



# The CONNECTOR

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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON  
Monday Jan 8th 6:30 P.M at the Endicott Library**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

## *The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh*

On behalf of my family and I, we hope every club member and their family had a great Holiday Season! Here's looking to a New Year and flying season.

### Next Club Meeting

With the first Monday of January falling on a holiday, please make note that our next club meeting will be Monday, January 8th at the George F. Johnson Library in Endicott.

### New Year's Day Fun Fly

The New Year's Day Fun Fly is all set. We'll be flying from 11 am to 2 pm at the BC United Soccer Fields. From what I'm seeing of the weather, I'd probably plan on flying of skis. However, pay attention to the weather and decide the night/morning of whether its wheels or skis. I'll be providing chili and coffee to those who venture out. Sounds like it may be cold... Rumor has it that Frank Gioffredo may be stopping by.

### Annual Holiday Party

The Annual Holiday Party was once again a lot of fun and a success. Thanks to Bill Green and those who helped him for getting the room set up and running out to get the pizza, wings, and drinks.

### Finally

I hope your winter building projects are moving along. Once again, the plans I make to work on planes came to a screeching halt due to projects at the house. As much as I love this hobby, I need to make sure I keep the boss of the household happy first! For those who are building, feel free to bring your projects in to the meetings during the winter for show and tell. It's always interesting to see projects in different stages of construction.

All members are welcome to submit articles for our Newsletter. If you want to share your latest project or R/C experience provide a write up/picture to Scott Wallace.

## **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 New Year's Day Fly

Mon Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2018

Time 11:00

BC United Soccer Fields

#### AGS January Meeting

Mon Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM Endicott Library

#### [For AGS field current weather info contact:](#)

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**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

I'm sure he would be happy to include your article in the newsletter.

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

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**Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and that 2018 treats you kindly. I've been so busy around the holidays that my own RC projects have seen little progress however we have a several article submissions this month from fellow AGS members discussing their current projects, so building is alive and well within this club. Good to see in this age of 'ready to fly' RC models.

Looking forward to the New Year's Day fly, always a fun time and with a little luck on the weather a chance to get a few flights in. I never really make up my mind on wheels or skis until the day before; frankly I would be much happier with upper 40's and no snow on the ground but we'll just have to wait and see what old man winter brings us. Update...forecast looks really cold!!

**For anyone interested in the indoor flying at Sayre, please check the event calendar as two dates have changed.**

Debating on getting myself the new JR 'Mercury' vintage style transmitter, I almost exclusively fly vintage RC models and this would be more appropriate than the "transformer" look of my current JR transmitters. Still, \$700 is not a trivial expenditure particularly this time of year and I don't really need a 14 channel transmitter to fly 3 or 4 channel models!



**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](mailto:s.j.wallace13@gmail.com)

## AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

### Aeroguidance Society Meeting #840

Date: December 4, 2017

Place: George F. Johnson Library, Endicott, NY

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Guests: Member's Family and Friends

As this meeting night was our Annual Holiday Party, President Allabaugh gave a brief financial statement and informed members if they had any questions or needed details, to see him after eating dinner.

President Allabaugh thanked all of the guests of the club members for attended the Annual Holiday Party. The annual party is the club's way of thanking those who support us in this crazy hobby.

At the meeting, we also thanked Frank Gioffredo for all of his years of service to the club. Many members spoke about the help and guidance Frank gave them. We wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor in Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm and the Holiday Party began.

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### AGS New Year's Day Fly – by Rick Allabaugh

I'll be hosting this year's event!

When: January 1, 2018

Where: BC United Soccer Fields off of Route 26 (across from Phil's Chicken House)

When: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

I'll be providing chili and maybe hot dogs as well. No Landing Fee... Just bring a plane to fly and have a good time!

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### AGS Field Report Dec 2017 – submitted by Todd Kopl

Only 4 months to go until we 'open' the field back up! Nothing to report on the field so I'll fill my space with project photos from the workshop. This is my SIG Kougar project which had been in Dad's shop for over 30 years (think an old high school buddy abandoned the kit...).

Intent was to have it done for VRCS this year (I know, not the featured plane) but that didn't happen. Got busy at work and really didn't do much on it again until a few weeks ago. Anyhow...I still find it rewarding to turn a box of balsa into a plane.



Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday season and a Happy New Year!

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

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

## **DID YOU KNOW – submitted by Bob Noll**

I am reminded this time of the year of a tradition that several club members and their families took part of many years ago. It was Christmas tree burning and ice skating on the club pond. It took place in January after our Christmas trees had been removed from our houses. Always looking for something to do as a group, we took our trees to the club pond where we burned the trees on the pond bank and then ice skated. This was in the late 60's when we had colder winters and the pond would freeze enough to hold a fairly large group of young and old.

Do you know the location of the club pond?



## **Winter Project – by Ray Phillips**

Ray Phillips reports he's working on a Venture 60, a kit from Bruce Tharpe Enterprises. Bruce worked for SIG Mfg. for several years and is the designer of their Four-Star 40, one of the best and most popular sport models of all time.

Ray's Venture 60 will feature an OS 65AX engine and no doubt will be beautifully finished like all Ray's models. Rumor has it this one will be done in silk and dope.



## **A Winter Project – submitted by Jim Quinn**

My brother Bill and I started flying control line plastic models in the late 1950s. We took the plunge a few years later when I built our first balsa control line model with a Fox .35 engine. This was a major step forward from the plastic .049 models we had been flying. I was the builder, but my OLDER brother Bill was the presumed test pilot. The engine was started, Bill was at the controls, the plane was released, and the test flight began. As circuit was completed my brother's confidence was building until he tried a modest wing over. Next time around a more aggressive wing over was successful. Then it was one loop followed by two loops the next time around. Finally amid a lot of hoots and hollering he tried inverted flight. That was even better than the loops and wing overs. The plane started to gently lose altitude. So my brother decided on an outside loop to recover to upright flight. He wanted to do it fast so no more altitude would be lost. Aggressively he pulled full UP elevator to do what he thought was an outside loop. As we all know when inverted up is down and down is up. At three feet above the ground an aggressive application of up elevator sent that model into the round faster than you could blink.

Two years ago at the Syracuse symposium and swap meet I saw another Shoestring control line model, like the one we flew over 50 years ago. Of course I bought it but it sat around for the last year. Now it is the front burner as my prime winter project. Yes, it will be electric. It will have a receiver so I can "wear" my transmitter on my hip for throttle control. So after a few laps and I start to get dizzy I don't have to fall down and crash the plane, as I did in the past, I can just throttle back and land and then fall down being too dizzy to stand!



**AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>
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!**

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

## **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
New Year's Day Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	Jan 1st 11:00 – 2:00	Rick Allabaugh
Mid-Winter Fun Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	TBD	Neil Hunt
Spring Fun Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	TBD	TBD
Field Opening	TBD	Todd Kopl
Family Picnic	TBD	Bob Noll
Hilltop Challenge	TBD	Jim Monaco
AGS Float Fly	TBD	Don Shugard
Aerobatics Contest	TBD	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Reunion	Sept 1-2	Bob Noll

### **Other nearby RC events of interest**

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Info</b>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 9 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 24 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 13 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 28 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>

**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](mailto:s.j.wallace13@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.**

# JANUARY PROGRAM



## *Hangar Talk*



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