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June meeting at the AGS Field (Monday June 7)

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

Nothing this month...see VP column



Vice Prez Sez – David Dewey-Wright

Vice Prez Sez: June is upon us, and we've already had one rain-postponed Pylon Race night. Typical weather for our area. Hopefully that will be the exception instead of the rule as we move forward.

At our last meeting we had a discussion about our definition of a quorum, and the issue we've had sometimes conducting regular business. So, below are the updates to the Bylaws to define and use a "Minor quorum" and a "Full quorum." Please review the changes. The updates are on the left, bolded and underlined, and the existing bylaws are on the right.

The Board has also become aware of a situation requiring a change to the Field Rules. As such we have proposed a Leash Rule, which falls under the "General" category of the Field Rules. This is also included below.

Please review the proposed changes to the bylaws and field rules, and be ready to discuss and vote on them at the meeting on June 7. If you're wondering

whether or not to attend the meeting, remember that we'll need at least 12 in attendance to vote on the bylaw changes (*Ed note: proposed changes listed on p5*).

"by the way" ... we do have a "lost and found" for the field, which is the top drawer of the metal cabinet at the corner of the pavilion. There is currently a charging cord in there now.

See you at the field!

Up-Coming Events

AGS June Meeting

Mon June 7th

6:45 PM

AGS Field

AGS Pylon Race #2

Wed June 9th

6:00 PM

AGS Field

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

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Program: Tom Kopl

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Historian: Open

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Newsletter Editor: Todd Kopl

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

**AGS General Membership Meeting – Jesse
Pagels**

The AGS Meeting was held on 5/3/2021 at the AGS Field. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M with 8 members in attendance.

The following guests were in attendance: None

1) Overview of Previous AGS Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting Minutes

- Jesse Pagels related to those present the minutes of the previous BOD meeting held remotely on April 28th 2012

2) Treasury Report

- Bob Jennings gave an update to the Board on the current standings of the Club's income, expenses, and account balance.

3) Field Safety Rules

- Discussed restraints of electric aircraft
 - Bob Noll passed around an arming plug
- Discussed amending the field safety rules to include a dog leash rule
 - BOD to draft the rule's language and to present it at the next General meeting
- Discussed the use of flight assistance technologies during pilot evaluations.
 - The club decided to continue to allow the use of such technologies.
 - The club decided that a place for comments should be added to Pilot Evaluation Forms

4) Discussion of Quorum Requirements

- David Dewey Wright offered further discussion (continued from the previous BOD meeting) on reaching a proper Quorum for when voting on Club-related matters.
- Suggestion of a tiered quorum
 - Lower Quorum: Non-disciplinary
 - Minimum of 3 Board members

- X number of other voting members (to be discussed in more detail at next BOD meeting)
- Capped spending amount for votes on small purchases (to be discussed in more detail at next BOD meeting)
- Higher Quorum
 - For important club-changing decisions
 - Larger purchases
 - Disciplinary actions
 - Upcoming High quorum votes to be published in the *Connector* before votes are held
 - Voting requirements to be discussed further at next BOD meeting

5) Voting in of New Member: Sam Kopl

- The club voted to instate Sam Kopl to full member status with twelve members voting.

6) Introduction of New Members

- Bob Noll introduced the club to two new members: John Wahl and Greg Ingolsbe

7) Club Activities

- AGS Pattern Contest (Second Week of August), Aug. 14th - 15th
- VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove, Sept. 4th - 5th
- Pylon Racing, Season starts Wednesday, May 26th
- Learn to Fly (to be discussed by BOD)

8) Field Maintenance

- Make sure that people are signing up for the mowing list
- Flight stands are in need of being repaired

9) Show and Tell

- Jeff Hatton showed the work capable of his new Glow Forge laser-cutting tool
- Jesse showed his repaired racer in anticipation of the new racing season

8) The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Meet Greg Ingalsbe –by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

Our newest member is Greg Ingalsbe. Greg lives in Owego with his wife Jana and has been involved in RC for several years. He is an electronics engineer and found the AGS via the internet. He joined the club to meet people with similar interests. His specific interests are building planes and scale planes in particular.

Greg lived in California until 1995 when he decided to travel east to Virginia and finally to Owego in 2000 when he began to work for Universal Instruments Corp.

I met Greg at our flying field where he showed me and several other members a beautiful high tech transmitter with a fabulous display and many hi-tech features. His receiver with 3D printed case was mounted in a very small electric powered Q-Tee.

Greg has several other hobbies which include ‘O’ scale narrow gauge model railroad, a Lotus vintage sports car and RC cars. In addition, Greg got his private pilot’s license while in college where he flew a Cessna 150.

Greg’s sponsors are David Dewey-Wright and Harold Peeling.

Please welcome Greg Ingalsbe to the AGS!

Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Flight log...how many of you log your flight time? As a full scale pilot this is commonplace but admittedly, I have not always kept track of my RC flights. It only takes a few extra minutes at the end of a flying session and is a great way to track any repairs or changes that need to be made (or just how much you are flying!).

Just for fun if you keep track and send me your monthly flight-time I’ll start publishing a club log in the connector. Below is an example of a booklet that can be purchased from sportys.com (probably other places also):



demonstrations, the first at 12:30 PM and the last at 4 PM. Better than 10 thousand spectators are expected and this will surely be a tremendous opportunity to present our hobby to the public. Besides flying demonstrations, we will put up a static display in the terminal building.

NORTHEAST PYLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Sunday, June 13, the AGS will sponsor the “Sixth Annual Northeast Pylon Championships” for Formula I and Formula II racing. The location will be Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott and racing will start at 10 AM and go until everyone has had their fill of racing which should be about 5 PM.

Our contestant list has been growing each year and this meet is one of the musts for most racing pilots in the northeast. Last year we used a light board instead of flags at the #1 pylon. We were the first in the east to try this and although it took several races for the pilots to get accustomed to the change, they soon agreed that it was a good improvement over the flagman technique, not to mention the improvement it made for the guys at the #1 turn.

This year we added another feature to our races, a 2 ft. diameter starting clock with nice big numbers so there isn’t any doubt how much starting time is left before the starter drops his flag. Thanks to Dave Reed for building the clock. Dave plans to get his handy work thoroughly checked out at the Jr. Falcon races on May 15.

Show & Tell



Scott Wallace’s DeBolt Jenny

Pylon Racing – Submitted by Matt & Todd Kopf

Pylon race #1 was cancelled on May 26th due to severe storms in the area. Next race is scheduled for Wednesday June 9th.

Field – Bill Green

Upcoming mowing list:

6/3-6/4	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
6/10-6/11	Jim	Quinn	Norm	Erway
6/18-6/20	Harold	Peeling	Jesse	Pagels
6/25-6/27	Ray	Phillips	Scott	Wallace
7/2-7/4	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright
7/9-7/11	David A	Smith	David W	Smith

Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

Here are few things that were being reported fifty years ago in the May 1971 Connector;

FLYING DEMONSTRATIONS:

On May 22 the AGS will assist the MOB (Modelers of Binghamton) in a static display and flying demonstration at the Chenango Bridge driving range. This is part of an annual town event sponsored by the Chenango Bridge Civic Association and the flying demo will be about 1 o’clock in the afternoon.

Our greatest day in the public’s eyes will be on May 31, at the Broome County Airport. This is Broome County Aviation Day and the airport will be celebrating its 20th anniversary. The AGS will put on 2 or 3 flying



Todd's Sig Kavalier wing nearing completion...thanks to a rainy Memorial Day weekend I finally finished my latest vintage RC project & plan to bring to next meeting. Looks like I need to clean my bench too!

Ed Note: I'm always looking for new material. For those w/out email you can send it to my street address in an envelope. For those w/ email: takopl297@gmail.com

Field Rules update	
New/changed	Existing
General: . . <u>18. Dogs or other pets that accompany members or guests to the field must be on a leash while planes are in operation, and any time someone other than the pet owner is also at the field, unless all parties agree that the pet can run loose. Pets must be kept behind the taxi-way and off the runways when planes are in operation. If the pet owner is not an AMA member, the pet must be kept behind the spectator line. Pets must be restrained from interfering with pilot's activities at all times.</u>	

Bylaws updates	
New/changed	Existing
Article III - MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES . . . H. Former Member - A member in good standing whose resignation has been accepted by the Board of Directors. Former Members applying for membership shall be immediately eligible for membership at any regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a <u>minor</u> quorum (<u>refer to Article IV Section F</u>) shall be required for Membership. Dues will be prorated from the month of approval to the end of the current dues year.	Article III - MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES . . . H. Former Member - A member in good standing whose resignation has been accepted by the Board of Directors. Former Members applying for membership shall be immediately eligible for membership at any regular meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum shall be required for Membership. Dues will be prorated from the month of approval to the end of the current dues year.
Article IV – Meetings . . . E. The presence of the lesser of either twelve (12) voting members or one third (1/3) of the voting members, two (2) of which must be officers, shall constitute a "full quorum" and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the AGS <u>regarding changes to By Laws, changes to the status of the club, or elect board members.</u> <u>F. The presence of at least five voting members, three (3) of which must be officers and at least two (2) of which are non-officers, shall constitute a "minor quorum" and may conduct the business of the AGS day-to-day club business. Any member of a minor quorum may request that the matter at hand be taken to a full quorum, at which point, the</u>	Article IV – Meetings . . . E. The presence of the lesser of either twelve (12) voting members or one third (1/3) of the voting members, two (2) of which must be officers, shall constitute a quorum and shall be necessary to conduct the business of the AGS.

AGS 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
June Club Meeting/AGS Field	Mon June 7 th	6:45 PM	
AGS Pylon Race #2	Wed June 9 th	6:00 PM	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug14-15		Jeff Hatton
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove/AGS Field	Sept 4-5	9:30 AM	Bob Noll (CD/ED)
Float Fly/Nathaniel Cole Park	Sept 25-26	TBD	David Dewey-Wright

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
5 th Annual NASA Northeast Scale Qualifier/Chenango Bridge Airport	July 17-18	Binghamton Aeros
Aeros' Festival of Giants	Aug 13-15	Binghamton Aeros
Warbirds Over Chenango Bridge	Aug 28-29	Binghamton Aeros
Biplane Fly	Sept 4 th	Ithaca RC Club

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

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



JUNE PROGRAM
Open Flying



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