thrust vectoring - I didn't want that added complication but this year's newest Twisted Hobbies indoor models do not have that feature.

I was very sorry to hear of Gib Vandling's passing. Years ago when I was a newer club member I was looking for some 1/2A engines for a vintage model - Gib invited me over and we went through his collection of older 1/2A engines. He gave them all to me and wouldn't accept any money, said he would be happy if they just got some use. I flew a Sterling 1/2A Mini Mambo in several VRCS events that was powered by one of Gib's old engines. Though when I met him Gib was primarily into RC sailplanes I noted he had a lot of old free flight models hanging in the rafters and we had shared some good stories about our collective Free Flight adventures in our younger days. In later years Gib had come to my house a few times to see what I was working on, one model in particular he was fond of was a small Thermic 50 glider, covered in red and yellow tissue paper. I will miss him. Thermals Gib!

I'm making the assumption that I'll continue as your newsletter editor at least another year, no one has reached out to me indicating they are interested in the job!

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

The CONNECTOR is prepared on a Personal Computer. Submissions are happily accepted via email to: s.j.wallace13@gmail.com

AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 837

Date: Sept 5, 2017

Place: Endicott Library

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Brent gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Brent.

Ray gave a summary of the Board meeting on 8-23-2017.

Don Shugard will be the new AGS web master. Bill Green will be responsible for the AGS Face Book site.

Jeff Hatton presented the profits from the AGS pattern contest; \$350. We had very positive feedback from the contestants, 8 were AGS members and 10 people traveled from out of town.

We had a good turnout for the VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion that Bob Noll hosted at the AGS field. There were 18 pilots resisted with over 40 airplanes. The VRCS will be donating \$300 to AGS for hosting this event. Bob raffled off two prizes and the proceeds are being donated to AGS, \$140.

The AGS Float Fly is set for Sept 30 and Oct 1. Contact Don Shugard for details.

AGS Hill Top Challenge is planned for Oct 7, contact Jim Monaco for details.

The main topic of discussion was the 2017-2018 AGS budgets. This is the first budget in the last three years that we did not need to take money from the AGS cash reserve to balance the budget. The BOD has recommended the same dues structure as last year.

Adults are \$125 and senior members are \$112.50. The members voted to accept the budget as presented.

Two field maintenance items were discussed. The main road gate is sagging and makes it difficult to close and

lock. The numbers on the gate lock are worn and unreadable. Both of these items are being addressed.

The meeting quickly moved into our hangar talk discussion. Rick was asking advice on battery selection for large scale aircraft. Many items were covered; Li-Po batteries with voltage regulator, high voltage servos and NiCad battery pack. Rick certainly acquired a wealth of information.

Frank led a discussion about flight control functions and effects. The members provided information on theory and experiences. Frank noted there is a very good article in the latest Model Aviation. One of the skills that a RC model aircraft pilot must learn is the coordination of all the transmitter stick functions. In flight precision control is more than using just the ailerons and elevator. The rudder and throttle are needed for total flight coordination.

**Submitted by Ray Phillips AGS 2016-17
Secretary**

AGS Float Fly Change of Venue – Don Shugard

I received a call from the Greenwood Park manager on September 21, 2017. He explained that they are draining the lake in preparation for maintenance on the dam. The lake in Greenwood Park will be a mere puddle by the time September 30 rolls around. I got the ok from Broome County Parks and the AMA to move the float fly to:

NATHANIEL COLE PARK
1674 Colesville Road
Harpursville, NY 13787
607.693.1389

<http://www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/directions#natcole>

This is the park where the MOB holds the spring float fly.

I have updated the AGS Facebook Event page with the new venue.

The dates and times remain the same.

Please spread the word.

AGS Field Report Sept 2017 – by Todd Kopl

Well, I finally got the Exmark leaking tire repaired...just in time for that mower to start acting up. By acting up I mean myself and several others have noticed an issue with the hydro drive system and general lack of mowing power in anything other than runway grass. This topic may or may not be brought up elsewhere but we need to assess repair cost vs. making a new purchase (or doing nothing...).

Field winterizing is scheduled for November 4th with rain date of November 5th at 2:00 pm. In addition to the traditional activities I've received several suggestions to shore up the entry gate post (erosion causing gate to sag) and remove some of the concrete blocks by lower flight-line pavilion (mowing hazard).

I also noticed several picnic tables were relocated from upper to lower pavilion area. If this is permanent whoever moved them please put them on rocks to prevent rot or return to previous location.

Attached is the remaining mowing list for 2017:

MOWING LIST 2017				
Dates				
9/28 - 9/30	Rick	Allabaugh	Scott	Sinnett
10/5 - 10/7	Chris	Goffa	John	Carril
10/12 -10/14	Tom	Kopl	Matt	Kopl

Lastly, if you've never been to the Oshkosh EAA Air Venture I would highly recommend putting it on your aviation bucket list. I flew out in 1996 after getting my pilot license and was able to return this year (never thought it would take 20 years to get back). Plan on several days minimum...it's a lot to take in.



2017 Late season Hill Top Challenge Update – by Jim Monaco

Boy, you guys are busy!!!! After several weeks since the post-season Hill Top Challenge invites were emailed out, a good number of members seem to have that day scheduled. For me, I was planning to win the trophy back from Jim Quinn, but next year will have to be that time.

So many flyers had fun this year so let's look forward to the AGS 2018 spring flying season and THE HILLTOP CHALLENGE.

“Keep'em flying”
Jim Monaco

PYLON RACE REPORT - by Bob Noll

The eighth and final race of this year's racing was held on August 30. The weather was again excellent with mild winds and a clear sky.

With sunsets getting earlier each week we could not continue with 10 lap heats for Q-500 even though we got the first heat of shortly after 6:30. Therefore we decided to fly only 5 laps for the last several heats. There was not enough daylight to hold the Sport Cub heats. I think we should consider an earlier start to the season next year. This year our first race was May 24.

Here are the results of this 8th Q-500 race:

Q-500 Race 8 Results:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	6
1	Cory Bulger	6
3	Frank Gioffredo	4
3	Matty Kopl	4
3	Bob Noll	4

This leaves us with the following results for the season. Only a pilot's best 6 races are counted.

Q-500 season points:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	39
2	Bob Noll	32
3	Frank Gioffredo	28
4	Brent Bryson	19
4	Matty Kopl	19
6	Cory Bulger	13

Sport Cub season points:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Jeff Hatton	13
2	Matty Kopl	10
3	Cody Brown	6

I have scheduled our annual awards gathering for pilots and helpers at Kristofor's. We hold this annual gathering to say "Thanks" to our faithful helpers. The pilots pick up the tab for pizza and drinks.

So, if you helped at least one race, please come to Kristofor's for some fellowship and food.

**Where: Kristofor's Restaurant
When: Wednesday October 25
Time: 6:30 PM**

AGS Hosts another VRCS Reunion - by Bob Noll

The traditional Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion of the Vintage RC Society took place at the AGS airport on Labor Day weekend. Pilots from around the northeast gathered to fly their vintage RC planes and enjoy the camaraderie complete with great stories about how RC was many years ago.

VRCS pilots fly planes that were designed for RC at least 35 years ago. As such, the planes take on a different colorful personality than the planes normally seen at our flying field.

Planes being guided by only rudder and throttle control takes a special talent but represent the planes that many of us were flying in the past. Planes with only elevator, rudder and throttle control were very popular and demonstrated why ailerons are not needed to perform many of the aerobatic maneuvers flown in the Class II pattern competition.

This annual event started on Friday evening at Mario's Restaurant in Owego where early arrivals gathered to renew old acquaintances. The ladies use this gathering to plan their Saturday activities while their pilots are at the AGS airport. Shopping in the quaint shops in Owego and a trip to Pocono Downs were on their agenda. After putting up a significant number of flights on Saturday the pilots gather with their wives and spouses at the Owego Treadway for a banquet buffet and awards presentations.

Ray Phillips won the Theme Plane Concours award for his beautiful Astro Hog. Ray only nudged out Scott Wallace's Astro Hog due to a slightly nicer cockpit and the use of a 2 cycle engine. Scott's Astro Hog sported a 4 cycle engine which the judges deemed was not appropriate for this 1958 design.

Rainy weather on Sunday morning was cause for none of the registered pilots to get their planes wet so many headed for home, some having drives home to Maryland and Delaware.

My thanks to Mark Lecher for providing a nice variety of tasty food for lunch. Thanks also to VRCS members Ray Phillips, Scott Wallace and Frank Gioffredo for their help.

2017-2018 Indoor RC Flying at Sayre – by Dan Luchaco

Our Indoor Sessions will be the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays from November thru February. Seven sessions total (only one in December).

Cost is \$5 per session

Location is the Athens, PA's Middle School



Your editor's Crack Yak ready for another indoor season

AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green

Item	Price ea.	Item	Price ea.
AGS Decals (white base)		AGS Patches	
Small	\$0.75	Small (2.25" x 1.75")	\$0.75
Medium	\$1.75	Medium (3" x 2")	\$1.75
Large	\$2.75	Large (4.25" x 3.25")	\$2.75
X-Large	\$3.75	X-Large (5.75" x 4.5")	\$3.75
AGS Decals (clear base)		Embroidered Coat Patches	
Small	\$0.50	Medium (9" x 7")	\$10.00
Medium	\$1.00	Large (12" x 10")	\$15.00
Large	\$1.25		
X-Large	\$1.50	AGS Coffee Mugs	\$10.00
		AMA ID Labels	\$0.25

**AGS Shirts and Hats are
available again!**

**Get your from Zappia Athletic
Products
133 Front St.
Vestal, NY 13850**

**Contact person is Dan Cordi,
reference Ray Phillips**

**Reminder to all AGS members...Keep
your AMA membership current.**

**AMA membership is an AGS
requirement to remain a member in
good standing.**

AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Float Fly NATHANIEL COLE PARK 1674 Colesville Road Harpursville, NY 13787	Sept 30 - Oct 1	Don Shugard
AGS Field Winterizing	Nov 4 2:00 (rain date Nov 5)	Todd Kopl

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Octoberfest Fun Fly & Vintage Rally (Johnson Field – Oxford, PA)	Sep 30 – Oct 1	Mike Denest mjd12k@yahoo.com 610-316-3570
Binghamton Aero's Annual Chili Fly	Oct 21 10AM - 5PM	Jim Carr electricflyer123@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Nov 14 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Nov 28 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Dec 12 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 9 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 23 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 13 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 27 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com

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 s.j.wallace13@gmail.com for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

OCTOBER PROGRAM



Annual Meeting & Hangar Talk



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