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THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON Wednesday Sept 4th - 6:30 P.M at the Vestal Library

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Next AGS General Meeting: Due to the holiday on Monday, the next AGS General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 4th, at the Vestal Library. Meeting time is the same, 6:30 PM.

2019-2020 Proposed Dues: I'm going to summarize the proposed dues as I'll be sending the detailed information out through our Member's list. There are going to be two (2) options to discuss at the next club meeting. We will be voting on one to accept.

- Option #1:
 - Regular Membership: \$125.00
 - Sr. Membership: \$112.50
- Option #2:
 - Regular Membership: \$125.00
 - Sr. Membership: \$100.00

IMPORTANT – AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

As I've mentioned at meetings in previous newsletters, this will be my last year as President of the AGS. In addition, we are going to have openings for the following positions...

- **President – Open**
- Vice President – Jeff Hatton (has agreed to stay on)
- Treasurer – Bob Jennings
- **Secretary – Open**
- **Board Member at Large (*)**
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(*) – This is a rare case as Jim Monaco has fulfilled his two (2) year commitment and we had lost our previous BMAL before their 2 year commitment was up. So, I'm proposing that one person commit to one (1) year, while the other person commits to two (2) years to get us back on track.

So far, I've had no one offer to take over the Presidency. My gut tells me it's going to be difficult to fill the other open positions as well. Let's face it; we have the same 10-12 club members attend the monthly meetings. I can't ask a member to be President who doesn't attend on a regular basis.

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

VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration

Sat Aug 31

AGS Field 9:00 – 5:00

AGS Sept Meeting

Wednesday Sept 4

6:30 PM

Vestal Library

AGS Float Fly

Saturday Sept 28

Sunday Sept 29

Nathanial Cole Park

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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

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bob Noll

Program: Tom Kopl

Field: Bill Green

Historian: Bob Hoag

Safety: Chris Goffa

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

The Prez Sez Continued -

In my opinion, we've had a major shift in the focus of the club. Guys want to fly with less involvement in club activities. I'm OK with that. Maybe we need to change the focus and have quarterly BOD meetings, no winter general meetings, and only meetings during the summer at the club field. Maybe we'll have to redefine our definition of a Board. AMA defines it as the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Maybe will eliminate the Board Member at Large requirement. All of what I mentioned above will require By-law changes...

Not trying to sound negative, but we can't operate in our current format if members aren't going to step up...

Hope to see ya at the next meeting!

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

First off, I am very pleased to inform the club that Todd Kopl has agreed to assume duties as Editor of the Connector as of the next dues year (October). Todd will do an excellent job and I'm sure, as have I, be counting on the membership continuing to provide interesting items for the newsletter.

Just a reminder that Saturday Aug 31 the AGS field will be in use for the Vintage RC Society event, flying will be available after 5:00. Feel free to stop by and observe what flying in the early days of the RC hobby was like.

Three AGS members made the trek to Lancaster, PA for their VRCS meet earlier this month. Temps in the high 80's with high humidity made for hot times but the flying site in Lancaster is excellent and winds were mild so overall a very good event. Saturday was interrupted for a while by a thunderstorm but luckily the worst of it missed the field and wasn't too much of an impact.

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

AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #860

Date: Aug 5, 2019

Place: AGS Field

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM

Guests: None

It was announced that Norm Erway (who was in attendance) is a new Associate Member.

Jim Monaco made a motion to approve the minutes of Meeting #859 (July 1, 2019) as published in The Connector. Jerry Wright seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

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

Learn To Fly: Bob Noll

Bob reported that eight pilots participated in the program and he expects that two of those pilots will become members.

Aerobatic Contest: Jeff Hatton

Jeff reported that the setup for the AGS aerobatic contest is on August 23 with the contest being held on August 24th and 25th. There will be an AGS Club class for AGS members with no entry fee. Entry fees are being waived on the Sportsman class entries as well. Entry fees for club members in the other classes will be half price. All members having dinner will need to pay ten dollars to cover the cost of the meal.

Charlie Hatton announced that Breakfast and Lunch would be available on Saturday and Sunday. Payment for food will be in the form of a donation.

Family Picnic: Rick Allabaugh

Rick asked for a volunteer to organize and host the family picnic. Since no one was interested in doing so Rick announced that the family picnic is cancelled.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM

Submitted by Bob Jennings - Secretary

Proposed AGS By-Laws Changes – by AGS Board of Directors

"The AGS BOD is proposing the following change to Article III - Membership categories. Please review as this will be voted on at the next AGS General Meeting if we have a quorum.

Add Article III, paragraph I. Social Member – A member who is at least 80 years old and a member of the club for a minimum of one year. A social member will have no voting privileges, no flying privileges, and will not be required to carry AMA membership or FAA registration. A social member will be exempt from serving on the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, or responsible for field up-keep. A social member will receive the monthly newsletter; can attend club meetings, and other club social events. The fee for this membership shall be set at \$40.00 per year.

Existing Article III, paragraph I. would be renamed paragraph J.

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AGS 2019 Mowing List – by Todd Kopl

Updated mowing list for the next several months:

| Date | Primary | Helper |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8/29 - 8/31 | Charlie Hatton | Jeff Hatton |
| 9/5 - 9/7 | Harold Peeling | Bob Hoag |
| 9/12 – 9/14 | Jim Quinn | John Loomis |
| 9/19 – 9/21 | David Dewey-Wright | Jerry Wright |
| 9/26 – 9/28 | David A Smith | David W Smith |
| 10/3 – 10/5 | Ray Phillips | Scott Wallace |
| 10/10 – 10/12 | Bill Green | Jim Monaco |
| 10/17 – 10/19 | Todd Kopl | Matt Kopl |

Pylon Racing Report (Todd & Matt Kopl)

Race 4 is now in the bag and probably the best attended race of the season. It was nice to see Jim Quinn join us with his electrified STP racer which appeared to be very competitive. With 5 racers I messed up the heat pairings leaving Bob with only 2 flights. As a result I only counted the 1st two heats for everyone. Matt's poor running engine from race 3 was resolved (pin-hole leak in vent line...) and was running top notch again (and for bragging rights he beat the old man again in final heat that was not counted for points). I counted all 4 races for the final results (dropping one race for all would not have changed standings):

Race #4 (Aug 21st)

| <i>Pilot</i> | <i>Points</i> |
|--------------|---------------|
| Todd Kopl | 4 |
| Bob Noll | 3 |
| Brent Bryson | 3 |
| Matt Kopl | 4 |
| Jim Quinn | 1 |

Season/Final point standings

| <i>Pilot</i> | <i>Points</i> |
|--------------|---------------|
| Todd Kopl | 20 |
| Bob Noll | 18 |
| Matt Kopl | 13 |
| Brent Bryson | 11 |
| Jim Quinn | 1 |

Thanks again to all the helpers that made it possible and Brent (chief chef) for the hot dog feasts!



Matt, Jim, Todd, Bob & Brent with their Q-500 racers



Relaxing after the race

Blast from the past submitted by Todd Kopl

Picture of yours truly circa 1986 (I was probably Matthew's age!). Check out the back-drop & lack of trees along with the color scheme on my Tiporare...strikingly similar to the Aeromaster...probably painted at the same time in Noll's Acorn Drive paint booth (I think everyone was painting over there back in the day).



AGS balsa-build challenge – by Ray Phillips

My entry for the AGS balsa build challenge:

- Bridi GLA (Great Little Airplane)
- Short Kit from www.Balsaworkbench.com
- OS 46 Glow Power
- Just some final sanding and shaping is ready for covering. Silkspan, Sig Koverall, dope finish.



Misc. AGS Photos – by Bob Hoag



Jim Monaco w/ his Pattern Trophy



Bill Green's pattern model enjoying a bird's eye view of the AGS field



Jerry Wright's new Cub



Ron Sprague's F-16 in Thunderbirds Colors



John Loomis' new mini Apprentice



Bill Green's new pattern model



Pattern models lined up at the AGS Aerobatics Contest



Jim Quinn gets ready to compete



Pattern model in flight

AGS 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified) | DATE | CHAIRMAN |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------|
| VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration | Aug 31 | Scott Wallace & Ray Phillips |
| September Club Meeting Vestal Library | Wed Sept 4 | NA |
| AGS Float Fly Nathanial Cole Park | Sep 28 - 29 | Don Shugard |
| October Club Meeting | TBD | NA |

Other nearby RC events of interest

| Event / Location | Date | Contact / Info |
|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| NEAT Fair Downsville, NY | Sept 12-15 | http://www.neatfair.org/ |

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



OPEN DISCUSSION



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