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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON  
Monday June 3 - 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 Meeting:** The next AGS General meeting will be up at the club field on Monday, June 3rd. For those who are new members, the summer meeting first involves flying, and then we hold an abbreviated meeting. This is the perfect time to bring up show and tell items.

### **Important Notice:**

While I've enjoyed my time as President of the club, I've gotten to a point where I have been in this position for 3-4 years. I will be looking to step down next year. This means I'll be looking for my replacement. If you are interested, let me know. If I get no volunteers, I'll set up a Nominating Committee in July/August to find one. In speaking with the Board, 1-2 others may be stepping down as well.

### **Learn to Fly Program:**

As we get into June and July, the Learn to Fly Program will be taking off. It's good to see the support the club is giving to this program. I look forward to being up at the field on open flying nights.

### **Final thoughts...**

You guys have all seen the battered truck I've been driving up to the field for the last few years. With the loss of the use of a mini-van, transporting planes to the field has been a huge issue. I'm happy to say that I've recently bought a vehicle which will help me get equipment up to the field. I can't wait to use it for our first summer meeting. And no, it's not a mini-van. My girlfriend and 23 year old daughter executive-vetoed that option!

See you at the next meeting!

## **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 June Meeting

Monday June 3  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

#### Pylon Race #3

Wednesday June 5  
AGS Field 6:00 PM

#### Pylon Race #4

Wednesday June 19  
AGS Field 6:00 PM

#### For AGS field current weather info contact:

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

**The Aeroguidance  
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**AGS Officers:**

**President:** Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

**Vice President:** Jeff Hatton (D-H)

**Secretary:** Bob Jennings (I-L)

**Treasurer:** Brent Bryson (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Jim Monaco (S-Z)

2) **OPEN POSITION**

**Past President:** None

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** Bob Noll

**Program:** Tom Kopl

**Field:** Bill Green

**Historian:** Bob Hoag

**Safety:** Chris Goffa

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

**AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Aeroguidance Society Meeting #857**

Date: May 6, 2019

Place: Delta Engineers

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

Guests: None

Rick Allabaugh announced that Chris Goffa volunteered to be Safety Chairman and Bob Jennings volunteered to be Secretary.

Rick Allabaugh handed out copies of the updated field rules for Chris who could not be present due to work.

Bill Green who has been arranging the meeting room at the Vestal Library indicated that the next meeting will be held at the field on Monday June 3.

The minutes of the last general meeting as published in The Connector were approved with the correction of the meeting date to April 3, 2019.

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.

Rick Allabaugh reviewed the minutes from the previous Board meeting. These minutes are available on the AGS website Members Only section.

**Committee Reports:**

**Field: Bill Green**

Bill Green reported that he is constructing a barrier for pilot protection on the flight line. Bill announced that at the present time the field is so wet that there is no parking except along the left side of the road heading up to the field just before getting to the parking lot.

Cleaning the outhouse is one of the duties of the mowing team. If it appears that the outhouse needs to be pumped out contact Bill so he can arrange that service. Later in the meeting Bill mentioned that who mows also needs to get gas and fill the mowing equipment after it is used. Receipts for the purchase of the gas should be kept.

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

Many have been in the habit of purchasing gas and not giving the receipt to the club. Gas Receipts should be kept and presented to the club so that actual expense may be tracked. If you want reimbursement mark your name on the receipt, if not mark donation on the receipt. Bill suggested that an envelope would be placed in the shed for the receipts but since the meeting it has been decided that all receipts should be presented to the Treasurer.

The morning that field opening was scheduled it was so wet that a cancellation email was sent out from the site. Some members did come and signs were put up. Prior to field opening Bill removed and replaced the yellow safety line / taxiway bricks because they were sinking below the surface.

**Membership: Bob Noll**

Bob passed out some Wings and Leader Club pins for members to place on their club hats.

**Learn To Fly: Bob Noll**

Bob passed out posters advertising the Learn to Fly program for members to post. Jim Monaco brought a sign he had made to add to the sign at the road to indicate the open house on Tuesday evenings for the Learn To Fly program. Bill will place the sign on top of the post supporting the main sign by the roadside. Dave Smith, Joe Perucci, and Bill Green are supplying their E-Flite Apprentice planes for the Learn to Fly program.

**Old Business:**

Bob Noll suggested that a date for the Family Picnic needs to be designated.

**New Business:**

Rick Allabaugh went over the field rules for Chris Goffa. Rick mentioned that there will be an additional update to the Bylaws to include a description of the field layout to show spectator line, pit area, taxiway, safety line, etc.

Bob Noll suggested that the section **Rules for Control Line Flying** should be removed.

**Show and Tell:**

Bob Noll brought a “Quick-V6” Quicky 500 racer.

Members were asked what they are building. Jerry Wright reported that he was working on a Hawker Biplane. Jim Monaco reported three building projects – a plane put together from resurrected parts of other planes, a scaled up version of one of his previous designs, and a resurrected Gee Bee.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM

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**AGS 2019 Mowing List – by Todd Kopl**

List has been updated, please review for changes

<b>Date</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Helper</b>
5/30 – 6/1	Rick Allabaugh	Neil Hunt
6/6 – 6/8	Brent Bryson	Nick Orwan
6/13 – 6/15	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton
6/20 – 6/22	Harold Peeling	Bob Hoag
6/27 – 6/29	Jim Quinn	John Loomis
7/4 – 7/6	David Dewey-Wright	Jerry Wright
7/11 – 7/14	David A Smith	David W Smith

**There’s Still Time – submitted by Bob Noll**

We will begin our largest membership campaign on Tuesday June 4 at the AGS airport. At that time we will start a series of Open Houses in the hope of attracting new members which we desperately need in order to keep annual dues from increasing. I hope you have helped advertise this program by placing our poster around town.

Put several posters in your car and tell your neighbors, fellow workers, golf buddies by giving them a copy of the event poster. How about taping a poster to the inside of a rear window of your car.

Let's all help. Don't let the responsibility fall upon only a few members.

Thanks to Jim Monaco and Bill Green a special "Open House" sign will be mounted to our sign on Day Hollow Road to catch the eyes of passing motorists.

**Tuesdays evening at 5:30 would be a great time for you to come to the flying field to fly your planes so visitors can see our planes in action. Please plan to come and fly on Tuesday evenings.**

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### **AMA Leader Member Minute – submitted by Bob Noll**

There is still a lot of confusion about FAA registration numbers and enforcement. The following are some questions that I have received, with answers provided by Chad Budreau, AMA executive director.

**(Question)** What is AMA's policy on ensuring that members comply with the FAA registration rule?

**(Answer)** You are not FAA's enforcement agency. Your role as a club and member is to educate and encourage registration, but you should not police registration. Even law enforcement personnel are not to police registration, unless they suspect a threat, or if they are conducting an investigation. Even then, law enforcement does not have direct access to the FAA database to validate registration numbers.

**(Question)** If there is an incident and the club/member is sued, will AMA insurance cover the club and members, even if they did not follow the registration rule?

**(Answer)** We asked our legal counsel if a club could be held liable should a member not comply with the FAA registration rule. We live in a society in which anyone can sue, but our legal counsel believes that clubs could not be held accountable. In addition, the FAA would not pursue a club for a member's non-compliance in the same vein that the FAA would not penalize an airport for an individual pilot failing to renew his or her pilot's license. AMA club benefits and status are not contingent upon every member complying with the registration rule. There are some situations in which a club or CD might be asked to police/inspect registration. An example would be if a club's landowner requests that all modelers be registered. Another possible scenario would be an event held at an airport and the air traffic control tower requires inspection of registration. AMA's position is to

educate and ask for compliance with the registration law, but we are not to police registration.

If you have any questions or ideas for a future Leader Member Minute, please feel free to contact me.

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AMA National Leader Member Coordinator  
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### **Pylon Racing Report (Todd & Matt Kopl)**

The first race on May 8th was waived off due to soggy field conditions so the season got under way on Wednesday evening May 22nd. The field was in fantastic condition thanks to our new field Chairman!

Some last-minute landing gear field repair was needed to keep Brent's plane racing (lasted for 2 out of 3 heats, not bad). Matt Kopl showed up with a brand-new Viper in 'Ski-doo' livery and appeared fast until a few cut flags got in the way along with a control loss issue in his last heat (good piloting...he got it back on the ground in one piece).

It's always a little slow going first race of the year but many thanks to all the helpers that came out and chef Brent for providing the post-race hot dog roast. I think the best quote of the evening came from Jim Monaco: **"IT WAS DEFINITELY NOT BORING!"**

Current point standings & hope to see the ones that missed **next race on June 5th:**

<i>Pilot</i>	<i>Points</i>
Bob Noll	5
Todd Kopl	5
Brent Bryson	4
Matt Kopl	1
Cory Bulger	0
Rick Allabaugh	0
Scott Ashcraft	0

## ***AGS 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR***

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
June Club Meeting AGS Field	June 3 6:30 – 8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #3	June 5	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #4	June 19	Todd & Matt Kopl
July Club Meeting AGS Field	July 1 6:30 – 8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 3	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 17	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #7	July 31	Todd & Matt Kopl
Aug Club Meeting AGS Field	Aug 5 6:30 – 8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 14	Todd & Matt Kopl
Family Picnic	TBD	TBD
AGS Precision Aerobatics Contest	Aug 24 -25 (Aug 23 set up day)	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration	Aug 31	Scott Wallace & Ray Phillips
AGS Float Fly Nathaniel Cole Park	Sep 28 29	Don Shugard

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

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Info</b>
Mohawk Valley Firebirds VRCS	June 22 - 23	<a href="https://www.mvfirebirds.com">https://www.mvfirebirds.com</a> Jim Quinn 315-292-0309 See Flyer on the following page
Mohawk Valley Firebirds Pattern Meet	Aug 10 -11	<a href="https://www.mvfirebirds.com">https://www.mvfirebirds.com</a>
Binghamton Aeros Festival of Giants Chenango Bridge Airport	Aug 9 - 11	Larry Cobb <a href="mailto:cob99@nep.net">cob99@nep.net</a>



and



# Vintage Firebirds

**June 21, 2019**

Dinner: Charlies (Washington Mills) 7:00

**June 22, 2010**

Registration 8:00

Open Flying All day

Rudder Only Demos 10:00

Class II, III Judged Flying 11:00

Dinner: Delmonico's (North Utica) 7:00

**June 23, 2019**

Fun Flying All Day

Motels: Best Western (North Utica)

Directions: [www. MVFirebirds.com](http://www.MVFirebirds.com)

CD: Jim Quinn 3152920309

# JUNE PROGRAM



## *Summer Meeting Agenda – Flying first then an abbreviated meeting*



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