



# The CONNECTOR

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

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

It has been another month of not going anywhere, hopefully everyone has been keeping busy and building or safely getting out to the field. Unfortunately, with the current situation the board has decided that we will not be holding the June meeting, if you have any business that need addressed please bring it to a board member.

I am pleased to announce that the AGS has received a TAG Grant from the AMA for our learn to fly program. We have used this money to purchase two club trainers. Please come out and support our open houses each week by bringing a plane to fly

### AGS General Membership Meeting

AGS General Meeting Minutes  
May 2020

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the May general meeting was not held*

### Field – Bill Green

Friendly reminder...please read and pay attention to your dates. Switch or find a replacement if needed. Field & all required areas should be cut between Thursday and Saturday morning.

### Upcoming mowing assignments:

5/28-5/30	Brent	Bryson	Rick	Allabaugh
6/4-6/6	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
6/11-6/13	Jim	Quinn	John	Loomis
6/18-6/20	Harold	Peeling	Bob	Hoag
6/25-6/27	Ray	Phillips	Scott	Wallace
7/2-7/4	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright

### Up-Coming Events

#### AGS June Meeting

Cancelled

#### AGS Pylon Race #2

Wednesday June 10

6:00 PM

AGS Field

#### AGS July Meeting

Monday July 6

6:30 PM

AGS Field

[For AGS field current weather info contact:](#)

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

**Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl**

Reminder...anyone can submit Connector inputs to me-  
new content always welcome.

Now that the nice weather has arrived, and flying season is in full swing I thought it would be good to talk about safety. I have been around long enough to understand many of the rules in place today are for our protection. Nothing can ruin a great day at the flying field more than a preventable accident. And let's face it, we cannot prevent all accidents, but we can significantly reduce the risk. For example, years ago the AGS did not have the landscape timbers lining the runways, aircraft restraint tables did not exist, and the chain link fence was minimal. A good day at the field begins back in the workshop before you ever leave the house. Is the aircraft fit for flight? Are batteries charged? Never hurts to have a flying buddy take a second look, especially on a new aircraft.

Someone took the time to post the latest field rules at the field and I read them yesterday (can be done in 5 min). I would encourage you to do the same and I pulled a few key excerpts:

*10. Aircraft in the pit area shall be restrained as follows:*

*a. Aircraft powered by glow engines shall be restrained when the starting battery is attached.*

*b. Aircraft powered by electric motors shall be restrained when the batteries are connected. Note: Electric aircraft must have a visible means (able to see without touching) of showing the batteries are disconnected when not physically restrained.*

*c. Aircraft powered by gasoline engines shall be restrained when the ignition is energized.*

*Note: I am not the AGS Safety Chairperson*

Thanks, enjoy, and be safe!

**Pylon Racing – Matt & Todd Kopl**

Pylon racing was waived off on May 20<sup>th</sup> but will kick-off on June 10<sup>th</sup> (see activities calendar for all dates).

## **DID YOU KNOW - by Bob Noll**

I was wondering how many of you are curious enough to find out what your club was doing during the years when we purchased and built our current flying field. Thanks to Bob Jennings, many of our old newsletters are available for you to read from the Home Page of our web site.

Here are some of the newsletter items in The Connector, whose editor was Ralph Jackson, one of our founding members;

Volume 7, Number 6 – 1975 - Report by New Field Committee Chairman, Dick Allen, another of our founding members

- How would you like a permanent, 66 acre flying field only six miles from Endicott? What if this dream field included a hilltop of splendid isolation and breath-taking views? Impossible, you say? Well, that dream is a reality which within our grasp.
- I will not mislead you; the cost is high. Higher than we had planned on paying, but the value to our club is so outstanding that is imperative we explore every means of acquiring it.
- Your Board of directors unanimously recommends that we pursue its purchase. The New Field Committee and the Board have worked out a plan to finance it, but its success depends on YOU.
- In six years of looking at over sixty fields, I have never seen one this large and this well isolated that was this close in. It was meant for us. Let's get it.

## **Meet Mike Mauersberg – by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman**

Mike is not new to RC, having operated several RC boats and vehicles. However, this winter Mike decided that he was bored with 2 dimensional RC and wanted to learn to fly RC planes. Three dimensional RC seemed more exciting.

Mike surfed the internet looking for RC clubs in the area and found the Valley RC Club in Athens, PA and the AGS. Mike lives in Barton, NY and so the Valley RC seemed natural for him. He also found the AGS and contacted me when he found the “Membership Chairman” link on our web site.

I immediately contacted Mike by phone and provided Mike with information about the AGS and our great flying field and our talented members who would teach him to fly RC. This excited Mike enough that he came to our March meeting all the way from Barton, NY. As a result of that meeting Mike decided that the AGS was for him.

Mike is a very enthusiastic man and he decided to purchase a trainer from SmallAdditionsRC in Binghamton. He purchased the Horizon Hobby Carbon Cub which allowed him to become an AMA member for 3 months thru the Horizon Hobby Flight School (HHFS) via an arrangement between AMA and Horizon Hobby.

After learning about the HHFS I realized that someone in the AGS had to sign up as a HHFS coach. I immediately did that since I am hoping that more potential members will find me via the HHFS web site since SmallAdditionsRC is a Horizon Hobby dealer. Hopefully they will reopen soon and sell some of their trainers and point the customers to the AGS.

As a new HHFS coach I scheduled classes at our “model airport” on the HHFS web site. Howard Peeling, our newest IP Instructor, agreed to be one of Mike's sponsors. Harold has experience with The Carbon Cub since he has one that his children fly. It is great to see Mike's excitement after flying the Cub successfully. Mike is already learning how to handle and respect a moderate wind.

Mike expressed an interest in building a kit and so Ray Phillips, one of our best builders has agreed to be Mike's other sponsor.

Here is a bit more about Mike and his background from an e-mail he sent me;

"I worked out of high school at Endicott Johnson from 1974-1978 and then started working for IBM 1978-1993. I then went to BOCES in Johnson City for CNC machining and worked at Harding's from 1995-2001. After being laid off from there I went to Sanmina and worked there from 2001-2007. I got laid off from there in 2007 and went to work at Stork H&E Turno Blading where I retired April 19, 2019.

I have many hobbies. My interests are fishing, shooting, camping, gardening, coin collecting, and RC model boats and planes as well as going out and socializing eating and to the movies."

Please welcome Mike Mauersberg, our newest AGS member, when you see him that our flying field.

### **MEET LASHAWN WILEY – by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman**

A few days ago, I got a phone call from Lashawn Wiley, who found my name and phone number in the brochure in the box at the flying field gate. Just a week earlier I put the 2020 brochures in that box. Thanks to Ray Phillips for putting that box there several years ago.

Our phone conversation revealed that Lashawn was very much interested in joining the AGS and visiting our flying field. It so happened that I had a Horizon Flight School scheduled that day at 5:30 PM so we agreed to meet at that time. I met Lashawn and his wife Qin who are both delightful people.

Lashawn told me he had visited another club in the area and was sure he wanted to join the AGS. When he saw our flying field there was no doubt in his mind about joining. I handed him the visitor's package and before I knew it, he had it all filled out and he handed a check to

Bob Jennings. How convenient it was to have our treasurer there to receive the check.

Lashawn has flown RC for several years in California and brought his Corsair along to put in a flight. Brent Bryson, who was there agreed to be one of his sponsors, and so Lashawn went from visitor, to Associate Member to first flight within a matter of an hour. I took Lashawn out on the runways to give him a short course in the field layout and field rules before his flight.

Lashawn and his wife live in Endicott. He is a banker working for M&T Bank. He learned about the AGS from our web site and his primary interest is war birds. He has a P-51 under construction.

Since I forgot to give Lashawn a New Member package at the field, I delivered it to him at his home. While there we talked about Lashawn's other interests and he blew me away with his diverse interests.

He loves chess, plays golf, runs a real estate company with his wife, runs a YouTube channel about "The Science of Managing" and has authored a book with the same name. He also wanted me to know that he is a Notary Public should anyone need that service.

David A. Smith has agreed to be Lashawn's second sponsor.

### **AGS Website — Don Shugard**

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

## **Show & Tell**

### **Scott Wallace's projects:**

My Balsa Build challenge #3 aircraft is complete, a 1967 Top Flite Headmaster.

Largest of the 'school' series of designs by Ken Willard.

OS 25 FP and under 3 lbs. RTF, should be a lively 3 channel model. Silkspan and dope finish, and this will be the last time I hand paint pinstripes on a model!





***Mike Mauersberg's 'hanger'***



***Todd Kopl's project***

Having been bit by the nostalgia bug over the past few years and a SIG kit fan from my earliest beginnings in RC I decided to make this SIG Kavalier my "COVID-19 project" (one of the few kits still available today). My goal is to have it flying at VRCS in September.



***AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR***

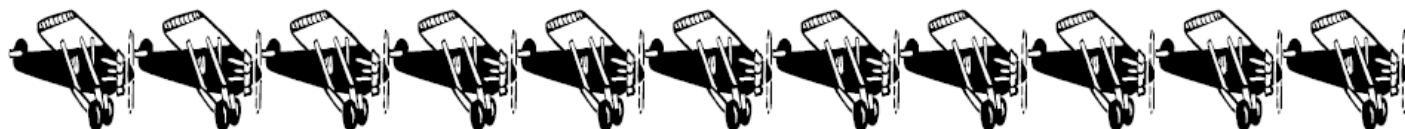
<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
June Club Meeting/Field	Mon Jun 1	6:30-8:30	<b>Cancelled</b>
AGS Pylon Race #2	Wed Jun 10	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #3	Wed Jun 24	6:00-8:00	Todd & Matt Kopl
July Club Meeting/Field	Mon July 6	6:30-8:30	NA
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>

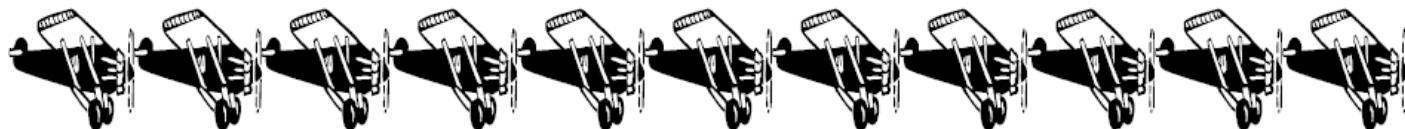
*Other nearby RC events of interest*

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

**JUNE PROGRAM**  
**Meeting cancelled**



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



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