

# The **CONNECTOR**

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

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez

Submitted by Frank Gioffredo

Nothing at press time

**Editor's note:** Guys – be sure to attend the next club meeting on June  $6^{th}$ . Open flying for all before the meeting, some come out early and bring a model or two to fly.

Program portion of the meeting will be show and tell for the models that made flights prior to the meeting, so we should have an interesting variety of aircraft .

Also, don't forget pylon race #2 is Tuesday evening May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Brent Bryson and lend your support if possible.

# 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**

#### Pylon Race #2

Tuesday May 31st 6:30 AGS Field

#### AGS June Meeting

Monday June 6th 6:30 PM AGS Field

#### Pylon Race #3

Tuesday June 14th 6:30 AGS Field

#### Pylon Race #4

Tuesday June 28th 6:30 AGS Field The Aeroguidance Society, Inc. P.O. Box 39 Vestal, NY 13850-0039

**AGS Officers:** 

President: Frank Gioffredo (A-C)

Vice President: Charlie Brown (D-H)

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**Board Members at Large:** 

Tom Kopl (S-Z)

Stan Driggs

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**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

Webmaster: Brent Bryson/Jeff Hatton

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

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

#### **Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

Having finished looking through the latest edition of Model Aviation I believe the AMA should just go ahead now and change its name to the "American Multirotor Association"!

My winter building season is nearing completion. Model #3 is a deBolt Champ (shown below), and I'm happy to report the test flights went great and it is my new favorite vintage aircraft.



Model #4 is the WW2 RAF Hurricane which should be flying soon. Model #5 is now done, a Sig Hog bipe done up like an early 1930's style biplane:



Sadly, an important lesson was re-learned on the maiden flight. Stick to the test plan and don't improvise! Flat spins look cool but with insufficient recovery altitude the end result isn't quite as pretty. It's repairable <sup>(C)</sup>

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#### **AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 822

Date: May 2, 2016

Place: Endicott Municipal Library

President Frank Gioffredo called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

Bob Jennings gave the Treasurer's report. Details are available from Bob.

Todd Kopl will be making additional repairs at the field. The flight line pavilion is long overdue for some work.

Frank Gioffredo is continuing to get the X-Mark ready for the season; air filter, spark plugs and tires are planned.

The field opening went well and many projects were completed. The finger food breakfast was exceptional. All AGS members need to go to the field and admire the fresh look of the tractor barn. Thanks to all those that turned out to help.

The change to the AGS by-laws was approved.

A new safety barrier will be built; it will incorporate a wind indicator. The barrier will be stationed at the runway intersections, but can be moved. Any member can use the barrier, but preference should be given to members who prefer to fly while sitting in a chair.

The new AGS road sign is up. Charlie's tractor did most of the heavy work. We hope to generate some interest of those who normally drive by.

Rick Allabaugh has the AGS tape library for those who are interested.

Jim Quinn started a discussion about eliminating landing fees at our off season flying events. These fees are part of the annual AGS budget and Jim's suggestions and comments from all the members will be considered when the budget for next season is developed.

Jeff Hatton displayed a Twisted Hobbies Racer series foam airplane kit. This design was suggested by Scott

Wallace as a one design electric pylon racer we could use to hold club races in 2017. Total cost without receiver is approx \$200. There was some discussion about if this was the only choice of models.

Jim Quinn showed his latest FPV airplane, Sky Hunter. Jim is learning how to fly FPV. He did say it is not as easy as it looks. If you see yourself in the goggles, you really need to get out of the way.

Tony Cammarata talked about materials and the process to make your own decals. This looks very interesting and very versatile. Contact Tony if you need more details.

Rick Allabaugh took a week off from work to fly. Unfortunately he crashed 2 airplanes due to radio problems. I am not sure if Rick would say the worst day at the field is better than the best day at work.

Neil Hunt reported the flight simulator he won in the AGS raffle is up and running.

Frank reviewed the AGS Field Rules and the AMA safety code. If you we not at the meeting, the AGS rules are available in the Members only section of our web site and the AMA code is available at the AMA web site.

As a reminder, the AGS field is 3.2 miles from Tri Cities Airport. ALL model radio controlled aircraft MUST give way to ALL man carrying aircraft. It is very important we maintain our 40+ years of safe operations

#### **Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary**

# All-Points Bulletin - the following items were lost recently at the AGS Field:

One red spinner, APC prop and collet, last seen going vertical at the top of a Humpty Bump in the vicinity of Pylon 1 at the south end of runway 6-24.

If found please contact Don Shugard.

#### AGS Field Report – submitted by Todd Kopl

Updated mowing list for upcoming month as follows:

MOWING LIST 2016						
Dates						
6/2-6/4	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl		
6/9-6/11	Brent	Bryson	Mark	Lecher		
6/16-6/18	Charlie	Brown	Ray	Phillips		
6/23-6/25	Jim	Quinn	Nick	Orwan		
6/30-7/2	Scott	Wallace	Scott	Sinnett		
7/7-7/9	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs		
7/14-7/16	Rick	Allabaugh	Neil	Hunt		

Please review the nice aerial view of the AGS field presented on page 5. This view is a clear illustration of areas to mow and where not to.

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## AGS Pylon Racing Report – submitted by Brent Bryson

Race #1 was held on May 17. The weather was excellent, and we got underway at a little after 6PM. There were just enough helpers to run the race with 2 spotters on each pylon. Five pilots attended but Jeff Hatton volunteered for starter flag duties since he was not yet back to 100%, and Rick Allabaugh's plane was not ready. So, with 3 pilots ready to race we held 3 heats with 2 racers in each heat.

In the first heat were Frank and myself. Frank came in first, and I managed to come in second place. In the second heat, Frank and Todd battled for first place. Todd's plane developed engine problems and he had to make an emergency landing prior to completing the race. Frank once again was victorious. Todd's engine problems persisted into the third race, which resulted in me losing my coveted last place position.

Following the race, Rick served up the BBQ hot dogs, cooked to perfection.

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

AGS Pylon Race #1 Results				
Place	Pilot	Points		
1	Frank Gioffredo	6		
2	Brent Bryson	5		
3	Todd Kopl	0		
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Many thanks to all who came and especially to the helpers who make the races possible.

The next race will be May 31 at 6:30pm.

## WingInIt with Warbird – submitted by Charlie Brown

Nothing at press time

#### Now I've seen it all – submitted by Scott Wallace

Maybe it comes with an AMA membership application!





AGS Field mowing guide

### **AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2016**

ACTIVITY / LOCATION	DATE	CHAIRMAN			
(AGS Field unless specified)					
AGS Pylon Race #3	June 14	Brent Bryson			
AGS Pylon Race #4	June 28	Brent Bryson			
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 12	Brent Bryson			
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 26	Brent Bryson			
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 9	Brent Bryson			
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 23	Brent Bryson			
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug 27-28	Frank Gioffredo			
VRCS Reunion	Sept 3-4	Bob Noll			
AGS Float Fly	TBD	TBD			

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

Event / Location	Date	Contact

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 <u>wallaceaero1@aol.com</u> for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.



### **Pre-Meeting Open Flying / Show and Tell**

