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NOTICE: 72 MHz Channel #42 Must Not Be Used At The AGS Field

**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, June 2nd AT 6:45 PM AT
THE AERO GUIDANCE SOCIETY FIELD**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Says....

Rick Allabaugh

Don't forget, the next meeting is at the club field. Hopefully you can make it as Jeff Hatton will be discussing his UAV experience with his quad-copters for the June Program.

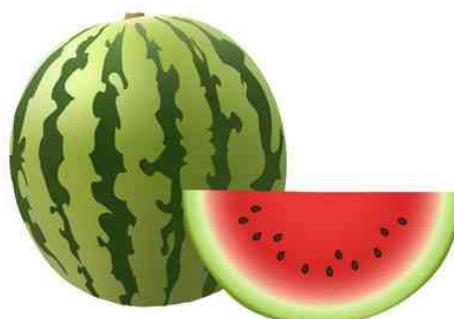
I hope that everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend! It's a special time for my family as my grandfather served in WWI as a munitions driver for the Allies and Gina's father was a paratrooper with the 101st Airborne during Vietnam. Both men are no longer with us, but we're still proud of their service to our country.

So now that it's officially summer, I'm looking forward to a fun flying season. I've already told my family that I intend to be at the field every Thursday night to fly. As this "plan" goes into effect this week, I'll actually be surprised if it works. Between work, my son's travel team lacrosse, and major home renovations, I anticipate a busier than usual summer. I really miss those days when I was in my late twenties/early thirties and Frank Gioffredo and I were flying at the Tri-City Radio Control field at least three days a week. Those were good times. Almost cost me a marriage,

but I had fun. And as my Grandmother would always tell Gina, "At least he's not chasing skirts or at a bar drinking!" Nothing better in life than having your Grandmother defend your hobby!

June Program

The topic of the June Program will be on the subject of UAV flying and will be presented by Jeff Hatton.



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Coming Events

AGS Meeting
June 2nd, 6:45 PM
ENDICOTT LIBRARY

Pylon Race #4
June 10th, 6:00 PM
AGS Field

Pylon Race #5
June 24th, 6:00 PM
AGS Field



The Field is Open.
Remember to keep your
speed under 10 MPH on
the access road.

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Flight School Update

by Brent Bryson - Chairman

Flight school has been in session for about a month so far. Other than a couple of windy days the weather has been good. Even the windy days did not keep instructors and helpers from flying. I want to remind everyone that the training is not just for beginners. Our instructors are ready, willing, and very able to teach advanced flight, such as aerobatics. Also, have your landings been getting a little rough? This would be a good time to get some pointers and correct some bad habits, so that you can land your plane with the same confidence that you have when your plane is up high. Also, I want to remind everyone that the field is still available for open flying during the training times. These are good times to come up and fly, because there will usually be others at the field.

If you need a copy of the training guide let me know, and I will email it to you. bbryson@stny.rr.com or 607-760-9397.

Field Roster

by Bob Noll

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.



The V.P. Soapbox

by Scott Wallace – Vice-President

Based on discussions at the last Board meeting I am attempting to revive the Finance Committee to assist in our proposed several acre land sale to our neighbor Dan. More to follow...

I am very pleased and encouraged to see all the flying activity at the AGS field in the few weeks since field opening. Yesterday evening I counted 11 cars in the parking area on a Tuesday; I would love to see this trend continue. We had a large variety of models from modern 2 meter pattern, to vintage models, to a Quad copter, to racers, foam electrics, both glow and electric sport planes; I've attached a photo Jim Quinn took of my vintage 3 channel Super 60 on a fly by.



I needed a model to do some RC instructing, and not wanting to use a club trainer, I purchased a “Skyraider Mach 1” from World Models. It’s a bit nicer than the average ARF trainer and has a semi-symmetrical airfoil, bolt on wing, and is very well built and really nicely covered. Bob Noll, Brent Bryson and Jeff Hatton witnessed the maiden flights and were impressed by how well it flew and how nice the covering job was. It was \$129 and only \$15 to ship, they come in several colors, and there’s also a low wing version (Skyraider Mach II) for the same price. If you are looking for an inexpensive sport model please check out this link: www.theworldmodels.us.



AGS General Meeting Minutes

Aero Guidance Society Meeting #799

Date: May 5, 2014

Place: Endicott Public Library

President Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

Charlie Brown and Jim Monaco were introduced as guests.

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

Bob Noll read the minutes of the last BOD meeting held on April 21, 2014.

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

Membership: John Carril reported that Associate Member Ray Phillips is ready to be voted into Regular membership. Ray was later voted in as a Regular Member.

Activities Reports:

Don Shugard, Activities Chairman, reported that he has selected August 16 for the AGS Model Aviation Day. This coincides with the AMA Model Aviation Day. The following items were discussed;

- Delta Dart building program.
- Flight demonstrations.
- Charity – Wounded Warriors.
- Publicity – Don to work with Todd Kopl.
- Sponsorship – Don to approach Lockheed Martin.
- Pattern Primer – no apparent interest.

Pattern Contest – September 20 & 21 have been selected.

Float Fly – Bob Balsie will be needing help. Don Green volunteered to mail out requests for sponsor support.

Field – Todd Kopl reported that he recently published a mowing list. Tony Cammarata said he has a hand mower which doesn't operate correctly available to the club if they would like to have it and maybe repair it. Bob Noll reported that we currently have a working hand mower at the field and the offer was not discussed further.

Breakfast and Work Party – Rick Allabaugh thanked all who came and made the breakfast and work party successful. He reported a \$6 profit. Don Green said photos are on Facebook.

Swap Shop – Bob Balsie said the Swap Shop is doing well.

Flight School – Brent Bryson reported that the school will start on Wednesday 5/7. School is each Wednesday from 5 PM to dusk and each Saturday morning 10 AM to noon. A sign to notify the public will be placed on Day Hollow Rd. at Warrick Rd. Bob Balsie will put a notification about flight school on Facebook.

Rick said a member of the Ithaca Radio Control Society told him that the Ithaca Club may be losing their flying field where they have been for many years. Their lease ends in two years and the family may not be willing to allow them to continue flying there.

Financial Discussion:

After considerable discussion a motion was made by Bob Frey and seconded by Tom Kopl to accept the Board of Directors recommendation for a Special Assessment to cover the current budget shortfall. The BOD recommendation is;

- A \$75 special assessment.
- Payable by all Regular and Senior members, only.
- Based on the budget proposed and supported at the special meeting of 2/24/14.
- Assumes a 25% loss of Regular and Senior members.
- Due in full by the June meeting on June 2. (*Members have a grace period until the August meeting to pay their Special Assessment before they are considered to be in arrears. - Ed.*)
- The motion to recommend the Special Assessment does not modify the existing due structures. The motion passed with only 1 no vote and no abstentions.

Rick said that while the club wants the cell phones to remain in the Flight Control Center, everyone should realize that they are not guaranteed to function because no power is available at the field to keep them charged.

Rick reported on his discussion with AMA regarding liability insurance for our property. AMA insurance does not provide coverage for any buildings, as well as any other club owned property (i.e. tractor & mower). Rick also reported that AMA's coverage excludes the Medical Payment coverage which our current insurance includes. Bob Balsie mentioned that while this is true, AMA also noted that historically the company AMA uses has paid medical payments of claimants.

John Carril said he still has leader club patches and pins.

Old Business: None

New Business: Bob Noll suggested that the AGS participate in Broome County Aviation Day scheduled for July 4 & 5. He has left a message the Commissioner of Aviation's office for permission.

Show & Tell:

Jeff Hatton showed his Quad-copter and his Tri-copter.

Ray Phillips showed his Jensen Ugly Stik.

Bob Noll showed his Sweet Stik from a Lazer Works parts pack.

Scott Wallace showed his Sweet Stik mod. 2 from an original Midwest kit.

Bob Balsie showed his GWS electric powered Pico Stik.

Brent Bryson showed his resurrected viper Q500 pylon race.

(Note – the reason for so many “Stiks” is that the VRCS Theme Plane for 2014 is the Ugly Stik or any of its many variations.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted – Bob Noll, Secretary

Pylon Racing

by Bob Noll – Race Organizer

Race #3 was held on May 27 and Mother Nature played a part again. Rain was in the area most of the late afternoon with spot showers skipping around from Endicott to Vestal to Apalachin. So up to the field I went at 5:30 PM and found a clear sky with no precipitation. Brent Bryson was already at the gate so we went on up the hill, hoping that the weather would not deter the pilots and helpers.

By 6 PM cars were rolling in and the course was set up on runway 6-24 in anticipation of an exciting evening. The wind was mild and was directly down the runway so it would not be a problem as it was for Race #2.

Five pilots arrived but Jeff Hatton was being medicated for a "bug" and decided not to race. His penalty was that he was the starter for all heats. Thanks, Jeff. It's always nice to have dedicated people attend even if they are a bit under the weather. Again, ten helpers were there to support the pilots.

The first heat got in the air at 6:40 PM but after the fourth heat Mother Nature came around and the skies blackened as the wind picked up. As the fourth heat planes were released, thunder was heard in the distance. Todd Kopl and Frank Gioffredo were in that fourth heat and Frank decided to land and take a DNF since he flies on 72 MHz and doesn't like his antenna sticking up in the air when he hears thunder. Todd, continued flying to finish his ten laps.

As Race Organizer, I decided to call the race at that time. I wanted to be sure that the equipment could be stowed and we could get off of the hill before serious thunder and lightening arrived. Needless to say, Frank was relieved from his cooking duties.

Mark Lecher, our race statistician, reported the following results for the evening;

Todd Kopl - 4 points
Bob Noll - 3 points
Frank Gioffredo - 2 points
Brent Bryson - 2 points

My thanks again to all who came and especially to the helpers who enjoy the excitement and ability to contribute to our pylon racing program. I'm sorry you had to go somewhere else for food.

The next race is Race #4 scheduled for Tuesday June 10.

The season points standing after Race #3 are;

Frank Gioffredo - 6 points
Bob Noll - 6 points
Brent Bryson - 4 points
Todd Kopl - 4 points
Jeff Hatton - 3 points
Rick Allabaugh - 0 points

Mowing List

by Todd Kopl

The field is currently soft and the X-Mark mower remains the preferred unit for mowing at this time. An attempt was made with the old Ford tractor but it was creating ruts and therefore has been parked until conditions improve.

We also have a new vacancy in the list that I need help filling.

Given below is the Mowing List for the rest of May, June, and July. There is a complete list for the entire year, along with the full list of tractor drivers and helpers, attached later in the newsletter.

AGS Mowing List			
Date	Tractor	Helper #1	Helper #2
May 31	Bob Johnson	Don Green	Mark Lecher
June 7	Ed Lancki	Vern Ziegler	Brian Ziegler
June 14	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matt Kopl
June 21	Brent Bryson	Scott Wallace	Michael Gazy
June 28	Charlie Brown	Joe Felice	Jason Felice
July 5	Jim Quinn	????	Harold Peeling
July 12	Bob Noll	John Carril	Ray Phillips
July 19	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton	Mike Harris
July 26	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Rick Allabaugh



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
Pylon Race	May 13, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	May 27, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 10, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	June 24, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	July 8, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	July 22, 2014	Bob Noll
Pylon Race	August 12, 2014	Bob Noll
Model Aviation Day	August 16. 2014	TBD
Pylon Race	August 26, 2014	Bob Noll
VR/CS Reunion	August 30-31, 2014	Bob Noll (CD)
Fall Float Fly	September 6 & 7, 2014	Bob Balsie (CD)
Pylon Race	September 14, 2014	Bob Noll
AGS Pattern Contest	September 20 & 21, 2014	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
Field Winterization	TBD	TBD
Annual Holiday Party (???)	December 1, 2014 (???)	TBD



2014 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE

MOWING LIST 2014			
Date	Tractor	Helper 1	Helper 2
5/10	Bob Noll	John Carril	Ray Phillips
5/17	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton	Mike Harris
5/24	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Rick Allabaugh
5/31	Bob Johnson	Donald Green	Mark Lecher
6/7	Ed Lancki	Vernon Ziegler	Bryan Ziegler
6/14	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matt Kopl
6/21	Brent Bryson	Scott Wallace	Michael Gazy
6/28	Charlie Brown	Joe Felice	Jason Felice
7/5	Jim Quinn		Harold Peeling
7/12	Bob Noll	John Carril	Ray Phillips
7/19	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton	Mike Harris
7/26	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Rick Allabaugh
8/2	Bob Johnson	Donald Green	Mark Lecher
8/9	Ed Lancki	Vernon Ziegler	Bryan Ziegler
8/16	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matt Kopl
8/23	Brent Bryson	Scott Wallace	Michael Gazy
8/30	Charlie Brown	Joe Felice	Jason Felice
9/6	Jim Quinn		Harold Peeling
9/13	Bob Noll	John Carril	Ray Phillips
9/20	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton	Mike Harris
9/27	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo	Rick Allabaugh
9/15	Bob Johnson	Donald Green	Mark Lecher
9/22	Ed Lancki	Vernon Ziegler	Bryan Ziegler
9/29	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl	Matt Kopl
10/6	Brent Bryson	Scott Wallace	Michael Gazy
10/13	Charlie Brown	Joe Felice	Jason Felice
10/20	Jim Quinn		Harold Peeling

* zero turn only

HELPERS

TRACTOR DRIVERS			
Brent Bryson	John Carril	Frank Gioffredo	Charlie Hatton
John Carril	Frank Gioffredo	Charlie Hatton	754-5262
642-3579	748-9858	754-5262	
748-7026	687-5237	748-2933	
687-5237	754-5279	786-0995	
732-687-7970	607-222-0588	786-0995	
607-222-0588	607-206-0928	732-687-7970	
607-206-0928	*Matt Kopl	786-0995	
*Matt Kopl	call Dad	732-687-7970	
call Dad		732-687-7970	

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.

Drivers - please coordinate with helpers for mowing times

Crews - (drivers & helpers) are responsible for switching dates with others if they are unable to work on their scheduled date(s). Please keep me informed of any switches in crews.

Please let me know when mowing has been completed or if you encounter any problems.

Todd Kopl

Mowing List Coordinator (Acting)
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JUNE PROGRAM

UAV OPERATION