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**The Next AGS Club Meeting is
Monday Sep 11th - 6:30 P.M at Tri-Cities Airport**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

Prez Sez – David Dewey-Wright

Editor's note: No Prez Sez received for this month.

Don't forget the Vintage RC Society event this Saturday - please stop up and see a taste of what RC flying fields were like in the 1960s and 70s.

See everyone at Tri-Cities Airport for the next club meeting on Sept 11

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

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

Coming Events

VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove

Sat Sept 2nd
9:00 - 4:00
AGS Field

AGS September Club Meeting

Mon Sept 11th
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)

Secretary: Tom Fargo (I-L)

Treasurer: Bob Jennings (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

1) Brent Bryson (S-Z)

2) Dave A. Smith

Past President: Jeff Hatton

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Jesse Pagels

Field: Todd Kopl

Safety: Chris Goffa

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

AGS General Meeting Minutes - by Tom Fargo.

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #902

In attendance: Ed Bennett, Dave Dewey-Wright, Tom Fargo, Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Bob Jennings, Todd Kopl, Bob Noll, Ray Phillips, Kieran Sweeney, Dave Smith, Scott Wallace, Brent Bryson

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M.

July 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

Treasurer's report: Presented and read by Bob J. Motion passed to accept Treasurer's report.

Current Budget: Dave D. discussed the AGS current budget. Some important considerations were discussed by members such as, how the ongoing FAA FRIA approvals or denials for RC club flying sights might impact our local area and affect future club memberships. Income from the logging company was also brought up to date and welcomed, especially in considering future membership dues and working toward and maintaining a balanced budget. A motion was approved to accept the budget. *Ray suggested that next year, he would like to see the budget presented as "actuals".

Land plane: Members discussed the purchase of a new or used land plane to maintain the access road in the future. Dave D. stopped at Central Tractor to see the one they had listed at \$1,599. Dave asked them about shipping and when they checked, the land plane showed up with a price of \$1,099 on layaway. Tom F. asked Dave D. if he had purchased the land plane, but Dave said no, that he was going back the next day to do so.

New Board Members: Dave D. asked the group if there were volunteers for any of the upcoming board members positions. He also asked members to consider choices for upcoming elections and term limits. Kieran S. volunteered to take over the

position of Treasurer without objections. Jeff H. volunteered to stay on as VP for one more year. Dave D. asked Tom F. about remaining as secretary and without any other volunteers; he agreed to fulfill the position for the upcoming year. Dave D. reminded members that his position as President also needs to be filled because his term will be up. Dave D. said he is also going to check into putting together a nominating committee.

New/Old Business: Ray P. asked if the club was still interested in using the pilot's club house at Tri-Cities airport this coming season/winter for AGS monthly meetings. Ray also said we have one month to make a decision on what to offer if we use the facility.

Upcoming events: The upcoming AGS pattern contest will be on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Jeff H. asked for possible volunteers for the event to either help or fly in. Scott W. asked Jeff H. if he was getting the port-a-john serviced before the pattern event. Jeff H. confirmed he will be applying to the AMA for the pattern sanction event after Ray P. asked about the status.

The upcoming AGS VRCS – Spirit of Selinsgrove event will be on Saturday, September 2, 2023. Scott W. talked about the event that he and Ray will be hosting and the many different types of planes that will be flying. He also encouraged any members that were interested in balsa wood models to either stop out to the event to see all the pilots and planes, or to fly in, or help with the event itself.

Special Thanks: Todd K. thanked Ray P. for replacing the fan guard on the zero-turn mower!!!!

Presentations: Brent B. brought a 3D printed Hawker Hurricane by 3D LabPrint.

Jeff H. brought a portable battery pod about the size of a car battery which can charge multiple RC batteries.

Dave D. brought a couple of small planes 1) Cap 232 and 2) A10 Warthog to give away.

Kieran S. brought two examples of 3D parts that he printed using filament from two different 3D companies; one is Overture and the other is PolyLite LWPLA, while also pointing out differences in weight and rigidity. Kieran can also print out pilots for anyone that might be interested.

Motion to adjourn and agreed upon at 8:08 P.M.

AGS Field Report – by Todd Kopl

I'd like to thank everyone for stepping up since my column last month and really getting the field into great shape again! It looks like a golf course again which should always be our goal, it especially makes it look attractive to prospective new members.

Special thanks to those that go the extra mile for helping work on/maintain our equipment and use their own personal equipment, especially for the road, and do 'extra' mowing in the tall grass! It has admittedly been a challenging season for keeping grass cut everywhere and it's still growing like crazy so please remember your mowing assignment or find a sub if you can't make it. It appears the loggers have packed up and moved out which I expect will be covered elsewhere in this issue.

I did submit a photo of a small but critical upgrade for the old Ford tractor...a new seat cushion!



Please don't forget Ray Phillips wired that upper shed with lights, all you need to do is pull generator out to have lights which is becoming more important as the days get shorter. In an effort to make re-stringing the Husqvarna weed trimmer easier Bill Green has pre-cut the line and hung it on the wall next to Ford tractor (sorry, I don't have a photo).

The porta john should be serviced ahead of the VRCS event this weekend if anyone was wondering about it.

Lastly, last fall I had a field clean up party and 'marshmallow roast' which ended up being a great time and really helped clean up some old junk. I intend to do the same thing again this fall, date and time TBD.

Get up and fly or at least come out and check out club events like VRCS!

AGS Aerobatics Contest Report – by Todd Kopl

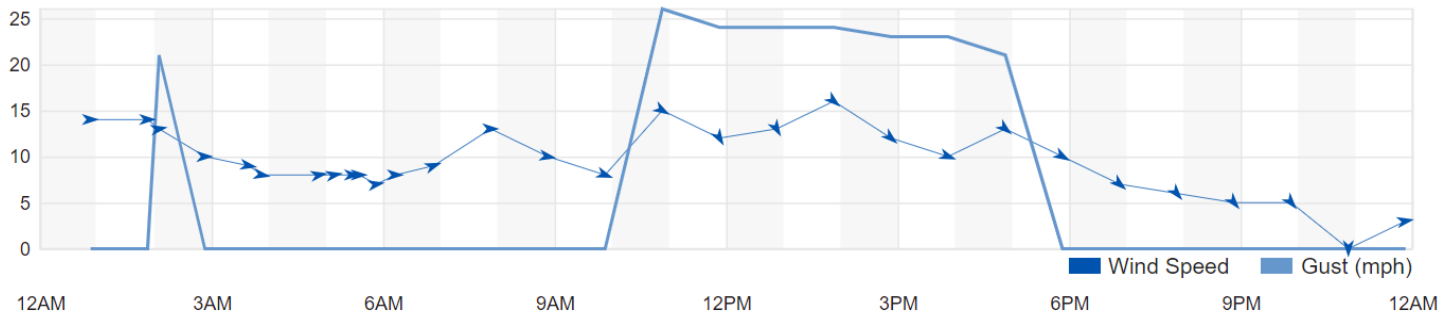
Thank you to CD Jeff Hatton for hosting the 68th Annual AGS Pattern contest and anyone that helped prep and work at the event. Charlie Hatton kept the grill going most of the day which was no small feat with the high wind. I'll admit I have not been able to participate in many years but decided to give it a go this year with an old airplane (and I do mean old compared to modern pattern planes) and had a great time and even caught up with some old friends.

Our president gets the award for having the largest cheering section and I definitely plan to participate again next year and would encourage others to do the same. Three top FAI (highest class) pilots came and it is really amazing to see with your own eyes just how good they are. The wind was ferocious but everybody flew.



Class	Pilot
Sportsman	
1st	Ron McGrath
2nd	Todd Kopl
3rd	Neil Hunt
4th	David Dewey-Wright
Intermediate	
1st	Tom Avedisian
2nd	Michael Oka
Advanced	
1st	Troy Dermota
2nd	Jeff Hatton
Masters	
1st	Stuart Chale
2nd	Salvatore Piu
F3A	
1st	Mark Hunt
2nd	Dave Lockhart
3rd	Christopher Gini

Below is a record of wind from Binghamton Airport which is typically pretty close to what we see at the AGS field!



AGS 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
34 th Annual VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration	Sept 2nd 9:00 – 4:00	Scott Wallace Ray Phillips
AGS Sept Club Meeting	Sept 11 th 6:30	David Dewey-Wright
AGS Float Fly	Sept 23rd - 24th	David Dewey-Wright

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
NEAT Fair Downsville, NY	Sept 14 - 17	https://neatfair.org/

2023 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE

Date	Primary	Helper
9/7 - 9/9	TODD KOPL	TOM FARGO
9/14 - 9/16	HAROLD PEELING	JESSE PAGELS
9/21 - 9/23	BRENT BRYSON	LASHAWN WILEY
9/28 - 9/30	CHRIS GOFFA	BRANDON COLLINGS
10/5 - 10/7	BRENT BRYSON	MICHAEL MAUERSBERG
10/12 - 10/14	CHARLIE HATTON	JEFF HATTON
10/19 - 10/21	BILL GREEN	EDWARD BENNETT

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

Tower Kaos 40 ARF: Flies great, includes Futaba servos - set up for an OS 46 glow engine

Price \$230 Contact Todd Kopl takopl297@gmail.com

