



# The CONNECTOR

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## July meeting at AGS Field (July 6)

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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### Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

As things are opening up hopefully, we will be seeing more activity at the field. We are going to be having the July Meeting at the field with open flying before the meeting, bring up a plane and get some flight time while maintaining appropriate distancing.

Racing, Learn to Fly, and the pattern contest are all proceeding as scheduled however, the board has elected to reschedule the upcoming family picnic until August (see activities calendar).

### AGS General Membership Meeting

AGS General Meeting Minutes  
June 2020

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the May general meeting was not held*

### Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Loads of great content this month! Apologies if I somehow missed anything...just let me know and I'll get it next month. The activities calendar is filling up and there are some nice events at the AGS along with other nearby venues. If you've never traveled or gone to an event outside of the AGS I strongly encourage you to do so. My near-term bucket list includes a trip to Muncie (never been). Not exactly sure what event since I am no longer competitive in RC aerobatics, but I did see a VRCS event advertised...maybe that will be the ticket next year!

### Up-Coming Events

#### AGS July Meeting

Monday July 6  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

#### AGS Open House

Tuesday July 7  
5:30 - 8:00 PM  
AGS Field

#### AGS Pylon Race #3

Wednesday July 8  
6:00 PM  
AGS Field

#### AGS August Meeting

Monday August 3  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

[For AGS field current weather info contact: BGM Automated Terminal Information System \(ATIS\) 607-729-8335](#)

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

**Learn-To-Fly Open House Program – by Bob Noll**

Once again, we will be holding our Learn To Fly Open Houses as part of our membership program. This year we will be holding them each Tuesday evening at 5:30 in July and August at our airport. Visitors will be able to fly one of our club trainers with one of our Introductory Pilot Instructors. The intent of the Introductory Pilot Program is to provide AMA liability insurance to non-AMA members.

I'm sure every member can contribute in some way to the success of this program. Do you have a contact in the Boy Scouts, YMCA or maybe you are a member of a service organization such as Kiwanis Club or Rotary Club? Maybe you are member of the Lions, Elks or other clubs in the area. If so, please help spread the word of our "Learn To Fly" program and our Open Houses.

I will be sending each member the file for our "flyer" so you can print it in color. Take one to your barber shop, local grocery store or favorite eatery. I will be contacting the local TV and radio stations for their support.

**Pylon Racing – Matt & Todd Kopl**

Pylon racing kicked off on June 10<sup>th</sup> and despite ominous weather all around the southern tier it was sunny and calm on the hill! Brent had some radio issues leaving Bob & Todd to scoop up and split the points. The next race was on June 24<sup>th</sup> with Matt joining in and Brent's radio issue resolved. Those hoping for a close race between father & son walked away disappointed when Matt cut the very 1<sup>st</sup> pylon after take-off making it easy on the old man. Cory Bulger was present with his 2 kids and should be racing on July 8<sup>th</sup> & hopefully Jim Quinn can re-join with his electrified racer!

There were 13 club members (pilots and helpers) at the June 24 race.

Our pylon racing program has continually brought out many club members for the excitement and fellowship that is shared on each race night. Everyone enjoys the

conversation while indulging in the hot dogs, drinks and chips after the race.

When you consider the multiple races we have, it gets more members to the flying field than any other activity.

#### Current Standings:

Q-500	RACE	1	2	3	TOTAL
	DATE	20-May	10-Jun	24-Jun	POINTS
Seeding	Pilots	covid			
1	Todd Kopl	0	7	6	13
2	Bob Noll	0	7	3	10
3	Matt Kopl	0	0	5	5
4	Brent Bryson	0	0	3	3

#### **THANK YOU SPONSORS - by Bob Noll**

I've been very busy as your Membership Chairman which is a good thing. You will read about our newest member Jesse Pagels elsewhere in this issue.

I want to thank all members who have agreed to be sponsors for our new members. The intent of having sponsors is to ensure that assistance is available to new members, whether it is learning more about the AGS or flight training.

Since becoming your Membership Chairman, we have had four new members, and each has been assigned two sponsors. Thank you to those eight sponsors. I appreciate your willingness to make our new members feel welcome to the AGS.

#### **MEET JESSE PAGELS – by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman**

I would like to introduce our newest member to you. Jesse Pagels lives in Binghamton with his girlfriend Sinead. Jesse graduated from Binghamton University with a master's degree in Anthropology with emphasis in Archeology. He is present employed by Public Archeology Facility (PAF) and working a gravel mine project in Nichols, NY.

Jesse contacted me through our web site and upon receiving his e-mail I immediately contacted him and

scheduled a trip to our model airport. Jess had been flying a small plane on a soccer field at BU but was having trouble taking off successfully because the grass on the field was not being cut very often. He was in search of a local club with a good flying field. He also mentioned that it was not a lot of fun flying alone.

After following me up our winding road Jesse was very impressed with what he saw. Seeing our flying field was all it took to impress him, and I gave him a visitor's package. He was immediately sure he wanted to join and within two days I received his membership application in the mail complete with his AMA number and a check.

Jesse's specific reasons for joining the AGS are to learn to fly better and meet others interested in RC flying. He has soloed but admits that he needs some flight training.

Bill Green and Bob Hoag have agreed to be Jesse's sponsors.

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

As I scanned through the "Fifty Years and Still Flying" history book, I came across Chapter 7 titled "Intra-Club Contests and Activities". Here is some of what was written;

The Intra-club contest is one of the three AGS Activities listed in the AGS By-Laws. It started in the very beginning of the AGS as an aerobatics competition and continues to be a team activity. It is a fun event. There are team names and trivial "prizes" for all competitors, but the most important prize is "bragging rights". This activity was renamed the "Celebration of Flight" in the late 1990's by Jim Quinn to attract members who were not the "contest" type. Over the years there have been multiple "events" including a mystery spot landing, a two-minute drill, a tag team pylon race, a drag race, a limbo, and the famous "nut on the prop" relay race Lemans start, among others.

This event brings together many members who do not see each other very much at the club field during the flying season. The team concept is used in order to level

the playing field and minimizing the effect of the better pilots. The events are designed to allow trainers and simple planes to compete.

### Field – Bill Green

Friendly reminder...please read and pay attention to your dates. Switch or find a replacement if needed. Field & all required areas should be cut between Thursday and Saturday morning.

#### Upcoming mowing assignments:

7/2-7/4	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright
7/9-7/11	David A	Smith	David W	Smith
7/16-7/18	Bill	Green	Jim	Monoco
7/23-7/25	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
7/30-8/1	Chris	Goffa	Ron	Sprague
8/6-8/8	Brent	Bryson	Rick	Allabaugh

#### From the Field Rules:

Frequency Control: 1. Pilots flying on non 2.4 GHz frequencies shall display their operating frequency on their transmitters.

Bob Noll has the frequency pins from the Flight Control Center & we might as well put them to use by giving them to those members that may be flying on the old channels (Pins 07 and 44 are spoken for). Contact Bob if you need one.

#### Show & Tell



Ron Sprague firing up the newly installed (LED) afterburner on his F 16. Neat reflection of the airplane in his sunglasses.

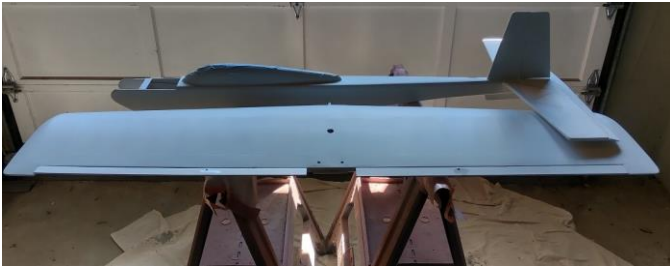


Student and new member, Mike Mauersberg with his flying instructor Harold Peeling on Saturday, June 13. Mike is learning to fly a HobbyZone Carbon Cub S+ 1.3m with a Spektrum DX8 Transmitter. They use a wired buddy box set-up for the sessions.



Here is David Dewey-Wright's new pick-up truck, slide out, rotating, RC Airplane rack system. And..... it has legs that fold down when extended fully out. And..... more racks are still to be fabricated and installed forward of the two original "rack towers" already installed. Seen Friday, June 19 at the AGS club field. Impressive.





Scott Wallace's Bridi Sun Fli 3 in primer, Bridi's first published design in 1968. Hope's to have this one ready for the Lancaster VRCS meet. OS 61FSR powered.



Scott Wallace's RCM Trainer 60 being framed up, aiming to build this with capability for wheels, floats, and skis. Will use a Saito 4 stroke.

Next build will be this winter, undecided between an Aeromaster or VK Fokker Triplane...



Ray Phillips' MAN Trainer 60 Senior is now ready to fly. Short kit from BalsaWorkBench.com, OS 55 Glow Powered, Spektrum Radio, Hitec Servos and SIG Koverall / Silkspan dope finish.



Todd's SIG Fazer on a Father's Day fly-by...built in 1997 and flown almost continuously since (on it's 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> glow engine...I lost track!). Too bad I don't keep a flight log...

### CARBON CUB S+ 1.3M FOR SALE - \$299.



The HobbyZone Carbon Cub, previously purchased as a club trainer is for sale. This plane is equipped with Horizon Hobby's exclusive and innovative SAFE Plus GPS-enabled drone technology, this scale reproduction makes it easier to learn to fly in less time than ever before. Advanced features including AutoLand, Holding Pattern and Virtual Fence make it easy for almost anyone to fly successfully from their very first flight, while additional features including oversized tundra tires and optional flaps and floats offer the capability and versatility to fly from almost any surface, anywhere.

Although these incredible features are intended for someone who wants to fly alone in their large property, those features do not work well as a club trainer. The plane has been assembled but never flown.

It would be great for a friend that lives in the country and is not interested in joining a local club.

See Bob Noll at 754-5279 if you found a customer.

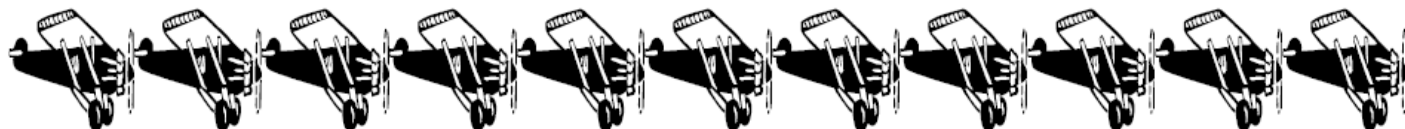
## AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
July Club Meeting/Field	Mon July 6	6:30-8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #4	Wed Jul 8	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #5	Wed Jul 22	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
August Club Meeting/Field	Mon Aug 3	6:30-8:30	NA
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug 7-9	TBD	Jeff Hatton
AGS Pylon Race #6	Wed Aug 12	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Family Picnic	Mon Aug 17 (19 <sup>th</sup> rain date)	TBD	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #7	Wed Aug 26	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove	Sat Sept 5	9:00-5:00	Ray Phillips & Scott Wallace
AGS Pylon Race #8	Sun Sept 13	2:00-4:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Float Fly/Cole Park	Sept 26-27	TBD	David Dewey-Wright

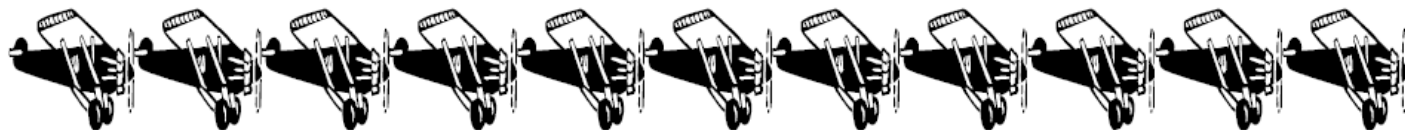
### Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
Aero's Festival of Giants	Aug 7-9	Binghamton Aeros website
VRCS Lancaster, PA	Aug 15-16	Jeff Troy ( <a href="mailto:jefftroy@aol.com">jefftroy@aol.com</a> )
Warbirds over Chenango Bridge	Sept 26-27	Jason Felice/607-341-0829

## JULY PROGRAM Open Fly



*The Field is OPEN and we are flying – follow appropriate  
COVID guidelines*



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