



# The CONNECTOR

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## **The Next AGS Club Meeting is Monday June 5th - 6:30 P.M at the AGS Field**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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### **Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright**

There's a reason Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start to Summer, if you've been up to the field, you'll notice that it's definitely flying season! This past Thursday was definitely windy, but I got up there to mow the tall grass between the trees and the landing field. It took most all of the afternoon, but it looks pretty good. And growing up on a farm, it was good to get out and do some field work on the tractor. Earlier this month, the sliding door on the tractor shed was rebuilt/repaired. Thank you, Ray Phillips and Bill Green, the job went well with the three of us there. Ray got it painted, and it looks good.

This past Friday was a bit breezy, but nothing most of our planes won't handle. One of our new members, Ed Bennett came up to fly. Did I mention we have two new associate members?! Ed Bennett and Brandon Collings have joined the AGS. Welcome to both of you! Also, Bill Green has asked to rejoin the AGS after putting in a few good flights at the field. That'll be an item at the upcoming June meeting on the 5th.

I mentioned this past Friday, which was a bit breezy, but there were at least five of us up there in the morning to fly. Two Fridays before that, we also had a good crowd up there, I think I recall eight of us up there, including Tom Fargo, who put in a nice flight with has Sonic.

### **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 June Club Meeting**

Mon June 5th  
6:30 PM  
AGS Field

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

**The Aeroguidance  
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**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

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** Jesse Pagels

**Field:** Todd Kopl

**Safety:** Chris Goffa

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

**Prez Sez continued:**



**Tom Fargo**

I don't recall who, but someone there said, "doesn't anyone work on Friday?!" We'll be starting up our Wednesday Fun Fly with Hotdog nights soon.

The Spring Float Fly went on May 20 & 21. I got there Sunday afternoon. It was fairly breezy, but apparently not as windy as Saturday. I dunked my Beaver on take-off, but managed to get a flight in with my Sea Wind.

Our next big event is the Pattern competition on August 19th. I flew the Club Class last year, and while I did find the first heat a bit nerve wracking, I enjoyed it, and I'm planning to fly the Sportsman class this year. I encourage everyone to at least consider entering and trying it out. For the Club Class, any plane that you can loop and roll will work.

## AGS General Meeting Minutes

### Aeroguidance Society Meeting #899

In attendance: Dave Dewey-Wright, Tom Fargo, Bob Jennings, Bob Noll, Ray Phillips, Scott Wallace

Online: Brent Bryson

Guest: Bill Green

Meeting called to order at 6:36 P.M.

April 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report: Presented and read by Bob J.

Ray P. asked about having the roster updated and suggested a new spread sheet that can be maintained. It was discussed for Jesse P. to implement.

Field opening: Dave said the field is mostly ready for flying. Most of the plane pods have been rolled out. Also, Dave said the shed door still needs fixing so Scott motioned for Ray to get the materials to fix the door, we had a 2nd from Tom and all in favor.

Membership and club promotion: DDW is still working on contacting The Hickories to coordinate AGS demos at various car shows.

New business: Bill Green who attended the meeting as a guest said he got his glasses fixed and wants to try flying again and perhaps re-join the AGS.

There was a discussion about the dock that was built on the AGS pond by the gentleman that lives by the driveway entrance. Bob J. recommended he be notified and reminded that the AGS owns the land, but with the intent to establish clarification of a land use agreement so we have documentation to help prevent any future land ownership issues.

Upcoming events: Spring and fall float fly reminder. Ray asked about contacting AMA for Height Sanctioned Events permission.

Motion to adjourn and agreed upon at 7:23 P.M.

\*Minutes prepared and written by Tom Fargo.

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### Membership Report – by David Dewey-Wright

Ed Bennett is in logistics, that is, he's a contractor for Fed Ex with several routes in the area. He also does some flatbed work. He says he hasn't been flying long. When he first contacted me, he had some UMX size foamy planes. A twin otter, a Turbo Timber, and a Pioneer. He's interested in getting some bigger planes, and eventually getting into some balsa building, either electric or glow powered.

Brandon Collings said, "I'm a shrink." He lives in Binghamton, and has done some RC Car racing, and then picked up a plane to fly, and needed a bigger space to fly. He's figuring this is something he and his son can do together, as his son gets older.

Jesse and I met Brandon and Ed up at the field earlier in May to give them a tour of the site. Both were already members of AMA, and both brought planes with them, so we invited them to fly, and both showed that they have a good handle on the basics of flying. Since our first meeting, Ed has picked up a bigger cub plane, and learned about the "Geofencing" that was built into it. Something to keep you from flying too far away. We were all surprised by how abrupt the "turnaround" was, and glad that Ed kept his cool and made some good recoveries. He's since learned how to turn that "feature" off.

Welcome to the AGS, Ed and Brandon! We hope to see you up at the field throughout the summer.

**AGS Field Report – by Todd Kopl**

Thank you to Ray Phillips, Bill Green, and David Dewey-Wright for completing some much-needed repair to our tractor shed door. Great work gentleman!



**Brandon Collings**



**Ed Bennett**

## Scotch Lass – by Scott Wallace

Progress made on my 1970 Scotch Lass, covered and painted with Brodak dope. Needs clear coat and then final assembly so should be flying within a few more weeks. Shout out to Callie Graphics, she made the “Scotch Lass” decal from a scan of the magazine article - she is a real asset to our hobby!

[Callie Graphics \(callie-graphics.com\)](http://callie-graphics.com)



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

<b>ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN</b>
AGS June Meeting AGS Field	June 5 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>
Hudson Valley VRCS Fun Fly West Haverstraw, NY	June 10	<a href="https://www.hvrcc.com/">https://www.hvrcc.com/</a>
NEAT Fair Downsville, NY	Sept 14 - 17	<a href="https://neatfair.org/">https://neatfair.org/</a>

### **2023 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE**

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

**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.**