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**THE AGS HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE ON
Saturday Jan 7th - 6:30 P.M at Kristofer's**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by David Dewey-Wright

Happy New Year, one and all! I hope everyone survived the December cold spell, okay? I don't mind the cold all that much, but combined with the wind, that makes it a bit of a challenge, but we made it through without any frozen pipes.

The holidays have been a nice break from work, and an opportunity to visit with family. I'll pass along that my dad is still doing well. He's trying to build up his strength, and he got me a very cool present, an ultrasonic oscillating knife from Micro-Mark (The Wondercutter S) As it turns out, he has a project he's working on where it will work well, so I left it with him this week.

I hope your New Year's Eve plans include readying a plane or two for our New Year's Day Fun Fly. Monday, the 2nd is still looking like a significantly better day, so stay tuned for an e-mail confirming whether we'll be flying on the 1st or the 2nd. (10:00 am to 3:00 pm)

As a club, we face some challenges, and we need to recruit new members, I think we all know that. Any ideas you have are welcome!

And our Holiday Party is coming up on Saturday, January 7th, 6:30, at Kristofer's. This will take the place of our January meeting, which will not be on Monday, the 2nd. There will be one order of business. I'll call the meeting to order, and ask for a motion to adjourn to the party. I look forward to seeing you at the Fun Fly, and/or at the party!

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If the Library is closed the meeting is cancelled and a notice will be sent via the AGS mailing list.

Coming Events

New Year's Day Fly

Sun Jan 1st

10AM – 3PM

BC United Soccer Fields
1301 Union Center Maine
Hwy, Endicott, NY

AGS Holiday Party (Replaces Jan Club Meeting)

Sat Jan 7th

6:30 PM

Kristofer's (Endicott)

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

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

**The Aeroguidance
Society, Inc.
147 Warrick Rd.
Endicott, NY 13760**

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AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #895

Date: Dec 5, 2022

Place: Tri-Cities Airport

Meeting number 895 was called to order by President David Dewey-Wright (DDW) at 6:33pm.

Kieran Sweeney was asked to take notes for the meeting.

We started the meeting with a moment of silence to recognize the passing of long-time member Tom Kopl.

Old business:

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as written.

Bob Jennings presented the finance report indicating a net gain from membership dues of \$462.50 in the treasury.

Our new mailbox is installed and mail is being delivered. The new address for the club is:

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New Business:

Ray Phillips has agreed to be our liaison to the AMA regarding the changes regarding FRIAs (FAA Recognized Identification Area). As such, the AMA has been recognized as a CBO (Community Based Organization). They have made changes in accordance with FAA guidelines to the AMA Safety plan, which is available on the AMA website. Everyone should go on-line and read/download

Ray has submitted a requested flying zone with a 2500' radius centered on the pavilion at our field. (Note: on December 8th, Ray informed me that the 2500' radius circle was not allowed because it let us fly over 4 houses. Ray re-drew the area as a polygon to exclude those houses.) Once approved, flying zones are valid for 48 months. Ideally, we would resubmit an application to

renew the area 6 months in advance of the expiration date.

Scott Wallace is the new editor (again) of The Connector. Thank you to Todd Kopl for doing the job for the last several years!

The New Year's Day Fun Fly is coming up! The Insurance and Sanction have been received, and permission from the BC United Soccer Club is approved. An invitation to the other local clubs (MOB, Aeros, IRCS, Valley R/C) has been sent.

January 7th is the AGS Holiday party, which will take the place of the January meeting at 6:30, Kristofer's, 1224 Campville Rd, Endicott. No meeting on January 2nd. The club will provide pizza, wings, and soda. A donation of \$200 each was made by Bob Noll and Bob Jennings towards this event. Thank you to both!

DDW brought the Shoestring racer his dad built, but never flew. He's hoping to get it tidied up and in the air this coming year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Below is the updated requested flying zone submitted to the AMA
(See page 5 for a larger image)



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

Please welcome our newest member, Kieran Sweeney. Kieran is 26 years old and lives at 5 Jane Lacey drive, Apt. D, in Endicott. Kieran is a recent Penn State graduate in Electrical Engineering.

Kieran learned about the club thru the AMA club finder by zip code. His specific interests are 3D printed aircraft and foam board aircraft. His specific reason for joining is to have a place to fly. I recently received the following additional information from Kieran;

“Other hobbies: I sail a lot, mostly racing catamarans on Sandy Hook Bay in NJ. I mostly sail my A-cat these days, although I also have an F18 and a Laser. I’ve started to pick up windsurfing too since over moved up here, mainly through the Cayuga Windsurfing Club.

I spend a lot of time building and designing 3D printers as a hobby, mostly geared towards 3D printing RV aircraft. 4H: I’m currently teaching a class to high school students through the 4H program. I’m using the FliteTest STEM curriculum as a general guide. Currently 20-odd students are building FliteTest

Simple Cubs. All of the electronics, kits, etc. are provided for free to the students through 4H- they get to keep everything after the semester is over. We’re pretty focused on building the kits right now, but once that wraps up, I’m going to start in on basic aerodynamics and aircraft design lectures with a strong lab component. We have paired up with my AMA club in NJ, the Pine Barons, to provide a flying site and extra volunteer flight instructors. I expect to get everyone flying in early February, and we have a number of fun events planned such as STOL competitions and bomb drops.

I’m currently teaching it remotely over Zoom, but I’m hoping to get the Ithaca 4H group interested in the curriculum for next year so that I can teach it in person.”

Kieran’s sponsors are Brent Bryson and David Dewey-Wright.

Welcome baby Maverick! - by Matthew Kopl



A new future model aviation pilot and future AGS member has been born! On December 23rd, at 9:43, Maverick Anthony Kopl was born! Weighing in at 6 pounds 14 ounces. Mom, Dad, and baby are all well and healthy!

As you all know, my grandfather Tom Kopl very sadly passed away last month, as we all miss him deeply, he is enjoying perfect laps up in the sky. I'm sure if he were here, he would be thrilled to see the fourth generation of Kopl's at the field! I hope everyone enjoys their holidays!

With love, Matthew, Lilly, and Maverick.

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

I was your newsletter editor from 2015-2019 and now I'm happy to be back for another stint. First order of business is a big thank you to Todd Kopl for his efforts as Connector editor the past couple of years.

During my previous time as editor, I tended to include a lot of content I authored, as well as pull in RC related content from the internet that I thought would be of general interest to the club.

Since this is *your* club newsletter, this time around I'm going to count on more content from the rank-and-file club members to make our newsletter informative and

appealing to all of us. Please drop me an email at any time with projects you're working on (or repairing), any new RC related purchases you've made recently, or any new product you've discovered. Photos are especially welcomed and can be emailed or texted to me at 607 206 0928.

Certainly, a focus for 2023 should be attracting new members *and keeping* current AGS members. We should collectively take an introspective look at why, over the past few years, have more than a few AGS members chosen to join other area clubs and make meaningful efforts to improve the AGS member experience. We cannot continue to follow the same recipe as we have in the past and expect different results.

I have been recovering from surgery and haven't spent much time in my workshop other than to clean up.

I did have an addition to my family (not quite as exciting as Matt Kopl's news 😊) a new Triumph Bonneville.

Motorcycling has been my other primary hobby over the past 40 years and I am really looking forward to the 2023 flying and riding season.



AGS 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
New Year's Day Fly BC United Soccer Fields 1301 Union Center Maine Hwy Endicott, NY	Sun Jan 1 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM In case of bad weather alternate date is Mon Jan 2nd - look for an email from DDW	David Dewey-Wright
AGS Holiday Party Kristofer's in Endicott	Sat Jan 7 6:30 PM	David Dewey-Wright

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Lebanon RC Exhibition and Swap Meet Lebanon Valley Exposition Center and Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA	Mar 11	https://www.centralpennaeromodelers.club/



JANUARY PROGRAM



HOLIDAY PARTY

