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**The Following Channel Must Not Be Used At The AGS Field: 42**

## THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup> AT 6:45 PM AT THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### The Prez Sez....

#### Rick Allabaugh

The field has been opened, so let's enjoy the flying season! After the cold weather we've had, I'm really looking forward to a stress free flying season.

Field opening went well and I'd like to thank those who came out to help. As I mentioned in a previous e-mail, there is one rough area of runway where 6-24 and 12-30 intersect. Hopefully this can be rolled out at a later date. On a side note, I've removed two (2) plastic trucks from underneath the picnic tables at the lower pavilion. If these are a club member's personal property, please let me know so that I can return them to you. If I don't get a response, I'll give them to Goodwill.

**IMPORTANT:** After much discussion, the Board will be making a motion to the general membership to have a \$75.00 Special Assessment to make up for the gap we have between our current income and projected expenses. This Special Assessment will affect all Regular and Senior Members. We will make a motion, have a discussion, then hopefully vote on the issue, and move forward. Please attend the next meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> if you

can.

Finally, the May 5<sup>th</sup> general meeting is Project Night. So bring in your winter project and show it off before the flying season really takes off!



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### Coming Events

**AGS Meeting**  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:45 PM  
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

**Pylon Race #2**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS Field

**Pylon Race #3**  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM  
AGS Field



### Cancellation of AGS Meetings

In the event of poor weather, call the Library at 757-5350. If the library is closed, you will receive only the hours of operation.

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## **AGS Activities for 2014**

**by Don Shugard – Activities Chairman**

**Pylon Racing:**

The Club appreciates Bob Balsie's efforts as the Club Event Director for the pylon racing for the past two years. Bob will be stepping down from this position this year. The Club is seeking a new Pylon Event Director for the coming race season. The Club Event Director should be familiar with the pylon racing, not be a race participant (pilot) and will act as an impartial judge should a dispute in the racing arise. Please let myself, one of the AGS board of directors or one of the pylon racers know if you are willing to fill the position.

**Model Aviation Day:**

Mark your calendars for Model Aviation day. Model Aviation Day will be held on August 16, 2014, The date corresponds with the national Model Aviation day. The following paragraph is taken from the AMA website.

*National Model Aviation Day 2014 August 16th, 2014 [VISIT WWW.NATIONALMODELAVIATIONDAY.ORG](http://WWW.NATIONALMODELAVIATIONDAY.ORG). To celebrate the storied history of model aviation, 176 clubs across the country participated in the inaugural National Model Aviation Day. This nationwide celebration of model aviation was established to celebrate and promote the hobby and to support a great cause. AMA and participating clubs were asked to support the [Wounded Warrior Project](#), this year's featured charity. Thank you to all of our chartered clubs that used the event to celebrate the hobby we love and to introduce model aviation to your friends, family, and community members.*

The club will be seeking pilots, display models, ground school and assistance in putting on the event. Please ask a local business or employer about sponsoring our Model Aviation Day.

**AGS Primer:**

Please contact Jeff Hatton or Jim Quinn if you are interested in holding a non-sanctioned AGS Primer or similar event this flying season.

**Social Activity:**

I need your input on our social activity for 2014. Please take a minute to send me a quick note at [dshugard@stny.rr.com](mailto:dshugard@stny.rr.com) with your preference for a Family Day this summer or a holiday party in December.

## The V.P. Soapbox

by **Scott Wallace**

The May general meeting will be one of the more important ones in the long history of the AGS. Even if you don't typically attend club meetings I encourage everyone if it's at all possible to attend the meeting and have a vote in shaping the club's future.

One of my favorite movies is *The Shawshank Redemption*, and the best line in the movie is "get busy living, or get busy dying". Now I'm pretty sure that quote was actually a line in a Bob Dylan song from the 60's but regardless it is very fitting to where the AGS is in 2014. Do we take steps to put the club on a sound path, or do we do nothing and accept the consequences?

May is also project night and I hope we have a good turnout of newly built models to show off. My own winter projects are not as far along as I would have liked. The Sweet Stik is painted and I plan to shoot the clear coat soon but it's at best 50-50 that I'll have the model done in time for the meeting. The Live Wire Senior is all framed up, but that is how it will remain until October as my free time is very limited and I want to spend more of that time flying over the summer.

## Pylon Racing

by **Bob Noll – Race Organizer**

The racers were ready and the helpers were ready but Mother Nature had other ideas. Mother Nature won out and Race #1 was canceled due to rain.

On another note, I have posted a simplified roster on the field bulletin board. I call it a "Field Roster" and its purpose is to provide names and phone numbers so you can contact your flying buddies to let them know you are at the AGS Airport.

There are 2 columns for phone numbers. The first column is the phone number from our web site roster and the second column is for any other phone number such as your cell phone. When you are at the field, please take the time to fill in the second column if applicable.

## Mowing List

by **Todd Kopl**

I'm currently working to compose a new mowing list and I should have it ready to present at the meeting on Monday. I will also email it to all club members when it is complete. Please check it over and verify when it is your turn to mow the field. Mowing is done between Thursday and Saturday of the week of the date given in the mowing list. Team leaders should call their helpers to settle on a date when the mowing will take place.

# Don't Get Ticked...!!!

by **Bob Balsie - Editor**

Last week Brent Bryson sent out a note stating how he had picked up a deer tick while working at the field cleanup on Saturday. He sent out a note telling everyone who was at the event to check themselves for deer ticks. He stated that deer ticks were out in force this year.

I did a little research on the subject and came up with the following information. Without going into an explanation of the life cycle of the tick, it is sufficient to say that at each stage of their growth, ticks look for a host to suck blood from so that they can continue to develop and morph into their next stage of existence. That could be an animal like a deer or mouse, or it could be one of us. The key is to keep the little critters off of your body to thwart their plans.

There are two ways that the ticks can hitch a ride on you. Larvae can climb up onto your shoes from ground level. Adult ticks can climb up onto tall grass and move directly onto your legs. The trick is to keep them off, or kill them if they succeed in reaching you. One method is to wear clothing with a tight weave. This will make it more difficult for the adult ticks to grab your clothing. A second method is to gather your pants together at the ankle, and then roll your socks up over them. This looks kind of strange but helps to minimize exposed skin area. Also, wearing light-colored clothing makes them easier to see if they do climb onto you.

To repel or kill the ticks, there are a couple of chemical alternatives. First is DEET which will help to make you unpalatable. Spraying this onto your shoes and clothing will help to keep them off of you. The second is Permethrin. This chemical may be sprayed directly onto your clothing and then allowed to dry. Ticks that crawl onto Permethrin-treated clothing will die within 5 – 30 seconds. You can treat your own clothes with this chemical, or you can buy clothing that has been pre-treated by the manufacturer. Self-treated clothing will remain effective for five washings or so. Commercially-treated clothing will remain effective for up to 70 washings. A company called Insect Shield sells treated clothing and there are probably more companies, besides.

If a tick does manage to latch onto you, it cannot transmit illnesses like Lyme disease until it has been attached for at least 24 hours. If the tick is removed before that time has elapsed, you should be okay. After you've been at the field, check yourself over when you get home, especially if you've had to go out into the tall grass or woods to retrieve a model. Don't forget the "private parts", since they're great places for ticks to hide while they chow down. If you do find a tick, have it removed by your doctor, or at a walk-in clinic. They should be able to do this in a way that will prevent infection.

A little extra diligence will help all of us to insure that we have a safe summer without anyone getting "ticked" unnecessarily.



**Deer ticks can be very small and hard to spot. The larvae are the smallest.**

# AGS General Meeting Minutes

## Aero Guidance Society Meeting #798

Date: April 7, 2014

Place: Endicott Public Library

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM.

Neil Hunt and Luke Brookhart were introduced as guests.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in The Connector.

Bob Noll read a summary of the last BOD meeting held on March 17, 2014.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Todd Kopl. The report is available from Todd.

Rick reported that Mike Harris, Todd Kopl and he have not been able to schedule a meeting to implement the new financial system.

### Activities Reports:

Field Cleanup – Field Chairman, Jim Quinn, reported that the field seems OK but the parking area is very wet. Due to this and the weather forecast for the next several days the work party scheduled for Saturday April 12 will be postponed until April 26.

Bob Jennings asked all members to drive “on the high spots” of the road which helps level the road.

Jim Quinn will place a barrier across the access road at the last turn to prevent vehicles from getting stuck in the parking area.

Historian Don Green mentioned that new photos are on Facebook.

Float Fly – Bob Balsie said that the sanction and insurance is in process.

Pattern Primer – Jeff Hatton was asked to contact Don Shugard, Activities Chairman, about making the Primer a non-sanctioned event for club members.

Model Aviation Day – the BOD has suggested this event as it is part of our Gold Club Leader requirements. Don Shugard is requested to put it on his Activities Calendar. Jeff Hatton mentioned that the club is eligible for an AMA grant for this event. Bob Balsie said we need better publicity for the 2014 event.

Indoor Flying – Mike Harris reported that the first session was held on April 3 and was very successful. The indoor sessions are held Thursdays from 7 to 9 PM at West Middle School in Binghamton.

Spring Fling – Jim Quinn reported that there was a large attendance at the event but low temperatures and high winds minimized the flying. Jim reported a profit of \$15.19. Jim also described how his small LiPo battery with a mini-deans connector started to burn in his pocket.

Holiday Party – Rick said that he mentioned to Don Shugard, Activities Chairman, that he could replace the Holiday Party with a family day at the flying field or another social event.

### Old Business:

Bob Jennings reported that the frequency sharing agreement with the "Faber Group" has been discontinued since the only remaining member is now flying on 2.4 GHz. Bob Noll reported that the AMA District II VP has been notified and accepted our action. Bob Noll has the unused frequency pins and will return them to the Flight Control Center.

It was noted that Channel 42 is still unusable at the field because of past problems unassociated with the frequency sharing agreement.

Property sale - Rick mentioned that our neighbor Dan still wants to purchase a parcel of our property. Frank Gioffredo volunteered to head up a committee to pursue the sale.

Bob Noll reported that the club is AMA Chartered for 2014.

### New Business:

It was suggested that the club membership brochure be put on Facebook and the club web site. A motion was made by Rick Allabaugh and seconded by Jim Quinn to put the membership brochure on Facebook.

A motion to amend the above motion was made by Rick Allabaugh and seconded by Jim Quinn. This was to put both the membership brochure and The Connector on both Facebook and the club website. The amended motion carried. Mike Harris will contact John Carril, Membership Chairman, regarding the brochure on Facebook and Bob Balsie, newsletter editor, regarding The Connector.

Jeff Hatton said there is interest at Vestal Middle School for an after-school program on indoor model aircraft. Rick asked Jeff to express support from the club and follow-up with the school.

Frank Gioffredo said that his son Derek put a proposal together for a BOCES program for ready to fly indoor foam planes. This would be funded by BOCES.

Neil Hunt was introduced as a new member.

Field Rules – Frank Gioffredo, Safety Chairman, presented the current Field Rules. This is a Gold Leader Club requirement.

### Show & Tell:

Frank Gioffredo showed a LiPo battery for motorcycles. It is very light but costs \$175.

Mike Harris explained his "RCCALLER" that uses a cell phone to speak the maneuvers for various sequences. It is available from Mike at myrccaller.com and Mike will give any AGS member unlimited minutes.

Rick Allabaugh displayed some old "AGS stuff" such as home made patches, the original sketch for the club patch, a club decal glass photo plate, contest photos and an old pattern contest program with advertising.

### Program:

Bob Noll circulated copies and presented his "Pattern Flyer's Check List". Ray Phillips questioned Bob's statement that a forward CG is better when starting to fly a new plane. This is correct since this means the plane is slightly nose heavy which is preferable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by Bob Noll.



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## Float Fly

May 17th & 18th, 2014



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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 4miles 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 \$8 one day.  
Pilot Door Prizes. On site self contained RV overnight camping available, please contact CD.  
Lunch will be available both days.



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Bring the entire family. Cole Park boasts a beautiful 53-acre lake and twin arcs of white sand, 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 [www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/ParksNatCole.php](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/ParksNatCole.php)



## Club Activities for 2014

Given below is the Activities Calendar for the coming year.

* ACTIVITIES CALENDAR FOR 2014 *		
Activity	Date	Chairman
New Year's Day Fly	January 1, 2014	Frank Gioffredo
Spring Fling	March 15, 2014	Jim Quinn
Field Un-winterization	April 12, 2014	Jim Quinn
Pylon Race	April 29, 2014	Bob Noll
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>May 13, 2014</b>	<b>Bob Noll</b>
<b>Pylon Race</b>	<b>May 27, 2014</b>	<b>Bob Noll</b>
Pylon Race	June 10, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 24, 2014	Bob Noll
Pattern Primer	TBD	Jim Quinn (CD)
Pylon Race	July 8, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	July 22, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 12, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 26, 2014	Bob Noll
VR/CS Reunion	August 30-31, 2014	Bob Noll (CD)
Model Aviation Day	TBD	TBD
Fall Float Fly	September 6 & 7, 2014	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 14, 2014	Bob Noll
AGS Pattern Contest	TBD	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	Jim Quinn
Annual Holiday Party	December 1, 2014	TBD

## Notable Quotes

**“I like to have around me people who find ways to do things, not tell me why they can’t be done.”**  
**-Olive Ann Beech, former Beechcraft CEO.**

**“I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things.”**  
**-Antoine de Saint-Exupery, pilot and author.**

**“If you’re faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.”**  
**-Bob Hoover, former test pilot and airshow performer.**

# ***MAY PROGRAM***

## ***PROJECT NIGHT***

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