

# The CONNECTOR

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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON  
Monday Nov 6th 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*

As the newly elected Board of the club starts to meet, one item we always discuss is what goals we want to set for the club. I can tell you it's usually been the same: 1) grow membership by 2-3 people; 2) have fun; 3) keep the business side of the club meetings short.

This year, I'd like to focus on two items: 1) Work on getting more club membership involvement; 2) REALLY work on keeping the business side of the club meetings short.

In order to try to improve club membership involvement, included in this issue of the Connector is a beginning list of club activities. If you are interested in running one of the events, let someone on the Board know until I can get an Activities Chair selected. My approach is going to be simple. If an event is listed and no one offers to organize or run it, we won't have the event. This may become a gage for what the members really want to do within the club.

As for the meetings, the last two we held worked well. We had a short general meeting, a Program, show and tell, and then a pretty good Hangar Session where we talked about multiple items. In order for this to work, I strongly encourage members to present issues to the Board before the meeting so we have time to discuss and review before bringing it up at a meeting. You can attend the Board Meeting (every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 860 Hooper Road, Endwell, NY) or send an e-mail to me or someone on the board.

### **Club Auction?**

One event we're considering for the year would either be a club auction or inter-club auction. We all have RC related "stuff" sitting around that we would like to get rid of and maybe an auction is the best way to do it. We've only started discussing it and I don't have any details, but stay tuned.

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 Field Winterizing**

**Sat Nov 4th 10:00 AM**

Rain Date Sun Nov 5

#### **AGS Nov Meeting**

Mon Nov 6th

6:45 PM Endicott Library

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

**BGM Automated**

**Terminal Information  
System (ATIS)**

**607- 729-8335**

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**AGS Officers:**

**President:** Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

**Vice President:** Bill Green (D-H)

**Secretary:** Frank Gioffredo (I-L)

**Treasurer:** Brent Bryson (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

Bob Jennings (S-Z)

Jim Monaco

**Past President:** Frank Gioffredo

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** Charlie Brown

**Program:** Tom Kopl

**Activities:** Frank Gioffredo

**Field:** Todd Kopl

**Historian:** Open

**Public Relations:** Open

**Sound:** Scott Wallace

**Safety:** Frank Gioffredo

**Librarian:** Brent Bryson

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

**Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

October is here and with it my building season has kicked off in earnest. With the pathetic play of my beloved NY Giants this year I even have an extra few hours of free time on Sunday afternoons to move my projects along.

First up is Tony Bonetti's classic 70's pattern model, the Troublemaker. Always liked the jet like looks of this machine, and how fast it flew. Has been at least 25 years since I've built a model with foam wings so my first steps were to order a cache of contest balsa and start making the 1/16" balsa wing skins. While that's in process I've begun on the fuselage...amazing how small this model is for a '60' sized aircraft. It is a mere 2.25" wide, super tight to fit everything inside. I will have to think out the installation carefully ahead of time in order to shoehorn all radio equipment, engine and tank, etc. I need to fully lay out all the parts involved especially around the engine mount and nose landing gear assembly to ensure everything fits.

Since I have a really hard time focusing on just one project at a time, I have done some preliminary work on two other classic pattern models, an El Tigre and Joe Bridi's Sun Fli 5. I know the Bridi model will be an easy build and will fly great as do all of his designs, but if I can pull off the El Tigre I can guarantee there would not be another one flying anywhere so having something unique is appealing. I have short kits for both and have the foam cores for the El Tigre so I'll have to narrow down my focus soon.

Also not to forget I have a deBolt Equalizer framed up that I want to finish this year. I'm in the process of covering with silk and dope so there's hope to complete it this year.

**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 # 838**

Date: Oct 3, 2017

Place: Endicott Library

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Brent gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Brent.

The main subject at the last BOD meeting was problems with the X-Mark mower. The unit is showing its age and has developed a problem with loss of power. Todd Kopl and Frank Gioffredo are investigating. The BOD established a limit of \$500 for repairs and needs a status from Todd and Frank by the next BOD meeting. The BOD is concerned the mower may not be worth fixing and the money would be better spent on a new unit. Todd has been talking to various zero turn dealers about a replacement unit. The dealers are not interested in the X-Mark as a trade due to the age and unknown problems.

Currently all associate member has moved to the status of adult AGS members. Don Shugard has taken the position of AGS webmaster. He is currently making the needed improvements to the site.

Todd Kopl has set Nov 4, 2017, at 2:00 PM for field winterization. Rick presented the slate of officers for the 2017-2018 season, these were approved by a vote of the membership.

Officers for the next season are:

President: Rick Allabaugh

Vice President: Bill Green

Secretary: Frank Gioffredo

Treasurer: Brent Bryson

BOD at large #1: Bob Jennings

BOD at large #2: Jim Monaco

Frank reported the construction activity on West Rte. 434 is a new sports dome. Hopefully, we can do indoor flying at this facility.

Frank will be the host for the annual AGS New Year's day fly on 1 Jan 2018.

Jeff Hatton featured his new portable charging stations with many custom made 3D printed parts in a Harbor Fright case.

Jim Monaco talked about making hinge repairs to foam aircraft using drywall mesh tape.

There were many topics discussed during "Hangar Talk". Rick Allabaugh is planning to get several airplane projects finished this winter.

**Submitted by Ray Phillips AGS 2016-17  
Secretary**

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### **AGS Web Site Updates – submitted by Don Shugard**

Rick asked me to take a look at the club website <http://www.agsny.org> and here are the updates that have been made:

- 1) I have cleaned up the broken links and provided content on missing pages with the exception of the role of the membership committee (Rick will be providing the content to me). If you find a broken link that I missed or content that needs updating please bring it to my attention.
  - 2) Board minutes from the past year are now available under the "members only" section.
  - 3) The Connector page was updated to archive the past 2 years of Connectors. On this page I would like to include a list of newsletter editors that have served the AGS in the past. If you have an old stash of Connectors or can recall who has held the position (additional points for approximately when) please let me know.
  - 4) The navigation and content on the committees and roles pages (missing membership committee content noted above) was improved in the "members only" section.
  - 5) I have collected some photos taken at the field. I am in the process of shrinking them down to web friendly sizes and organizing them into a gallery to be linked off the main page. If you have photos you would like to share on the website please send them to me or send me a link to where I can download them off the web for inclusion.
- Once I get the content on the site up to date I will begin work on a new look and feel.

## AGS Field Report Oct 2017 – by Todd Kopl

**\*Time change only\*...Field winterizing is scheduled for November 4th at 10AM with rain date of November 5th (was previously scheduled for 2 PM).** In addition to the traditional activities I've received several suggestions to shore up the entry gate post (erosion causing gate to sag) and remove some of the concrete blocks by lower flight-line pavilion (mowing hazard). Unfortunately, I will not be present due to business commitments but a big thank you to Bill Green for offering to run it for me. He will need someone with a truck and or trailer to help haul some picnic tables over to upper pavilion. Please contact him if you plan to be there & can support this request.

Last month I reported that the Exmark had been acting up (tranny & engine performance). I believe the BOD has a reasonable plan in place to address and I've researched replacement options and passed the projected cost to BOD.

If you're up there doing anything field related, please take some pictures and forward to me...I like posting a pic or two of members enjoying the facility.

### Mowing List

The official mowing list has ended for the season. Typically, the grass has stopped growing by now but my recent observation was the unseasonable warmth has kept it green and growing. If you want to fly and it's too high, I'd recommend just making a few passes down the runway with mower.

Get up there and enjoy the field while you still can...soon we'll be back to this!

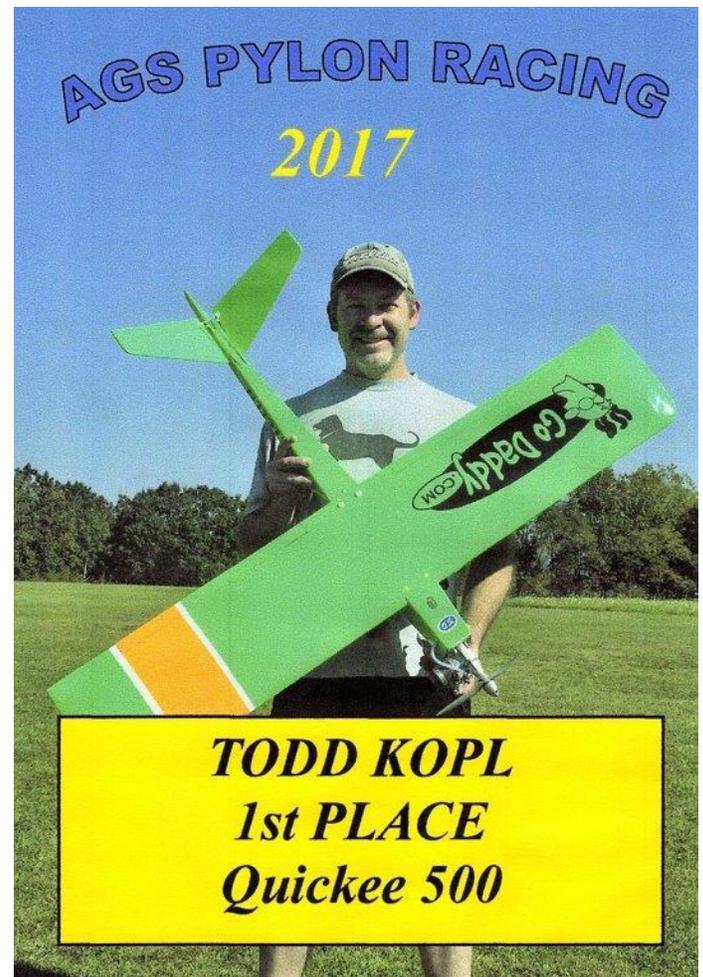


## AGS Pylon Racing – submitted by Bob Noll

I am writing this the day after most of the pilots and many of the race helpers gathered at Kristofer's restaurant for an evening of food, drinks and fun conversation. This traditional event is a small party to thank the helpers with the pilots footing the bill for the pizza, wings, soda and beer.

This event is also when the awards are presented to the top three racers in the Sport Cub and Quickie 500 classes. Final season points were reported in the last Connector.

Elsewhere in this issue is a copy of the picture award presented to Todd Kopl for winning the Q-500 class. Each of the top three winners received similar photo awards for their success.



## **AGS Float Fly Report – submitted by Don Shugard**

The 2017 AGS Float Fly got off on a rough start. Approximately 10 days before the float fly I received a call from the Greenwood Park manager. He explained that a dam improvement project that had been in the works for over 5 years was approved and they would begin draining the Greenwood Park lake that Friday. He expected the lake to be at an extremely low level by the time the float fly was scheduled to occur. Fortunately, I was able to work with the Broome County Parks System and the AMA to move the float fly from Greenwood Park to Nathaniel Cole Park. Word of the change in venue spread through social media and e-mail.

Saturday was not a spectacular day. Seven pilots registered to fly. We got a few morning flights in before a heavy mist took over around noon. We waited patiently under an easy up for the cloud to pass. A fairly stiff breeze limited the afternoon flights.

Sunday brought sunny weather and light winds. Six pilots from Saturday were joined by an additional six pilots. There wasn't a moment that planes were not in the air.

We had a total of 13 AMA members register for the event. Pilots traveled from as far away as Middletown NJ, W. Henrietta and Shokan NY. The following AGS members participated:

- Don Shugard
- Bob Hoag
- Jim Quinn
- Bill Green
- Neil Hunt

There was unanimous consensus amongst the pilots that Nathaniel Cole presents a better facility for holding the float fly. The location is more convenient and the lake is bigger. The only issue was the plastic bottles that were attached to the mooring anchors in the bottom of the lake about 20 feet off shore. Perhaps we should consider moving to Nathaniel Cole Park next fall.

## **Sayre Indoor Flying – submitted by Dan Luchaco**

Valley R/C Model Club Inc. - Sayre, PA has reserved and insured the Athens Lynch Bustin Elementary School Gym on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from November 2017 thru February 2018 (only one session in December due to Christmas Holiday School closing).

Flying time is 7pm to 9pm. The school is located off from Pennsylvania Ave across from the Athens High School Football Stadium. AMA is required and all common sense safety rules apply. Cost is \$5 per session.

Planes, Heli's and Rubber powered Free Flight planes are always welcome. We can 'take turns' with different venues if needed. The main goal is Fun and Flying - in that order.

> If school is cancelled or released early on a scheduled day there will be no evening flying. I will try to send an email before 5pm.

## **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**

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

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

## **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017-18**

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
AGS Field Winterizing	Nov 4 10:00 AM (rain date Nov 5)	Bill Green
New Year's Day Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> Time is TBD	Frank Gioffredo
Mid-Winter Fun Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	TBD	TBD
Spring Fun Fly (BC United Soccer Fields)	TBD	TBD
Field Opening	TBD	TBD
Family Picnic	TBD	TBD
Hilltop Challenge	TBD	TBD
AGS Float Fly	TBD	TBD
Aerobatics Contest	TBD	TBD
VRCS Reunion	Sept 1-2	Bob Noll

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

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Info</b>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Nov 14 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Nov 28 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Dec 12 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 9 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 23 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 13 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 27 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco <a href="mailto:pafflyer23@gmail.com">pafflyer23@gmail.com</a>

**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.**

# NOVEMBER PROGRAM



## *Hangar Talk*



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