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The Next AGS Club Meeting is Monday Oct 2nd - 6:30 P.M at Tri-Cities Airport

In case of inclement weather, look for a meeting update or cancelation via the club email list

Prez Sez – David Dewey-Wright

I'm always amazed when it's time for another Connector article. This time, it's October, and we're coming up on our Annual Meeting, voting in a new Board for the upcoming year. I hope you can make the meeting on Monday evening, October 2nd, at 6:30 at the Pilot's building at the Tri-Cities airport. Ray has let me know that we're good to use the building through this winter.

A couple weekends ago was the NEAT Fair, in Downsville. This was the first time I registered as a pilot and flew there. As isn't unusual, it was somewhat breezy, but I made sure to take a plane I've flown in the wind before, my old N9M, made from flat foam. I decided on that plane for two reasons, one, as I mentioned, because I know it'll handle a decent breeze, or more properly, I can handle it in some wind. And secondly, because it's probably not a plane that's been seen there much, if at all, at least not this flat-foam version. I did have a few folks there stop and check the plane out.

For those that were at the last meeting, we've got Harold Peeling's "interested" co-workers coming up to the field on the 28th. Hopefully some of those interested people might be interested enough to come back and join. If you have anyone you know who is interested in coming up to check out the club, and try flying one of the AGS Apprentices, let

me, or Jeff, or any of the IP pilots know. We'll do what we can to get them in the air.

Remember, the flying season isn't over, just because the leaves are changing colors, and the air is getting cooler. Come on up and get in some more flying!

Coming Events

AGS October Club Meeting

Mon Oct 2nd

6:30 PM

Tri-Cities Airport

AGS General Meeting Minutes - by Tom Fargo.

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #903

In attendance: Ed Bennett, Dave Dewey-Wright, Tom Fargo, Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Bob Jennings, Bob Noll, Ray Phillips, Kieran Sweeney, Dave Smith, Harold Peeling, Joe Semcho and Bill Green

Meeting called to order at 6:38 P.M.

August 2023 meeting minutes accepted.

August Board meeting minutes read by Dave D.

Treasurer's report: Presented and read by Bob J with no questions or comments.

Slate of Board Candidates: Dave D. presented the slate of board candidates for the next meeting as follows:

- Brent Bryson – President
- Jeff Hatton – Vice President
- Tom Fargo – Secretary
- Kieran Sweeney – Treasurer
- Charlie Hatton – Board Member at large
- Past President – David Dewey-Wright

VRCS Event: The Vintage Radio Control Society Event was held at the field on Sept. 2, 2023. Ray P. said the weather cooperated and we had a good turn out with several pilots and their planes. Three items were raffled off and a pattern contest was held in the afternoon.

Pattern Contest Event: Jeff H. said that despite the strong wind we enjoyed another successful pattern contest. Bob Noll commented about having the same number of entries for both events.

Old Business: Dave D. talked about the land plane purchase and that it should be available soon, but mentioned that the board should have brought the proposal to the club for a full vote and he said that the board will look into a possible update to the by-laws to avoid the concern that arose during the process. Ray P. asked if Dave D. could check with the logging company to have them deliver stone to spread on our access road as an option before having to make a decision to purchase.

New Business: Ray P. discussed possible remote ID relief coming by the 9/16 date that the FAA has listed for the enactment of the Remote ID law. He presented an update on the status of FRIA and Remote ID implementation by FAA and talked about the AMA requesting and event waiver process.

Charlie H. showed the small Remote ID (looked like a large computer chip) that he had purchased for his drone for \$50. He said he is waiting for the connector that he also ordered, to plug directly to the drone.

Bill Green proposed for the club to purchase a lift in order to work on the 0-turn tractor. Dave D. presented a motion to spend up to \$400 from the capital expense account for the lift which was unanimously approved.

Ray P asked about getting the distribution list fixed. Jeff H. has been having trouble contacting the gentleman who handles the club email server and he is investigating options.

Upcoming events: Harold Peeling discussed a visitor night he is planning for 9/28 to bring several co-workers to experience their first taste of RC flying with the help of experience pilots at around 4pm. It should be a fun evening!

NEAT Fair – 9/14-9/17 Downsview,
Float Fly – 9/23-24 10:00-4:00, N. Cole Park

Motion to adjourn and agreed upon at 7:51 P.M.

AGS Board Candidates – by David Dewey-Wright

This is just a reminder of the slate of candidates for the 2023-24 AGS Board of Directors.

President - Brent Bryson
Vice President - Jeff Hatton
Secretary - Tom Fargo
Treasurer - Kieran Sweeney
Board Member at Large - Charlie Hatton (2 years)
Board Member at Large - Ray Phillips (2nd year of Brent Bryson's term)
Past President - Dave Dewey-Wright

If you would like to run for any of these offices, respond to everyone, and put your hat in the ring!

Voting is this coming Monday at the October AGS Meeting. This is our annual meeting when dues are due. Please come and support your club.

Field Report – by Todd Kopl

Thanks again everyone for keeping up with mowing over the past month, shed clean up, road maintenance, etc. Your efforts are appreciated! The new road groomer is now at the field but honestly, I have not been up in a few weeks to check it out myself. It is the time of year where the grass tends to slow down but honestly this has been an odd summer and my lawn is still lush and green!

Last fall I had a field clean up party and ‘marshmallow/hot dog 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 still TBD but it will be a Saturday afternoon in late Oct/early Nov and I will send out a group notification. Personally, I’ve been elbow’s deep lately weeding out my shop, garage, organizing, and getting ready for two new building projects (one classic car and one airplane)! Get up and fly while you can!

What are members are building

Tom Fargo sent a couple of photos of his refurbished New Era.40 designed by Airtronics founder, Lee Renaud that he built in 1992. The fuselage has been recovered in monokote, Tom added a new canopy and a 3d printed Yosemite Sam pilot by Kieran S. that he made for Tom. It took a lot of thought, but Tom has Yosemite Sam hooked up to the rudder servo so he can actually turn right and left!



VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove – by Scott Wallace

The 34th Annual VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration was held Sep 2, 2023 at the Aeroguidance Society field in Endicott, NY. A huge thank you to all the fliers and modelers that came out to support the event. Weather was very with bright blue skies and little wind until later in the afternoon, and even then, very manageable. We had thirteen registered pilots, with most bringing multiple models.

The Pilot's Choice award went to John Haffner's 1957 "Lancer" rudder only model. The Lancer was designed by Aeroguidance Society co-founder Dick Allen and John's model was scratch built by former VRCS President (and Aeroguidance Society member) Bob Noll. Speaking of Bob, the highlight of the day was when we gathered all the models in attendance that were built by Bob and took a group photo. Bob was honored so many of his VRCS models are still flying at events around the Northeast.

VRCS Concours went to Doug Weaver and his "Real Thing". Doug's outstanding craftsmanship is evident in every model he builds and this model was no exception. In the vintage Pattern events, John Haffner flying his Class I Lancer won from Doug Weaver's Class II Mambo with Tim Panto's Class I Rumpus in third. In Class III Todd Kopl flew a near perfect flight with his Super Kaos to win handily.



Bob Noll with the vintage RC aircraft he built and were flown at this year's event (Chad Hill Photo)



Todd Kopl won Class III Pattern with this beautiful Super Kaos built by Bob Noll (Chad Hill Photo)

Fall Float Fly Report – by David Dewey-Wright

The Fall Float Fly was September 23rd and 24th. That also happened to be the same weekend that tropical storm Ophelia came up the East Coast. The forecast for Saturday wasn't great. Friday, it looked like a possibility of rain most of the day. By Saturday morning, the forecast called for rain in the afternoon.

But hey, forget the forecast, come outside and see what's really happening! The morning was overcast, with a little breeze early on, but calming toward noon. And no rain. It was really some decent flying weather, and we flew. Unfortunately, I only signed in five pilots for the weekend, myself included. But everyone had several good flights.

By mid-afternoon, there was a very light shower coming down. But it's a float fly, your plane is supposed to get damp, so Brent and I flew anyway. The drops were the only thing making waves, except for the planes during takeoff and landing.

Sunday was a bit more wet. It showered pretty good a few times in the morning. Since I was there, I still put up my three planes, the Carbon Z Cub, the Beaver, and the Seawind. Since it didn't look like anyone else was going to show up, I did leave the park around noon, but felt pretty good about the flights I put in.

I guess we can't have good weather for all our events. "Maybe next year."





AGS 2023 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS October Club Meeting Tri-Cities Airport	Oct 2nd at 6:30	David Dewey-Wright
AGS November Club Meeting Tri-Cities Airport	Nov 6th at 6:30	TBD
AGS December Club Meeting		

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Vintage Models over Valley Forge Valley Forge, PA	Sept 30	Chad Hill dentedachiii@gmail.com
2024 CPAA 43rd ANNUAL RC EXPO Lebanon Valley Exposition Center 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042	March 9 2024	Home Central Penn Aeromodelers Association

2023 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE		
Date	Primary	Helper
9/28 - 9/30	CHRIS GOFFA	BRANDON COLLINGS
10/5 - 10/7	TODD KOPL	MICHAEL MAUERSBERG
10/12 - 10/14	CHARLIE HATTON	JEFF HATTON
10/19 - 10/21	BILL GREEN	EDWARD BENNETT

AGS Swap Shop

Great Planes Piper Cub 20 size w/ floats: Includes all servos, no engine or cowl

Price \$100 Contact Todd Kopl takopl297@gmail.com



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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

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