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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
Monday February 3rd - 6:30 P.M at the Vestal Library**

**Reminder: Club Dues and AMA dues if you haven't
paid yet – Your membership matters!**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez – Open Position

Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

This month I have been trying to avoid completing the Extra that is being used for the program. For the next session of or build series program we will be installing hinges, control horns, and servos into the Extra.

We are looking forward to the flying season this year and the board is looking to institute a club night each week at the field, this will be a night of flying and socializing each week, the club will bring over the grill and you can bring food to cook. We also plan on continuing the Learn to Fly program from last year. We have applied for a Take off and Grow grant from the AMA to assist with the expenses and plan on using the grant money to replace the apprentice aircraft that we were using last year.

I have been working with the NSRCA to move our pattern contest earlier in the year to avoid the field being occupied two weekends in a row. For this year we will be switching weekends with the firebirds and holding the contest on August 8-9.

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.

Up-Coming Events

AGS Feb Meeting

Monday Feb 3
6:30 PM
Vestal Library

Winter Fly

Date: TBD
Time: TBD
Location: BC United
Soccer field Endicott

AGS Feb Meeting

Monday March 2
6:30 PM
Vestal Library

**For AGS field current
weather info contact:
BGM Automated
Terminal Information
System (ATIS)
607-729-8335**

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Program: Tom Kopl

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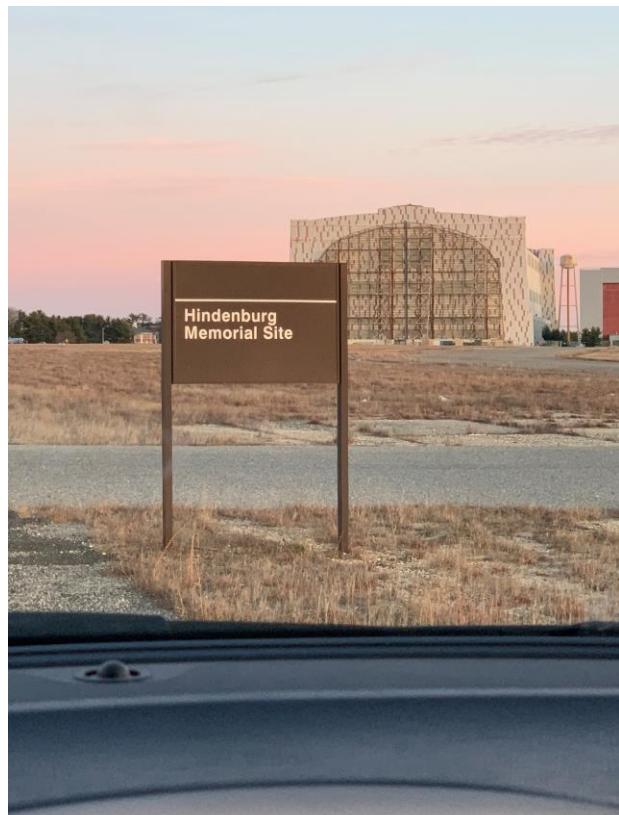
Newsletter Editor: Todd Kopl

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

Editorial – submitted by Todd Kopl

First, congratulations to Norm Erway, our latest member voted in at the last meeting!

Last week I found myself at Lakehurst Maxfield Field (has had several name changes over the years). In fact, I recall flying pattern here in the 80's (slim chance now!). Captured this self-explanatory photo:



Also, as a follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting on the FAA's proposed rule that could be very harmful to our hobby, I strongly encourage you to visit the AMA website and submit a comment (I am guilty of not submitting yet, but I have modified my draft 5x already). You can also

listen to the webcast on the AMA site to get the latest updates. The FAA has denied requests from AMA and EAA to extend comment period (Ends March 2nd).

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/about-ama/advocacy>

AGS General Membership Meeting

AGS General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by: Rick Allabaugh

1/6/2020

Vestal Public Library

Meeting called to Order by acting President Jeff Hatton at 6:35 PM.

Present were 14 members and 1 guest, Pete Slack.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Jennings

Bob gave an overview of our current income, expenses, and account balances. If you have any questions, please contact Bob.

Review of Board of Director's Minutes: Rick Allabaugh
Rick gave an overview of the December BOD Meeting. Minutes to be published on our web site.

Review of General Meeting Minutes:

The minutes as published in The Connector were reviewed. A motion to approve as published in The Connector was made by Jerry Wright and seconded by Todd Kopl. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved as published in The Connector.

Membership: Bob Noll

Tonight, we voted on full Membership for Norm Erway. One of his sponsors gave an overview of Norm's involvement and accomplishments within the club. A vote was taken amongst the members. Norm to be notified in writing after the meeting per Club Bylaws.

Activities:

February Fun Fly: Looking to host the event either February 1st or February 8th. At this time, we have no member willing to organize the event.

March Fun Fly: Looking to host the event either March 7th or March 14th. Looking for a club member to organize the event.

NOTE: Just a clarification on the winter events. BC United is willing to let the AGS use the fields throughout the winter. We are not limited to three (3) days. However, the event is to be coordinated with Doug Breneman and should be an event where many flyers plan on attending. We don't want to abuse the use of the field by calling Doug every time an individual wants to fly at the BC United field.

New Business:

No new items to discuss.

Old Business:

- 1) Ray Phillips gave a very thorough update on the pending FAA regulations and what the three (3) levels of remote identification (RID) means. As Ray noted, RID is based on cell phone coverage. If enacted, you will not be able to fly if you don't have a smart phone or cell coverage at your field.
 - a) Standard Remote Identification (RID): Plane requires transponder that broadcasts to the network.
 - b) Limited RID: Flight limited to line of sight and a flight distance 400 ft from the operator. This means 400 ft in all directions, not just altitude.
 - c) RID without reporting capability: Flight must occur at an FAA Recognized Identification Area (FRIA). The flying site must be approved by the FAA and are approved for 48 months. After that time period, it is re-reviewed. The FAA can deny or revoke previously approved fields or cap the number of fixed flying sites. Flights within these areas must be conducted with the rules of a CBO.
 - d) Ray also gave some updates on the proposed knowledge test.

The AMA website currently has on its website a pre-written letter that club members can send to the FAA during the comment process. Every member should go on-line and send one in. However, stay positive if you decide to write your own letter. Don't get negative and state disparaging words. We want to try to work with the AMA to see our perspective. Comment period ends March 2nd.

Based on preliminary review, it looks like the rules could become effective in 2 years with a 3 yr start-up period to get RID's available to modelers. Also, Ray noted that the FAA may require each aircraft to be registered for \$5 per aircraft for 3 yrs plus individual registration.

Show and Tell:

Pete Slack: E-Flite PT-17. Pete stopped by as he is having difficulty properly setting up his Spectrum radio with the receiver.

Ray Phillips: 1980's era Bridi Great Little Aircraft (GLA). Plans by Outer Zone. Kit cut by The Balsa Workbench at balsaworkbench.com. Ray used Sig Koverall and silk span on open areas.



Program:

Jeff Hatton gave a presentation on how to open and inspect an ARF when you receive it. NOTE: This program is one in a series where Jeff will show how to assemble, install servos, install electrical gear, and set-up a new aircraft. The plane selected for this presentation is an Extreme Flight 60" Extra 300 EXP V2. Dave Smith will be videotaping the series and editing the video to be uploaded to our website and possibly Facebook page.



Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Field – Bill Green: Nothing this month

DID YOU KNOW - by Bob Noll

In January 1983 the first model show at the Oakdale Mall was sponsored by the AGS. Starting in 1986 other local RC clubs began participation in this show. This annual show continued for many years under the lead sponsorship of the AGS. However, as member's energy levels began to decrease the sponsorship of this show was terminated and the show was discontinued. The primary reason for terminating AGS sponsorship was that the effort did not yield a desired return of getting new members.

In September of 1984 the AGS held its first Float Fly. It was held at Greenwood Park and has been held every year since then. A few years later a second Float Fly was held at Nathaniel Cole Park for a few years. This event was turned over to the Modelers of Binghamton.

In 1993 the Academy of Model Aeronautics initiated a new program entitled Gold Leader Club. In that first year of the program the AGS received notification of qualification as a Gold Leader Club and has continued to meet this qualification to the present.

Balsa Build Challenge– by Ray Phillips

Airplane is covered, clear nitrate dope coats have been applied, ready for primer and colored dope. Fuselage and wings are covered with Sig Koverall and all solid surfaces covered with mid weight silk span.



Balsa Build Challenge– by Scott Wallace

No progress on my balsa build challenge entry# 1 Kaos, it's ready for paint which for me means waiting until warm weather.

My entry #2 begins today, and I plan to have it fully framed up within 30 days. I plan to replicate my first 4 cycle model, the Ace 4-40 and Saito 45 combination which I had in the late 1980's while stationed at Charleston AFB. Designed by Doc Mathews and published in Model Aviation in December 1984, later kitted by Ace. The 1984 design date conveniently makes it VR/CS legal.



AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
February Club Meeting/Vestal Library	Mon Feb 3	6:30-8:30	NA
Winter Fly/BC United Soccer Field	TBD	TBD	TBD
March Club Meeting/Vestal Library	Mon Mar 2	6:30-8:30	NA
April Club Meeting/Vestal Library	Mon Apr 6	6:30-8:30	NA
May Club Meeting/Field	Mon May 4	6:30-8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #1	Wed May 20	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
June Club Meeting/Field	Mon Jun 1	6:30-8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #2	Wed Jun 10	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #3	Wed Jun 24	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Family Picnic	TBD	TBD	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #4	Wed Jul 8	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #5	Wed Jul 22	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #6	Wed Aug 12	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Aerobatics Contest	TBD	TBD	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove	Sat Sept 5	9:00-5:00	Ray Phillips & Scott Wallace
AGS Float Fly/Cole Park	TBD	TBD	TBD

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



*Extreme Flight Extra build project
session #2- Jeff Hatton*

Bring a show & tell



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