



The CONNECTOR

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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
MONDAY Nov 2nd 6:45PM at THE ENDICOTT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez

Submitted by Frank Gioffredo

Well here we go. First I would like to thank our outgoing president Rick Allabaugh for his past two years of service to the AGS and taking care of a lot of difficult issues the club had been facing. Rick and the Board worked us through some really tough financial issues and I appreciate that it was not left for the new administration to resolve. I am sure we will encounter a few bumps along the way but we will do our best to keep business moving along smoothly. I would also like to thank Charlie Brown, Ray Phillips, and Bob Jennings for staying on in their current positions, Tom Kopl will finish out his term as BMAL and we welcome Stan Driggs as a BMAL as well. Rick will stay as past president to keep us in line.

I would like to try and keep the business to a minimum at the general membership meetings, hence I would ask if you have business related ideas that you come to a board meeting and present them to the board where we can discuss them and then present them to the membership. All members are welcome at board meeting and this is where business should be done. We (the board) are going to be working very hard to bring the fun back into the AGS, one thing is to bolster our show and tell so if you have something to talk about or even questions on a project bring them to a meeting. We have a wealth of talented people in our group and most are willing to share their ideas with us. Tom Kopl is also staying on as program chairman so look for some interesting programs this year. If you have program ideas let Tom know also let him know if you can do a program.

Winter activities are fast approaching, no I'm not just talking about the building season. We will be hosting three outdoor winter sessions, New Year's Day, a Mid-Winter Fly, and a Spring Fling. We will be contacting Doug Breneman to gain use of the BC United Soccer fields again this season. We also will be inviting the other clubs in the area to attend. All events will require a five dollar landing fee to offset insurance and food expense. Hope for mild weather for all three days. And bring a friend, be a friend, or make a friend.

As most know we will be meeting at the Endicott Library for the winter months start time will be 6:45 and we should try to be wrapping up around 8:30 and out by 8:45. All meetings fall on the first Monday of the month. Weather closings are always possible; we will use the phone tree for other emergency necessities. I am sure I should be touching on a hundred other things but my mind is a scramble. Hope to see you at the meeting. Thanks Frank

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.

Coming Events

AGS Meeting

November 2nd 6:45 PM
Endicott Municipal Library

AGS Field Winterization

November 7th 12:00 PM
AGS Field

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AGS Officers:

President: Frank Gioffredo (A-C)

Vice President: Charlie Brown (D-H)

Secretary: Ray Phillips (I-L)

Treasurer: Bob Jennings (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

(S-Z) Tom Kopl

Stan Driggs

Past President: Rick Allabaugh

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Charlie Brown

Program: Tom Kopl

Activities: Open

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Don Green

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Frank Gioffredo

Librarian: Frank Gioffredo

Newsletter: Scott Wallace

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

I was saddened to learn of George Brook's passing; George's contribution to the growth of RC in this area was almost immeasurable. More than just the owner of the local hobby shop, George was just one of the good people you encounter in life that makes a positive difference.

When I was just a kid back in the 1960's my dad used to take me to George's basement operation run from his home. There we could examine some of the neat kits, engines, and radios I would see in the magazines. All of my meager allowance back then was seemingly spent on Comet or Guillows kits.

As George's business grew, the shop moved often - to Washington Ave in Endicott, then over by UE High School, and eventually to Vestal. By the early 1980's I was stationed in Texas and was flying FF and CL and while fun it was mainly as that's all I could afford.

Every time I came home to visit always included a trip to GJs and finally around 1985 I had saved enough to buy a Goldberg Jr Falcon kit, Cox .049 and Futaba 2 channel radio. George saw what I had on the counter and said something like that combo would fly OK but was far from ideal, to which I explained I couldn't afford a 4 channel radio and bigger model. He pulled a Sig Kadet Jr kit from the shelf, and then a K&B 19 and Futaba 4 channel radio from behind the counter and magically it all rang up about the same price. George said the K&B 19 wasn't popular anymore and Futaba had come out with a new line of radios and this was one of the prior models...true or not I knew he made me a great deal, and I've been active in RC ever since.

The small town hobby shop where one could learn and interact with fellow modelers is I guess a thing of the past now but I'm grateful to have grown up in a time when people like George and his lovely wife Phoebe ran not just a business but provided a service that supported modelers and local clubs alike. The growth and success of the AGS through the 1960's - 2000 was helped in no small part by the contributions of George Brooks and his hobby shop.

CAUTION: 72 MHz Channel #42 Must Not Be Used at the AGS Field

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AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 815

Date: Oct 5, 2015

Place: Endicott Municipal Library

Guests: Justin Rider (guest of Neil Hunt)

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Ray read the BOD minutes of 9/14/2015.

Bob Jennings gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Bob. Bob presented year end data from the last 4 years showing 2012 and 2013 operating cost exceeded the annual AGS income and years 2014 and 2015 the income was more than the expenses.

Tom Kopl reported he has people to make information presentations for 2 AGS meetings.

The field winterization is scheduled for Sat Nov 7 at noon.

Former AGS member Bill Murray of Carrollton, TX, has requested to be reinstated as a member. Charlie Brown presented this application to the membership and Bill was voted in. Welcome back Bill.

Frank Gioffredo reported the last AGS pylon race was canceled due to lack of workers. This was the last race of the season. Next year's season will be planned for 8 vs. 10 races and the races will be conducted on weekday evenings.

Bob Noll presented the club with a \$200 donation check from the VRCS. This is in appreciation for the AGS hosting the annual Spirit of Selinsgrove event.

Rick presented the slate of officers and the BOD for the 2015-2016 seasons. A motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. The membership voted and approved. The officers / BOD for 2015-2016 are:

President: Frank Gioffredo

Vice President: Charlie Brown

Secretary: Ray Phillips

Treasurer: Bob Jennings

Board Member at Large: Tom Kopl (2nd term)

Board Member at Large: Stan Driggs (1st term)

Past President: Rick Allabaugh

Jeff Hatton gave a demonstration of his FPV Vapor. The aircraft has a small camera on board and the pilot can

wear FPV goggles. This is one RC airplane you need to sit in a chair while flying. Anyone that is subject to motion sickness or vertigo, beware.

Due to members commenting about full scale aircraft operation in the vicinity of the AGS field, Ray Phillips gave a presentation on actions being investigated with Tri Cities Airport management and informed the members about full scale flight paths, airspace and instrument approach procedures that are conducted near our field. Members should know that all manned aircraft have the right of way over unmanned aircraft. There has been no full scale near miss or accident reports for the last 40 years at our field. One of the key concerns is the fact the full scale pilot have no knowledge of our field and operations.

Bob Noll displayed the 2005 AMA President Award that was present to the AGS in recognition of 50 years of dedication to model aircraft. Bob keeps this plaque at his house for safe keeping. He also showed an AGS club history book that was published by the members and read a poem that was written by a previous member's wife.

On sad closing note, Bob Noll reported George Brooks passed away on Aug 31, 2015 in Andalusia, AL. George was 89 years old and was living with his grandson, Mike Finley. A sympathy card has been sent to Mike from the club.

George J. Brooks (January 16, 1926 - August 31, 2015) Mr. George J. Brooks, age 89, of Andalusia, passed away Sunday, August 31, 2015 at his residence.

A visitation for Mr. Brooks will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 from 6-8 PM at Foreman Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Phoebe Brooks of Andalusia; daughter, Cheryl Finley of Ft. Walton Beach, FL; grandsons, Mike (Kandise) Finley of Andalusia and Robert Finley of Los Angeles, CA; granddaughter, Michelle (Mark) Ray of Gulf Breeze, FL; 5 great grandchildren, Kristen Finley of Andalusia, Camber Finley of Gulf Breeze, FL, Courtney Finley of Auburn, Rilee Kennedy of Gulf Breeze, FL, and Jase Kennedy of Gulf Breeze, FL; and 1 great-great grandchild, special caregivers are Tammy Harrison, Stephanie Kelley, and Jameka Ward.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests for donations be made to the Comfort Care Hospice in memory of George Brooks. Those unable to attend the services may sign the guest registry online at www.foremanfuneralhome.com.

Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary

Field News - submitted by Todd Kopl

Field Winterizing is planned for Saturday Nov. 7th at noon with a rain date of Sunday Nov. 8th (same time).

November's Club Program – by Bob Noll and Scott Wallace

Did you know that on October 8, 2015 the Smithsonian in Washington DC accepted for display an exact replica of one of the earliest successful RC models? Yes, a 1952 Hal deBolt Live Wire Trainer (replica built by Beppe Fascione and featured a ground based radio transmitter) will soon be on display at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. This is a marvelous tribute to one of RC's founding fathers, Hal deBolt.



Beppe's replica Live Wire Trainer

Our November program will feature a show and tell focusing on deBolt's efforts in the 1950's to develop RC from its infancy to a point where "average" modelers could actually successfully build and fly a model under radio control. We'll have our own replicas of several of deBolt's most influential models on display as well as period radio equipment and engines to set the tone.

For the club old timers this will be a fun evening of nostalgia but for our newer members this will be very insightful program to learn about the effort and dedication needed 60 years ago to become an RC flier.

Update on Government Regulations from the AMA - submitted by Scott Wallace

I'm sure many of you saw or read about last Monday's press conference with the Dept. of Transportation and FAA discussing among other things the issue of government regulation/registration of "drones" which has cause a lot of concern among AMA members.

The following is a quote (used with permission) from AMA's Dave Mathewson on the subject of government

regulations and the AMA's position:

"There's a lot of misinformation floating around as a result of Monday's press conference. AMA certainly doesn't, and will not, support registration for traditional model aircraft. In fact, it's highly unlikely that DOT is considering that either. But there may be a threshold where we believe registration for some sUAS is appropriate. While that threshold is still being defined, it may be tied to the technological capabilities of the platform. AMA has been invited to participate on the task force and it's in our member's best interest that we do that for at least two reasons. One we want to be positioned to offer good suggestions on the issue and, maybe more importantly, we need to have a voice on that panel to protect the interests of our members."

AGS RAFFEL

Thanks to a donation from Bob Noll, the club will be raffling off a Real Flight 7.5 simulator. The rules are as follows:

1. Tickets will only be sold at the AGS general membership meetings.
2. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10.
3. Tickets will be sold starting at the November meeting through the April meeting.
4. Members must purchase tickets in person.
5. The drawing will be held at the end of the April 2016 meeting.
6. The winner need not be present to win, but must pick up the prize at a following meeting.

For more information about the prize visit:
<http://www3.towerhobbies.com/cgi-bin/wti0001p?&I=LXERVF&P=7>

"WingInIt" with Warbird - submitted by Charlie Brown

Hello pilots, welcome back and hope that you got some moments this month in your busy schedules to have some fun with your birds in the waning days of the fall foliage before the flying season soon comes to almost a stand still. I cannot believe the flying time is almost all gone, but in retrospect it was a very good year. I had 4 new craft maiden flights of my own this year plus close

to a dozen other club members' aircraft all without incidence. I also was fortunate this year to be able to provide a lot of advice and guidance to others to help them achieve higher levels of confidence in elevating their flying skills. And my personal 10 year old boy grinning best achievement for this year (to date) was to achieve almost 60 hrs. of flight time. To put that in perspective a little bit for you, my electrics average about 8 minutes per flight which is like 7 flights per hour. My actual number of flights was close to 420 sorties. Whaaaaaaat.....!!!!!! Like I said, it was a very good year.

So now as I start my second term as your club VP there is one thing that I have on my mind that I would like to share. I am sure that you have probably seen this comedian, political commentator, media critic and host of HBO's political talk show Real Time with Bill Maher and if not, oh well. Anyways, he always has a segment towards the end of his show called "New Rules" and I have of recent adopted that saying for one specific perspective regarding this clubs future and that is "New Rule – We are here for the FUN". In my travels during my first term as VP, I uncovered a lot of negative perception concerning the reputation of this club and it was very disconcerting because of things done in the past and a primary reason for membership reduction. The reasons and details of why are not important but what is important is the fact that I made commitments to people/clubs that this club is about the fun of flying model aircraft.....period. One of my intentions going into 2016 is to have a fun-fly day with a theme oriented around "warbirds" but open to all aircraft. I want to invite pilots from other surrounding clubs as well as non-club (AMA sanctioned) park flyers to come and have a wonderful day of flying and comradery at our phenomenal facility. I got this idea after attending the Biplanes over Ithaca event whereas it was just a really great fun day. There was no landing fees charged, free hotdogs and drink (donation accepted) and no competition what so ever, just fun flying airplanes and a lot of pilot talk (war stories/BS) about planes. I'd like to know what you think, give me call or talk to me during a general membership meeting or even attend a board meeting and tell your Board of Directors what's on your mind.

One last thought for this month's submission to the Connector deals with my zeal about being a foamie convert. During this flying season I have noticed that some of the major foam ARF (PNF) manufactures have been getting pretty aggressive in the pricing structure of new model releases to the point of getting out of reach of the average modeler which has been kind of disparaging

to my excitement of new airframe additions to the fleet. Now there is always two sides to a pancake and I am still filled with boyhood excitement for my fleet expansion because as of recent I have seen some balsa ARF manufactures stepping up to the plate by making electric friendly(battery hatches and motor mounts) models that are less than half the price of the foamies. The balsa ARF's usually requires all electricals be added(not PNF) which I just figured on a Phoenix models Spitfire can still be completed for \$50-75 less than a comparable foamie. So it looks that I'm swinging back to old school practices and will be adding to my fleet another 8th scale balsa bird on the 75 year anniversary of Britain's leader of the RAF fighter command, the Supermarine Spitfire. I just had to get it to keep my FW-190 in check and should have it in my hands before the next club meeting!! See ya all there.

With best regards,
Warbird

Aviation Day – submitted by Stan Driggs

This summer our field hosted an Aviation Day event for Boy Scout Troop 225. About a dozen scouts and leaders camped out on the field Saturday night, and then participated in a training event on Sunday where they learned about the basics of RC flight and then tried their hand at piloting with an instructor.

I wish to thank all the club members who donated their time and energy to make this event such a success. We had many pilots bring aircraft for display, conduct demonstration flights, and/or instruct the scouts flying a trainer with a buddy box. In fact, every member that I contacted about the event willingly volunteered to help, which was extremely gratifying. Your support made this a great experience for the scouts, who all had a fun time. Hopefully we can expand this event next year.





AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2015-2016

ACTIVITY	DATE	CHAIRMAN
Field Winterization	November 7 th 12:00 PM	Todd Kopl
Field Winterization (Rain Date)	November 8 th 12:00 PM	Todd Kopl
Christmas Party	TBD	TBD
New Year's Day Fly	Jan 1, 2016	Rick Allabaugh

Other RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact
WRAMS RC Trade show	TBD February 2016	TBD

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 for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector

NOVEMBER PROGRAM



One of RC's founding fathers - Hal deBolt



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