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****May Meeting** (Monday May 2nd)**

AGS Field

Endicott, NY 13760

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter



Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright

It's May! Flying season is here! As I write this, today's temperatures got well up into the 70's! In an effort to keep planes safe, the tallest trees on the Northeast corner of the notch on the east side of the runway have been cut down. Except for one. That one has markings on it from our loggers, but I believe we can cut it down above the marks. As soon as I can verify that, I'll get it down. In the meantime, there are a lot less trees to reach out and grab our planes there. I still plan to cut on the opposite corner but haven't had a chance yet. As we get time, we'll pull the trees up, pile the tops into a pile, and cut the rest up to firewood sizes.

Hopefully things will continue to dry up at the field, and we'll be able to do some flying before the meeting on Monday evening, May 2nd. If we've got bad weather, we'll head for the Pilots Association Building again. Look for e-mails, texts, or phone calls if the weather looks "iffy," otherwise, plan to come up to the field. No business except "planes" is planned.

Up-Coming Events

AGS May Meeting

Mon May 2nd
6:30 PM
AGS Field

AGS June Meeting

Mon June 6th
6:30 PM
AGS Field

Field Work Party/Breakfast

Weather Delay-TBD
9:30 AM

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

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

Prez Sez (Con't)

Our scheduled field opening and breakfast was put off from the snow we got, but I'm hoping we can reschedule the breakfast, and still have a work party sometime this coming month. There's some work to be done on the driveway, and as I mentioned above, we've got some trees to clean up that are down.

A quick note from the April Board meeting is that we've approved funding to fix the brakes on the tractor, and Bill Green thinks he has the oil leak fixed. If we're going to have a tractor up there, it ought to work, and we need it to be able to stop. We are on top of a hill after all. And it'll be a whole lot less expensive to repair the brakes than replace the tractor.

Lastly, for those who have already filled out the questionnaire, thank you! For those who are holding out for a better offer, this is as good as it gets. Please look up the e-mail with the URL and fill it out. It's anonymous.

Thanks, and I hope to see you at the field!

Vice Prez Sez — Jesse Pagels

Record-breaking April snowstorms aside, spring is here and it's time to think about gearing up for the flying season. I always struggle with the winter months out here in NY as I'd rather spend my time outdoors and not cooped up inside. I would like to thank all of those who braved the cold winter nights to make out to our monthly meetings at the Tri-Cities Airport. I noted that meeting attendance was definitely up from last year but there are a number of faces I would still love to see at future meetings.

Along with the upcoming flying season the club president (DDW) and I have taken it upon ourselves to craft a sort of general survey/questionnaire as a means to get a look at the overall health of the club at present. We have and will continue to send out reminders to club members urging them to complete the anonymous survey so that we can better serve AGS members. While it may not be immediately evident why it's important for us to know how many members prefer to fly glow or electric/mornings or evenings, etc., such information will help us to make decisions which reflect the current

trends of the club at large, such scheduling events and purchasing equipment. So please, I implore you reader to take our questionnaire seriously and to submit a response when you find the minute or two that it takes to fill it out.

AGS General Membership Meeting – Jesse

Pagels for Greg Ingalsbe

The AGS General Meeting was held on 4/4/2022 at the Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 P.M with 13 members in attendance.

1) Treasury Report

- Bob Jennings gave a financial earning report on the current standings of the Club's income, expenses, and account balance.

2) Membership

- Wayne Kunsman informed the club that he is moving to North Carolina. Wayne attended the meeting to donate RC plane-related items to any interested club members.

3) Field Opening

- Field opening is April the 23rd.
- Breakfast will be served in the morning.
- Bring rakes, shovels, etc.
- Will look into cutting down some trees along the tree line.
- The mowing list has been published
 - Those mowing, please replenish the fuel after mowing.

4) Meeting Place

- Starting next month (May), AGS general meetings will be held at the AGS Field.
- AGS will use the Tri-Cities Pilot's Clubhouse in case of unforeseen weather events.

5) Reading of Field Rules

- The current field rules were read aloud to all present AGS members as a reminder to those looking to fly during the upcoming flying season.
 - It was pointed out that the current rules—as they were read—needs to be adjusted to include an amendment to Rule #14 which had been changed previously.

6) Questionnaire

- The AGS BOD will be sending out a questionnaire as a means to gain a better understanding of the general health of the club. The survey will better equip the BOD in making changes in that will better reflect the current wants and needs of AGS members.
- The questionnaire will be anonymous and hosted online.
- The BOD will mobilize an established phone tree to reach and inform others of the survey.

7) Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be May the 2nd at the AGS Field

8) Show and Tell

- Ray Philips brought in his latest project, a 1980 Fly Baby. This was a winter project and a short kit was obtained from the balsaworkbench.com
- Jeff Hatton brought in some new servos which he ordered in anticipation of a new pattern plane he has on the way. As a word of advice, Jeff says "Don't skimp on servos!"

9) The meeting was called at 7:45 PM

Field – Bill Green

Mother nature may have spoiled our plans on April 23rd but the field itself can be used anytime and we will have a re-schedule with breakfast and focus on downed tree removal, road repair, and possibly other tasks. Date TBD watch email for updates.

Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

Have fun but be careful out there!

Adult ticks, which are approximately the size of sesame seeds, are most active from **March to mid-May and from mid-August to November**. Both nymphs and adults can transmit Lyme disease. Ticks can be active any time the temperature is above freezing. Infected deer ticks can be found throughout New York State.

For more information, please visit the website below:

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2813/>

Pylon Racing – Submitted by Todd Kopf

We may have some challenges getting a proper racing field in place this season. Please contact me if you haven't raced in the past and would like to join the fun this season.

For all the helpers in the 2021 season this may sound like a broken record and I apologize but I'm waiting for one of our pilots to recover so we can have a proper team gathering. Thanks for your patience.

Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

Speedy recovery Bob...we look forward to your next article!

Show & Tell



Tree removal – Thanks DDW! Still more work to do for club

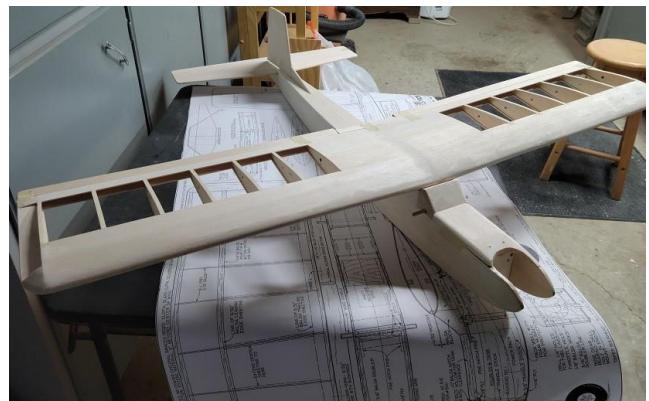
Build Updates: by Scott Wallace

RIP Monokote – in the mid 1960's Top Flite introduced Monokote to RC community, followed a few years later by Super Monokote. It became the gold standard for modelers in that it provided a quick, durable, good-looking means to finish a model airplane. Over the years many colors were offered and each year new ones were added. That all ended with the Hobbico/Tower Hobbies collapse a few years ago when they were acquired by

Horizon Hobby. Horizon markets a competitor, Ultracote, which although easier to apply isn't as durable. Coupled with low-cost competition, generically referred to as Chinacote, and the fact less balsa builders are out there compared to 20 years ago Horizon has discontinued Super Monokote. It will be missed.

(Editor's note: I have used Monokote since the early 80's. The most recent rolls I purchased from Tower did not have the same characteristics as my older stock from the 90's/early 2000's...so something had already changed in recent years in my opinion). Scott also informed me that Tru-Turn Spinners is also suspending manufacture of model products as-of April 2022...these were simply the best in my opinion going back to 1985)

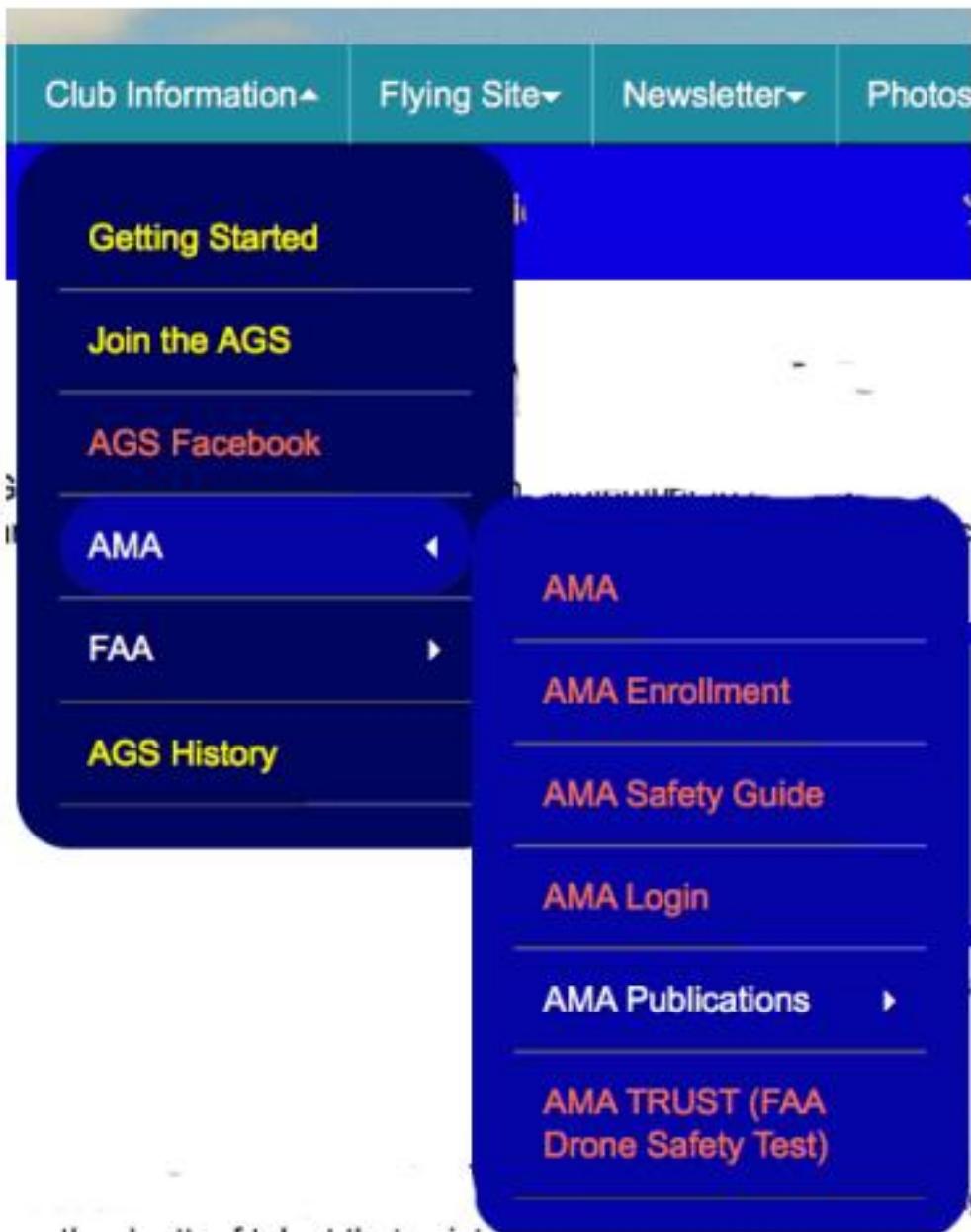
My building pace has slowed, I've been spending time going through existing models to ensure they are ready for the upcoming flying season. I did focus on the RCM Trainer Jr and have it within a few hours of being ready to cover.



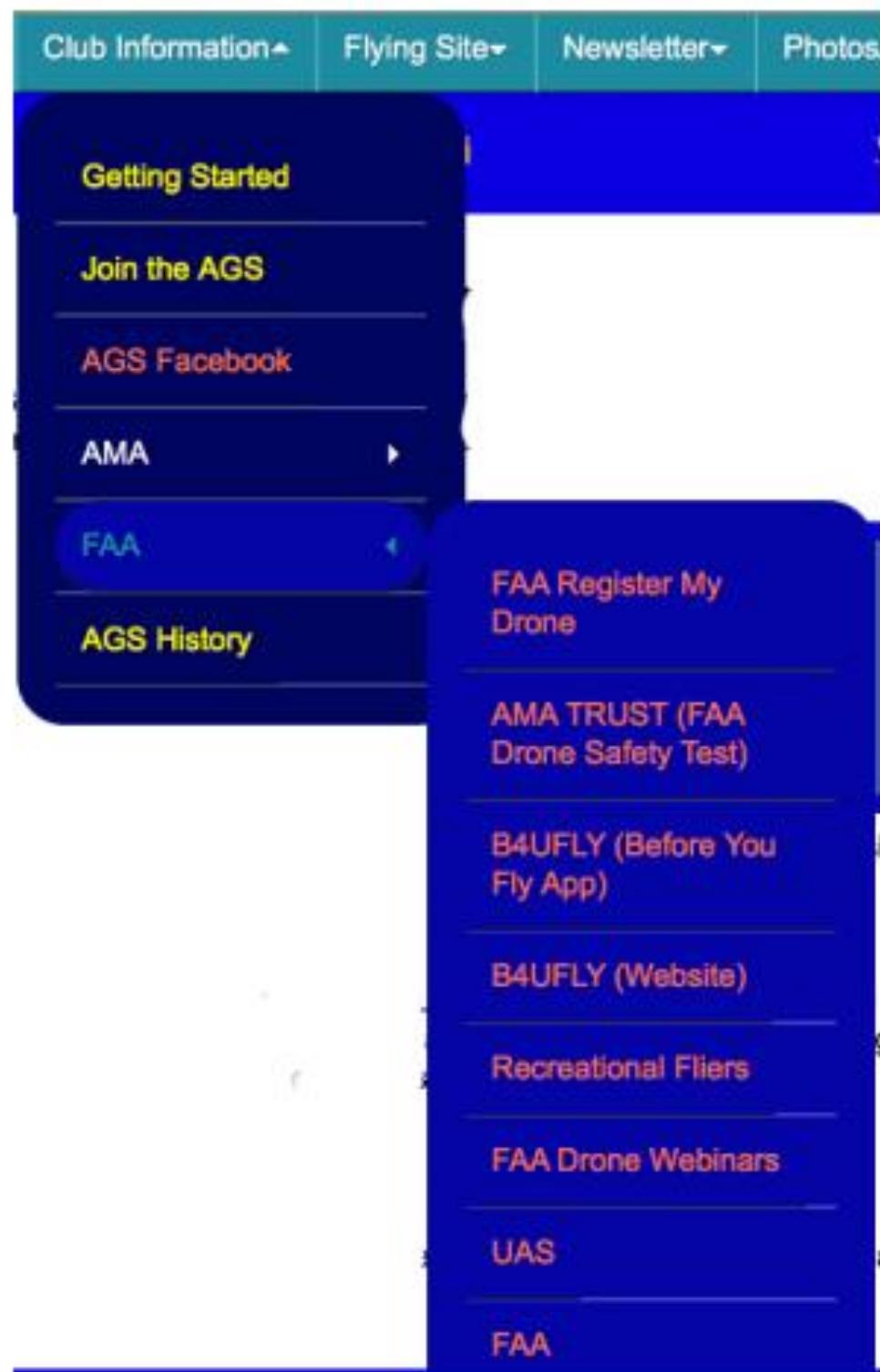
*Ed Note: I'm always looking for new material. For those w/out email you can send it to my street address in an envelope. For those w/ email: takopl297@gmail.com

AGS Website - Submitted by Don Shugard

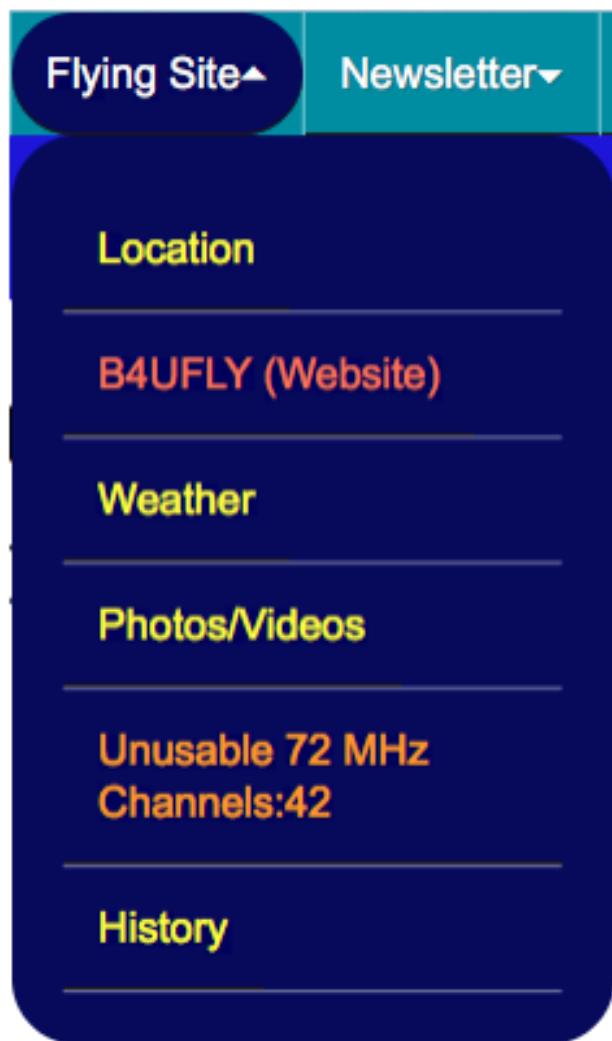
With the 2022 flying season kicking off I want to highlight a few of pages available on the AGS website <http://www.agsn.org> that might come in handy. For new or prospective members the Club Information tab a good starting point. In addition to information on the AGS, AMA and FAA details can be found including the TRUST or the FAA Drone Safety Test.



RC pilots need to know how to register their model airplanes with the FAA and keep up to date with FAA regulations. Links to get the B4UFLY app and the B4UFLY Website to check for any Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFRs) every time they fly.



The latest feature on the AGS website is the Field Weather page which is found in text at the bottom of the home page and under the Flying Site menu.



The weather information displayed on the page comes from the National Weather Service and is based on the latitude and longitude coordinates of the field as well as the closest observation point at Binghamton Airport. The weather data is updated at approximately 50 minutes after the hour and cached locally on the AGS server as a user accesses the page. You may experience a pause in the weather page display as the weather data is retrieved from the National Weather Service. Clicking on the "reload page button" on your web browser will not result in a new forecast until one is available from the National Weather Service. The AGS forecast is a tailored 3 day forecast that includes expected temperature and wind data. The wind data is color coded by day, a link to the Local RADAR is added and the sun positions from sunrise to sunset for a given day are plotted in a single graphical diagram (Expected Field Conditions below). The graphic shows the time of day, expected temperature, wind and sun position relative to the AGS runways. How to read a wind barb is provided on the page.

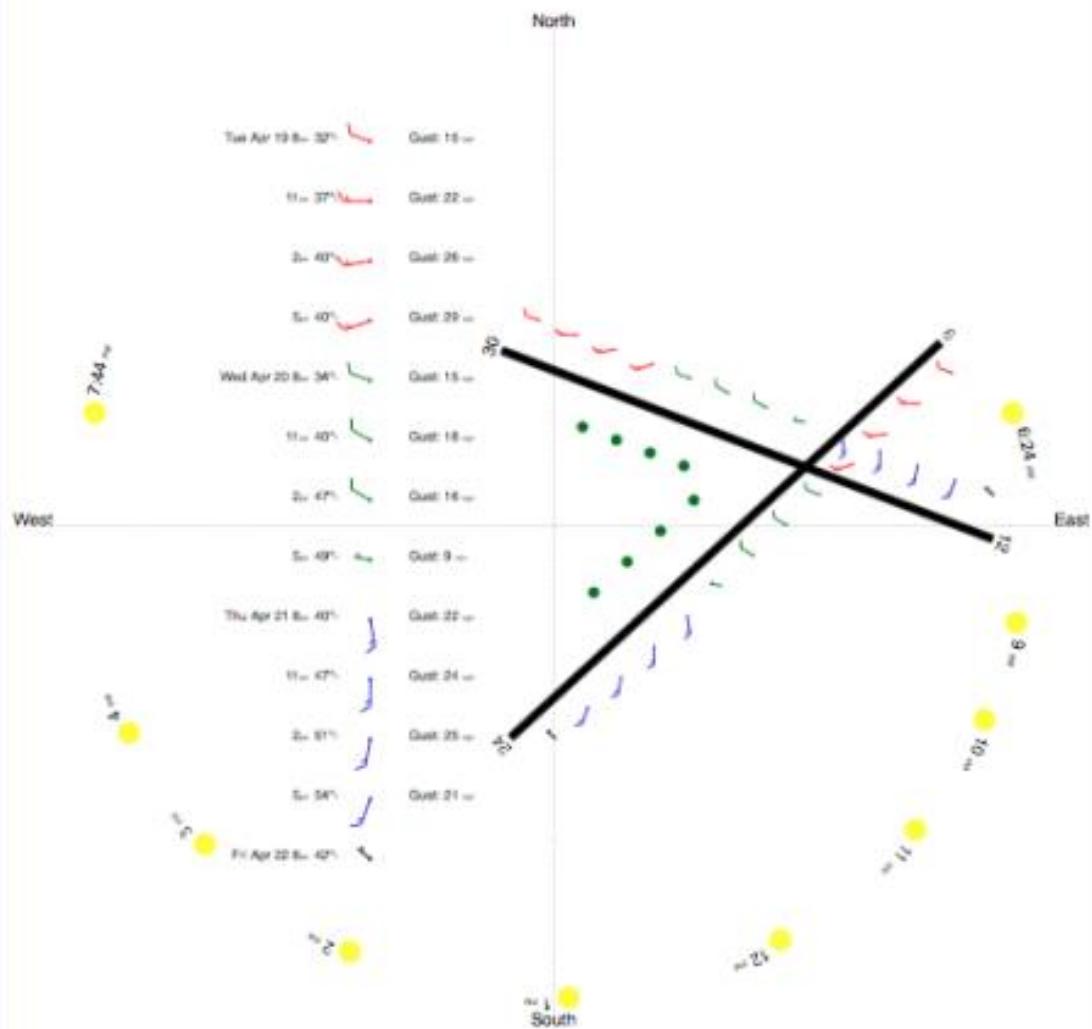
Expected Field Conditions

**Hourly Wind, Temperature Predictions and Sun Azimuths
for the AGS Airport** *lat:42.12429366244615°N lon:-76.13223105570674°W*

elev:1700ft

Local Radar

Weather Data Created: Tue Apr 19, 2022 @ 5:05 am



Lastly, the Field menu found on the AGS Member's Only section, provides access to the Mowing List and the Field Maintenance pages. The operator's manual for the mower can be found on the Field Maintenance page to refresh your memory on safety features and operations before you mount the noble steed.



Welcome To The AGS Members Only Web Pages

The screenshot shows a blue-themed website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a dark blue background. On the left side of the bar, the word "Field" is displayed in white, with a small upward-pointing arrow icon to its right. To the right of "Field", the text "AGS Documents" is shown in white, followed by a downward-pointing arrow icon. Below this bar, a large, rounded rectangular button has a dark blue background. The word "Field" is centered in white text at the top of this button. Below "Field", there are four horizontal lines of text, each preceded by a short vertical line: "Unusable 72 MHz Channels:42", "Mowing List", "Field Maintenance", and "Field Rules".

If anyone please ensure that you...

AGS 2022 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
AGS Regular Meeting (AGS Field)	Mon May 2 nd	6:30 PM	Dave Dewey-Wright
Field Opening (re-schedule)	TBD	9:30 AM	Bill Green
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
AGS BOD Meeting	Wed June 22 nd	7:00 PM	Dave Dewey-Wright
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 (I86) 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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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>



May Program

Open flying and airplane talk!



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