



# The CONNECTOR

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## THE MAY AGS MEETING IS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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### Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

As you may have already guessed there will be no Meeting for May due to social distancing requirements, However the field is open for flying as long as you are observing social distancing recommendations. I would like to thank Bill Green and the others who have helped get the field in shape for the year. I have been busier at work than ever working from home and have not yet had a chance to even get in a flight, hopefully in the near future both work and weather will cooperate, and I will get up to the field. So far, we hope to be able to hold our normal summer events and open houses this year and I will keep you updated as we know more.

### Float Fly?

Do we have a volunteer yet? It may be spring but now is the time to step up and get your feet wet. With the absence of Don Shugard we really need someone to run this event. In fact, Don made it clear he would provide guidance to whoever was willing to take it on. Seems to be a popular event and would be a shame to let it fizzle.

#### Up-Coming Events

AGS May Meeting  
Cancelled

AGS Pylon Race #1  
Wednesday May 20  
6:00 PM  
AGS Field

AGS June Meeting  
Monday June 1  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

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

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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**

I hope everyone is staying safe & healthy during this COVID pandemic. One of the positive things for me personally has been the amount of time I have suddenly found to spend in the workshop. I started by cleaning the shop so I would want to spend time in it. Then I picked a not so challenging but nostalgic kit to build (something I could complete for the VRCS this year).

For anyone that may have missed it there is a nice remembrance for Dick Allen on page 15 of Model Aviation this month.

**Pylon Racing – Matt & Todd Kopl**

Pylon racing is still on-track to start Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> (see activities calendar for all dates). Note: this assumes no change to Cuomo's current covid 'un-pause' date of May 15. There is a good pylon article in Model Aviation this month (p 92) on plane set up that applies to pretty much any plane.

**AGS General Membership Meeting**

AGS General Meeting Minutes  
*None to report...no April meeting*

**Field – Bill Green**

Bill sent an email to the club stating he already opened the field and no formal gathering will be held. Thank you Bill!

**Upcoming mowing assignments:**

MOWING LIST 2020				
Dates				
5/7-5/9	Bill	Green	Jim	Monoco
5/14-5/16	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
5/21-5/23	Chris	Goffa	Ron	Sprague
5/28-5/30	Brent	Bryson	Rick	Allabaugh
6/4-6/6	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton

**DID YOU KNOW - by Bob Noll**

1980 represented a significant milestone for the AGS and their annual pattern contest. It was time to celebrate twenty-five years since the first contest was

held. Pattern planes of the late 70's were flying faster and we had to use club members with air horns to alert us when a plane was too close to the active runway. The airport manager heard too many horns and so we had to relocate our contest from Tri-Cities Airport.

The Silver Anniversary Contest was held at the Greene Airport. The facility afforded adequate space for camping and a facility for the Saturday evening outdoor dinner and party which had become a tradition at AGS contests.

The Raymond Corporation of Greene donated \$250 so we could purchase silver tea services and trays as awards to commemorate our silver anniversary. The club hosted a press conference for print, radio and TV media at the Sherwood Hotel in Greene followed by flight demonstrations at the airport as part of our advertising campaign. The Sunday afternoon model air show continued at Greene and a new group of spectators enjoyed the show.

The AMA selected the AGS for their Club Excellence Award to recognize its contribution to RC and each club member at that time received a special patch to wear and the club received a framed certificate to display.

The contests in Green didn't last very long when the camping, picnic facility and restaurant were sold. So, in 1982 the contest had to be relocated again and this time the club decided on the Blue Swan Airport in Sayre, PA. Although this represented a forty-mile drive for most club members, the facility was first class and the club supported its use for the contest.

More about the growth of our contests next month.

### **Congratulations to Bob Hoag and Brent Bryson - by Bob Noll**

Both Bob Hoag and Brent Bryson have been certified by AMA as Introductory Pilot Instructors. The Introductory Pilot Program is intended to introduce the non-AMA member to aeromodelling while providing liability insurance coverage to the non-AMA member and the chartered club. This program is the heart of the AGS Learn to Fly Program.

Other AGS members who are certified IP Instructors are;

\* Rick Allabaugh

\* Bill Green

\* Jeff Hatton

\* Todd Kopl

\* Matt Kopl

\* Bob Noll

### **Field Rules – submitted by Bob Jennings**

(Ed note: Field Rules will be sent separately as a .pdf)

The Board has had the assignment of presenting an update of the field rules since the previous update last spring. At that time the description of the Safety Line was left out and needed to be incorporated. In addition, there was a suggestion that a drawing might be useful to explain some of the terms used in the rules. This drawing has been created and is included in this update. In addition, a need of change in other areas was apparent. The usual approach to Field Rule updates has been for the Board to present a recommendation to the membership at a club meeting for approval. Given the present lack of meetings situation, the approach of better flying conditions, and the need to get the updated rules out the Board has decided to go ahead with this update. The updated Field Rules will be mailed out with the Connector.

Changes in this revision are -

1. Under **General** Section 2 - Modified to allow individuals under the AMA Introductory Pilot Program to fly at the field without AMA membership.
2. Under **General** Section 10 b. and c. – Reworded to clarify.
3. Under **Frequency Control** – Frequency Control Center is being removed from flight line. This section reworded to place responsibility of any frequency control necessary on those fliers using other than 2.4 Ghz.
4. Added new page **AGS Field Layout Designation and Description**



5. Under **General Rules for Flying** Section 2 –  
Added words to allow taxiing on taxiway only to get out to runway and back.
6. Under **General Rules for Flying** Section 5 –  
Reworded and referred to field layout drawing to hopefully make partial shutdown for maintenance more understandable.
7. Under **General Rules for Flying** Section 6 –  
Restriction about monopolizing flight time added as a result of the elimination of the Frequency Control Station.
8. **Rules for Control Line Flying** – Section removed for lack of use.
9. Added Table of Contents, headings, page numbers, and bookmarks for easier navigation on electronic media.

## AGS Website — Don Shugard

Please refer to past 2 editions of Connector for new website details & instructions

## Show & Tell

### Scott Wallace's projects:

1. Ace 4-40 w/ Saito 45 ready to fly, Koverall and dope finish
2. Bridi Kaos w/ OS 60 FSR - built to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Kaos design, using an early 1970's OS 60. Just need to install the radio and will be ready to fly. Koverall and dope finish
3. Top Flite Headmaster - framed up ready for final sanding and covering



**Ray Phillips** – 48" Mambo, electric power and film covering. The Mambo is a VRCS theme plane.



## AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
May Club Meeting/Field	Cancelled	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 Pylon Race #4	Wed Jul 8	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Family Picnic	Mon July 13 (15 <sup>th</sup> rain date)	TBD	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #5	Wed Jul 22	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug 7-9	TBD	Jeff Hatton
AGS Pylon Race #6	Wed Aug 12	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #7	Wed Aug 26	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove	Sat Sept 5	9:00-5:00	Ray Phillips & Scott Wallace
AGS Pylon Race #8	Sun Sept 13	2:00-4:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
<b>AGS Float Fly/Cole Park</b>	<b>Sept TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>WE NEED A CHAIRMAN</b>

### Other nearby RC events of interest

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact /Info</b>
Warbirds over Chenango Bridge	June 26-27	Jason Felice/607-341-0829

**MAY PROGRAM**  
**Meeting cancelled**



*The Field is OPEN and we are flying – follow appropriate  
COVID guidelines*



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