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THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON Monday Aug 6th 6:30 P.M at the AGS Field

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be up at the field on Monday, August 6th. This will be our last summer meeting up at the field. In September, we'll be returning back to the George F. Johnson Library. As we do during the summer months, we'll modify the usual club business at the General Meetings and use the summer meeting at the field to promote flying and camaraderie. We'll fly until dusk, and then have a modified meeting.

Roadway Speed

Hopefully everyone received the e-mail I sent out about the driving speed when on Warrick Road, near our neighbor's Dan house, and on the access road to our field. It's very important that we try to stay around 10 mph on Warrick Road and reduce down to 5 mph once we get near Dan's house. I've had a couple of reports of "fast drivers". Dan does a lot for our club and I don't want to risk making him upset. As I stated in the e-mail, if the BOD receives reports of the same person repeatedly going fast over, the BOD will review and address.

4-Wheeler Access

The Club has given certain 4-wheeler riders access through our property to get between interconnecting fields. At the Classic Pattern event, I had to stop a rider who was doing "laps" around the field while we had our lunch break. If you notice anyone doing this when you are up at the field, please let me know.

FINALLY – CELL TOWER UPDATE

I have spoken with John Guzzo from Hudson Valley Wireless who owns the tower. At this time, he has no immediate "renters" for the tower. His crew was simply up there clearing it out because they haven't seen the tower since they bought it in 2014 and it was so over-grown, that they couldn't really see what they owned.

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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 Aug Meeting

Mon Aug 6
6:30 PM AGS Field

AGS Pylon Race #7

Wed Aug 8
6:00 PM

AGS Pylon Race #8

Wed Aug 15
6:00 PM

AGS Aerobatics Contest

Aug 25 – 26

VRCS SoS Reunion

Sep 1 - 2

For AGS field current weather info contact:

BGM Automated Terminal
Information System (ATIS)
607- 729-8335

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President: Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

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Bob Jennings (S-Z)

Jim Monaco

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Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bill Green

Program: Tom Kopl/Scott Wallace

Activities: Open

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Open

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Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Open

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Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Dog days of summer for sure, it has certainly been a hot one. On July 14th Ray Phillips and I flew in a VR/CS event in Rochester, that club always puts on a fun event at a very nice field. Sometimes we forget how good we have it with the AGS field until we travel to fly at other clubs and see what a ‘typical RC field’ is like, but the Rochester facility has ample room and is a pretty easy drive form our area.

I have my Bridi Vagabond humming along very nicely now that I’ve installed an OS 55AX in place of the 46 I initially used, there’s no replacement for displacement! It was nice for an “old school” modeler like me to be out for a day with a field full of balsa aircraft with (for the most part) glow power.

One thing different for me, since Tower’s demise (and locally the George Brooks run GJ’s), is that one stop shopping is a thing of the past. I’m obtaining all the bits and pieces I need for a couple models I’m working on, Tru-Turn for a spinner, Dave Brown for pushrods, APC for props, Brodak for paint, MECOA for fuel tanks and mounts, SIG for covering and misc. hardware. All that additional time spent looking for and ordering parts is less time I can spend in the shop. I think at next year’s Lebanon swap meet I’ll be looking for lots of hardware and accessories as opposed to kits or engines.

Bob Hoag has sent me some wonderful photos, some of which were included in last month’s issue and again in this current edition. The photos taken from his model are quite spectacular. One thing that hits home to me though, is just how far removed I am from the current RC hobby. I’m afraid I am very much stuck in the past building balsa aircraft, most of them designed 40 plus years ago.

I almost cannot believe I’m typing this but I will throw my name in the ring as a candidate for Board Member at Large next for the upcoming election. Summer is flying by and we’ll soon be looking to fill officer slots. Who else is willing serve?

**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 #847

Date: July 9, 2018

Place: AGS Field

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Guests: None

The minutes of the last general meeting were approved as published in The Connector.

Brent Bryson gave the financial report to those in attendance. If any member has any questions regarding our account, they can contact Brent Bryson for additional information.

President Allabaugh gave a summary of the June Board of Director's Meeting. In attendance were Rick, Brent, Bob Jennings and Tony Cammarata. Brent is working on enhancing our budget tracking methodology. Bill Green pointed out the club needs all the receipts from gas for the mower/field equipment in order to correctly budget for field expenses. Even if you intend to not be reimbursed for the gas, please turn in a receipt (you can write "donation" on it if you so choose).

Committee Reports:

- 1) Flight School – Bob Noll indicated flight school attendance has been very light. Brent Bryson has been the most active and Bob reports Brent's flying skills have improved noticeably.
- 2) Pylon Racing – Bob Noll advised that both of June's races were cancelled due to weather. Only July's and August's races remain.
- 3) Family Picnic – Bob Noll spoke about the family picnic, date is July 17 with July 18th as the rain date. Bring a dish to pass with serving utensils, place settings for you and your guests. Please arrive at 6:00 sharp and plan to enjoy a nice evening outdoors with friends and family.
- 4) Classic Pattern contest – Bob Noll spoke about our Classic Pattern coming up on July 21. Bob mentioned some increased out of town interest and named several of the classic pattern models that are to be flown in this event.

5) Annual Aerobatics contest – CD Jeff Hatton indicated he is still in need of club members to help with the food for the contest. Please contact Jeff if you are able to support the contest, any amount of time you can spare will be helpful.

6) Hill Top Challenge – Jim Monaco said plan to arrive 9:00 sharp and to bring your own food and drinks. If weather threatens the event Jim will send out an email the night before confirming if we're still a go.

7) Todd Kopl indicates he will need to take a break from the Field Chairman position. A replacement will be needed starting in October, please contact Todd or Rick. It's one of the more important positions in the club but doesn't not require a huge amount of individual time, all our field work sessions are well attended.

Old Business:

- 1) Rick reiterated that the club has given permission to a few local teens to ride their ATVs on club property with guidelines of where they can and cannot ride.
- 2) Ray Phillips has put up the AGS sign on the lower pavilion.

New Business:

- 1) The club thanked Ray Phillips for the awesome new runway markers
- 2) Please follow the checklist with the new mower. The mower has a fuel shutoff and per checklist should be turned off at the end of a session; if it's not turned on (per the checklist) it will start and run briefly but will stop soon afterwards...

Show and Tell:

Bob Noll displayed his Bucker Jungmann biplane which he displayed at last month's meeting. Bob showed his clever solution to the loose exhaust problem he had last month, a homemade mounting bracket will prevent any future issues.

Program:

No program was planned as the intention was to use the time for flying.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Prez Sez – Continued

- 1.) John is an amateur drone pilot and is very aware of the issues of cell towers with RC operation. He gave me his word that he would not rent out space to companies that would install gear that would be detrimental to our hobby.
- 2.) He does not expect any equipment being installed in the next 1 to 1-1/2 years. Only because he has a large project in Albany that's worth more than what he can do with the tower by us.
- 3.) He has received proposals from a 2-channel (UHF) company and one wireless company. The UHF company would like to put "flat panels" in the 1.5 GHz and 4.6 GHz frequency. The one wireless company would like to add "flat panels" in the 3.65 GHz frequency and fiber optic cable. None of these proposals are set in stone...
- 4.) John informed me that the "flat panels" would more than likely be installed directing away from our field. And aimed at the other cell towers you see on the mountains.
- 5.) John and I have traded contact info and he told me that he is very willing to work with us and keep us informed as to what future plans hold.

One quick thought... Maybe the club should consider buying back this parcel should Hudson Valley Wireless decide to ever sell. And no, I have no idea what they cost may be.

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

AGS Field Report July 2018 – submitted by Todd Kopl

Well personally I've been getting more flying in lately with the super weather. I'd like to thank Bob Noll for once again running the vintage pattern contest. Attendance was down considerably from last year but it was a good reason for me to get out and fly more and I had a fun time. Mark Lecher did a great job with the food and I know my son Sammy really enjoyed it.

Terry Terrenoire & Frank Gioffredo made the trip up from Virginia and it was great to see them too. Yes, it was a little windy but totally manageable and no casualties. Also, as most of you probably know by now

my father has been ill and it was great to see him stop up for a while and watch the old pattern ships. He's always been my #1 supporter and it was nice having him sitting in the pits again.

So far nobody has contacted me about picking up the Field Chairman job. I will be stepping down at the end of this flying season so someone please think harder about picking it up.

Lastly, a picture from a perfect Thursday evening at the field. I was alone briefly and then Jeff Hatten showed up and we had a great time. I got to see his EDF jet fly a few times and check out the FPV goggles.



Upcoming Mowing List:

MOWING LIST 2018				
Dates				
7/26-7/28	Ray	Phillips	Scott	Wallace
8/2-8/4	Substitute		Ron	Sprague
8/9-8/11	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
8/16-8/18	Rick	Allabaugh	Neil	Hunt
8/23-8/25	Brent	Bryson	Nick	Orwan
8/30-9/1	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton

Upcoming AGS Club Meeting Programs – Scott Wallace

I'm looking for ideas and suggestions for future meeting night Programs. I don't even want to think about it but August is the last club meeting at the field. We'll need a program for the September meeting as we move back to the Endicott Library.

2018 AGS Float Fly Information

Mark your calendars for the 2018 AGS float fly on September 29th and 30th at Nathaniel Cole Park.

Flying both days from 10:00am to 5:00pm, bring your own lunch, \$8 for one day, \$10 for both.

For more information contact Don Shugard

Fun and Good Food - by Bob Noll

The family picnic had to be moved to the rain date for obvious reasons. This change did impact attendance slightly and Marie Monaco was not able to entertain us since she had booked another engagement. However, those that came had a great time which started off with the popular "Ice Breaker" where everyone a sticker placed on their back with the name of a famous person. The guys got a male name and the gals got a female name. The idea of the game is to find out the name on your back by asking others with a question that could be answered by only a yes or a no.

This "Ice Breaker" got everyone involved and talking to each other. The first male to guess his identity was Cody Brown who was unfortunately unable to win the prize because of his age. A bottle of wine went to the first adult guy and the first gal to identify their famous person. The last one to guess correctly won a super-size roll of toilet paper.

Who can tell us the three winners at the next club meeting?

Assorted AGS Field Photos – submitted by Bob Hoag



Neil Hunt's Piper Cub, assisted by Bill Green



Jim Monaco's 4th of July themed original design



Neil Hunt's Shinden Pattern Model



Bill Green's R/C forecast T Shirt



Bob Hoag's Opterra 1.2M flying wing (FPV ready)



Bill Green's model picked up a hitchhiker



Bob Noll & his Ken Willard designed "Top Dawg"



Bob Noll's Hal deBolt designed "Yankee" w/ vintage Controilaire Transmitter



Chris Goffa with his Stinson Reliant



Chris Morgan with his Flying Wing



The tower off our runway has a new owner...

Pylon race 5 was held on a very windy evening. There certainly wasn't any question about which runway to use or the takeoff direction. My second heat turned into the last flight for my Dominator. I never gained adequate flying speed on takeoff when my plane was released with the engine still at idle. Too steep a climb after takeoff due to pilot error caused the Dominator to get caught in the wind and proceed to stall and make contact with the ground with a mighty crash. The 10 year old racer went in the trash the next morning. Todd decided to retract his landing gear on his first landing and after these two mishaps we decided to terminate Race 5.

The big winner for the evening was Matt Kopl who has become one of the best pilots in the club. Matt earned 4 points for the evening while Todd and I could only manage 1 point apiece. Brent Bryson was on vacation. Rick Allabaugh is still not ready to race and filled in for Bret as cook. Cory Bulger and Scott Ashcraft were no shows.

Season points now stand as follows;

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Matt Kopl	15
2	Todd Kopl	14
3	Brent Bryson	7
3	Bob Noll	7
5	Cory Bulger	3

My thanks to all of our faithful helpers who make it possible to hold these races.

Classic Pattern Contest - by Bob Noll

All I can say is that I was very disappointed with the attendance, both from within the club and from outside the club. We had good club participation last year when eleven club members participated and all expressed their desire to have a similar event this year. However, only five members participated this year.

Last year we had only one participant from outside the club. This year there was only one entrant from outside the club although eight people said they were planning to attend.

It was a windy day but most pilots were able to manage the wind and there were no crashes or damaged planes. Bill Green had no competition in the Novice class and after his first flight decided to pass up on his remaining



Awesome shot looking back at the field

Pylon Racing Report (Not a Good Evening) – submitted by Bob Noll

flights. It was good to see Bill move up from the Pre-Novice class which he flew in last year.

Every one other than Bill flew in the Advanced class where the competition was intense. We decided to stop flying after three rounds because the wind was still blowing hard and rain was on the horizon.

Frank Granelli took first place. Frank and his wife Ann came from Wellsboro, PA. Todd Kopl took second place and I managed to sneak into third.

I must mention that both Frank Gioffredo and Terry Terrenoire attended and it was good to see them. My disappointment came when neither of them entered. However, I was very pleased when both of these past members volunteered to judge all flights. This made it easier for me and was much appreciated.

A very large 'Thank You' goes to Mark Lecher who provided a very nice selection of food for lunch. His baked beans were great even though he forgot them on his initial trip to the field.

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
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 2018

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 8	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 15	Bob Noll
Aerobatics Contest	Aug 25 - 26	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Reunion	Sept 1 - 2	Bob Noll
Hilltop Challenge	Sept 8 (rain date Sept 9)	Jim Monaco
AGS Float Fly Nathaniel Cole park	Sept 29 - 30	Don Shugard

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Wings Over Piper Fun Fly Lock Haven, PA	Aug 3 - 5	www.wingsoverpiper.com Kevin Ziegmann ziggysr71@gmail.com
33rd Annual Giant Scale Fun Fly (Binghamton Aeros)	Aug 10 - 12	https://binghamtonaeros.wildapricot.org/event-2786988

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.

AUGUST PROGRAM



***No program – come up to fly & socialize
before the meeting***



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