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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON:  
MONDAY July 6th 6:30 P.M at the AGS Field**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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*The Prez Sez*

Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Just a reminder, the next club meeting is at the field. It's difficult to contact everyone in the club the day of the meeting IF we were to cancel it due to poor weather. Therefore, use your own judgment as to whether or not you're going to attend. I'll always be up there "just in case". Last month, it was raining in Endicott, but just overcast and windy up at the field. If you can, come up early and get a few flights in before the meeting! Same meeting start time, 6:30 pm.

In my line of work, we are asked to perform services such as bridge and roof inspections. This can involve scissor lifts, safety harnesses, and other OSHA recommended safety gear. It typically involves several staff as you have two people at the roof or under the bridge doing the inspection and one person maintaining safety standards on the ground or the roadway of the bridge. A few months ago, we discussed internally at my office of getting certified to use a quadcopter drone to perform these services. During this discussion, we found out that there is a firm in the Albany area which currently uses a drone. Since they are not officially certified, they do not charge their Clients to use the drone or bill them for the videos they develop. They provide this as a free service.

Last week, I found out that this same firm has submitted paperwork to be certified. If they become certified, I plan on using them for a project I'm currently working on at the Greater Binghamton Health Center. They would be able to add a thermal imaging unit to the drone and we can visually inspect, from the safety of the ground, the entire roof. The use of drones to provide specific engineering services could be a real benefit to my industry.

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## Coming Events

### AGS Meeting

July 6th 6:30 PM  
AGS Field

### Family Picnic

July 18th 5:00 PM  
AGS Field

### Pylon Race # 6

July 21st 6:30 PM  
AGS Field

## **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.

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Thank you for all of the positive comments regarding my initial effort in publishing last month's Connector. I appreciate the support and greatly appreciate any and all contributions from our membership. Whether you're an expert or new to the hobby, we all have an equal voice in what we would like to see in our club newsletter.

Did you know all of us in the AGS have something in common with the winner of this year's Indianapolis 500! In an era of specialization in auto racing, Juan Pablo Montoya is a throwback to the days of Mario Andretti or A.J. Foyt. Montoya, or JPM as he's known, has won the Indy 500 twice (out of only 3 attempts), has won F-1 races around the world, NASCAR races, and the 24 hour Daytona sports car race 3 times.

JPM is a tiger on the racetrack, but for relaxation he's an avid RC modeler and AMA member. Montoya flies giant scale warbirds, jets, helicopters, gliders, you name it... he enjoys all aspects of RC flying. Living in Miami with his wife Connie and 3 children, he has year round flying available when he's not on the road. Older photo of JPM is shown below with (I believe) the FMS importer, looks like he had one of everything! Today Montoya is affiliated with Horizon Hobbies so he flies all the E-Flight & Hangar 9 stuff w/ Spektrum DX 18's.

Maybe it would be fun if some of you sent in stories of other "celebrities" that are RC modelers. **Submitted by - Scott Wallace, Newsletter Editor**



## AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 811

Date: 6/1/2015

Place: AGS Field

THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE AT THE FIELD.

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order

Guests: None were present.

The club welcomed out newest associate member, Ron Sprague. Ron is retired from IBM and is looking forward to many hours of RC fun. Welcome aboard Ron.

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Bob Jennings gave the treasures report. Details are available from Bob.

BOB meeting minutes from 5-11-15 were read by Ray. Key points; Tri Cities Airport day has been rescheduled for Sept 12/13, BOD established a family dish to share picnic for Sat July, 18, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

Frank Gioffredo reported the last 2 pylon races were canceled. One due to weather and the second due to lack of helpers. The next race is scheduled for Tuesday June 23. If this race is canceled, Frank is considering the cancellation of the racing season.

Scott Wallace was complimented on his first publication of the Connector after becoming our new editor.

Field mowing and equipment; Please make sure after you have mowed the field, there is gas on hand for the next week. If gas is needed it should be purchased and bills submitted to the Treasurer. Any problems with equipment should be reported to Frank and any maintenance performed must be entered into the equipment mowing log.

Field Gate and Lock; we have several reports of the gate not being closed and the lock combination not being scrambled. We need to be sure the field is secured after flying sessions. If vandals can get access to our buildings we could sustain considerable property damage.

Rick Allabaugh is still working with a local supplier for AGS hats. Price is projected at \$12 -\$15 each. More information at the next meeting.

The Binghamton Aeros have invited AGS members to participate in their annual event weekend in Aug. 8 & 9, 2015, at the Chenango Bridge Airport.

Scott Wallace brought his latest project to share. 1952 deBolt Live Wire Senior. The airplane was scratch build by Scott and covered using traditional methods of fabric and dope. This airplane is for the VRCS events and leisure flying. If you read Scott's article in the Connector you know about Scott's family history of this design.

**Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary**

### Field News - submitted by Todd Kopl

Here's our current mowing list, there have been a few changes so please check to see when you're scheduled:

AGS 2015 Mowing List		
Weekend	Primary	Assistant
May 9	Bob Noll	John Carril
May 16	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton
May 23	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo
May 30	Bob Johnson	Don Green
Jun 6	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl
Jun 13	Brent Bryson	Mark Lecher
Jun 20	Charlie Brown	Ray Phillips
Jun 27	Jim Quinn	Nick Orwan
Jul 4	Scott Wallace	Scott Sinnett
Jul 11	Harold Peeling	Stan Driggs
Jul 18	Rick Allabaugh	Neil Hunt
Jul 25	Bill Green	John Carril
Aug 1	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton
Aug 8	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo
Aug 15	Bob Johnson	Don Green
Aug 22	Tom Kopl	Todd Kopl
Aug 29	Brent Bryson	Mark Lecher
Sep 5	Charlie Brown	Ray Phillips
Sep 12	Jim Quinn	Nick Orwan
Sep 19	Scott Wallace	Scott Sinnett
Sep 26	Harold Peeling	Stan Driggs
Oct 3	Rick Allabaugh	Neil Hunt
Oct 10	Bill Green	John Carril
Oct 17	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton
Oct 24	Frank Gioffredo	Derek Gioffredo

## **Thank you and a VRCS Update- submitted by Bob Noll**

Thanks to all who sent me get well cards and prayed for me. The cut flowers I received several weeks ago are still surviving.



I'm finishing my 2nd round of chemotherapy at Wilson for my lymphoma cancer. I expect to be discharged this afternoon, Saturday June 20.

I want to especially thank Scott Wallace and Ray Phillips for volunteering to organize the VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion for me. As Scott said in an e-mail to me, "I know how important this event is to you and we want to help". I will remain the Contest Director but Scott and Ray will take over the preliminary planning and operations at the event including our Friday evening gathering at Mario's Pizza in Owego and our Saturday evening banquet at the Owego Treadway Inn. This VRCS event has been the largest event hosted by the AGS over the past several years and I am expecting that to continue for 2015.

**Editor's Note:** Dates for this year's event are September 5 - 6 at the AGS field, even if you're not a vintage RC enthusiast, it's well worthwhile to come on out and watch our history take flight. Saturday is the busiest flying day and you'll see interesting models in the air all day long.

## **AGS Pylon Racing 2015 Report - submitted by Frank Gioffredo**

I have cancelled the next three Pylon Races. I have had a bit of a problem getting racers and helpers to the field. I have commitment from the five available racers to run a short season picking up on the 21 of July. Todd Kopl and I will be calling members to generate a helper list. Pylon racing has been a long tradition in the AGS and we would hate to see it disappear. Dates are posted in the AGS calendar but if you are not sure they are the second and fourth Tuesday of the month other than the last 2 races are on Sunday afternoons. Please consider helping and make a better finish to our season. Also we have decided we will do a cook out at the field and offer to help anyone who needs assistance with plane set ups or flying, (not pylon planes unless you want to give that a try) as the helper.

## **AGS Family Picnic Reminder- submitted by AGS Board**

A reminder that the Family Picnic is planned for Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at the AGS Field, 5:00 start time. Please RSVP to Ray Phillips you haven't done so already. Last year was a lot of fun and had a great turnout, it is hoped this year's event will have a similar level of success.

## **AGS Aerobatics Contest- submitted by Frank Gioffredo**

The Aero Guidance Society's 60th Consecutive running Aerobatics Contest is soon upon us. This is a milestone event; I believe no other contest can boast such a long running event. We will be holding the contest on August 29 and 30. I will be at the July meeting to begin recruiting help for that weekend. I would like to use club judging again for the Sportsman, Intermediate, and Advanced classes. If you would be interested in Judging please let me know. I will be sending out prize requests soon. It has been well received the past couple of years by the attendees. I am hoping for a better turnout than the recent past has provided. We have moved off the Neat Fair weekend, and I am hopeful this may improve our attendance. A slight down side to this is the Dick's Open has been moved to this weekend as well, bogging down local hotels, hopefully not a problem.

Please plan on attending and helping out even if you can only work one day or the other. I will discuss more at the meeting and begin asking for signups. Thank You!

## **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2015**

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
Pylon Race 1 Cancelled	May 12, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 2 Cancelled	May 26, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 3 Cancelled	June 9, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 4 Cancelled	June 23, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 5 Cancelled	July 7, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 6	July 21, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Pylon Race 7	August 11, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Family Picnic	July 18, 5:00 PM	AGS Board
Pylon Race 8	August 25, 6:30 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Aerobatics Contest	August 28, 29, & 30	Frank Gioffredo (CD)
VRCS Reunion	September 5 & 6	Bob Noll (CD)
Pylon Race 9	September 6, 4:00 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Model Aviation Day (will be held at Tri Cities Airport)	Sept 12 Time TBD (Rain date Sept 13)	TBD
Float Fly	TBD	TBD
Pylon Race 10	September 13, 4:00 pm	Frank Gioffredo
Field Winterization	TBD	TBD

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

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
STARS 38 <sup>th</sup> Annual Rally	July 11-12	www.rcstars.org
Binghamton Aeros Giant Scale Fly-In Chenango Bridge, NY	August 8-9	Anthony Jensen tjraven@frontier.net
Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome WWI & Golden Age Fly-In Rhinebeck, NY	Sept 12-13	TBD
NEAT Fair Downsville, NY	Set 18-20	www.neatfair.org

**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 [wallaceaero1@aol.com](mailto:wallaceaero1@aol.com) for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

With our 60<sup>th</sup> consecutive Aerobatics Contest approaching, here's a look at popular pattern competition models from years gone by - a 1950's Astro Hog, a 1960's Kwik Fli (with Phil Kraft), the 1970's represented by Hanno Prettner's Curare, and from the 1980's was the beautiful Aurora.



# JULY PROGRAM



## *Field Rules & Safety Discussion*



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