



# The CONNECTOR

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**The Next AGS Club Meeting is  
Monday May 1st - 6:30 P.M at Tri-Cities Airport**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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## Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright

Ah... May is upon us. The weather continues to warm up. The leaves on the trees turn the hillsides green, and the sound of spinning propellers fills the air up at the flying field more frequently. I've had a couple of opportunities to get up there already and start tuning up my thumbs. (Staying two mistakes high is still a good rule for me.) If you haven't been up already, I expect you're getting ready to come up and visit and fly.

I had hoped we would be able to have our May meeting up at the field, but the weather just isn't that reliably warm yet. So, one more meeting at the airport yet on May Day.

The AGS sign has been put back up for the season, down by Day Hollow Road, we'll be getting the rest of the flight tables out in the pit area in another day or two, and the mowing schedule starts the first week in May. We've had enough sun and rain that it's starting to grow already.

Upcoming events include the spring Float Fly at Nathaniel Cole Park, May 20-21. Even if you don't have a float plane, it's fun to come and watch, and visit with everyone there. I'm hoping to be there and fly.

### **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 May Club Meeting**

Mon May 1st  
6:30 PM  
Tri-Cities Airport

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

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

**AGS Officers:**

**President:** David Dewey-Wright (A-C)

**Vice President:** Jeff Hatton (D-H)

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**Treasurer:** Bob Jennings (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Brent Bryson (S-Z)

2) Dave A. Smith

**Past President:** Jeff Hatton

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** OPEN

**Field:** Todd Kopl

**Safety:** Chris Goffa

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

**Prez Sez continued:**

I've also sanctioned the Fall Float Fly for September 22-23. This falls after the currently scheduled date for Remote ID to start... we'll see how that plays out and if that date gets pushed out, or if we need to be compliant. (Which assumes hardware is available.)

I hope to see you soon, either at Monday's meeting (bring your show-and-tell), or up at the field!

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**AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Aeroguidance Society Meeting #898**

In attendance:

Dave Dewey Wright, Tom Fargo,  
Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Bob and Alita Jennings  
Bob Noll, Jesse Pagels, Ray Phillips, Kieran  
Sweeney and Scott Wallace

Online:

Todd Kopl

Meeting called to order at 6:36.

March 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report presented and read by Bob J.  
AMA dues were paid using the pay pal account.

Membership report and group discussion:

A) Advertising to promote club for new members.

1) Strawberry festival-Saturday 6/16 and Sunday 6/17.

-Members talked about volunteers setting up either a \$75 or \$100 booth on Saturday with club brochures, RC plane videos, an RC flight simulator- in order to invite patrons to participate and also, arranging for a truck pulling a trailer in the parade. Scott questioned the value vs. the benefit of the funds spent. The discussion ensued, but no final decisions were made.

- Other items suggested and discussed were setting up a booth or table at the Hickory's or other car shows, and a demo day at the club field.

Old business:

A) Ray P. brought up the topic of acquiring higher altitude waivers for sanctioned AMA events and said he will continue to follow up with AMA.

B) The logging contract was visited briefly.

End of business portion of meeting.

Show and Tell:

A) Scott W. brought his recently completed Country Squire finished with silk and dope in teal green.

B) Jeff H. brought his lipo storage bag, ammo box (for batteries), and (Pulse) battery safe.

C) Kieran S. brought his controller, a Radio Master X Zorro.

D) Dave D. talked about surprising his dad and ordered a Real Flight RC simulator.

E) Ray P. talked about the US defense drones that are now flying out of Syracuse.

Motion to adjourn and agreed upon at 8:07

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### AGS Field Report – by Todd Kopl

Field opening for April 29th at 10:00am has been cancelled due to abysmal weather forecast. Thanks to the lack of snow and early warm up the field is already in great shape. I went up Friday and several members have already contributed to ‘opening it up’. Flight stands are out, signs are up, some equipment maintenance has been completed, AGS Honor roll memorial has been updated, and I installed the windsock and did some mowing (not all of it).

I will re-schedule field opening and rename it ‘field workday’ once building project proposals and BOD approval is received. Barn door is a key item that needs repair.

My hobby activities are still on the back burner but my house repairs are nearly complete now. I did sneak into the shop and started organizing my stuff. Top tip: if you ever have your house re-sided take anything that can fall of the inside walls!

A few photos of field taken on Friday April 28th



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### GLH – by Jim Quinn

Quite a few years ago I built an original ACE kit of a GLH. It came with foam wings and the upper and lower fuselage also was foam covered. It used a TD Cox .049 for power. Over the years I converted it to electric and added landing gear. It is aileron and elevator controlled so landing with no rudder control is interesting. All in all, it is a fun airplane to fly. Originally a skid was provided for landing.

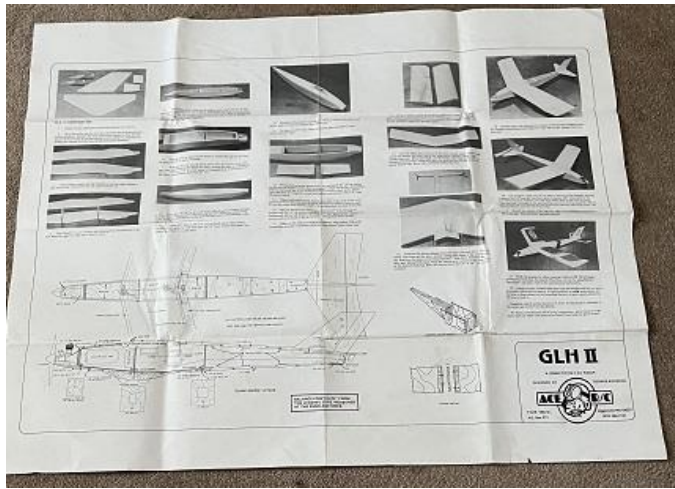




The short kit Scott Wallace suggested was excellent. The wood was of a good quality, well cut and the fits were excellent. The most time-consuming part of building the fuselage was cutting the top and bottom pieces so the grain of the wood was perpendicular to the fuselage. If you ran the grain parallel to the fuselage it would make for a very weak fuselage.



Since I had another GLH I could lay it over the actual plans and make an outline of the correct sweep of the wings. Spacing the ribs evenly makes it an easy job, I hope. There is one problem with the ribs. The ribs were stacked together and the slots on top and bottom of the ribs for the spars were straight cut. They will need modification to accommodate the angle of the wing. That is no big deal, just another few more minutes of fun in the workshop.



### Scotch Lass – by Scott Wallace

In the past month I've framed up a Chuck Cunningham design published in 1970, the Scotch Lass. Very simple, all balsa model for a .15 glow, should be covered and ready to fly by June.



This is the prototype model from the magazine article:



To race a GLH I would imagine the course should be shorter, maybe the length of our runways??? Of course, all the planes would be hand launched. I am guessing that a standard 3S pack should be used.

I'll keep the Connector posted on my progress. Get this short kit, racing or not it also qualifies for the VR/CS reunion.

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## ***AGS 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR***

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
AGS May Meeting Tri Cities Airport	May 1 6:30 PM	David Dewey-Wright
AGS Annual Aerobatics Contest	Aug 19	Jeff Hatton
34 <sup>th</sup> Annual VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration	Sept 2 9:00 – 4:00	Scott Wallace Ray Phillips
AGS Float Fly	Sept 23 - 24	David Dewey-Wright

### ***Other nearby RC events of interest***

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact / Info</b>
MOB Float Fly Nathaniel Cole Park	May 20-21	<a href="http://www.modelersofbinghamton.com">www.modelersofbinghamton.com</a>
Hudson Valley VRCS Fun Fly West Haverstraw, NY	June 10	<a href="https://www.hvrcc.com/">https://www.hvrcc.com/</a>

## **2023 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Primary</b>	<b>Helper</b>
5/4/2023-5/6/23	TODD KOPL	MATT KOPL
5/11/23-5/13/23	HAROLD PEELING	JESSE PAGELS
5/18/23-5/20/23	BRENT BRYSON	LASHAWN WILEY
5/25/23-5/27/23	CHRIS GOFFA	MARK LECHER
6/1/23-6/3/23	JIM QUINN	MICHAEL MAUERSBERG
6/8/23-6/10/23	CHARLIE HATTON	JEFF HATTON
6/15/23-6/17/23	TOM FARGO	GREG INGALSBE
6/22/23-6/24/23	DAVID DEWEY-WRIGHT	DAVID A SMITH
6/29/23-7/1/23	RAY PHILLIPS	SCOTT WALLACE
7/6/23-7/8/23	TODD KOPL	MATT KOPL

**NOTES:** Dates are the Saturday that the field should be mowed by, typically the field is mowed on a Thursday afternoon/evening to ensure the runways are in good shape for the weekend.

**Crews:** You are responsible for switching dates with others if unable to mow on scheduled date.

**YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE TO REPLENISH FIVE GALLONS OF GAS AT COMPLETION OF YOUR MOWING ASSIGNMENT.**



## AGS Swap Shop

Thought I would try this for a few months, if it is popular, I'll continue

Please send me your items to list to [s.j.wallace13@gmail.com](mailto:s.j.wallace13@gmail.com)

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**BMJR Miss America full kit** – Beautiful laser cut balsa kit, designed for electric power. This is a half-size replica of the 1935 Miss America 84" Free Flight model. Intended as relaxing flyer/thermal chaser for rudder, elevator and throttle. Kit was \$114 but a bit too small for my liking (fat finger syndrome) -

**\$60 firm** contact Scott Wallace if interested 607-206-0928



**Great Planes Super Sportster 60 Project** – Approx. 95% framed up, built from a balsaworkbench short kit. Model is set up for a .61 two stroke engine; dual aileron servo set up – needs 5 standard servos. Included (not shown) is an instruction booklet, canopy, LG, wheels, fuel tank, pushrods and most of the other hardware needed. **\$70 firm** contact Scott Wallace if interested 607-206-0928



**Great Planes Trainer 60** – RTF (add your receiver) includes an OS 60 engine, JR digital servos, JR switch and Li-Fe RX battery. An all-around fantastic flying sport RC model that I built in 2021 but I need space for new models! **\$275 RTF** contact Scott Wallace if interested 607-206-0928

