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## THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY Dec 7th 6:30 P.M at the Endicott Municipal Library

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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*The Prez Sez*

Submitted by Frank Gioffredo

Here we are, already the end of November, Thanksgiving now behind us and Christmas ever closer. That means our Holiday party is here our next meeting will host the members and families party. Please plan to come Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30 PM in the lower meeting room of the Endicott library, bring a dish to pass and share in some food and fun while enjoying some social time with the other families. Bill Green has taken on the pizza acquisitions and will party up the room for us. Thanks Bill. Hope to see everyone there.

I hope everyone has made their wish list for Santa for all those new goodies. Maybe we will see some of those new toys at the New Year's Day Fly to be held at the BC United Soccer fields. Rick Allabaugh will be hosting and should have more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

I am hoping to actually spend some time building this winter and am going to be starting a Sig Smith Mini-Plane and possibly an Aerobatics plane called Impact designed by Jason Schulman around, 2005 little older design but capable for my needs. I hope everyone will bring their newest projects to show.

That's about all I have for now, see you all at the party.

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 December Meeting (Holiday Party)

December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM  
Endicott Muni Library

#### New Year's Day Fly

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 AM  
BC United Soccer Fields

#### AGS January Meeting

January 4<sup>th</sup> 6:45 PM  
Endicott Muni Library

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**Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

With Thanksgiving behind us we all focus on Christmas or the “Holidays” as is politically correct these days. I hope everyone finds health and happiness in the coming New Year and that the Holiday season is spent enjoying time with family and friends. When I was younger I might wish for a new radio, kit, or engine for Christmas – I think this year I would really just like people to treat each other well and with respect in our everyday lives.

I am making progress with my winter builds. The nice weather in November allowed me time to paint and finish a deBolt Champ which I’ll bring in for show & tell in January. I have a Sig Hog biplane covered and ready to paint in the spring, with a nice new OS 4 stroke engine for it. Also have 50% framed up an Ace RC Bingo 40 for Frank. So one aircraft done, two in process...but two more models as yet un-started.

Realistically I doubt I’ll get all five models done but I’ll try.

**HELP! - submitted by Scott Wallace**

The Connector is a bit skimpy this month, please send me input or at least ideas. This is your newsletter and without member submissions it isn’t really very valuable.

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## AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 816

Date: Nov 2, 2015

Place: Endicott Municipal Library

Guests: None

President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order.

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved as published.

Ray read the minutes of the 10/12/2015 BOD meeting. Jeff Hatton will oversee the posts on the AGS Facebook site.

A memorial plaque for George Brooks has been mounted in the AGS field pavilion.

Bob Jennings gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Bob. A few members still owe dues for the 2015-2016 seasons.

Ron Sprague was voted in as a full AGS member.

Todd Kopl will be overseeing the field winterization at Noon on sat 7 Nov 2015.

Todd Kopl was the winner of the 2015 Pylon races. A thank you party for the workers is scheduled for 7:00 PM at Nov 10, 2015, Kristopher's.

A group headed by Charlie Brown cleared several trees from the approach end of RW 24. Thanks guys for all the hard work.

Frank reported the 2015 AGS Pattern Contest returned a profit of \$345.

The annual Holiday Party will be during the next regular club meeting on Monday 7 Dec, 2015, at 6:30 PM. This will be a dish to pass and the AGS will be providing Pizza and Sodas. All members and guests are welcome to attend. Bill Green is hosting this event.

Three flying event are scheduled for 2016 at the BC field:

New Year's Day 1 Jan, 2016 at 10:00, event chairperson is Rick Allabaugh.

Winter Fly Sat 7 Feb, 2016, event chairperson is Neil Hunt.

Spring Fling Fly Sat 13 Mar, 2016, event chairperson Jim Quinn.

The BOD meetings for the 2015 - 2016 season will be on Wednesday evenings, the week following the regular club meetings. BOD meetings start at 6:30 PM.

Bob Noll showed the AGS "Retro" 50th AGS anniversary airplane. Reports are it looked better on our logo than it flew. The addition of ailerons did improve the flight characteristics.

Gibb Vandling displayed a bottle of Champagne that was signed by AGS members during the 50th anniversary.

Bob Noll reported he is now cancer free and looking forward to the 2016 flying season. Bob did have one RC flight in 2015 to keep his continuous flying record intact.

Bob Noll and Scott Wallace gave a very informative talk on Harold deBolt's contributions to the RC hobby. Lindbergh flight in 1927 stimulated much interest in airplanes, both large and small. Harold started flying free flights and then control line airplanes. He founded the DMECO Company, located in Buffalo, in the 1950's that designed and sold kits. Kits of the day sold for less than a Happy Meal at McDonalds today. Harold was not only a kit manufacture, but he also was a contest competitor. He was a regular at AGS contests. Many of the elements of RC airplanes that we take for granted today were pioneered by Harold deBolt. These include sheet balsa construction, adjustable control rod ends, clunk type fuel tanks, strip ailerons, aluminum landing gear and retractable landing gear.

The deBolt Champ was the most popular model ever produced. In just about every trainer, you can see the outline of the Champ. Every year in June, there is a VRCS event in Rochester celebrating Harold deBolt's contributions to model aircraft aviation and the RC hobby. A replica of a deBolt Live Wire Trainer has been donated to the National Air and Space Museum. This model is an accurate replica built from deBolt's plans with period radio, escapement, engine and fuel system. One interesting note that was included in these early RC kits was a statement to not touch the transmitter during test flights.

**Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary**

**New Year's Day Fly - submitted by Scott Wallace for Rick Allabaugh**

With the mild weather so far this fall/winter we can only hope it continues for the traditional AGS New Year's Day Fly. Location is the BC United Soccer Fields and the start time is 10:00 running until 1:00 or so. It's a great way to kick off the 2016 and even if you aren't up to flying in the cold please stop out and spread some good cheer.

In the past we've seen balmy weather with calm winds, gale force winds and rain, or snow and cold. If you're planning to fly be ready to equip your model for wheels, skis, or floats!

**Identify Your Toys - submitted by Ray Phillips**

As you are all aware, the FAA has a group developing the registration requirements for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. They plan to have this in place before the Christmas sales. The last information that has been released looks like registration will be required for UAV's of 9 oz or more. They are still using the term "drone". So, we will just have to wait to see how this affects traditional radio controlled airplanes.

But, all AGS members are AMA members. The AMA National Model Aircraft Safety Code requires all aircraft to be identified. Section 2 (f) of the AMA safety code states "Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors)."

At one time, nearly every kit came with an official AMA identification card. This card may not be practical for some of the popular small electric aircraft and I do not know if these are still available. But, to follow the AMA Safety code you must identify your aircraft. This can be a simple strip of tape inside the model with your AMA number. Having your name, address and contact information is a good idea if you want the model returned if it becomes lost.

Are all your toys identified?

**Field News - submitted by Todd Kopl**

Nothing at press time

**"WingInIt" with Warbird - submitted by Charlie Brown**

Nothing at press time

**Club meeting programs ideas/presenters needed – submitted by Scott Wallace**

Bob Noll & I had a lot of fun researching and presenting the November program which detailed some of Hal deBolt's contributions to RC in the 1950's and 60's. For December the club program will take a break as the Holiday Party is the focus. Right now we have Bob Noll planning to do a program on the very early RC radio systems in the next month or so but I'm sure Tom Kopl would welcome your suggestions for future programs. Better yet, pick a modeling topic you're interested in a present a program. Last month was the first one I did and it was fun and not difficult at all. One doesn't have to be an expert or long time modeler to do an interesting program.

If there's any interest I may consider doing a program on what's new in radios and help clarify the 'alphabet soup' of acronyms the various radio manufacturers use to define their 2.4 GHz protocols. Possibly focus on the pros and cons of the basic 6 channel entry level radios on the market. There are a lot of nice entry level radios available these days at reasonable prices but some are excellent and some not so much. I do recommend a newcomer or even someone experienced that just wants a new radio buy at least a 6 channel set, the 4 and 5 channel sets I've seen lately seem cheaply made. George Brooks used to tell me 'buy cheap, buy twice' and there's some wisdom in that statement.

## **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2015-2016**

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
Holiday Party Endicott Municipal Library	Monday Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> 2015 starts at 6:30	Bill Green
New Year's Day Fly BC United Soccer Fields	Friday Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 2016 10:00-1:00	Rick Allabaugh
Annual Winter Fly BC United Soccer Fields	Sat Feb 7 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Neil Hunt
Annual Spring Fly BC United Soccer Fields	Sat Mar 13 <sup>th</sup> 2016	Jim Quinn

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

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<i>WRAMs Trade Show Meadowlands Expo Center, Secaucus, NJ</i>	<i>Feb 26-28, 2016</i>	<i>TBD</i>

**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.**

# DECEMBER PROGRAM



## *Annual Holiday Party*



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