



# The CONNECTOR

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AMA Chartered Club No. 441

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**The Next AGS Club Meeting will be held on  
Monday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M at the Tri Cities Airport Pilots Building**

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

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## Prez Sez – Brent Bryson

At the last general meeting some members expressed enthusiasm in the club having more organized activities. I think that the membership is split between those who want more activities and more commitment toward attending and chairing activities and those who prefer just to have a place to fly without having to commit to more involvement.

I think that a little history may be helpful. I am not nearly the most qualified, but I will try to provide what I do know. The AGS was for many years a very active club, with respect to organized activities and ad hoc activities. We had (and this list is not complete) a New Years day fun fly; a winter fun fly; a spring fun fly; a holiday party that was held at a reception hall (to which the wives and girlfriends were formally invited by mail); an annual aerobatics (pattern) contest that each member was required to help at (which was so well attended that we had to have three contestants flying concurrently just to give the contestants the opportunity to get in the required flights); and a float fly.

We had other regular unofficial organized club activities, such as racing once a week in the summer; and combat contests. We had other unofficial semi organized activities such as days where members would bring their families to the field and play games in addition to flying. I'm sure that there are more that I don't know of.

Sounds good to me, unfortunately all of this took a lot of work. I don't think that people are lazy nowadays, they just have less idle time. There are so many organized activities that kids have to do which also requires parental involvement. Also, the demographic of members generally does not have school age children. Wives either work, or are otherwise involved in their children's activities which usually provides social contacts outside their homes so they are not so enthusiastic of just getting out and meeting with other adults.

I guess my point is that the AGS started with lots of activities, and dropped them one by one as interest faded and no one was willing to chair them.

Where do we go from here? Any member who would like to try to renew interest in any of these past activities, or who has an idea for an activity that they would like to pursue is encouraged to do so. I don't like to end on this note, but at this time, due to financial considerations, the activity would need to be self-funded by participants. If the activity proves to be popular, then we can entertain the possibility of club funding in the future.

### Coming Events

#### AGS March Meeting

Mon March 4th

6:30 PM

Tri Cities Airport Pilots Building

## **AGS General Meeting Minutes - by Secretary Tom Fargo**

### **Aero Guidance Society Meeting #907**

In attendance: Ed Bennett, Brent Bryson, Tom Fargo, Bob Jennings, Ray Phillips, Bill Green, Scott Wallace, Jeff Hatton, Harold Peeling, Kieran Sweeney

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. after Brent B. handed out the meeting agenda.

**Treasurer's report:** Jeff H. started off the meeting and presented the Treasurer's report. Contact Jeff directly for any details.

**Previous meeting minutes:** All the members approved the December meeting minutes without being read as well as the January Board meeting minutes.

**Old Business:** Brent B. brought a sympathy card for members to have a chance to sign, so he can then in turn, send to Bob Noll's family. He announced that flowers were sent to Bob's calling hours as well and flowers were also sent for Jim Quinn.

The changes to the by-laws that were on the agenda to vote on, were discussed and accepted with the exception of (Article VII\_ Board of Directors wording for section L.), which was amended to read: **Capital Expenditures with the exception of those described in section M, must be published in the AGS newsletter prior to the general membership meeting and approved per Article IV Section E,** and then accepted.

Any discussion regarding the Binghamton Air Show was tabled due to the absence of Dave D-W.

**New Business:** Brent B. announced that the club will need a new AGS Connector Editor because Scott W., who has served as editor of the Connector from 2014-2019 and again since 2022, will be unable to fulfill the obligation when his term is up later this year. Members continued to discuss the different aspects of the publication, the value it represents, along with the feasibility of continuing to publish it. No decisions were made.

**Upcoming Events:** Jeff H. said he is considering either 8/17/2024 or 8/24/2024 as the dates to set up this year's AGS pattern event. He also said that he has access to Jim Quinn's planes and equipment and is planning on perhaps bringing a few at a time to the meetings for members to bid on.

**Show and Tell:** Ray P. brought some samples of Oratex covering. He also experimented with different means of applying the covering using different adhesive techniques.

Motion to adjourn and agreed upon at 8:32 P.M.

By: Todd Kopl

The old ground hog says early spring and I'm inclined to believe it. For those of us that also enjoy winter sports this has been a dismal winter so I'm ready to turn the page, think spring, and start thinking about flying season again. While we are in the transitional period between seasons there are some upcoming swap meets in March and April. I've heard the upcoming meet in Lebanon is great, personally I'm planning to give the one on April 20<sup>th</sup> (Finger Lakes Air Pirates) a shot. My old stomping grounds for a awhile and just a good excuse to get out, go for a drive, and hang around RC stuff (and if I'm lucky unload some excess inventory in an effort to get my shop and storage under control!).

From a field perspective it's a little early yet but I'm already thinking about the mowing list, 'opening day', and any key construction projects/proposals for the BOD to consider. The lower pavilion is probably top of my list. While it's in good serviceable condition, it could use a minor make-over to replace some of the old/deteriorated trip wood. So, stay tuned for the next issue of the Connector.

Lastly, it's tough to say good-bye to old friends. I plan to be flying at least one of Jim Quinn's pattern planes this season and Bob Noll especially left a lasting impression on me. He may have been 30 or so years older but was a true friend and mentor throughout my model aviation career since the early 80's. We traveled to many pattern contests along with several Nationals and he always made sure I had something to fly whenever calamity struck and coached me to become a better pilot (I can never thank my parents enough for the investment they made in my RC career in the early days). His shop was always open to everyone and if you spent any amount of time there, you not only knew Bob well but his family too.

### **AGS Builders Corner – submitted by Todd Kopl**

My latest project, SIG Clipped wing cub 1/6 scale which will have a Saito 40 4-stroke. Goal is to have it flying for VRCS events this year. True old school build.



**AGS 2024 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS March Club Meeting Tri Cities Airport	Mar 4, 2024 6:30 PM	Brent Bryson

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**AGS Officers:**

**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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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** David Dewey-Wright

**Field:** Todd Kopl

**Safety:** Chris Goffa

**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Scott Wallace

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