



# The CONNECTOR

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AMA Chartered Club No. 441

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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON  
Monday November 4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 P.M at the Vestal Library- please attend.**

**Reminder: Dues are due**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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## *The Prez Sez – Open Position*

Meetings – as noted above we need better attendance to conduct club business

Dues reminder – can be paid in person at meeting or mailed to the club P.O. Box (see back of newsletter for complete address, check payable to AGS)

Carry-over from last month:

At the next club meeting, we will be voting on the following positions:

President – Currently Open

Vice President – Jeff Hatton

Secretary – Currently Open

Treasurer – Bob Jennings

Board member at Large – Jim Monaco (1-year term)

Board Member at large – David Smith (2-year term)

## **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 Oct Meeting**

Monday Nov 4

6:30 PM

Vestal Library

### **AGS Field Winterizing**

Saturday Nov. 16

9:30 AM (Rain Date Nov.

17)

**The Aeroguidance  
Society, Inc.  
P.O. Box 39  
Vestal, NY 13850-0039**

**AGS Officers:**

**President:** Open (A-C)

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

**Secretary:** Open (I-L)

**Treasurer:** Bob Jennings (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Jim Monaco (S-Z)

2) OPEN POSITION

**Past President:** Rick Allabaugh

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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:** Todd Kopl

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**Editorial – submitted by Todd Kopl**

I'd like to thank Scott Wallace for his years as Connector editor, great editorials, and putting out a quality publication.

**AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Aeroguidance Society Meeting #862**

Date: October 7, 2019

Place: Vestal Library

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM

Guests: None.

**Lack of Quorum:**

No business could be conducted due to the fact that there were not enough voting members present to meet the Bylaws definition of a quorum.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Although the meeting minutes could not be approved due to a lack of a quorum Secretary Bob Jennings reported that there was one comment regarding the wording of a sentence regarding the FAA. The suggestion was that the wording "testing requirement that may eventually be imposed" should have been stated "testing requirement that will eventually be imposed". The use of the word "may" was misleading since the testing requirement is already spelled out. All that remains is the implementation of that requirement.

**Treasurer Report:**

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

**Financial Records Audit:**

Rick Allabaugh reported that he, Jeff Hatton, and Bob Jennings participated in an audit of the financial records. A discrepancy was found wherein the Bank statements show \$50 more than the Quicken information. This discrepancy was found to be present at the beginning of

**NOTE: 72 MHz Channel #42 Must**

the 2018-2019 year and carried throughout the year. A review of prior year correlation between Quicken and Bank statements is in order to try to find the discrepancy.

### **Float Fly:**

Don Shugard mailed a report for the Float Fly held on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There were eight flyers registered for both days and eleven flyers registered for one day.

### **FAA:**

Ray Phillips discussed the email that all members received on Oct. 7 from AMA Government Affairs and some possible implications of the FAA action that prompted that email.

### **Indoor Flying:**

It was mentioned that the Valley R/C 2019-2020 Indoor Flying Season begins on October 8. Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM

Bob Jennings - Secretary

### **Field Report – by Bill Green**

**Field Winterizing- Saturday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am  
(Rain date Sunday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Official mowing has concluded for the season. If it needs mowing jump on the mower.

### **DID YOU KNOW - by Bob Noll**

In 1953 the FCC provided access to a radio frequency which could be used for controlling model airplanes without a license. The frequency was 27.255 MHz. Having only one frequency required that only one airplane at a time could be flown at a local field. However, having that frequency available caused a large increase in radio control activity. In 1955 there were at least twelve fliers active in our local area. Ralph Jackson and Dick Allen decided it was time to start an R/C club. They invited the twelve fliers to the first meeting which was held at Dick Allen's home in Endicott.

As time went on, the club By-Laws were written and the club name "Aeroguidance Society" was selected. Dick Allen was the first club president. One important feature of the By-Laws was the provision that an annual Pattern Contest be held.

### **AGS Float Fly — Submitted by Don Shugard**

We had a great weekend for the annual AGS Float Fly. Saturday and Sunday had folks flying from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm both days. Winds subsided on Saturday afternoon and the lake became a sheet of glass. Sunday was equally good flying weather. We were not as fortunate with “field” conditions. The park had drained a good portion of the lake for some maintenance leaving us to trod through and stand in ankle deep muck. Matt Kopl’s retrieval of his father’s plane from the exposed lake bed turned into a noteworthy and entertaining adventure. We also discovered the hard way that the transom plug for the rowboat was missing. We had to fashion one out of a cattail and a rag.

We had a total of 19 AMA members register for the event held at Nathaniel Cole Park on September 28-29, 2019. Pilots traveled from as far away as Middletown NJ, Wilkes Barre PA, and Shokan NY. The following AGS members participated:

Neil Hunt, Matt Kopl, Todd Kopl, Don Shugard, David Wright

If you have not seen or flown model airplanes off water make a note to come on out next spring when the MOB holds their float fly (typically the weekend before Memorial Day) and see what float flying is all about.

As most of you know I have retired to the Poconos. I’ll no longer be able to host the float fly in 2020. The current format of bring your own lunch and no door prizes makes the float fly an easy event to run. The work involved is obtaining a permit from the

Broome County Park System, arranging with the park ranger for some tables, life jackets and rowboat, and providing the insurance certificate to the park system. The insurance is purchased with the sanction from the AMA, however, the insurance can be provided by the AMA without a sanction. Sanctioning the event provides advertising in Model Aviation and on the AMA website. If you have any questions about running the event let me know.

Bob Hoag submitted the following photos from his Alaska vacation:



***AGS 2019/2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR***

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
November Club Meeting Vestal Library	Mon Nov 4	NA
Field Winterizing	Nov. 16	Bill Green
December Club Meeting	Mon Dec 2	NA
January Club Meeting	January 6	NA

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

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Info</b>

# OCTOBER PROGRAM



## ***OPEN DISCUSSION-Show & Tell***



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