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****April Meeting** (Monday April 4th)
TRI-CITIES AIRPORT
351 Industrial Park Blvd, Endicott, NY 13760**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter



Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright

As I write this, at the end of March, we've had snow showers on and off all day. Well, it is only a week into official "Spring." By the same token, our home driveway has a definite "soft spot" in it as the ground has thawed, but not completely.

Hopefully you saw Bill Green's note about field and driveway conditions. Be careful not to tear things up if you get up there before things are dried out and firmed up. Let me also use this time for a couple gate lock and driveway reminders. If you're going up and have to open the gate, please remember to randomize the tumblers on the lock right then. Don't leave the combination set. Also, to help with driveway "wear," if you've got 4-wheel drive, use it on the way up! It's a bit of a nuisance if you've got lock-out hubs, like I do, but I'm usually getting out of the truck to open the gate anyway. For you guys with push-button 4x4, or full-time All Wheel Drive, that's not a problem. (One benefit of using the 4x4 is that you spin the front U-

joints, which actually can help keep them from locking up between winter seasons.) And lastly, you've hopefully seen the 9.5mph speed limit sign? Let's be good neighbors and keep our speed down as we go by the houses at the bottom of the driveway. And do watch out for their dogs! Our April Meeting is Monday, April 4th, at 6:30 pm at the Tri-Cities Airport Pilots Association Building. We will have a regular business meeting, which will start after 15 or so minutes of video from one of Bob Noll's DVDs. Greg Ingalsbe will be presenting, "Part II" of his spread spectrum information after we get through our business.

Up-Coming Events

AGS April Meeting

Mon April 4th
6:30 PM
Tri-Cities Airport

Field Opening

Saturday April 24th
9:30 AM

AGS May Meeting

Mon May 2nd
6:30 PM
Tri-Cities Airport

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

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

Prez Sez (Con't)

I'm hoping we can get a small group of guys together early this season to do some work taking down the worst of our plane-eating trees around the "notch" on the east side of the field. Please let me know if you're interested in helping out with that project.

A couple more items to get on your radar, Pylon Racing will be coming up before you know it, and I'd like us to have our Learn To Fly/Open House nights again this summer. So be thinking about if you could come up for some fun on those nights.

Lastly, the Board wants to try and keep everyone involved in the club. Some of that is encouraging your participation in our meetings and events, as well as providing a good location for you to fly. To do that, we need to know what you want from the club. Are you interested in socializing with other fliers? Do you just want a good place to fly? Do you want help learning a new aerobatic maneuver, or with something more basic? To help find out, we're going to be putting together a short survey. I understand that you may not like surveys. I personally hate it when my bank sends me one after every time I stop at the ATM. But this is your club, and we want and need your input to help us focus on what you want. When that survey comes around, please help us out by giving us your input.

Hoping to see you on the 4th! I'll send out a Zoom link for those wishing to participate remotely.

Vice Prez Sez — Jesse Pagels

Nothing submitted this month

AGS General Membership Meeting – Greg

Ingalsbe

AGSNY general meeting #888 was held March 7, 2022 at the Tri-Cities Airport. Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Vice-President Jesse Pagles conducted meeting in Presidents absence.

This meeting was the first of the social format club meetings. The meeting began with a video of very large scale RC planes from Europe.

“Show and Tell” was initiated by Greg Ingalsbe with his Cessna 150 build. This is a scale build from an old Sig kit.

Greg has converted this plane to electric power (800w motor, 6s 5000mah battery) and valuable information was discussed about the technical aspects of such a conversion.

Brent Bryson brought a Cessna 170 that his father built for him when he was 5. Brent plans to get the plane back into flying condition. He has so far stripped decades of old finishes down to the balsa structure.

Meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

Field – Bill Green

Field opening/breakfast is scheduled for Saturday April 24th at 9:30 am (Todd Kopl volunteered to serve breakfast with donation bucket - any profit will be donated to club).

The road to the field is clear of snow, grass still very wet(do not drive on) park on the road if you go up and back to turn around area on turn 3. Road repair will be required on turn 2.

Watch email for any updates or changes and for mowing list.

Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

For the many of us that enjoy buying and selling on RC Groups, eBay, and various other outlets utilizing PayPal beware, the tax threshold for taxable PayPal transactions has been significantly reduced. You might be getting some new tax forms from the IRS!

The MOB float fly is coming up in May. I actually didn't start float flying until a few years ago believe it or not (I was even CD for AGS float fly years ago) but boy is it fun and relaxing. I'd encourage AGS Members to get out and support the MOB event (I know many already do).

Pylon Racing – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Pylon racing will be resuming Wednesday evenings this May with Brett Bryson continuing as 'Chef', Bob Noll coordinating the help, and myself running the event. Last season had many weather impacts so hopefully the sun shines brighter this year! Attached is the schedule:

2022 RACING SCHEDULE										
Q-500	RACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Alt
	DATE	11-May	25-May	8-Jun	29-Jun	13-Jul	27-Jul	10-Aug	31-Aug	14-Sep

For all the helpers in the 2021 season you will be receiving an invite for the 'appreciation gathering' in the next few weeks.

Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

The AGS was having lots of fun and very active 50 years ago. Here are a few items from the February 1972 Connector.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Club officers for 1972 were elected at the annual meeting on February 4. They are:

President: Bob Noll

Vice President: Bill Johnson

Secretary: Roger Sanwald

Treasurer: Stan Bogaczyk

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The next meeting will be held February 18 at the IBM School. All meetings after that will be held at our new meeting in the old Hooper School on Main Street in Endwell. This is across the street from Whipple's lumber yard. Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday's of each month instead of alternate Fridays as in the past. Meeting time will be 8 PM.

ANNUAL PARTY:

The annual party will be held at the Fountains Restaurant Polynesian Room Saturday evening March 11. All members, prospective members, friends, and families are welcome. The hospitality hour is 6:30-7:30 pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30.

The illustrated 1971 club history will be given by our historian, Bill Sebesta, and other entertainment will be presented from 8:30 – 10:00. Dancing and socializing from 10:00 – 1:00 am will be accompanied by a local combo.

Prices are:

Members and guests, \$6.50 each

Members under 21; \$5.00

Send payment and reservation request to by March 4th to the treasurer, Stan Bogczyk, 334 Paul Street, Endicott, NY 13760.

COMING EVENTS:

The 18th annual Toledo RC Conference will be held February 26 and 27 in the Lucas County Recreation Hall in Maumee Ohio.

The 4th annual WRAMS RC Show will be held March 18 at the Westchester County Center, White Plains.

There was much more to the February 1972 Connector but I will stop here and make a few comments. I hope all of you read the entire Connector and notice how different things were 50 years ago.

Our By-Laws at the time contained several things that have been removed only several years ago. The first is the annual party, which really was a dinner party. Go back check out the itinerary for that great evening.

How about having the historian present the club history for the preceding year! Over the years the annual history reports got so entertaining that it was decided to repeat them at the annual party. The club historian was also eliminated during the same club leadership.

A party with live music, boy did we have fun! And we used to dance! The "other entertainment" was usually a skit depicting a funny event that happened during the year. There was one that became famous enough that we presented it the Pattern Contest Saturday evening banquet. Yes, we had some great banquets at the Italian Club in Sayre.

Well, the "other entertainment" I will tell you about is the famous "Whistler". I will include a photo of "The Whistler" in this issue and explain it more at the next club meeting.

By the way, did you notice the price of a dinner ticket? Due to inflation, \$6.50 in 1972 is equal to \$43.72 dollars today. Hey, and many of us were raising our families in the 70's and dual income families were rare. The annual parties were very well attended which tells you how important that social gathering was to most of the club members.

Show & Tell

Build Updates: by Scott Wallace

This year's big Lebanon RC swap meet was a bust, the weather forecast was terrible and was accurate with snow and freezing rain really hampering travel. I headed home by 11AM, having sold next to nothing and spent zero, nothing caught my eye this year. Travel home was very treacherous and I counted 11 cars and 2 semis off the road along I-81 in PA.

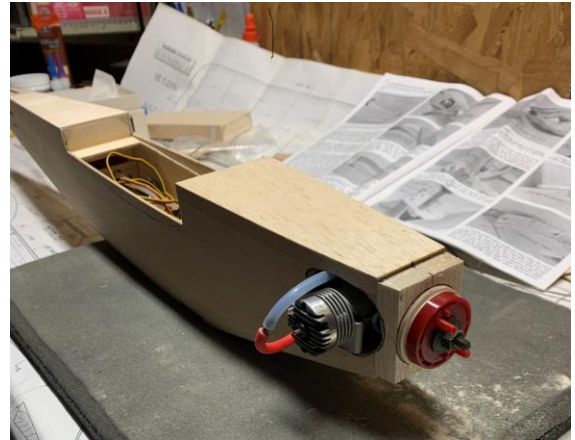
Once home, I found one of our cats had gotten into my workshop and knocked a biplane fuselage under construction off my work bench causing a lot of damage.

The next morning, I cleaned up the shop, set the damaged model aside, and started framing two more models. I had just recently finished a Trainer 60, now I've started work on the 40 and 20 sizes - soon I'll have the entire set! As I've mentioned, these are superb sport models that are maneuverable yet stress free as my days of wanting to fly high performance yet demanding aircraft are waning. This is one week's progress; they build quickly using short kits supplied by www.balsaworkbench.com.





Todd Kopl's SIG Doubler II project (note: some minor sanding required)



**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*

AGS 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
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Pylon Race #1	Wed May 11 th	6:00 PM	Todd Kopl
AGS BOD Meeting	Wed May 18 th	7:00 PM	Dave Dewey-Wright
Pylon Race #2	Wed May 25 th	6:00 PM	Todd Kopl

Spirit of Selinsgrove VRCS Meet/AGS Airport	Sat. Sept 3 rd	9 am – 4 pm	Scott Wallace & Ray Phillips

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
MOB Float Fly – Nathaniel Cole Park	May 14-15 th	Brian Tyler (See Flyer below)
1 st Annual VRCS Hudson Valley Fun Fly	May 21 st	See flyer below

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

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

Radio Controlled Model Airplane



Float Fly

May 14th & 15th, 2022

Nathaniel Cole Park

1674 Colesville Road

Harpursville, NY 13787

10 miles East of Binghamton, NY

GPS Coord. N 42.14762° W 075.71017°



DIRECTIONS:

NY Rt. 17 (186) to Exit 77. Turn Toward Gas Station onto North Road. Follow North Road 4 miles to four corner intersection with Colesville Road. Turn right onto Colesville Road. Follow Colesville Road 2 miles. Entrance to the park will be on your right.

SCHEDULE, FEES AND FEATURES:

Flying 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days.
Landing Fee: \$10 both days, or \$8 one day.
Pilot Door Prizes. On site self contained RV overnight camping available, please contact CD.
Food will be available for purchase.



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See our website: www.modelersofbinghamton.com

Bring the entire family, Cole Park boasts a beautiful 53-acre lake and white sand beach, the largest protected beach in the county system. There are two picnicking areas and all the amenities necessary to make Nathaniel Cole one of our finest parks. See <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/parks/natcole>



April Program

Part II – Spread Spectrum by Greg Ingalsbe



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