



# The CONNECTOR

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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON  
Tuesday Sep 5th 6:45 P.M at the Endicott Library**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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## *The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh*

Just a reminder, our next general meeting will be back at the George F. Johnson Library. Make sure to check the date of the meeting in the Connector as we've had scheduling conflicts now that they have gone to on-line registering.

**Club Meetings:** We're going to try something new at the general meetings. Since there's been a decline in the monthly "Programs", we're going to try a Hanger Talk session in addition to our show and tell. Come to the next meeting with your building or flying questions and let's have a good ole' hanger session. Don't quite understand servo throws or set-up? Ask the question... Don't know much about voltage regulation or when to use it? Ask the question. There are quite a few people at our meetings with a lot of building and flying knowledge.

**Wind Sock:** If you've been up to the field, you'll notice our new wind sock. Thanks to Todd Kopl for making the purchase and getting it installed.

Hopefully you've each had a successful flying season. It's that time of year again when we are finishing up flying and starting to think about the upcoming building soon. Like usual, I'll plan on doing a lot of things and will probably do one of them. The only advantage I have this building season is that both my kids are off to college so I'm an empty nester. No more travel team sports, no more school events, and no more distractions (i.e. - daily cleaning/laundry) that need to be addressed when you have a full house. During the building season, feel free to bring your projects in for show and tell.

**Upcoming Club Events:** Dates are in the Connector

- VRCS Reunion
- AGS sanctioned Float Fly
- Possible Hill Top Challenge (Part II)

As always, I hope to see ya 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 Pylon Race #8**

Wed Aug 30th  
6:00 PM AGS Field

### **VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion**

Sep 2-3  
AGS Field

### **AGS Sept Meeting**

**Tues Sep 5th  
6:45 PM Endicott Library**

### **AGS Float Fly**

Sep 30- Oct 1  
Greenwood Park

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

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

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Tom Kopl (S-Z)

Bill Green

**Past President:** Frank Gioffredo

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** Charlie Brown

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**Activities:** Frank Gioffredo

**Field:** Todd Kopl

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**Public Relations:** Open

**Sound:** Scott Wallace

**Safety:** Frank Gioffredo

**Librarian:** Brent Bryson

**Webmaster:** Brent Bryson

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

**Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

It was bound to happen sooner or later, a bit of writer's block this month, just too much going on to spend much time on RC the past month. Still puttering on my vintage Hal deBolt Equalizer but only an hour or so a week.

Ray Phillips and I both spent the better part of a year building Astro Hogs as that model is the VRCS theme plane for 2017. This is a design that dates back to 1957 and was one of the very first low-wing RC models. Now that we've both finished and flown our models, and compared notes...I think we've agreed the year of building would have been better spent on something else!

I am still debating what to build this winter. I had so much fun at the classic pattern meet that I really want a classic era pattern model. I'm down to two choices and may end up flipping a coin to decide. Both designs were flown by East Coast legends from the early 70s. My finalists are Tony Bonetti's "Troublemaker" and Dennis Donahue's "El Tigre". Both are sleek and fast, and both small enough to be powered with OS 55s since I have three sitting on the shelf. I would plan on using retracts as the originals had them, but will need to leave them down for VRCS events.



**Troublemaker**



**El Tigre**

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

**The CONNECTOR** is prepared on a Personal Computer. Submissions are happily accepted via email to: [s.j.wallace13@gmail.com](mailto:s.j.wallace13@gmail.com)

## **AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 836**

Date: Aug 7, 2017

Place: AGS Field

Vice President Charlie Brown called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

This is our last meeting at the field for the 2017 season. Like the previous field meetings the plan was to fly and have a very brief business meeting. The weather forecast was for a 90% chance of rain at 7:00 PM. The forecast kept most members away and of those that did attend, only Jeff Hatton had an airplane. Jeff did make a few flights under a cloudy sky with very light winds. Once again, it was only a forecast and the weather was actually very pleasant.

A few business items were discussed. Bob Noll reported the Classic pattern contest was well attended and we made a profit. The final numbers are not in to determine the amount. Plans are still moving forward for the annual AGS pattern contest. The members should understand these events at our field have been financially successful over the years and have increased our reserve funds on hand. All members should plan on helping during these events.

Bob Noll had his Sting Ray on display. This aircraft was repaired after a mishap during the AGS Hill Top Challenge.

Most of the evening was a good old fashion hangar fly session. Stories were told of experiences at contests past.

When you look back at our New Years' day and winter flying events with snow and ice, it is hard to think how fast the summer has gone.

**Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS 2016-17 Secretary**

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### **September Program – by Frank Gioffredo**

Guys, after mulling it around and not being able to come up with a good title for the program, I'll just call it what it is. I have noticed a great deal of fliers

don't really know why they use particular control inputs but try for the result. This sometimes leads to the loss of an aircraft due to an incorrect input. I would like to try to break it down a bit to see if we can help improve our flying abilities or at least the understanding of what our control surfaces do. I do not profess to be an expert but will do my best to present answers to those who need them. Hope to see you at the meeting. Oh bring your stick planes if you have them. Frank

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### **AGS Field Report Aug 2017 – by Todd Kopl**

Well they probably don't read our newsletter but thanks to Town of Owego highway dept. for repairing Warrick Rd. on short notice for the contest! For future reference when I called them I was advised we should not tackle repairs to that road on our own.

I put the new windsock up a few weeks ago...I've had a few people ask what it's wind speed rating is and to be honest it does not have a rating. However, it was cheap (\$7) and appears to do the job. Detailed wind forecast can be obtained by calling the Tri Cities # (believe it's posted elsewhere in Connector and at field).

The field has looked great all summer and I've heard members note what a great job mowing crews have been doing. Thanks to all for doing a great job. Lots of mowing was done this year with all the wet weather.

Exmark still has a slow leak on left front tire, I've been trying to keep it aired up until end of season & will then pull it and get it properly repaired.

Sadly summer is winding down already. Although I never seem to fly as much as I would like, I have got out more this year than in the past. Pylon wraps up this week and has become very competitive over the past few races. Personally I'm looking forward to the upcoming final race, VRCS, and float fly.

I'll address field winterizing next month but plan for November 4th with rain date of November 5th. After reading last month's Connector Scott mentioned the same thing about being editor that I will now mention. I am happy to stay on as Field Chair but do realize others may have greater ideas how to run the position and have more time to dedicate to it. If there is anyone out there that would like to assume the position just let me know. I volunteered to pick it up a few years

ago when I was on the BOD and previous chair resigned from post.

**Mowing List**

Attached is the remaining mowing list for 2017:

MOWING LIST 2017				
Dates				
8/31 - 9/2	Brent	Bryson	Nick	Orwan
9/7 - 9/9	Charlie	Brown	Ray	Phillips
9/14 - 9/16	Scott	Wallace	Neil	Hunt
9/21 - 9/23	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
9/28 - 9/30	Rick	Allabaugh	Scott	Sinnett
10/5 - 10/7	Chris	Goffa	John	Carril
10/12 -10/14	Tom	Kopl	Matt	Kopl

**Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion – by Bob Noll**

The Aeroguidance Society will again be hosting the Vintage RC Society for its 28th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion on September 2 & 3 at our airport. This long running event features planes designed for radio control that were designed 35 years ago or earlier.

The weekend will start on Friday evening with a gathering at Mario’s in Owego since the headquarters hotel is the Red Roof Inn (formerly the Owego Treadway Inn). VRCS members will be arriving at our airport about 9 AM on Saturday and will fly a variety of vintage plane designs until about 5 PM. At that time they will leave to prepare for the Saturday evening banquet at the Treadway Inn. Some pilots will venture to our field on Sunday morning before traveling home. Some will use Sunday to visit our wine country and the other places of interest in the area. Many wives and spouses attend this event with their pilots.

I am sure you will want to see the vintage planes so come to the airport on Saturday and don’t wait until Sunday. ***Our airport will be open to all pilots after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.***

**AGS Float Fly - by Don Shugard**

Mark your calendars for the AGS Float Fly, Saturday and Sunday 9/30-10/1, 2017. Below are the details.

AGS Float Fly Saturday and Sunday 9/30/17 - 10/1/17 Greenwood Park, Lisle NY

**No Frills Float Fly:**

- AMA Sanctioned Event
- Flying from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (both days)
- Landing Fees - \$5 for 1 day, \$8 for 2 days.
- Bring your own lunch
- Bottled water available for purchase
- No prizes
- Lake, beach and rowboat provided
- Rest room facilities will be open
- Camping by permit - contact the Broome County Parks at (607) 778-2193

Come out and enjoy the flying, camaraderie, lake and fall foliage at Greenwood Park in Lisle NY.

Contact Don Shugard (607) 217-5105 with any questions.

See the Aero Guidance Society, Inc. - AGS Facebook page for any updates/weather related cancelations.

**PYLON RACE REPORT - by Bob Noll**

Finally, after having great weather for five pylon races Mother Nature had other ideas. After some pilots and helpers greeted me as I arrived at our airport on August 2 for race six, it was clear that we I should call off the races and we should clear the hilltop before the winds and rain came.

However, August 16 was a different story and Mother Nature decided to provide another great evening for racing. Not only was the weather great, also was the racing. That evening's races saw some of the most competitive heats of the summer. Most heats were so close that a cut on the final lap was the only thing that eliminated some very close finishes. Unfortunately Rick Allabaugh and Cory Bulger were not able to attend.

**Q-500 Race 7 Results:**

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Bob Noll	8
2	Todd Kopl	6
3	Frank Gioffredo	6
4	Matty Kopl	6
5	Brent Bryson	1

There were no Sport Cub races since Jeff Hatton's Cub developed a broken rudder servo and Bill Green didn't bring his Sport Cub for Cody Brown, leaving Matty Kopl with no one to race.

The season points counting only the best six races are:

**Q-500 season points:**

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	37
2	Bob Noll	31
3	Frank Gioffredo	28
4	Brent Bryson	19
5	Matty Kopl	15
6	Cory Bulger	7
7	Rick Allabaugh	0

**Sport Cub season points:**

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Jeff Hatton	13
2	Matty Kopl	10
3	Cody Brown	6

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**Classic Pattern Kit Resource Guide- by Scott Wallace**

Everyone that attended the AGS Classic Pattern meet back in July all remarked that they had a great time. Before you know it will be building season, so consider adding a classic pattern model to your fleet and join the fun next year. Below is a list of classic pattern aircraft suppliers to help you find that classic model that's just right for you.

**Tower Hobbies:** Offers an ARF version of the famous Kaos design that is an excellent flying model and is set up to handle either electric or glow power right out of the box. <http://www3.towerhobbies.com/cgi-bin/wti0001p?&I=LW7342&P=ML>

**Eureka RC:** <http://www.eurekaaircraft.com/pattern.htm>  
All balsa and balsa/foam short kits for many well-known 1970s - 1980's pattern models.

**RC Missouri:** <http://www.rcmissouri.com/ballistic-aircraft-co.html> Fiberglass/foam kits for many well-

known 1970 s- 1980's pattern models. Expensive but the finest quality glass work.

**Carolina Custom Kits:** <http://carolinacustomkits.com/>  
Modernized laser cut full kits for the Curare and UFO, with provisions for glow and electric.

**Blue Jay RC:** <http://www.bridiairplanes.com/index.htm>  
All balsa full kits for the classic Joe Bridi designs: Kaos, Dirty Birdy, UFO, Escape, etc. Very reasonable prices and great quality balsa kits - but availability is sporadic at best.

**Reminder to all AGS members...Keep your AMA membership current.**

**AMA membership is an AGS requirement to remain a member in good standing.**

## **AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>
AGS Decals (white base)		AGS Patches	
Small	\$0.75	Small (2.25" x 1.75")	\$0.75
Medium	\$1.75	Medium (3" x 2")	\$1.75
Large	\$2.75	Large (4.25" x 3.25")	\$2.75
X-Large	\$3.75	X-Large (5.75" x 4.5")	\$3.75
AGS Decals (clear base)		Embroidered Coat Patches	
Small	\$0.50	Medium (9" x 7")	\$10.00
Medium	\$1.00	Large (12" x 10")	\$15.00
Large	\$1.25		
X-Large	\$1.50	AGS Coffee Mugs	\$10.00
		AMA ID Labels	\$0.25

**AGS Shirts and Hats are  
available again!**

**Get your from Zappia Athletic  
Products  
133 Front St.  
Vestal, NY 13850**

**Contact person is Dan Cordi,  
reference Ray Phillips**

## **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017**

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 30	Bob Noll
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove	Sept 2 - 3	Bob Noll
AGS Float Fly Greenwood Park, Lisle NY	Sept 30 - Oct 1	Don Shugard
AGS Field Winterizing	Nov 4 (rain date Nov 5)	Todd Kopl

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

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Biplanes over Ithaca 1805 Mecklenburg Rd. (Rt. 79) Enfield, NY	Sep 9 10:00- 4:00	Jim Rundle <a href="mailto:jrr10@cornell.edu">jrr10@cornell.edu</a> (607) 273-5935
NEAT Fair Downsville, NY	Sept 14-17	TBD
Octoberfest Fun Fly & Vintage Rally (Johnson Field – Oxford, PA)	Sep 30 – Oct 1	Mike Denest <a href="mailto:mjd12k@yahoo.com">mjd12k@yahoo.com</a> 610-316-3570

**Editor's Note: If you know of an event in the area that would be of interest to the general membership please forward that information to me at [s.j.wallace13@gmail.com](mailto:s.j.wallace13@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.**

# SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



*Control inputs, and what to expect when you use them*



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