



# The CONNECTOR

Newsletter of the Aeroguidance Society, Inc.  
AMA Chartered Club No. 441

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## September meeting at AGS Field (Sept 7)

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

The summer is winding down and the days are getting shorter. The vestal library still has not opened its meeting room so our meeting will be at the field for September. I will bring up lighting as it starts getting dark early. We will be flying beforehand with the meeting to follow. With the library continuing to be closed we will have to discuss alternative meeting plans for the remainder of the year.

The pattern contest had low attendance this year mostly due to the current situation and people not wanting to travel but we were able to turn a slight profit.

The board has approved a bare bones budget for next year with no extras. We are still looking for several members to be on the board for the upcoming year, I do not have the time to continue as president and if I am forced to continue I will have to make some changes to meetings such as moving to a quarterly meeting away from the flying season.

### Field – Bill Green

Upcoming mowing assignments:

9/3-9/5	Ray	Phillips	Scott	Wallace
9/11-9/12	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright
9/17-9/19	David A	Smith	David W	Smith
9/24-9/26	Bill	Green	Jim	Monoco
10/1-10/3	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl

### Up-Coming Events

#### AGS September Meeting

Monday Sept 7  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

#### VRCS

Saturday Sept 5  
9:00-5:00  
AGS Field

#### AGS Pylon Race #8

Sunday Sept 13  
2:00-4:00 PM  
AGS Field

#### AGS Family Picnic

Monday Sept 14  
(Wed Sept 16 rain date)  
6:00 PM-TBD  
AGS Field

#### Float Fly (MOB)

Sat & Sun Oct 3-4  
10:00-5:00 PM  
Nathaniel Cole Park

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

**The Aeroguidance  
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**AGS Officers:**

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

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

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Brent Bryson (S-Z)

2) Dave A. Smith

**Past President:** Rick Allabaugh

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** Bob Noll

**Activities:** David Dewey-Wright

**Program:** Tom Kopl

**Field:** Bill Green

**Historian:** Bob Hoag

**Safety:** Chris Goffa

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Todd Kopl

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

**OUR FAMILY PICNIC IS ALMOST HERE! – by Bob Noll**

Who doesn't like a picnic, especially one with other members of the AGS and their families? The time is finally here to enjoy the camaraderie with other members and their families and some fun, food and music! This event is a great time to get to know other club members and their spouses who may not fly when you do.

The date is Monday, September 14 with a rain date of Wednesday, September 16.

- Time: 6 PM to?
- Location: The picnic will be held at our flying field near and around the equipment shed.
- Ice Breaker: Barbara and I will lead the "Who am I" game that was so much fun at past picnics. Don't be late!
- Food: This year we will have chicken from Phil's along with two side dishes, so there is no need to bring a covered dish.
- Bring your own table setting and a beverage of your choice.
- Entertainment: Jim Monaco's Sister Marie will entertain us with her accordion and lead us in some campfire songs.
- While we bill this event as a family affair, please plan to attend even if you do not have a local family.
- Don't forget to bring a folding chair and plan to enjoy the evening campfire with Marie!

**IMPORTANT – In order to be sure we have the correct amount of food from Phil's, you must let me know how many will be attending from your family. Do this by e-mailing me at [bobrc@aol.com](mailto:bobrc@aol.com) or by calling my land line at 754-5279.**

**I will need this input before September 14.**

**NOTICE: Bring a mask and prepare to social distance as situations require.**

## AGS General Membership Meeting -David

### Dewey-Wright

General Club Meeting Minutes of AGS, Inc. August 3, 2020

Attendees: Jeff Hatton, Scott Wallace, Bob Noll, Jesse Pagels, David Smith, Jerry Wright, Harold Peeling, Charlie Hatton, Ray Phillips, Mike Mauersberg, Bob Jennings, Jim Monaco, Joe Semchoe, Brent Bryson, David Dewey-Wright

The meeting was called to order after an evening of flying. David Dewey-Wright agreed to take the minutes for this meeting. These are from my notes and recollections. Corrections are welcome.

#### Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented and a motion to accept them was made by Jerry Wright. The motion was seconded by Mike Mauersberg. The motion passed.

Brent Bryson has accepted the open position on the AGS Board of Directors.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Bob Jennings presented the Treasurer's report. At the end of July, the club balance was \$8573.30. Upcoming expenses include school taxes in September, and the club insurance. There was a general discussion of expected income vs. upcoming expenses.

Before accepting the Treasurer's report, the BOD wanted to present their report.

Of note from the BOD minutes was the question of whether to budget the cost of insurance for the Winter fly-ins (\$80). The discussion from this meeting was not to budget those moneys without buy-in from someone ready to organize it.

A discussion of changing the Fall meetings to virtual (Zoom or Google Meeting) and make them quarterly. At this time, it is unknown if the Vestal Library meeting room is/will be available. From this discussion, a strong preference was expressed for in-person, monthly meetings. The September meeting will be held at the field.

A discussion of open Board positions came ensued. Jeff Hatton said he is willing to continue as Vice President another year to help the next President, but he is unable to continue as acting president. Also, a new secretary is needed, who becomes a member of the Board.

The Dues structure for the coming year was discussed. Overall, the club has a fairly strong balance. Based on the current membership, and expenses, a deficit of \$464 is anticipated for the coming year. The Pattern contest and VRCS events are not budgeted as they are expected to cover their own expenses. The recommendation was to keep the current dues, monitor the club balance, and adjust next year. A question came up of whether the club has challenged our assessment. Scott Wallace said it was done 10 years ago. Regarding the driveway, maintenance, etc., we have a right-of-way access at the bottom of the driveway to our property. Go slow, use 4WD/AWD if available to help prevent wash boarding.

A motion was made to keep the dues as they are, monitor the club balance, and adjust next year if necessary. The motion was made by Jerry Wright, and seconded by Bob Noll. A request to table the motion to give more time to look at the numbers was made by Ray Phillips, and seconded by Scott Wallace. There was discussion regarding whether the club should accept the deficit suggested, or if dues should be adjusted this year to reduce/eliminate the deficit. An informal poll indicated that most of the members in attendance would be willing to pay more if needed.

It was noted that the budget/dues must be passed at the September meeting prior to the October meeting where dues are due.

The motion to Table the motion to keep the current dues was passed.

Secretary's note: a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was never made, seconded, or voted on.

Open discussion:

The AGS Club Dinner has been moved to September 14<sup>th</sup>, rain date is the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Noll talked about his November article for the AMA column regarding the "Delta Dart." Look for it!

Jim Monaco worked with Chris Morgan to help teach him to fly. He has flown his Timber plane quite well. Jim received a letter from Chris' mom thanking him for his help.

Ray Phillips reminded everyone when at the field that those who aren't flying should keep an eye out for full-scale planes flying near/over to spot for those who are flying.

The next club meeting is September 7<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day evening, at the field.

The meeting was adjourned around 8:12.

### Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Wow I can't believe we are already approaching the final stretch of late summer/early autumn flying. There are still some great upcoming events on calendar that have not been cancelled and I would encourage everyone to get out and enjoy. Personally speaking the positive impact of COVID for me has been no business travel this summer allowing me to rack up loads of flight time.

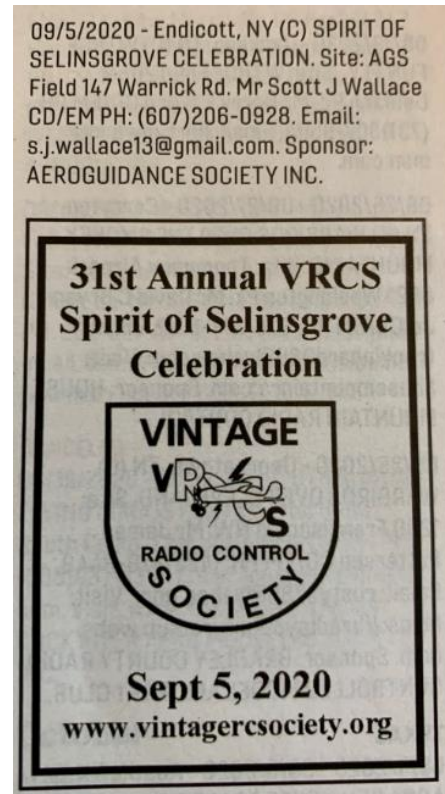
As we approach the end of another dues/membership cycle please be sure to re-new to keep this club going strong. I routinely come across articles where clubs are forced to relocate and re-establish new flying sites. I have belonged to several clubs in the finger lakes area & flown at club sites in other states and while the comradery has always been great the flying sites were nearly all inferior to AGS. And if you don't own it you are at the mercy of your landlord. Our dues are a bargain compared to any country club.



Sam Kopl w/ Dad's Super Skybolt. OS 91 4 stroke power!

### 2020 Spirit of Selinsgrove – by Scott Wallace

Scott & Ray have sent out separate email on the event. Even if you don't fly it's fun & educational even for spectators! See event calendar also:



### FINAL OPEN HOUSE A SUCCESS - by Bob Noll

This year's Open Houses were not as good as last year, probably because of the Covid-19 virus. While a few spouses had some very successful flights on the club trainers, they did not represent possible new members. However, they are 100% in support of their spouses memberships and did very well flying our Apprentices.

On the last Tuesday in August a visitor and his family did come to fly. Rob, Brenda, and Sydney Ziembra live about a mile from the field on Bean Hill Road. David Dewey-Wright worked with Brenda at BAE Systems, working on testing for a Boeing project. Rob works for Sikorsky, at Lockheed-Martin in Owego.

Rob was really enjoying how the electrification of full-size aircraft and the R/C planes is paralleling each other, and is quite excited for getting electrified full-size



helicopters going with the resultant reduction in mechanical equipment. (Transmission, tail rotor drive, etc.)

Unfortunately, high winds prevented Rob from flying an Apprentice. DDW was brave enough to fly his Dad's E-Flite, Carbon Z Cub basic so the Ziemba's didn't have to go home without seeing an RC aircraft flight. DDW showed his skill when he landed that fairly large plane in a significant wind. He got it down on the first landing approach to the cheers from those in attendance.

Although our Open House program for 2020 is over, DDW plans to schedule some training flights with Rob in the near future in the hopes that Rob will experience the excitement enough to become an AGS member.

I want to thank all the IP Instructors who were ready each Tuesday evening. They put significant flight time on the two club Apprentice trainers and their own planes.

### **Pylon Racing – Matt & Todd Kopl**

Race #6 : Brent Bryson experienced an unfortunate failure/crash while attempting a test flight on his *Hurrikane* racer prior to racing. I believe the root cause was traced to a faulty aileron extension. Matt Kopl was flying like an ace, avoided cuts, and took maximum points for the evening!

Race #7: cancelled - not enough racers available.

Last race of the season will be Sunday afternoon Sept 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Current Standings:

Q-500	RACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
	DATE	20-May	10-Jun	24-Jun	8-Jul	22-Jul	12-Aug	26-Aug	POINTS
Seeding	Pilots	covid						cancelled	
1	Todd Kopl	0	7	6	6	6	6		31
2	Bob Noll	0	7	3	1	0	5		16
3	Matt Kopl	0	0	5	3	0	7		15
4	Brent Bryson	0	0	3	5	2	0		10



*Dedicated cut judges Tom Kopl & Wayne Kunsman*

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

Way back in 1970, the AGS made the AMA News for its Delta Dart program. At that time AMA News was published as part of the Model Aviation magazine. The headline in August 1970 issue of Model Aviation read “Delta Dart is Key to N.Y. Club’s Junior Program” A subtitle read “Five-pronged effort by the AMA chartered Aeroguidance Society, working with Cub Scouts, Junior Deputies and Link Aviation”.

The AGS named it “Project Concern”. Project Concern involved all the club members. Lecturers, demonstration flyers, and static displayed were provided for civic, service, and school groups. Members provided news media with material on club activities.

But the big part of the program was the Delta Dart campaign, which eventually reached nearly every kid in the three-county area. The article read, “Here is a group of some of the finest pattern, scale and Goodyear pylon flyers in the nation in an all-out effort to interest the kids in a homely little rubber-powered stick model”.

The Cub Scout leaders within a 25-mile radius were trained in the construction of the Dart, and in the administration of the contests. Winners in each den had a district fly-off, with the winners in each age group meeting at the annual RC contest in August. The club provided the kits at slightly above cost. Each one was emblazoned with the Aeroguidance Society emblem.

The Junior Deputy program was set up a little differently. The sheriff distributed the kits at the annual

picnic, and then the deputies assisted in construction, having been trained by members of the AGS. Contests were held in various areas throughout the county, with the winners eligible to compete in August.

The other outlet was Link Aviation, where several of the club members were employed. They prevailed upon the management to allow a contest for the children of employees. Winners were welcome at the August championships.

So, it was back in 1970 when the AGS was flying from its first club owned field in Maine, NY. Since that field was only 16 acres, the club leaders recognized the need for a larger field in the future. This Delta Dart program provided considerable attention to the club and its annual pattern contest at Tri-Cities Airport. The public's attendance at this contest grew quickly and provided income in order to help purchase our present field.

There was only one entrance to Tri-Cities Airport in those years. It was necessary to get help controlling traffic on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons when the line of cars sometimes reached Rt. 17C. Traffic control was handled by the sheriff's department. This support was available since we had involved the Junior Deputies in our Delta Dart program.

### **Joe Bridi 1928 – 2020 AMA #288**

**(Submitted by Scott Wallace)**

We have lost a true icon of the RC hobby, Californian Joseph Bridi passed away Aug 17 at age 92. Joe designed over 50 wonderful, simple to build and great flying RC models in all categories from small RC hand launched gliders to 1/3<sup>rd</sup> scale models, but the 40-60 sport and pattern model designs were his lasting legacy for the hobby. For more information see his AMA Biography:

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/sites/default/files/files/BridiJoseph.pdf>

### **Show & Tell**

**Scott Wallace** - my 5<sup>th</sup> and final project for 2020 is nearing completion, a Joe Bridi designed RCM Trainer

60 from the early 1970s. Bridi revolutionized RC trainer type models by daring to introduce ailerons and thick symmetrical airfoils, previously most "trainers" had been 3 channel, flat bottom airfoils that were just larger descendants from the stable rudder only trainers of the mid-1950s. With proportional radios, and instructors on "buddy boxes", Bridi reasoned a new pilot could learn piloting skills and then still have a model that would be fun to fly for years to come.



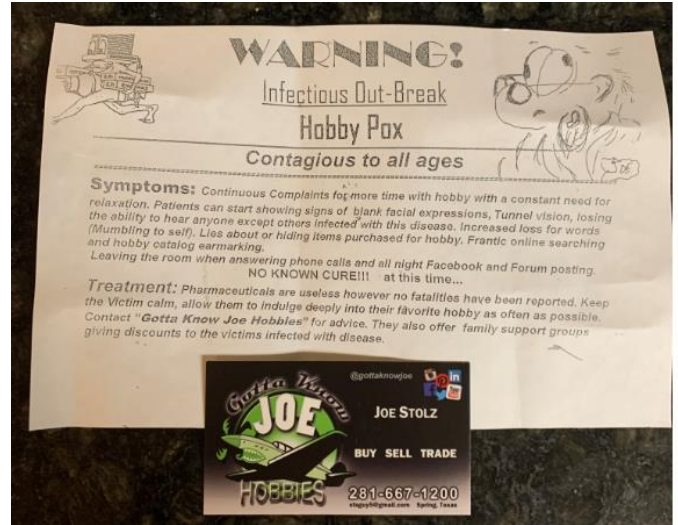
I also have an old photo from my late 20's (I think 1988) - my then 'state of the art' Wolfgang Matt designed Joker pattern model along with my 1953 deBolt Kitten 1/2 A model. The Joker with an inverted OS 61 rear exhaust, pump & tuned pipe was a fantastic flying model. The Kitten with its OK Cub 049 and heavy radio gear would do no more than sputter a few laps around the field (and only after lots of prop flipping to get the fussy little engine running), but it hooked me on vintage RC to the point that today I have little interest in modern models.







David Dewey-Wright's 85" Carbon Z Cub with 22" Viking sitting on the wing.



Submitted by Todd K: I recently ordered something on eBay and it arrived with this humorous note in the box.

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



Originally purchased as a club trainer.

Contact Bob Noll at 754-5279



August 22 rainbow: submitted by Todd & Sam Kopl

**AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**


ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove/AGS Field	Sat Sept 5	9:00-5:00	Ray Phillips & Scott Wallace
AGS Club Meeting/AGS Field	Mon Sept 7	6:30-TBD	NA
AGS Pylon Race #8	Sun Sept 13	2:00-4:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Family Picnic/AGS Field	Mon Sept 14 (16 <sup>th</sup> rain date)	6:00-TBD	Bob Noll

**Other nearby RC events of interest**


Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
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Biplanes Over Ithaca <del>Cancelled</del>	Sept 12	James Rundle 607-273-5935
Warbirds over Chenango Bridge	Sept 26-27	Jason Felice/607-341-0829
MOB Float Fly	Oct 3-4	Brian Tyler 607-427-8011

**Radio Controlled Model Airplane  
Float Fly**




**October 3rd & 4th, 2020**  
**Nathaniel Cole Park**  
**1674 Colesville Road**  
**Harpursville, NY 13787**  
**10 miles East of Binghamton, NY**  
**GPS Coord. N 42.14762° W 075.71017°**



**DIRECTIONS:**  
 NY Rt. 17 (186) to Exit 77. Turn Toward Gas Station onto North Road. Follow North Road 4 miles to four corner intersection with Colesville Road. Turn right onto Colesville Road. Follow Colesville Road 2 miles. Entrance to the park will be on your right.

**SCHEDULE, FEES AND FEATURES:**  
 Flying 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.  
 Landing Fee: \$10 both days, or \$6 one day.  
 Pilot Door Prizes. On site self contained RV overnight camping available, please contact CD.  
 No food available.



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Bring the entire family, Cole Park boasts a beautiful 53-acre lake and white sand beach, the largest protected beach in the county system. There are two picnicking areas and all the amenities necessary to make Nathaniel Cole one of our finest parks. See <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/natcole>

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

**Open Fly-Come early unless you have lights!**



***DRIVE SLOW BY OUR NEIGHBORS! SEVERAL COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.***



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