



The CONNECTOR

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Recipient of the AMA Presidents Award for
50 years of Service to AMA and Aeromodeling

October Annual meeting Sunday Oct 11, 4:00 pm at AGS Field

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

Dues reminder-time to pay annual dues.

(Details previously distributed via club email)

Vice Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

Nothing received at press time...

Proposed Officer Slate:

Nothing received at press time...watch for separate
club notification

Up-Coming Events

AGS October Meeting

Sunday Oct 11

4:00 PM

AGS Airport

For AGS field current

weather info contact:

BGM Automated

Terminal Information

System (ATIS)

607-729-8335

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Society, Inc.
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AGS Officers:

President: Open (A-C)

Vice President: Jeff Hatton (D-H)

Secretary: Rick Allabaugh (I-L)

Treasurer: Bob Jennings (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

1) Brent Bryson (S-Z)

2) Dave A. Smith

Past President: Rick Allabaugh

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bob Noll

Activities: David Dewey-Wright

Program: Tom Kopl

Field: Bill Green

Historian: Bob Hoag

Safety: Chris Goffa

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Todd Kopl

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

FAMILY PICNIC

A big thank you to Bob Noll, Barbara Sitler, Bob & Aleta Jennings for the family picnic that was held on Monday, September 14. A great time was had by all and Bob Jennings's campfire was a big hit especially with the cooler weather. Because Phil's is now closed on Monday's, the chicken dinners were picked up on Sunday and heated in Bob Noll's kitchen and delivered to the field by Barbara Sitler and Aleta Jennings.

The picnic was originally planned for July but delayed until August due to Covid-19 then changed from August to September because Marie Monaco, our planned entertainment for the campfire, was not available (Marie was ultimately in self quarantine and was not be able to entertain us with her accordion).



MEET ED YOUKET – by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

Our newest member lives in Endicott with his wife Kim. He is an independent IT contractor presently working for New York State. Ed has been flying RC planes for a few years and was a member of the Modelers of Binghamton. He decided to join the AGS after reading our brochure which he picked up at SmallAddictionsRC

AGS General Membership Meeting – Jesse Pagels

AGS Club Meeting Minutes for 9-7-2020

AGS General Meeting Minutes

Club Meeting: #870

Meeting Location: AGS Field

Members present: 15. No guests were present.

Meeting Called to order by acting President, Jeff Hatton, at 6:50 P.M.

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.
- A tabled motion regarding budget approval from the last meeting (8-3-2020) was taken up. Bob presented a modified budget approved by the Board with several spending cuts that maintained present dues rates. This budget was approved.
- In response to one of the budget cuts a suggestion was made that a donation be taken at the October meeting for the Toys-For-Tots program.

Vintage RC Society (VRCS)

- The VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration (2020) showed an increase of attendance over last year as 15 members participated in the Labor Day weekend event. Attendees traveled from as far as West Virginia, Delaware, and Connecticut.
- The VRCS helped to subsidize the event but a financial burden was recognized in the form of donated kits for the raffle.

in Binghamton. He has soloed but would like additional flight training.

Ed has many other interests which include building personal computers, photography and history. He has some experience with web sites and will be contacting Don Shugard to learn about our web site with the possibility of becoming our new web master.

David-Dewey Wright and Jeff Hatton are Ed's sponsors

- Jim Monaco was recognized for entering the event for the first time.

Open House and Learn to Fly Program

- The attendance was down from last year and was hypothesized that the lack of attendance was due to Covid-19.

Officer Positions

- Acting President, Jeff Hatton, declared that he intends to step down as the club's President and retake his previous position as Vice President. Members were encouraged to take up the unfilled officer roles (President and Board Member at Large).

Meetings and Meeting Locations

- A suggestion was made to change the frequency of business meetings to quarterly meeting dates. No objections were voiced
- Discussion of meetings to be hosted during the winter months was raised as the Vestal library is currently unavailable for meetings due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Alternative locations were suggested including the Tri-Cities Airport and Jonathan's Fine Food and Spirits located at 534 Hooper Rd, Endicott, NY.
- The Next meeting, October 5, Will be held at Jonathan's in Endicott.
- Future business meetings are to be held in October 2020, January 2021, and April 2021.

Silent Auction

- Items for a silent auction were donated by club member John Loomis. David Dewey-Wright, acted as a very proficient and entertaining auctioneer. Items of note that were auctioned

included four GWS Slow Stiks, a foam F4U Corsair, Futaba radio and receivers.

Meeting Closed at 7:45 P.M.

Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Apologies for getting this issue out so late. COVID scored a direct hit on my house & we are just beginning to get back to normal operations. Stay safe & healthy!

Pylon Racing – Matt & Todd Kopl

While we assembled and hoped to get the final race in the weather did not cooperate (uncharacteristic for this season). With Matt Kopl coming on strong at the end of the season, Bret Bryson with a new racer that looks very competitive, Bob Noll with his newly covered racer and ‘new eyes’, and Jesse Pagels ready to jump in with both feet, next season should be one to watch!

Final Standings:

Q-500	RACE DATE	1 20-May	2 10-Jun	3 24-Jun	4 8-Jul	5 22-Jul	6 12-Aug	7 26-Aug	TOTAL POINTS
Seeding	Pilots	covid						cancelled	
1	Todd Kopl	0	7	6	6	6	6		31
2	Bob Noll	0	7	3	1	0	5		16
3	Matt Kopl	0	0	5	3	0	7		15
4	Brent Bryson	0	0	3	5	2	0		10

DID YOU KNOW - by Bob Noll

Our Flight Control Center was published in RC Modeler magazine in 1998. The Flight Control Center (FCC) was designed and built to meet the need for an improved frequency control board. Yes, we had to worry about interference in those days when we were flying planes using the 27 MHz frequencies and 50 MHz frequencies for those with amateur radio licenses. The club had decided that a subtractive system (you take a pin if you want to use a frequency) combined with an additive system (you place your AMA card in a holder) was the best system. There was a small clip to accept your AMA card at each pin location.

It was designed and built in 1996 in Bob Punkar’s garage in Vestal. The frequency pins were made from good quality clothes pins (yes, there were some good ones available) with frequency numbers from ACE Radio

Control placed on a rectangle of 1/16” birch ply which was CA’ed to the clothes pins. The card clips were flat cable clamps which came with good double back tape for adhesion.

In addition to providing frequency control, the FCC housed our sound meter with logbook, a first aid kit and an array of buddy boxes and chords.

The club received \$250.00 from RCM for the article.

Show & Tell



Jesse Pagel's new racer ready for the 2021 season



Scott Wallace's RCM trainer 60 with a Saito 56 reported to run like a Swiss watch!

Ray Phillips with MAN Trainer 60 (sorry missed posting this last month)



AGS 2020 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
AGS Club Meeting/AGS Airport	Sunday Oct 11	4:00-TBD	NA

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info

OCTOBER PROGRAM-ANNUAL MEETING



DRIVE SLOW BY OUR NEIGHBORS! SEVERAL COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

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