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**The AGS February Club Meeting is
Monday Feb 6th - 6:30 P.M at Tri-Cities Airport**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by David Dewey-Wright

Mid-winter... it's here. For those that were there, we had a pretty nice day for our New Year's Day Fun Fly, with members from the AGS, IRCS, and Binghamton Aeros joining together. We also had our Holiday party at Kristofer's. Thanks to all who came, and to Bob Noll and Bob Jennings for contributing to cover the food and soft beverages. For those who could stay for the Bingo game, it took a while, but we played till everyone got a "BINGO". Thank you, Bob Noll, for all the, "and the next ball up is..." calls.

I hope you're getting yourselves ready for the "good weather" flying season. It's really not that far away. I suspect our biggest delay will be getting the field and parking area to dry off, it's been a fairly wet winter so far. The planes hanging from the wall or ceiling in my basement keep reminding me that warmer weather is coming. And with that, I hope we can keep working on more fun flying activities, from racing in whatever form we decide to get back to it, to hotdog nights (those are the ones on the grill... and whatever you do in the air too), to maybe something like a, "bring a co-worker to the field" night. Hopefully you've already noticed that the daylight hours are getting a little longer. I know I have.

Our next meeting is Monday, February 6, at Tri-Cities airport. Bring your projects for show-and-tell, and "how do I fix this?" questions. Hope you can make it!

Dave D-W

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

AGS Feb Club Meeting

Mon Feb 6th

6:30 PM

Tri-Cities Airport

**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**

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AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #896

Date: Jan 7, 2023

Place: Kristofer's

No formal club meeting to report as the Holiday party was the January meeting.

HELP WANTED!

Guys, we're really light on material for this issue – this is your club newsletter and any and all contributions are welcomed and will be published.

Let the club know what projects you're working on, any models or accessories you've purchased recently or any hobby related tools you found that make life easier.

You don't even need to write anything if you don't want to, just send a photo to your editor's email or cell phone 607 206 0928.

Thank you in advance!

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

The winter doldrums have definitely hit, counting the day until spring!

I've gone through all of my models and checked for any maintenance issues that need to be addressed before flying season. I highly recommend everyone do something similar with their models, I often see fliers fixing things at the field that would be much easier to address at home.

I've puttered around my workshop a bit as well, I'm good about starting model projects but get bogged down sometimes when it comes to actually finishing them. I enjoy framing with balsa, but sometimes end up shelving that model and starting something else when I hit a snag.

Such is the case with the Sporty Ace biplane, it is on the back burner while I've been framing up a Super Sportster 60. I finished a 40 size Super Sportster last fall and thought having its big brother was a good idea. I used a short kit from balsaworkbench.com to speed up my project.



I did obtain the AMA sanction for our Vintage RC Society event for Sept 2nd, the 34th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove event. We've had consistent attendance/participation from our out-of-town friends and a core group of club members, and we've drawn a lot of casual observation from many other AGS members the past several years. Still lots of time to knock out a vintage model, anything designed before 1988 is eligible. There are literally hundreds of plans available on Outerzone, many of which are very simple and cheap to build and any are easily converted to electric power. Lots of help is available from experienced club members – one area that can be a challenge is bending wire landing gear. I can help anyone with that task, I have a wire bender and it isn't hard to bend your gear.

If you prefer building from a kit, Old School Model Works offers a number of laser cut models designed from the outset for electric or glow: [Old School Model Works : R/C Kits \(oldschoolmodels.com\)](http://oldschoolmodels.com)

Vintage eligible kits include the Fifty-Six and Lark (replicas of the Goldberg Falcon 56 and Skylark) as well as a Kaos, Robinhood 25 and a Mambo. Their Mambo isn't a replica of the old Sterling Mambo, rather a small model that resembles a Roaring 20 – as CD I would certainly allow it in our club VRCS event.

New Year's Day Fly

Todd Kopl submitted a few photos from this year's New Year's Day fly. The event was well attended and the AGS thanks the event chairman David Dewey-Wright for hosting.



EF1 Racing – submitted by Jim Quinn

The AGS has a long history of racing R/C airplanes. I remember building a Formula Falcon (Junior Falcons/.049 Cox engines) and leaving out all the formers in the fuselage to save weight. It was tough to get all the Coxes to run smoothly at the same time.

Quickie 500 was an easier class to get everyone to the starting line ready to fly. I had flown the 500s for several years, taking a break, and returning to the 500 class with my old airframe and an electric motor. It was tacked to get under 14,000 RPMs which was where many of the OS motors' ran. It was a lot of fun, but a little hard on my older batteries to run 10 laps at full throttle. I only raced that one event. Last season saw no 500 races for a variety of reasons. DDW's alternative of fun flys with food was a great substitute. Thanks, Dave, for all your work to make these fun flys so much fun.

My dear friend, Lanny Noll, always spoke of the two-season world R/Cers lived in, the “Flying Season” and the “Building Season.” The weather man’s four season did not exist for AGSers.

So, during our “Building Season” is there any interest among us to build an EF1 racer? You can find the specifics on airframes and power equipment on line. My EF1races is easier on batteries than was my heavier Quickie 500.

Here is the link to the main EF1 information page
<https://www.nmpa.net/EF1Approved.htm>





AGS 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

| ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified) | DATE | CHAIRMAN |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| AGS Feb Meeting Tri Cities Airport | Feb 6 6:30 PM | David Dewey-Wright |
| 34 th Annual VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration | Sept 2 9:00 – 4:00 | Scott Wallace Ray Phillips |
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Other nearby RC events of interest

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