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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
Monday Sep 10th 6:45 P.M at the Endicott Library**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be up at the George F. Johnson Library in Endicott on Monday, September 10th. The first Monday in September is Labor Day and the library is closed.

Port-A-Jon Cleaning

Two important items to note:

- 1) Inside on the back wall of the port-a-jon is a sticker with the phone number for Tioga County Sanitation. PLEASE – If you notice the unit needs to be cleaned, call the number and get it scheduled.
- 2) As part of the weekly mowing, the crew is supposed to also check on the supplies in the port-a-jon to make sure there is toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and unit is in a clean condition.

Yearly dues

The Board of Directors have met and the dues for the upcoming year are going for regular members will remain at \$125.00, Senior Membership will remain at \$112.50, Students at \$20.00, and Family at \$5.00. I'll be sending out to all club members' information on this shortly.

Looking for Club Help

Over the next couple of months, I'm going to be looking for confirmed members for club positions. I know that Todd Kopl has requested someone to take over for Field Maintenance. I believe a couple of people are interested in the position and if one person accepts, I may need a Board Position. We can discuss that at the next meeting.

Getting a Hold of Me

Some of you know, and others don't, that I've been going through a divorce this summer. I finally have all of my RC stuff, but I've moved out of my former house. If you need to get a hold of me, call me on my cell at (607) 743-3786. I've also changed my e-mail account from Road Runner to Gmail. I'll send this information out to all shortly as well.

As always, I hope to see ya at 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 Sept Meeting

Mon Sept 10

6:45 PM

George F Johnson Library

VRCS SoS Reunion

Sept 1 - 2

Hilltop Challenge

Sept 8

Pylon Racing Helper "Thank You" Gathering

Sept 12 6:30

Kristofer's

AGS Float Fly

Sept 29 - 30

Nathaniel Cole Park

For AGS field current weather info contact:

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

**The Aeroguidance
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AGS Officers:

President: Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

Vice President: Bill Green (D-H)

Secretary: Rick Allabaugh (Acting
Secretary) (I-L)

Treasurer: Brent Bryson (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

Bob Jennings (S-Z)

Jim Monaco

Past President: Frank Gioffredo

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bill Green

Program: Tom Kopl/Scott Wallace

Activities: Open

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Open

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Open

Librarian: Brent Bryson

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Thank you again to all the folks that helped with the selection and purchase of the new mower. Got my turn at cutting the grass recently and wow what a nice machine.

I've lined up Bob Hoag to do the Program for the September meeting; I think he'll do an excellent job with a topic of interest to many of our members. We need volunteers to cover programs for the coming months!

I've secured a Bridi Dirty Birdy kit and plan to make that my one and only winter build this year, a big change from the past several years where I set out to build 3 or 4 models. Of course I am going to try and complete one of my several in-process builds before winter...we will see.

I'm always looking for a great deal on kits or engines to stash away or some long out of production gadget. I stumbled upon this OS 55AX and shudder just looking at it. The owner of this is guilty of serious abuse...look at the mounting lugs, even before the 'crash damage' the holes had been drilled out way, way oversized. With a starting bid of \$50 and a whopping \$52 to ship...I'll pass.



EBay OS 55 that has lived a hard life ☹

**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 #848

Date: Aug 6, 2018

Place: AGS Field

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:55

Guests: None

The minutes of the last general meeting were approved as published in The Connector. A correction was requested by Bob Noll to the Field Chairman's report changing the word "vintage" to "classic".

Rick Allabaugh gave the financial report to those in attendance. If any member has any questions regarding our account, they can contact Brent Bryson for additional information.

President Allabaugh gave a summary of the July Board of Director's Meeting.

- Preliminary budget review held, looks like no dues increases needed for 2018-19
- BoD discussed need for a sound meter to replace the stolen item.
 - Bob Noll volunteered to donate one.
- The issue concerning a club member observed speeding on our access road has been resolved.

Committee Reports:

1) Membership:

- a) Associate member Dave Smith was voted on and is now a regular AGS Member.
- b) Membership Chairman Bill Green stated he would take the soon to be open Field Chairman position **IF** someone will assume the Membership Chairman position.

2) Activity Reports:

- a) Pylon Racing – Bob Noll reported that the final two races of the season are scheduled for Aug 8 and Aug 15.
- b) Family Picnic – Bob Noll gave an event report and thanked Bon Jennings for the wood and Bill Green for mowing around the picnic site.

- c) Classic Pattern contest – Bob Noll gave an event report and stated due to poor attendance likely will not hold this event again.
- d) Annual Aerobatics contest – CD Jeff Hatton reported on the preparation for the Annual Aerobatics Contest, he is still in need of volunteers to work food and also a helper for scoring. Please contact Jeff if you are able to support the contest, any amount of time you can spare will be helpful.
- e) Hill Top Challenge – Jim Monaco reported on the upcoming Hilltop Challenge and he anticipates a good turnout and a lot of fun. Jim will be sending out event descriptions to those that said they would be participating.
 - A discussion ensued reminding club members that per AMA safety code and the AGS Field Rules, spectators are not allowed in front of the safety fencing unless they are AMA members. The BoD took an Action to replace the "AMA Members Only Beyond This Point" sign that used to be posted at the safety fence.
- f) Float Fly – Don Shugard reported on the upcoming Float Fly, again to be held at Nathaniel Cole Park.

Old Business:

Rick discussed his conversation with the new owner of the tower (Mid-Hudson Valley Wireless). At this time the Board does not believe we will have any impact for the next 1-2 years, the owner is aware of our needs and stated he wouldn't knowingly do anything to disrupt our hobby.

New Business:

- 1) Bob Noll indicated there would be a garage sale of Dave Lewis's models and hobby related equipment to benefit Dave's widow. Stay tuned for more details.
- 2) Due to the Labor Day Holiday, the September meeting will be held on Sept 10, in the Endicott Library.

- 3) Please contact Scott Wallace if you are willing to do a Program at a future club meeting. We currently have a Program lined up for September but need Programs to take us through the winter months.
 - a. Jim Monaco suggested someone do a program on selecting the correct electric motor, we could possibly do this topic in October (potentially Jeff Hatton).
- 4) Ray Phillips reported that Model Airplane News is now just a shadow of its former greatness; the new issue is only around 60 pages and mainly ads.
- 5) Ray Phillips showed samples of the new and improved AGS hats from Zappia's, the club logo is now embroidered and really looks great.
- 6) Ray Phillips stated he plans to attend the next Board meeting and discuss publishing a field map.
- 7) Rick mentioned that Dave Lewis had passed away in January and we don't have a plaque honoring his memory at the pavilion. Rick to provide info to Ray who will follow up with a plaque.

Show and Tell:

Bob Noll showed his 1973 Joe Bridi designed Super Kaos 60 which Bob flies in VRCS events. Bob's scratch-built model uses an OS 55AX engine and a Futaba radio for guidance (on one of the 6-meter frequencies though Bob mentioned he may change that to 2.4 GHz)

Bob Noll also displayed his new Quick V-6 Q-500 racer to replace his old faithful Dominator racer that was crashed in the most recent pylon race. The model features fully enclosed linkages for the V-tail pushrods.

Program:

No Program was held as flying and socializing was the focus. Programs will resume in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

AGS Field Report August 2018 – submitted by Todd Kopl

What happened to August? It seems to have passed me by with very little flying although if memory serves we did have a lot of rain.

Speaking of rain, the grass has been growing like crazy. In fact, I mowed a few weeks ago and it was the tallest I can ever remember the runways being (along with everything else). Not to be the bad guy but everything that should be mowed each week is not getting done...trimming around the upper pavilion including around/under all the picnic tables, lower pavilion area under and around picnic tables, etc.

Also, the number for Tioga Sanitation has been posted in the outhouse. If you notice it needs pump-out please go VFR direct and call the guy.

Upcoming Mowing List:

MOWING LIST 2018				
8/30-9/1	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
9/6-9/8	John	Carril	Chris	Goffa
9/13-9/15	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
9/20-9/22	Jim	Quinn	Bob	Hoag
9/27-9/29	Scott	Sinnett	Dave	Smith

Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion – by Bob Noll

The Aeroguidance Society will again be hosting the Vintage RC Society for its 29th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion on September 1 & 2 at our airport. This long running event features planes designed for radio control that were designed 35 years ago or earlier.

The weekend will start on Friday evening with a gathering at Mario's in Owego since the headquarters hotel is the Red Roof Inn (formerly the Owego Treadway Inn). VRCS members will be arriving at our airport about 9 AM on Saturday and will fly a variety of vintage plane designs until about 5 PM. At that time they will leave to prepare for the Saturday evening banquet at the Treadway Inn. Some pilots will venture to our field on Sunday morning before traveling home. Some will use Sunday to visit our wine country and the other places of interest in the area. Many wives and spouses attend this event with their pilots.

I am sure you will want to see the vintage planes so come to the airport on Saturday and don't wait until Sunday.

Our airport will be open to all pilots after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.

2018 AGS Float Fly Information

Mark your calendars for the 2018 AGS float fly on September 29th and 30th at Nathaniel Cole Park.

Flying both days from 10:00am to 5:00pm, bring your own lunch, \$8 for one day, \$10 for both.

For more information contact Don Shugard

Finally Mother Nature Was Kind - by Bob Noll

We were blessed with great weather for Race #8 on August 14. We deserved it having had four races canceled due to bad weather. Coming into the race Matt Kopl was leading in season points at 15, only one point ahead of his dad. Brent Bryson and I were tied at 7 points each.

Cory Bulger decided to land his racer in a tree on final approach after his first heat. Jeff Hatton had one of his quad copters handy and flew over the area where Cory's plane was thought to be.

After all heats were flown, there was a season points tie for first between Todd and Matt at 22 points each. There was another tie between Brent and myself for third place at 12 points each. This required two fly-offs and after that the final season points are as follows:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	24
2	Matt Kopl	23
3	Bob Noll	14
4	Brent Bryson	13
5	Cory Bulger	5

After the last heat it was time to try and retrieve Cory's plane. Fortunately Jeff Hatton brought one of his quad-copters with FPV. It didn't take long for the "drone" to find the plane perched on the top of a tree as several of us watched on Jeff's lap top. Not only did the camera spot Cory's plane but it also located another plane nearby. With the help of Todd Kopl and the club chain saw both planes were rescued.

The annual season ending gathering at Kristofor's will be on Wednesday September 12 at 6:30 PM.

Pizza and beverages will be provided by the pylon pilots as a thank you to those who helped with this season's races.

RC Garage Sale to benefit Dave Lewis' Family – submitted by Bob Noll

Dave Lewis is a past AGS member who passed away in February. I am working with his wife Ellen to dispose of his many modeling items. There will be a garage sale on October 6 starting at 1:00; address is 3712 Maplehurst Dr. in Endwell.

Some of the items are listed below:

- Spektrum DX7 TX & RX (unused new in box)
- 4 Spektrum DS824 servos (new)
- Top Flite AT-6 Texan (finished fuselage, wing ready for covering)
- Blade MCX helicopter (new in box)
- Soling One Meter Sailboat (ready to sail)
- Enya .49 engine
- Enya SS40 engine
- Monokote stripe cutting tool
- Top Flite magnetic balancer
- Sullivan High Torque starter
- Hobbico Mini Tach
- Hobbico ESV
- Multi meter
- Transmitter tray
- Field box
- Box of assorted servo hardware
- Many building tools and materials, too many to list

AGS Field Photos – submitted by Bob Hoag



Jerry Wright's pretty new Waco biplane



Jim Monaco's handiwork



Bob Hoag and Dave Smith's fleet of E-Flite Timber's



Jerry and David Wright's matching new models

AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green

Item	Price ea.	Item	Price ea.
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 and Hats are available again!

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

Contact person is Dan Cordi, reference Ray Phillips

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

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

AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
VRCS Reunion	Sept 1 - 2	Bob Noll
Hilltop Challenge	Sept 8 (rain date Sept 9)	Jim Monaco
Pylon Racing Helper Thank You gathering @ Kristofers	Sept 12 6:30 PM	Bob Noll
AGS Float Fly Nathaniel Cole park	Sept 29 - 30	Don Shugard
RC Garage Sale to benefit Dave Lewis' family	Oct 6 1:00	3712 Maplehurst Dr., Endwell

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Neat Fair 2018 Downsville, NY	Sept 13 - 16	neatfair@optonline.net
VRCS Octoberfest Oxford, PA	Sept 15-16	Mike Denest mjd12k@yahoo.com

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 s.j.wallace13@gmail.com for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM



RC Aerial Photography – by Bob Hoag



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