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September meeting at the AGS Field (Monday Sept 6th)

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

Prez Sez – Jeff Hatton

The Summer is winding down and the days are starting to shorten. Hopefully everyone is still getting out and flying even if it gets dark a little earlier. All the trees that are proposed to be cut for timber are marked at the field, feel free to take a walk around the property if you want to see what is marked, we will be discussing the proposed timber contract at the September meeting so please plan on attending.

We had 9 pilots this year for the pattern contest and plan on holding it again next year, we may consider going to a 1 day format due to attendance freeing the field up for general use on Sunday.



Vice Prez Sez – David Dewey-Wright

Where has the summer gone, and how did September get here already?

Hopefully you've kept an eye on the Connector Calendar to know we have a couple events coming up, and there's a new one, the Family Picnic, 6:00 pm, Friday September 17th, with a rain date of Saturday, the 18th. No flying, just food, visiting and fun. Bring your

Up-Coming Events

AGS Pylon Race #8

Wed September 1st
6:00 PM
AGS Field

VRCS Reunion

Sat-Sun Sept 4-5
9:30 AM
AGS Field

AGS September Meeting

Mon Sept 6th
6:45 PM
AGS Field

AGS Family Picnic

Friday Sept 17th (Sat 18th
rain date)
6:00 PM
AGS Field

Float Fly

Sat-Sun Sept 25-26
10:00 – 4:30 Daily
Nathaniel Cole Park

[For AGS field current weather info contact:](#)
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Must
Not Be Used at the AGS Field**

spouse or significant other. This is a dish-to-pass event, with Phil's Chicken available. \$7.00 gets you a half-chicken and roll, in addition to the goodies that y'all bring. If you're thinking a half a chicken is a lot, feel free to either share with someone, or bring your own "take home" container for your leftovers. I'll bring a sign-up sheet to Monday's meeting and also send it around on-line. Categories will be drinks, salads/sides, and desserts. Bob Noll and Barbara Sitler will do an "ice breaker." Hopefully it'll be a little warmer and calmer than it was last year, but we'll get a fire going, and prepare to dress accordingly. Sunset will be around 7:10. I'll need your chicken orders by Monday, September 13th. You can text/call me at (607) 239-1561, or e-mail at ddw@binghamtonwireless.com. And if you're thinking about other events going on, yes, this is the same weekend as the NEAT Fair. I'm actually planning to go down that Friday, and be back in time to pick up the chicken for the picnic.

And after that is the Float Fly at Nathaniel Cole Park. So, get your planes ready! With the rain we've had this year, I expect water levels should be "normal."

Yes, summer is "flying" past, but there's still time to get some more air-time in before it gets cold.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Monday, the 6th. We'll be discussing the timbering contract among other things.

Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion – by Bob Noll

The Aeroguidance Society will again be hosting the Vintage RC Society for its 32nd Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion on September 4 & 5 at our airport. This long running event features planes designed for radio control that were designed 35 years ago or earlier.

The weekend will start on Friday evening with a gathering at Mario's in Owego (7:00 PM). VRCS members will be arriving at our airport about 9 AM on Saturday and will fly a variety of vintage plane designs until about 5 PM. At that time, they will leave to prepare for the Saturday evening dinner at the Olive Garden at 6:30 PM in Vestal. Some pilots will venture to our field on Sunday morning before traveling for home. Some will use Sunday to visit our wine country, the Curtiss Museum and the other places of interest in the

area. Many wives and spouses attend this event with their pilots.

I am sure you will want to see the vintage planes so come to the airport on Saturday and don't wait until Sunday. Take this opportunity to see a large variety of plane designs from the past when RC was in its growing stages. Watch pilots control their planes with only rudder control, only elevator and rudder control and of course many planes with "full house" controls. Yes, throttle control is used in all classes.

Our airport will be open to all pilots after 5 PM on Saturday and ALL DAY SUNDAY.

AGS General Membership Meeting – Jesse

Pagels

The AGS General Meeting was held on 8/2/2021 at the AGS field. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 P.M.

1) Treasury Report

- Bob Jennings gave an update to the Board on the current standings of the Club's income, expenses, and account balance.
- Proposed budget for next year
 - Plan on dropping the library usage fee of \$160.00 as the club will start meeting at Johnathan's during the winter months.

2) September Meeting

- The next general meeting (Sept 6th 2021) will meet at the AGS field.
- Meetings after September will meet at Jonathan's.

3) Double Aught Lumber Harvesting

- The club discussed the possibility of harvesting some of the mature trees located on AGS-owned property.
- Discussed the trimming/removal of the current tree line.
 - Do the trees need to be cut down and removed or will there be further landscaping to ensure that the trees do not grow back to the state they are currently in?

- Double Aught Lumber is going to mark all of the viable trees which can be harvested and produce an estimate for the contract.
- BOD will look into possible tax implications associated with capital gains associated with tree harvesting.
- Discussed what to do if the club does see a windfall of money. Should the club invest in field improvements, equipment, etc.?
- Most of the trees that they are interested in are oaks.
- The club can expect to harvest trees from the property every 20 years or so.

4) Pattern Flying Contest

- Help is needed for setting up on Friday.
- The lower tier classes (club and sportsman) are free.
- Looking for one volunteer to help keep input scores into the computer.

5) The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

(Ed. Note) BOD meeting minutes available on website (members only)

Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

I recently learned nobody is immune from mishaps. It's been at least 10 years since my last one which I guess is not too bad. I've been piling the flights on 'Ol Lucky # 7' when suddenly I lost aileron control on my 3rd or 4th flight of the day. Fortunately, I still had all other controls but rudder is just not enough sometimes. At any rate, I almost got it on the ground but a tree snagged it. I quickly grabbed some ribbon, headed into the woods, and found it. A quick trip home for the chainsaw and a spotter (aka Matthew), some of my finest tree cutting skills employed, and it was back on the ground with only minor damage. Root cause of failure can be seen in 2nd photo...aileron connector lead came disconnected from receiver (how appropriate...the name of this publication).

Lessons learned:

1. Pre-flight inspection! This plane had been performing flawlessly for weeks and many flights and I got complacent.
2. Good argument for dual aileron servos (I still run one on many planes). Convinced I could have easily saved it with one functioning aileron.
3. Carry marking ribbon! It was easy for me to leave, return, and find it immediately by following my ribbon trail. If you call the tree climber it can also help him find your plane quickly.



Pylon Racing – Submitted by Matt & Todd Kopl

Race #6 was a relatively quick evening. Brent Bryson lost his landing gear after his 1st heat grounding his hot rod for the remainder of the evening and Bob Noll was unable to attend due to another conflict. Matt Kopl has been avoiding mistakes/cuts this season and has become consistently fast and hard to beat. Jesse Pagels continues to impress.

Race #7 was cancelled due to rain leaving the Race #8 finale on September 1st. Matt Kopl currently leads the standings.

Current Standings:

Q-500	RACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
	DATE	26-May	19-Jun	23-Jun	7-Jul	21-Jul	4-Aug	18-Aug	1-Sep	POINTS
Seeding	Pilots	rain				cancelled		rain		
1	Todd Kopl	0	5	7	5	0	5	0		22
2	Bob Noll	0	4	6	3	0	0	0		13
3	Matt Kopl	0	6	8	5	0	6	0		25
4	Brent Bryson	0	2	5	0	0	2	0		9
5	Jesse Pagels	0	0	4	4	0	3	0		11

Field – Bill Green

Upcoming mowing list **(Note: Editor messed up the original file provided from Bill. Please use this list!)**

9/2-9/4	Ray	Phillips	Todd	Kopl
9/9-9/11	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright
9/16-9/18	David A	Smith	David W	Smith
9/23-9/25	Bill	Green	Angel	Nevada
9/30-10/2	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
10/7-10/9	Chris	Goffa	Ed	Youket
10/14-10/16	Brent	Bryson	Lashawn	Wiley

If anyone has any questions about mowing or needs equipment operation instruction please come to meeting and ask.

Field rules are conveniently posted at the field in glass case and an easy read between flights in the shade.

Winter build suggestion – by Scott Wallace

I encourage everyone to come out and observe the flying fun at the Vintage RC Society (VRCS) event at our club field on Sept 4. You'll see a wide variety of RC models designed from the 1950's thru mid-1980's in action.

For 2022, VRCS has chosen the 1965 Royal Coachman as the "Theme Plane" and encourages its members to build an example.

Now, this is among the more homely models you'll ever see but it is in reality a wonderful flyer and extremely easy to build. If you are primarily an electric/foam flyer this would make an ideal entry level balsa building project this winter and give you a fun model that you could also join in with us at next year's VRCS event.

The model is all sheet balsa and couldn't be an easier electric conversion.

Substitute an aluminum main LG and the hardest part of building one is eliminated.

There's even a build thread on RCGroups to show you how to build one:

<https://www.rcgroups.com/forums/showthread.php?3940175-ABAK-Royal-Coachman-Build>



Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

Here are a few items from The Connector, Vol. IV, Number 7, August 1971.

THE VICE-PREZ SEZ - by Bob Jennings

I would like to thank everyone who participated in making the Annual Contest a success, including the weatherman, who provided two days without rain and a fine night for the second annual corn roast.

Now that we have done the work of running the Annual Contest it is time for us to enjoy our own annual contest. I am speaking of the Intraclub contest which is for the participation of members only. This contest is

for everyone (beginners, experts and in-betweens) and should provide an enjoyable day of flying. The success of the Intraclub contest depends on the support of the club members. Hope to see you all there on October 2.

Another upcoming event that comes to mind when I think of participation is the STR/CA races at Ithaca on September 26.

A WORD FROM OUR CONTEST MANAGER: - Wayne Sitrer

Thanks for making the 16th Annual a smashing success! Without the help of the members and their wives we never could have pulled it off. As it was, we sold out early and ran all over town to get more goodies. We sold 2000 sodas, 1000 hot dogs, 500 hamburgers, 500 cups of coffee, 100 bags of chips, and 150 gliders.

About 600 ears of corn were consumed at the corn roast and about 800 cars were parked during the meet. We had good coverage by the radio, TV and newspapers informing the public of our contest. Again, thanks for a job well done.

FROM THE CONEST DIRECTOR – Bob Noll

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the members of the AGS who helped us put on the greatest AMA contest in the club's history. Our contestant list has continued to increase each year and this year hit an all-time high of 73 in the pattern classes. I can remember, only 5 years ago when we hit 40 contestants and were overwhelmed.

I received many compliments as CD of the contest and it sure makes me proud to be a member of the AGS.

(Ed. Note):

- The early contests were held at Tri-Cities Airport and were one day events.

- The "ladies auxiliary" (our wives) handled the concession stand.

- The concession stand was erected from 2"x4" lumber and sheets of plywood.

- The Endicott police handled traffic into and out of the airport.

- Entrance into the airport was from Airport Road through a small railroad underpass.

- We charged \$2 a car.

Lipo Safety Reminder – by Brent Bryson

With the high reliability of modern batteries and charging devices, it is easy to become complacent about necessary precautions. A few weeks ago, I experienced an incident that could have been a disaster while charging my LiPo battery packs. Fortunately, I always charge my batteries on a cement or ceramic tile surface away from anything that may be harmed or spread a fire. I had placed the dual charger and two of my relatively new LiPo packs on the floor of my garage a good three feet from my car. These batteries showed no sign of swelling, and I believe that I had the connections correct. I only had two charge settings in the charger's memory, and these were the higher capacity packs, so even if I selected the wrong one it would have been charging at a lower amperage. At about 15 minutes into the charge cycle, I detected the smell of electrical fire. When I went to the garage to investigate, it was filled with smoke and flames were shooting up from the battery. I disconnected the charger from the wall power socket and the flames and smoke stopped a short while later. Fortunately, there was no damage besides the charger and the two packs. The picture shows the batteries and charger after the fire went out.



Show & Tell



Jesse Pagels fly-by



August Meeting...beautiful evening at the field! DDW even brought cookies

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

Lost & Found

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.

AGS 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
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.



SEPTEMBER PROGRAM
Open Flying



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