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## THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON Monday May 1st 6:45 P.M at the Endicott Library

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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### *The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh*

It's that time of year again! Flying season! I haven't heard too much about the existing field conditions, but I'm looking forward to getting up there for Field Opening. I told Todd that I'd be willing to cook breakfast once again this year. So come on up for pancakes, eggs, sausage, and oh yeah, work.

This year, I have three (3) planes ready for flying:

1. A profile Extra 260 given to me by Scott Wallace with an OS .46 engine that I bought at the swap meet in Lebanon, PA.
2. A CAP 232 given to me by my dad. This is a Kangke ARF that he bought years ago at the former WRAM show. I built it for him and installed on OS .61 FX. Plane has never flown so I'm excited to see what it can do.
3. My pylon racer. Which I crashed the first time I flew it. Wasn't ready for a V-Tail, but I know what I did wrong the first time.

However, the plane I'm REALLY looking forward to fly is the giant scale (86") PT-19 I bought from Neil Hunt. It's my first giant scale, my first gas powered plane (Zenoah G38), and my first plane with split flaps. My plan is to fly it this summer, then over the winter strip it down, clean it up, and provide a new cover job. I have to admit, I'm both excited, and somewhat nervous, to fly it. However, Neil has offered to be with me during my first flight. This is what makes this hobby exciting to me... the unknown of what to expect when you take off that first time. And the help that fellow club members are willing to give you to ensure a good first flight.

As always, I hope to see ya at the field for Field Opening and the next meeting!

### **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 May Meeting**

Mon May 1st  
6:45 PM Endicott Library

#### **AGS Pylon Race #1**

Tues May 16th  
6:00 AGS Field

#### **AGS Pylon Race #2**

Tues May 30th  
6:00 AGS Field

#### **For AGS field current weather info contact:**

BGM Automated  
Terminal Information  
System (ATIS)  
607- 729-8335

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Bill Green

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**Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace**

Seems to be an atmosphere of gloom and doom around the hobby at present, for example in the April edition of Model Aviation, Jay Smith (the man who writes "The Inside Loop") describes the state of the hobby as seen through the closing of multiple hobby shops and the lackluster participation of both manufacturers and consumers at the various trade shows and other events related to RC model flying.

With increasing government interest / intervention in our hobby it's easy to get a bit down but at least for us here in AGS-land spring has finally arrived, we own a fantastic flying site and we have the next six months to focus on flying our models, having fun and try and forget about all the rest... what will be will be.

For me the pressure is on. I've two kids graduating in a few months so there will be plenty of time & money expended getting them off to college. Add in two new airplanes to paint, finish, and test fly for VRCS events this summer, plus two Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) models I want to finish up for a contest in August, plus find time to practice for the classic pattern event. Not to mention another 5-6 models I've started and set aside for one reason or another that I really would like to finish one of these days...before I start on another half dozen kits I want to build and fly.

One thing we should be aware of is not alienating the rank and file sport flier amongst our membership. Owning our own property is wonderful and provides many benefits, but it is also a lot of work to maintain.

On top of maintaining the field, factor in for 2017 we will be having pylon races, a series of fun fly events, a classic pattern meet, the annual precision aerobatics contest and the vintage RC society event. Those events will take a fair bit of time out of the calendar that field isn't useable by a large portion of the membership.

I would urge the AGS Board use caution before we consider any additional events, our sport fliers are the backbone and worker bees of the club and give their valuable time to help maintain the facility and help out at events. **Let's think twice before tying up the flying field with anything more.**

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

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## **AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 832**

Date: April 3, 2017

Place: Endicott Library

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order.

Guests: None

The minutes as published in the Connector were approved.

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

Members were reminded field opening is set for 9:00 AM on April 29. If the field is too wet, Todd Kopl will notify members of status. It was also discussed the tractor need some brake maintenance.

Tom Kopl is looking for activities suggestions for club meetings.

Bob Noll reported the classic pattern classes are proceeding with good participation.

The AGS pattern contest has AMA sanction.

Jim Monaco is working on the AGS fun fly event.

The open by-laws changes were approved by the members.

Rick gave a quick report on the web site improvements.

We still need to develop the webmaster skills. We talked about the lack of Face book activity.

The main activity of the meeting was project night.

Bob Noll displayed a DeBolt Kitten built from an original DMECO kit. The covering is silk and dope. Power is .049 glow engine. Control is rudder only.

Bob Noll showed his recovered DeBolt Lie Wire Champion mark II. Covering is silk and dope with Veco .19 power. Controls are rudder, elevator and throttle.

Matthew Kopl with his Ultra Sport 60 built from a kit. OS 91 FS glow engine. Covering is Monokote, control is full house. You may have seen Matthew and his airplane in AMA Model Aviation.

Bob Noll repaired his Dominator Pylon Racer after a crash. Covering is Monokote with OS 40 power.

Tom Kopl brought his Great Planes Easy Sport 40 ARF. Thunder Tiger 46 power, covering is Monokote. Spektrum DX6 radio with Hitec servos.

Todd Kopl with his Great Planes Super Sky bolt ARF. Airplane features OS 91 FS and Monokote covering. This was Todd's 2016 birthday gift.

Charlie Brown had 2 war birds on display. Both were electric powered ARF's, a Phoenix SBD5 Dauntless Dive bomber and VQ JU-52 with 3 motors. Both of these airplanes use 4S 4000 mAh batteries featuring flaps and retractable landing gear.

I am sorry if I missed someone. Above are all the project sheets that were given to me.

**Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS 2016-17 Secretary**

**Reminder to all AGS members...Keep your AMA membership current.**

**AMA membership is an AGS requirement to remain a member in good standing.**



**New Futaba 16SZ Coming Soon – Looks Good!**

**AGS Field Report May 2017 – by Todd Kopl**

**Field opening this Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Rick is serving breakfast at 9:00 am, work to follow.**

As I sit here writing this field opening is imminently upon us and some work has already been taking place (see attached photos & captions). I've been up several times and was amazed at how quickly things dried out between April 9th & 14th. This may be old news by the time you read it but a significant amount of tree debris has blown down on the road. Matt & I removed a lot of it but I've changed the primary objective of field opening to debris clearing and brush removal at the end of runways.

**Please bring any equipment you have that can aid in this task (chain saws, brush cutters, etc.).** Many hands make light work they say, hope to see you on the 29th. Bring a plane if you wish...flying starts when the work is done. Please feel free to send me pictures of any field projects and I'll get them published.



**Bob Jennings rolling the field**

**Mowing List**

Attached is the updated mowing list. If anyone feels they are not able to participate this year please contact me and I will adjust the list. **New this year I'm also going to hang a clip board in the tractor shed with a "complete" box to check off. This way if for whatever reason you show up to mow and it looks like it was just done you can verify against the check sheet.**



**Matt Kopl putting new tires on the Exmark**

MOWING LIST 2017				
Dates				
5/4-5/6	Bill	Green	Cody	Brown
5/11-5/13	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
5/18-5/20	Frank	Gioffredo	Derek	Gioffredo
5/25-5/27	Bob	Johnson	Ron	Sprague
6/1-6/3	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
6/8-6/10	Brent	Bryson	Mark	Lecher
6/15-6/17	Scott	Wallace	Ray	Phillips
6/22-6/24	Jim	Quinn	Nick	Orwan
6/29-7/1	Charlie	Brown	Neil	Hunt
7/6-7/8	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
7/13-7/15	Rick	Allabaugh	Scott	Sinnett
7/20-7/22	Tom	Kopl	John	Carril
7/27-7/29	Bill	Green	Cody	Brown
8/3-8/5	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
8/10-8/12	Frank	Gioffredo	Derek	Gioffredo
8/17-8/19	Bob	Johnson	Ron	Sprague
8/24-8/26	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
8/31-9/2	Brent	Bryson	Mark	Lecher
9/7-9/9	Charlie	Brown	Ray	Phillips
9/14-9/16	Jim	Quinn	Nick	Orwan
9/21-9/23	Scott	Wallace	Neil	Hunt
9/28-9/30	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
10/5-10/7	Rick	Allabaugh	Scott	Sinnett
10/12-10/14	Tom	Kopl	John	Carril

- Dates are the Saturday the field should be mowed by (*typically* mowed on Thursday afternoon/evening to ensure good condition for weekend).
- Please coordinate with your partner.
- If you would like to change partners please let me know who you have changed with so I can update the list.
- If you cannot make your scheduled time please consult the list and recruit a replacement.
- A complete job consists of the following:
  - Runways and pit area mowed
  - Upper & lower pavilion areas mowed & trimmed (Diagram also posted at lower pavilion)
  - Porta potty cleaned
- Please remember to submit gas receipts to the Treasurer (Bob Noll) for reimbursement so the club can track actual expenses.

*Note: you may notice not all active club member names appear on the list- this is not an oversight.*

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### **Wing In It with Warbird**

Hello Pilots,

Well the AGS spring field setup for the coming season is almost on us and since I'm writing this Wed evening that means in 3 days (this Sat 4/29) we'll be busy at the place that is the number one reason that we are members. I went up to the field this past Monday to check on the conditions of the runways two weeks after Bob Jennings did the first rolling and also brought a couple birds that were in line for maidens. To no surprise when I get to the field for the first time this year there are two weekday regulars already spitting trons throughout our skyway, leave it to Ron and Bill to have a jump start on the AGS airport sortie count for 2017.....LOL. They both got to witness the maiden of the scratch built Dollar Tree foam board Fokker DR-1 Tri-plane that I presented at one of the show-n-tells during the winter. It was pretty touchy with the 6 ailerons (norm is 2) at the 15 degrees of throw that was set but I got it up and down in one piece as a successful maiden. Will temper the aileron throws and the subsequent flights in the near term should be absolutely fun. Also, I had a successful maiden on the FMS 1500mm P-47 Razorback. Even

with its impact absorbing oleo's it was getting a pretty good bounce during taxis and T/O and landings. This definitely convinced me that the field does need a second hammering with the roller so my plan is tomorrow to give them a good smashing with my 1500 lb. roller which is basically the same treatment that it got last spring. Two maidens are done with four to go for my own fleet plus any others that a fellow pilot may want me to do for them.

I'll make this writing a short one and end with a sweet thought, let's have the biggest showing of members for the spring opener EVER and really make the Prez work over the griddle cooking us those free breakfast vittles.....HAAAA

With warm regards,  
Warbird

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### **May Program - submitted by Bob Noll**

While going through my "photo albums" I came upon a CD with photos of our 50th anniversary pattern contest. The year was 2005 and the contest was still held at the Blue Swan Airport in Sayre, PA. It took lots of blue shirts and blue hat to run this large contest.

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### **Pylon Racing – submitted by Bob Noll**

Our racing season will start next month with race #1 scheduled for Tuesday May 16. All races will be held on Tuesday's with the first heat taking off at 6:30 PM. Course set-up will begin at 6 PM. The season race schedule should be found elsewhere in this issue. Matty Kopl will be racing Quickie 500 this year along with Sport Cub. Although I don't want our experienced Quickie 500 pilots to race Sport Cubs, I will allow any Sport Cub pilot to race Quickie 500 in the their first year of Quickie 500 racing.

Just a reminder that this season we will be including Sport Cub racing. There are quite a few of these ARF's in the club and this will give those owners a chance to feel the excitement of racing with a much slower and docile plane. The Sport Cubs will race in 5 lap 2 plane heats immediately after the Quickie 500 races.

As usual, we will have hot dogs and drinks for everyone, funded by the Quickie 500 pilots, after each race

## Classic Pattern Contest - submitted by Bob Noll

By the time you read this, four ground schools have been held complete with pizza and drinks. The last one was held at Kristofer's on April 26 and now the training will move to the AGS airport. The dates are still to be determined as I write this.

## AGS Fall Float Fly Update – submitted by Don Shugard

Mark your calendars for the fall float fly:

AGS Float Fly  
Saturday and Sunday 9/30/17 - 10/1/17  
Greenwood Park, Lisle NY

### Details:

AMA Sanctioned Event  
Flying from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (both days)  
Landing Fees - \$5 for 1 day, \$8 for 2 days.  
Bring your own lunch  
Bottled water available for purchase  
No prizes  
Lake, beach and rowboat provided  
Rest room facilities will be open  
Camping by permit - contact the Broome County Parks  
at (607) 778-2193

Contact Don Shugard (607) 217-5105 with any questions.

See the Aero Guidance Society, Inc. - AGS Facebook page for any updates/weather related cancelations

### A few photos from project night:





**An old AGS contest photo – how many can you name?**

***AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Price ea.</b>
AGS Decals (white base)		AGS Patches	
Small	\$0.75	Small (2.25" x 1.75")	\$0.75
Medium	\$1.75	Medium (3" x 2")	\$1.75
Large	\$2.75	Large (4.25" x 3.25")	\$2.75
X-Large	\$3.75	X-Large (5.75" x 4.5")	\$3.75
AGS Decals (clear base)		Embroidered Coat Patches	
Small	\$0.50	Medium (9" x 7")	\$10.00
Medium	\$1.00	Large (12" x 10")	\$15.00
Large	\$1.25		
X-Large	\$1.50	AGS Coffee Mugs	\$10.00
		AMA ID Labels	\$0.25

## AGS Shirts are available again!

Get your from Zappia Athletic Products  
133 Front St.  
Vestal, NY 13850

Contact person is Dan Cordi, reference Ray Phillips

## AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Field Opening	April 29	Todd Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #1	May 16	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #2	May 30	Bob Noll
AGS Hill Top Challenge	June 10	Jim Monaco
AGS Pylon Race #3	June 13	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #4	June 27	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 11	Bob Noll
AGS Classic Pattern Contest	July 22	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 25	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 8	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 22	Bob Noll
AGS 62 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Precision Aerobatics Contest	Aug 25 - 27	Jeff Hatton Frank Gioffredo
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove	Sept 2 - 3	Bob Noll
AGS Float Fly Greenwood Park, Lisle NY	Sept 30 - Oct 1	Don Shugard
AGS Field Winterizing	TBD	Todd Kopl

## Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
MOB Float Fly Nathanial Cole Park	May 20-21 10:00AM – 5:00PM	Brian Tyler <a href="mailto:flyinbri@echoes.net">flyinbri@echoes.net</a> (607) 775-2410
Susquehanna Valley Modelers 2017 Fun Fly	July 8 (rain date 9 <sup>th</sup> ) 10:00AM – 5:00PM	Mike Brown <a href="mailto:Mikeb@kfhinge.com">Mikeb@kfhinge.com</a> (570) 568-0710

**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.**

# MAY PROGRAM



## *The AGS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pattern Contest*



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