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****December Meeting** (Monday Dec 5th)**
Tri-Cities Airport
Endicott, NY 13760

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter



Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright

We still have Thanksgiving leftovers in the refrigerator, so it's hard to believe we've made it to December already! What's on your wish-list for Christmas? A new plane? Transmitter? Bench tools? Or have you already bought your Christmas present for yourself, and it's being assembled on the bench? I could go for better eye-sight, and faster thumbs. Of course, I could just try to keep my plane a little closer in too.

Field winterization happened a few weeks ago. The flight tables are under the pavilion, and the equipment in the tractor shed has been readied for winter. We also cleaned up the brush pile with a bonfire, and got rid of some of the old picnic tables by the tractor shed too. But just because the field is "winterized" doesn't mean you can't fly. If you can get up there, you can fly. Just be mindful if it's wet in the parking area to try not to tear it up if you can avoid it.

Up-Coming Events

AGS December Meeting

Mon December 5th

6:30 PM

Tri Cities Airport

AGS New Year's Fly

Sunday Jan 1st

10 - 3

BC United Soccer Fields

Endicott

AGS January Meeting

Mon Jan 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 (continued)

We've gotten the okay from BC United for our New Year's Day Fun Fly on, well, New Year's Day. I don't have any good insight into whether we'll have snow, or grass to fly off of. I hope you're planning to attend. It's a fun event, but make sure you dress properly for it. Last year, we had some hearty soup there, and a decent day without a lot of wind until later in the afternoon. I'm hoping we'll be able to get some more participation from other area clubs this year too. If you're interested in bringing some other food along, let me know. Leftover chips and dip from New Year's Eve is fine! In any case, get a plane or two ready, skis, if you have them (in case we need them), charge your batteries or tune your engines up. And make sure your transmitter batteries are up. (Note to self... charge the transmitter.)

Our December meeting is the 5th, at the Tri-Cities Airport Pilot's building, starting at 6:30. Bring your show-and-tell, or your Christmas wish-list. And if I don't see you before then, Merry Christmas!

Vice Prez Sez — Jeff Hatton

Nothing this month

AGS General Membership Meeting – Bob Noll

The meeting number 893 was called to order by President David Dewey-Wright (DDW) at 6:35 PM

Kieran Sweeny was introduced as a guest.

Old Business:

New mailbox: DDW told us that he purchased a rural mailbox and mounted it next to our neighbor's mailbox. He made note that the mailbox was the same as the neighbor's box. The new box has our number and "AGS".

DDW will contact the USPS to make an address change and cancel the PO Box in Vestal.

Bob Jennings mentioned that the annual cost of the P.O. Box was \$182 which will now be an annual savings.

New Business: Ray Phillips explained the recent FAA notices that affect all of us. The FAA has released AC 91-57C and AC 89-3 this week. AC 91-75C opens the doors for AMA to apply to the FAA for recognition as a CBO (Community Based Organization). AC 89-3 covers the FAA Recognized

He encouraged all members to view the excellent video produced by AMA.

<https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2022/10/25/faq-publishes-ac-91-57c-and-ac-89-3/>

Program: Chris Goffa gave a presentation of simple and inexpensive foam planes. This was a follow up to his article in the recent Connector titled Racing/Combat Ideas. In that article Chris wrote "What I have in mind is a new or modified contest for the club and our neighbors in the aeros too."

Show & Tell: Kieran Sweeney show his Simple Cub built from a \$25 kit that used foam board.

Bret Bryson showed his dual gyrocopter built from foam board.

Ray Phillips brought his Sporty Forty biplane. Ray's plane was another example of Ray's building skills with balsa that will be covered with silk and dope. Unfortunately, there was no time left for Ray to show his plane.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Field – Todd Kopl

Thank you to the three members that showed up to help with field winterizing. Although the numbers were small the fun and fellowship was large!



Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

It is with a heavy heart that I write this issue of the Connector. On Thanksgiving Day my father, confidant, and long-time AGS Member Tom took his final flight slipping the surly bounds of earth. My earliest memories date back to the early 70's with dad flying a Dumas Evolution with an Enya 15 (which I still have) and a World Engines Radio at the Ann G. McGuinness school (coincidentally where we do the New Year's and winter flies now). Either by watching, helping, or guiding Dad taught me everything and instilled a lifelong passion for model aviation (and aviation in general). He was my pit crew at the '83, '85, '88, and '90 AMA Nationals which are some of the best memories I will ever have. In more recent times he took great pleasure in watching his grandson Matthew take up the hobby and become an accomplished pilot...especially beating Dad at pylon racing! Below is one of my favorite photo's when 3rd generation Kopl (Matthew) took his 1st flights. Godspeed Dad may the wind always be under your wings.



Tom & Matthew Kopl-October 2011

This will also be my last issue as Connector Editor. Thank you to everyone who has contributed (and read) during my tenure. Scott Wallace will be the new Editor beginning with the December issue.

Show & Tell



Ultra-Sport 60 originally built by Terry Terrenoire in 1992 ready for spring flying. OS 60 2 stroke & retracts...I don't think it's ever flown. Acquired by former AGS member George Kelsey ~ 8 yrs ago. (submitted by Todd Kopl)

**Ed Note: I'm sure we all have projects please send material to Scott Wallace at email: s.j.wallace13@gmail.com*

AGS 2022/2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

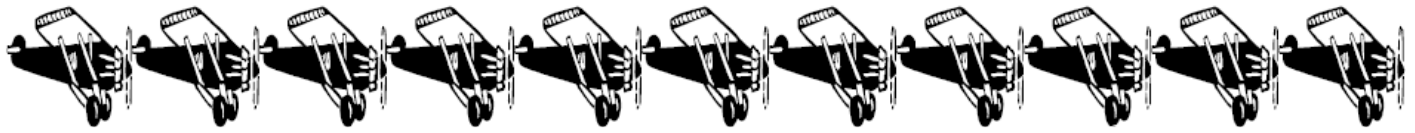
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Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info

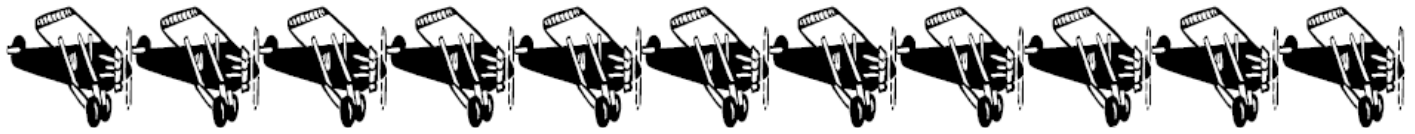
**Reminder to all AGS members...Keep
your AMA membership current.**

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



December Program

Bring a show & tell



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