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The Next AGS Club Meeting is Monday Dec 4th - 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 – Brent Bryson

I spoke last month on the need to do what you enjoy in this hobby. I believe that, if you feel that the club is enabling (in a good way) you to do the things that you enjoy, and not pressuring you to do something that you would not enjoy, it would be the best membership retention strategy. Having said that, it does not preclude trying some aspect that you may not have tried, or known about before, if you think that it may appeal to you.

In order for the club to be able to continue to provide a great facility for us to fly, which is ever more important as the FAA continues to regulate where we can operate, we must have a practical minimum of members. The membership dues provide the majority of the funds to maintain our field, road, and equipment. I realize that it may be obvious, but the size of our membership has an inverse relationship to our dues cost per member. The club has been at a critical point in membership cost for the past few years, in that if we increase dues the loss of members resulting from the increase costs the club more than the increase brings in.

Recruiting new members seems to be the best solution to this, as it provides benefits in addition to the financial. Unfortunately, recruiting is hard. Maybe it is just a matter of the demographic in the area, I just don't know. I am sure that some members have good ideas that may work. Please bring them up at the next meeting, or via email to the officers, or try them out yourselves if you are so inclined. At one time, the club had a Public Relations chairperson who was very savvy at contacting local media and other organizations. If anyone would like to take on that position, please let us know.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, but in any case, have a great Holiday however you celebrate!

Coming Events

AGS December Club Meeting

Mon Dec 4th
6:30 PM
Tri-Cities Airport

AGS New Year's Day Fly

Mon Jan 1st
TBD
BC United Soccer Fields

AGS Membership Dues are due – if you have not paid, please do so ASAP

- **Contact any BoD member if you have questions**

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #905

In attendance: Bob Jennings, Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Brent Bryson, Ed Bennett, Dave Dewey-Wright, Harold Peeling, Bill Green, Ray Phillips, Bob Noll. Guests: Alita Jennings, Herb Spicer

Dave Dewey-Wright filling in for Tom Fargo who is still recovering from back surgery.

Brent Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Bob Jennings. The annual audit was scheduled after the general meeting so that Jeff could take over all of the books. The account balance has increased as of the end of October due to income from regular Dues. It was noted that when paying by PayPal, the "send money" option should be used, otherwise PayPal takes a percentage of the payment. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

A discussion of using the Pilot's building for the BOD meetings occurred, which requires a monthly payment.

Motion: by Jeff Hatton to pay for use of the Pilot's Association building.

Second: by David Dewey-Wright. Motion passed.

BOD meeting minutes were read.

Old Business –

Web site – DDW is working with Jeff Hatton to get access.

Field Closing – DDW to contact Todd to find out his plan.

New Business –

The BOD discussion regarding building up the road and needing new material was brought up. Based on the current condition of the road (relatively good) and the time of year (late), the discussion was tabled until Spring as we don't want to work up the road at this time of year. However, some work to make sure water from the field/runways goes across the driveway and not down the driveway will happen before winter. Jeff planned to take his backhoe up the following week.

Upcoming events –

January 1, 2024: New Year's Day Fun Fly – BC United Soccer Fields. Tentative approval to use the fields has been obtained, pending getting the insurance set up.

January 8, 2024: Holiday Party – A show of hands at the meeting expressed an interest in having an AGS Holiday Party. DDW said he would organize it, with the plan being to have it at Kristofer's.

March 9, 2024: Central Penn Aeromodelers Association RC Expo – Lebanon, PA. Ray Phillips indicated they're strongly encouraging everyone to buy tickets ahead of time so they don't need to have the ticket table at the entrance.

Post business presentation –

Harold Peeling talked about his project to move a SAFE/AS3X receiver from one plane to another. Simply moving it without programming updates made the new plane/receiver combination unacceptable. Not all SAFE receivers can be reprogrammed, but the AR636 and AR637 receivers can be. With the newer NX transmitters, the AS3X settings can be updated, but not the SAFE settings. He found a utility that allows both sets of settings to be updated. It's a bit tedious, but it worked reliably. He'll plan to demo the process at the next AGS meeting. If you're interested, please plan to show up!

Jeff Hatton brought the wings to his giant scale Extreme Flight YAK. He said that so far, he's very happy with the build quality. He'll be putting in a DA120 engine. He'd recently received the mufflers and headers and was working on getting those attached and installed. All of the wings and tail feathers have quick connects that don't require tools. Places where the fiberglass had been cut/milled can give you splinters and he is planning to go around those edges with CA to smooth them off. Jeff commented that the giant scale plane is less expensive than his pattern planes. He'll be flying it over at the Aero's field until he decides there's enough room on our runways to land it.

Motion by Ray Phillips to adjourn the meeting at 7:26

Second by Bill Green. The motion was carried.

Check your FAA registration expiration date!

Many of us registered with the FAA may be having our "Drone" registration expire by 12/31

Please check your certificate and renew if necessary, still only \$5

Be sure to use the official FAA website: [FAADroneZone Access - Home](#)

AGS 2023-2024 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS December Club Meeting Tri-Cities Airport	Dec 4, 2023 at 6:30	Brent Bryson
New Year's Day Fun Fly BC United Soccer Field	Jan 1, 2024	David-Dewey Wright
AGS Holiday Party (replaces Jan club meeting) Kristofer's	Jan 8, 2024	David-Dewey Wright

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
2024 CPAA 43rd ANNUAL RC EXPO Lebanon Valley Exposition Center 80 Rocherty Rd, Lebanon, PA 17042	March 9, 2024	Home Central Penn Aeromodelers Association

AGS Swap Shop

Great Planes Piper Cub 20 size w/ floats: Includes all servos, no engine or cowling
Price \$100 Contact Todd Kopl takopl297@gmail.com



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President: Brent Bryson (A-C)

Vice President: Bill Green (D-H)

Secretary: Tom Fargo (I-L)

Treasurer: Jeff Hatton (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

1) Ray Phillips (S-Z) [year 2 of 2-year term]

2) Charlie Hatton [year 1 of 2-year term]

Past President: David Dewey-Wright

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FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA

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**The AGS Field is an approved FRIA flying
site – no Remote ID required**