



# The CONNECTOR

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AMA Chartered Club No. 441

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**The Next AGS Club Meeting will be held on  
Monday September 9th at 6:30 P.M at the Field!**

In case of inclement weather, look for a meeting update or cancelation via the club email list

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## **Prez Sez:**

The AGS meeting in September on the 9th is when we vote for the budget. The proposed budget will be sent out to members in an email separate from The Connector. This is an important decision for the club, and all members are strongly encouraged to participate. Please take a moment to review the budget spreadsheet prior to the meeting – all suggestions and input are welcome.

## **Upcoming Club Events**

### **AGS April Meeting**

Mon September 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

### **Hot Dog Nights!**

Wed August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> (weather/daylight dependent)  
6:00 PM  
AGS Field  
(Weekly)

## **Aero Guidance Society Meeting #913**

### **In attendance:**

Bob Jennings, Ray Phillips, Dave Dewey-Wright, Jeff Hatton, Kieran Sweeney, Charlie Hatton, Brent Bryson, Tom Fargo

### **Treasurer's report:**

Jeff. H. presented the treasurer's report that he presented at the previous board meeting on July 22.

**Board Minutes:** The members agreed to pass on the reading of the previous AGS General Meeting minutes and with member agreement, the July 22, 2024 board minutes were then presented by Tom Fargo. Brent B. motioned to accept the board minutes with a second by Ray P. and the motion was passed.

*In attendance:* Dave Dewey-Wright, Ray Phillips, Charlie Hatton, Bill Green.

*Treasurer's Report:* Not presented as the Treasurer was not present.

*Agenda:* No agenda was presented.

*Ford Tractor Discussion:* A few passes were made with the land plane on the Ford up and down the driveway, and both Charlie and Dave said that judicious use of the choke was required to keep it running. Motion by Dave D-W to authorize spending for a new carburetor and tune-up kit for the Ford. Second by Charlie Hatton. Motion passed.

*Discussion of Dues:* From the Club meeting at the beginning of the month, it was agreed that the decision there had been to keep dues at \$140 annually. One of the concerns of our field is that compared to the Aeros field, our runways are small/short. Motion by Ray Phillips to maintain the current dues at \$140 annually, and remove the 10% discount for Senior members. Second by Bill Green. Motion passed.

*Float Fly:* Scheduled for September 26/27. All the paperwork is through with the AMA and the Park

*Next BOD Meeting Date:* 9/16/2024

### **Old Business:**

Brent B. initiated a discussion involving a solar farm land lease proposal that the board has been considering. Bill Green, who is on the AGS board, connected with a company that has proposed leasing up to 30 acres of AGS property for the construction of a solar farm. The proposal consists of three phases. The first and second phase is 365 days each, essentially used to evaluate and assess the development of the project and the third is an operational phase for 25 years. Charlie and Jeff H. while recently attending the AMA pattern competition, were able to connect with AMA officers about the project. They said the AMA cannot provide a lawyer but they also said that no issues would arise with the AMA involving the construction of a solar farm on AGS property. After members talked about next steps in the process, Jeff H. motioned for Brent B. to inquire into retaining a lawyer familiar with the business; a second came from Dave DW and then all accepted the motion. It was decided that the compensation amount to retain a lawyer be put on hold until Brent B. has more information.

### **New Business:**

Jeff H. said that in the next two weeks he intends to help clean up the access road involving trimming the sides and attempting to smooth it out with the land plane. Jeff said he will send out emails to ask for help that he may need. Bob J. said the access road needs crushed gravel. Ray said he thought Todd's son might still have some left over stone, but he wasn't sure. Brent B. handed out copies of the up-coming year budget proposals previously discussed by the board. The members discussed the options to consider. Ray P. handed out comparison information with some other AMA clubs comparing AMA listings for members, fees, field information etc. Ray presented more specific information on the topic of a runway covering called "Geotech" that surfaced in a previous meeting as improvement to attract more members. Based on his findings, it's quite expensive and another club that had it installed was more than likely compensated for most of it. Based on various factors, he suggested that practicality comes into question.

**Reminders:** Wednesday weekly flying and hotdog nights! Donations to the pot are encouraged, as this is how we keep it going. Guests and members from other clubs are welcome to stop by and fly with us (must be an AMA member). We will have a mini barbecue with dogs, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks!

\*Thursdays will be considered for any back up dates.

**Pattern Competition:** August 27th/28th was the 69th Annual Pattern Competition at the AGS airfield. At the start of the competition on Saturday morning, there were 16 pilots, four in each of the four classes of Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, and Masters.

The weekend weather was absolutely great all weekend, essentially calm except an occasional light breeze out of the south. All the pilots who had competed there before agreed that this weekend was the calmest they'd ever seen. Four rounds of competition were completed as of a little after 6:00 on Saturday evening.

Sunday morning was more of the same exceptional weather, but with only twelve pilots, as four pilots were unable to make both days.

The two rounds that were left were completed a little after noon.

After the competition, several pilots brought out some different planes to fly, until all the visiting and packing up was done around 4:00 or so.



*Fig. 1-1: A Beautiful Day At The Pattern Contest!*

**Hotdog Nights:** Our summer Hotdog Nights are nearly done. There are only two or three left, just because it's going to be dark too early to do much flying. But it's been a good summer, especially since we made the decision to move to Thursday night's if Wednesday didn't look good.

How do I measure success? Well, first of all, we've had people show up every time, even if only club members. Secondly, we've done a lot of flying. And thirdly, we've had several "Introductory Student Pilots" come up and do some flying on the AGS trainers. In the last couple weeks, Kieran brought up a couple friends who've both had several opportunities at Hotdog nights, and even after the Pattern Competition to do some flying. And Dave D-W has had a friend (who brought a friend) come up and fly a few times too. All of the pilots are very interested and have been talking about buying planes of their own.

We've also had a former member return to the field on Hotdog nights, and rejoin the AGS, Herb Spicer, who was a member many years ago, and has attended our New Year's Day Fun Fly's.

If you have the chance to come up for one of the few remaining Hotdog nights, please do! It'll be great to have you there! And if you haven't yet, please go to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/aeroguidancesociety/> and click the "Follow" button so you get automatic notifications when things are posted.

-- Dave D-W



*Fig. 2-1: Prepping Aircraft At The Hotdog Fun Fly!*



*Fig. 2-2: Flying A Streamer! Streamer Combat Competition At The Final Hotdog Night, Anyone?*

## Upcoming Events:

Event	Date	Location
Hotdog BBQ Nights	8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25	AGS Field
AGS Pattern Contest	8/24 – 8/25	AGS Field
AGS Fall Float Fly	9/28	Nathaniel Cole Park

## What Our Members Are Building:

*Kieran Sweeney:*

I am nearly done with my [Eclipson FW-190A](#) in Grey Overture Pre-Foamed LW-PLA. The printed retracts work well, and I am generally quite pleased with the result. All that is left is to print the tires in grey Varioshore TPU and attach the painted cockpit gauges. Weight and balance are within spec.

I am still deciding on a paint scheme, and am open to suggestions! I expect that an all-grey aircraft with be quite difficult to maintain orientation on in the air. Preferably light colors, as LW-PLA is quite susceptible to overheating and warping in the sun.



*Fig 3-1: Fw 190 Top View*



*Fig 3-1: Fw 190 Side View*

## AGS 2024 Field Mowing Schedule

By: Todd Kopl

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### NOTES:

Dates are the Saturday that the field should be mowed by. Typically, the field is mowed on a Thursday afternoon/evening to ensure the runways are in good shape for the weekend.

You are responsible for switching dates with others if unable to mow on scheduled date.

### CREWS:

You are responsible for replenishing five (5) gallons of gas at the completion of your mowing assignment.

## AGS 2024 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR



<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
AGS June Club Meeting AGS Field	September 9th 6:30 PM	Brent Bryson
Annual Aerobatics Contest	August 24-25	Jeff Hatton

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

**Secretary:** Tom Fargo (I-L)

**Treasurer:** Jeff Hatton (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Ray Phillips (S-Z) [year 2 of 2-year term]

2) Charlie Hatton [year 1 of 2-year term]

**Past President:** David Dewey-Wright

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**Committee Chairmen:**

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