



# The CONNECTOR

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Summer Meetings of the AGS are held the 1st Tuesday of every month at the AGS Field  
Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter Program at 7:00 P.M., Business Meeting to follow.

## The Prez Sez

Frank Gioffredo

Well here we are fast approaching August and by the time you read this we will be just days away from our Annual Pattern Contest. Hopefully every one can help out to make this weekend go well and watch some awesome flying at the same time. If you haven't signed up Bob is probably trying to reach you. So if you can, please come and help. The next event we have coming up is Model Aviation Day. Plans are progressing well. We will be going over the event at the next meeting to finalize all the activities of the day. If you have not signed up to help, please do so. This event gives us major public exposure and hopefully a few new members so it is really important to put on a good event and show people what we are about. We will need the club trainers brought to the August meeting so we can prepare them for M A D if you have one of these in your possession please make sure you get to the monthly meeting. I am sure Charlie will have more in this issue,

I'm sure by now most of you have seen the work around the outhouse and new stone in the pavilion a big thanks to Wayne Kunsman for getting it done. The field looks to be in pretty good shape. Thanks to all for keeping up the mowing. I will be looking for a few members to be the nominating committee as elections are not far away. If you are interested in being on the committee or being an officer next year please let me know. I have been on the board for six years straight and will serve as past president next year but it is time for some new blood and ideas to help our club grow. So think

about becoming an officer next year. Now for my safety part. As most of you know I had a small incident with a new Tiny-X a small indoor-outdoor plane of Derek's. I was setting the final controls, removed the transmitter from the case turned it on and verified the plane and that all controls were in their appropriate places ( throttle down) set the transmitter on the table, reached under the plane to plug in the battery the speed controller toned but sounded odd suddenly the prop roared to life, I grabbed the wing, about half way along the left panel as tight as I could with out crushing the panel and looked to the transmitter to see if it was out of place, the throttle was about one-third up, I heard the prop hit me but was getting the throttle down, the motor immediately responded and shut down. I looked to see a large pool of blood on the table and then to a large slash on my right wrist... Off to the hospital. Seven stitches later the wound is closed. My only thought was I must have bumped the throttle arm of the transmitter when I reached under the plane to plug in the battery. I consider myself to be very safety aware when working on and flying my aircraft and a little embarrassed to admit I had an accident. But lesson learned. First no props mounted before all other controls have been set, second place transmitter far enough away so you cannot inadvertently bump your controls, and third no matter what size your aircraft is, secure it so it won't move if you do not have a secure hold on it. Till the next time Blue Skies and Up Frank

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### Coming Events

#### Aerobatics Contest

August 1st and 2nd  
Sayre PA

#### AGS Meeting

August 4th  
7:00 PM AGS Field

#### STRC Racing

August 11th, 25th  
5:30 PM AGS Field

#### Model Aviation Day

August 29  
Tri Cities Airport



### *Attention!*

**Field Speed Limit: 10  
mph**

Now that flying season is in  
session, watch your **SPEED** on  
the road to the field. Keep it  
around 10 mph or less.

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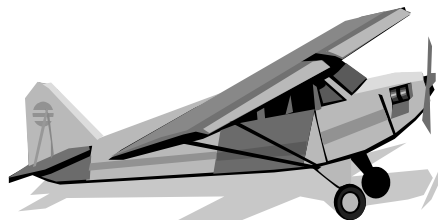
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**54th ANNUAL PRECISION AEROBATICS CONTEST**

by Bob Noll, Contest Director (7/24/09)

At this time I am still working to complete my staffing plan for the contest. I have left phone messages with several members and am waiting for a response. The staffing plan will be published later in this newsletter

If you would like to help but have not been contacted please call me at 754-5279.



**Float Fly**

Terry Terrinore

Since I just learned that Dave would not be doing the float fly this year, I am starting out behind the curve. Dave had already gotten the weekend of 9/19-20 committed from the parks dept, but that was as far as he got. Since we have no time to solicit prizes or get advertising into the AMA magazine I decided not to spend the money for a sanction. Instead we will simply get the insurance for Broome Co.

Dave and I have both been a little disappointed in the low turnout the past few years from our own club members. Even if you do not want to install float on one of your planes and join the fun, at least plan to come out a cheer on the rest of us. I'll have dogs, burgers and cold drinks available

**Model Aviation Day**

Charlie Hatton

Model Aviation Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 29th. The advertising has been sent out. We need volunteers.

We need help in:

- Static Displays
- Information
- Delta Dart Construction
- Food preparation
- Flight Line Control
- Ground School
- Parking

Sign up at the next meeting. Come help even if you don't sign up.

Pylon Racing Report

Race # 5 details:

Summer finally seems to be here, race 5 was held in sunny weather for a change. We were down a few racers that were off at the AMA Pattern Nationals, and Frank was out of action due to an injury...rumor has it after years of trouble free glow engine operation of them newfangled electric motors bit him!

Nevertheless we had some close races, Andy Curtis continues to impress and is doing great in his first year racing. Don Shugard had high points for the night, and for the season we have a virtual 4 way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Only that pesky Bob Noll is keeping us from a tremendous shootout for the championship...seriously, Bob is fast and consistent this year and seems determined to win back his championship.

<b>SPRINT CUP STANDINGS</b>			
Pilot	Race #5 Results	Race #6 Results	Season Points Total
Bob Noll	7		28
Scott Wallace	6		23
Frank Gioffredo	-		22
Terry Terrenoire	-		22
Don Shugard	8		22
Jim Quinn	-		15
Bill Markowitz	3		11

<b>NATIONWIDE STANDINGS</b>			
Pilot	Race #5 Results	Race #6 Results	Season Points Total
Andy Curtis	6		13
Jeff Hatton	-		2



The Deadline for Connector articles is two Fridays before the meeting. Please have submissions to the editor before then. Electronic submissions are preferred, E-mail them to [jeff@priusonline.com](mailto:jeff@priusonline.com)  
**Deadline for Next Connector is 7/24//09.**

## Aeroguidance Society Meeting 741

President Frank Gioffredo opened the meeting at 7:27 PM on July 7, 2009.

**Attendance:** 16 Members  
3 Guests

The meeting was moved from the field to Kristofor's due to inclement weather.

We started with the program, Aerobatics

The General meeting minutes from last month were accepted as printed in The Connector.

### President's report – Frank Gioffredo

Special thanks were given to Wayne Kunzman and others for their work on the field. You will also note that the sides of the road were mowed by Bob J. and Frank G.

### Vice President's report. – Charlie Hatton

No VP report. See Model Aviation Day report below.

### Treasurer's Report

Given.

### Membership – Paul Slocum

The vote of regular membership for Matt Quinlivan was postponed to the next meeting.

### Activities

#### Flight School – Terry Terrenoire

Terry stated that there are seven trainees. Many of these are not first time pilots, but are those who desire more advanced training. While flight school is officially over, some instructors are still willing to help students.

#### Pylon Racing – Frank Gioffredo

There are two new pylon racers. The race data can be found in The Connector. Next is the fourth race.

#### Pattern Contest – Bob Noll

The pattern contest will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Blue Swan Airport. The assignments from last year were reviewed and all persons were asked to confirm or change the assignment from last year.

#### Club Night – Don Shugard

July 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next club night at the field starting around 5 PM. This is a Thursday. The August club night will be held on a

Wednesday.

### Old Business

#### AGS Mugs – Terry Terrenoire

Terry has 1 ½ cases of AGS mugs for sale. The price is \$7 per mug.

#### Model Aviation Days – Charlie Hatton & Frank Gioffredo

This activity will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at Tri Cities Airport. Frank is still contacting people. We still need to set up the layout of the field. More volunteers are needed. Jim and Frank have flight simulators. Joe P is willing to do ground school.

#### Gas Drilling – Frank Gioffredo

There is little activity. There is also a new company expressing interest in buying guy drilling rights.

### New Business

#### Park Flying Sites – Bob Noll

Bob is collecting information for locations where park flying is currently done or could be done.

#### Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Don Shugard's on 07/21/09 at 7 PM. All members are welcome. Please let him know if you plan on attending so that there are enough seats and refreshments.

#### Show and Tell

Bob Balsie told us of his difficulties in pulling apart Deans connectors



He has changed to using Traxxas connectors.



They can still han-

dle a large current and are much easier to disconnect. Bob was advised that Deans connectors can be more easily separated if Vaseline is put on them.

Jim Quinn showed a brand new O.S. engine. The old one had a broken crankshaft and he got a free replacement.

Terry Terrenoire told us about a Mini X that he built for Derek's birthday. He also has a three channel (throttle, rudder, elevator) De Bolt Champ. It is 80% complete. It is covered in silk and dope. Then it will be painted. It is an \$85 kit. He will power it with a Veco .19 with a Simcoe muffler.



Terry T was the winner of the gift certificate.

**2009 AGS AEROBATICS CONTEST, AUGUST 1 & 2  
CONTEST DIRECTOR'S STAFFING PLAN**

(team leaders are underlined)

Contest Director: Bob Noll (754-5279)\*

Assistant Contest Director: Frank Gioffredo (748-9858) \*

Flight Line Coordination: Art Riegal \*

Registration: Ed Lanki \* Bob Balsie \*

Tabulation: (Sat) Guillermo Leon (258-0174) \* Doug Breneman (Sat) \* Bill Markovitz \*  
(Sun) Brent Bryson \* Bill Markovitz \* \_\_\_\_\_

Impound: (Sat) Tom Kopl \*  
(Sun) Joe Perrucci (625-2376) Bill Hinrichsen \*

Field Setup: Frank Gioffredo (748-9858)\* Jim Quinn \* Rick Curtis \*  
(Friday) Jeff Hatton \* Tom Kopl \* Joe Perucci \*

Prizes/Trophies: Bob Noll \*

50/50 Raffle: Derek Gioffredo \*

Judge Coordinator: Bob Noll\*

Judge Assistants:

(Sat) Wayne Kunzman (754-8111) \* Mark Mendelson \*  
John Seitz \* Bob Balsie \*

(Sun) Gib Vandling (785-6498) \* Andy Curtis \*  
John Carril \* Bob Johnson \*

NOTE: Charlie Hatton is our Contest Manager and is in charge of the concession and Saturday evening chicken dinner.

Concessions helpers: Mark Lecher \* Rick Curtis \* Bob Balsie \*

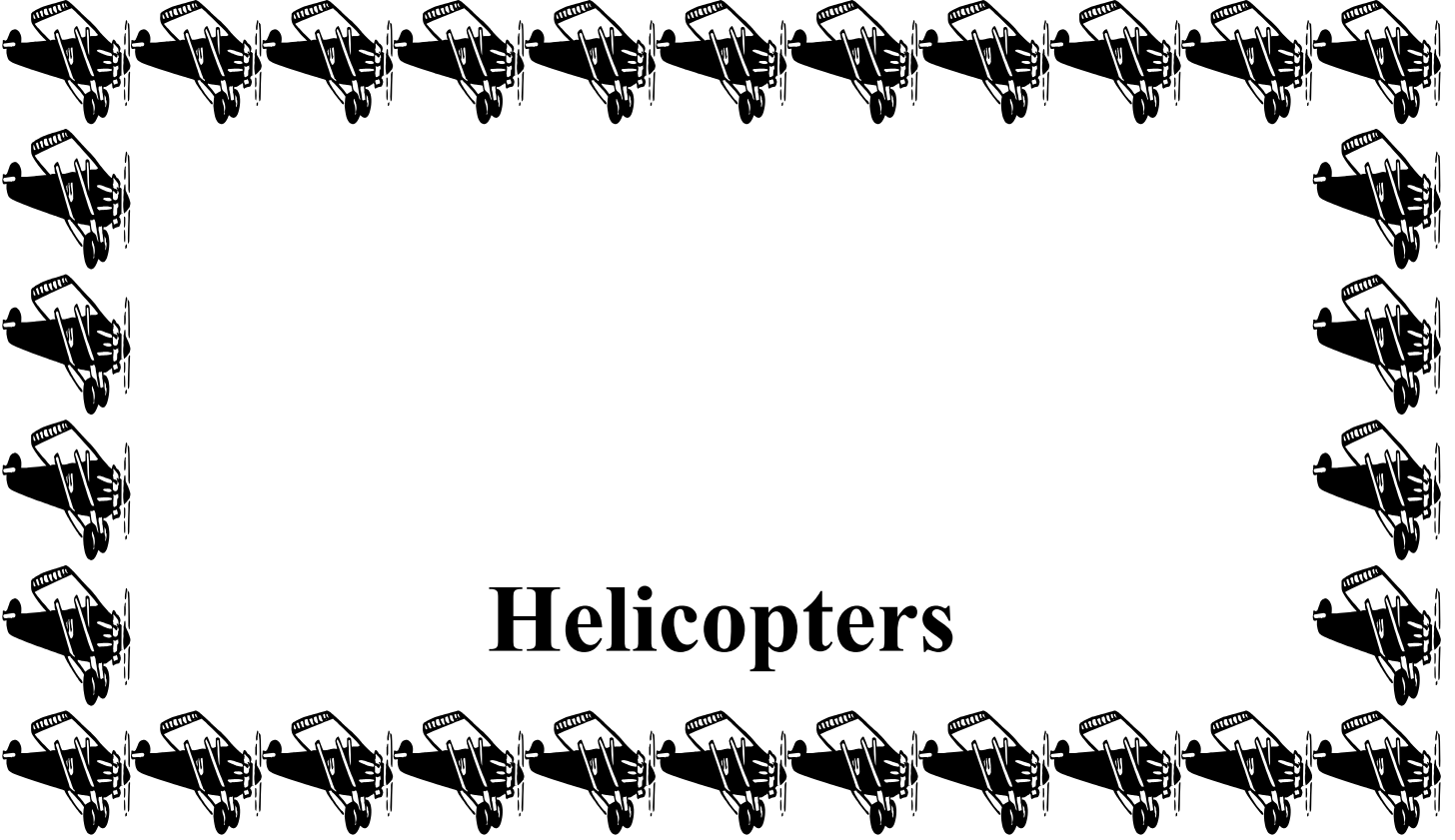
\* = CONFIRMED AS OF 7/29/09

***NOTE: I COULD STILL USE HELP IN TABULATION ON SUNDAY.***

***CHARLIE HATTON COULD USE TWO MORE PEOPLE IN CONCESSION.***

***IF I HAVE NOT CONTACTED YOU PLEASE CALL ME AT 754-5279  
OR CHARLIE AT 754-5262 AND VOLUNTEER.***

# AUGUST PROGRAM



## Helicopters

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