



# The CONNECTOR

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**The Next AGS Club Meeting will be held on  
Monday April 1st 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

Well, I really can't think of much to write about this month, so here is some rambling. I repaired my autogiro, thanks to Hobby King restocking rotor blades, so I will probably try again to fly it successfully the next time I am at the field.

I added a stabilizer to a foam Ultimate 2 biplane, started assembly on a balsa wood .20 size ARF aerobatic.

I also experimented with powder coating some lead metal castings using the shake and bake method (no spray gun required), which applies a very durable color coating to metal items. I will probably see if it also works on some aluminum and steel model plane parts (like landing gear and spinners). The items need to be able to withstand curing for 30 minutes at 400 degrees. I use a used toaster oven to cure the parts. Check it out on YouTube if it sounds intriguing.

Don't forget to renew your SUAS registration when it becomes due, and also to do the knowledge test.

Also, don't forget that flying a model that weighs more than .55 pounds outside FRIA requires a remote ID device.

Our field is a FRIA so no remote ID need be installed, but must be used if it is installed.

### Coming Events

#### AGS April Meeting

Mon April 1st

6:30 PM

Tri Cities Airport Pilots Building

## **Aero Guidance Society Meeting #908**

**In attendance:** Ed Bennett, Brent Bryson, David Dewey-Wright, Tom Fargo, Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Bob Jennings, Todd Kopl, Harold Peeling, Ray Phillips, Joe Semcho, Kieran Sweeney

**Treasurer's report:** The meeting came to order at 6:36 and Jeff H. read the treasurer's report. There were no objections to February's general meeting minutes published in the connector.

**Old Business:** Dave D. made several calls to the Binghamton Airport representative in charge of the Binghamton Air Show to find out details about possibly setting up a display to represent the AGS at the event. He did manage to get an email in order to send a proposal, but they are undecided on any potential fees involved to set up a display.

**New Business:** Todd K. mentioned that he has the equipment to set up any RC plane racing events that club members would be interested in setting up for the upcoming flying season.

**Upcoming Events:** Jeff H. said that he is tentatively considering 8/17/24 for the AGS pattern event this year, but the date still needs to be confirmed. March 9, is the date for the Lebanon, Pa. RC swap event and Todd K. said 4/20 is the date set for the RC swap event held in the Finger Lakes region. Ray P. talked about FRIA approval for sanctioned events. He noted they can be requested perhaps with as little as one week in advance of the event. He also said that based on what he is seeing looking at the AMA website, the FAA is trying to remove clubs that are located at airports.

**Presentations:** Dave D. and Ray P. both acquired the new Spectrum RID modules. Dave D. from Getahobby.com and Ray P. after a long, drawn-out process, from Tower (Horizon) Hobbies. Ray P brought samples of Oratex and (polyester dress lining) that he used to experiment for covering. He said he was using a product called "Mod Podge" to prep surface before covering. Harold Peeling brought the fuselage for his "Robbe Cyclone" glider that he purchased from Austria along with a 4-wheel dolly he made to help launch the sail plane and for several minutes, up-beat conversation ensued.

**Previous Board Meeting Minutes:** Bob J. asked about the previous board meeting minutes and there was a brief discussion about making sure they were presented at the beginning of the general meetings referring to the bylaws. Brent B. then read the minutes from the February 21, 2024 board meeting and the club discussed the offer made by a gentleman that Bob J. talked to about getting wood from left-over trees that were cut down by the logging company. He said the gentleman will assess the wood available in the coming months and then make a more detailed offer at that time.

**Meeting wrap up:** Jeff H. brought 3 more planes from Jim Q's estate. Those were claimed by members. Dave D. confirmed that he is taking care of the AGS website updates that are needed.

Ray P suggested getting rid of the wood field barriers and replacing them with a patch of un-mowed grass to use as barriers. Dave D. motioned to let the grass grow with Jeff H. giving it a 2nd and all were in favor and the motion was approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff H., 2nd by Kieran S. and agreed upon at 7:58 P.M.

## AGS Field Report March 2024

By: Todd Kopl

Looking out the window as I write this and the cold/snow has returned, typical spring. I did generate the 2024 mowing list which should also appear in this issue. Important...if you do not see your name and are willing/able to help please reach out and let me know!

Field opening has been historically hard to plan due to weather and field conditions but my objective at this time is to do it on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Watch for an email from me as the date gets closer.

I did get a report that there is evidence of dirt bikes and 4 wheelers running around. While typical, I do know that after the loggers were done last year our neighbor Dan told me the trails were not passable which may have been a good thing. I can only assume someone (probably not AGS) cleared them out.

## AGS 2024 Field Mowing Schedule

By: Todd Kopl

2024 FIELD MOWING SCHEDULE						
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**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.

You are responsible for switching dates with others if unable to mow on scheduled date.

**CREWS:**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO REPLENISH FIVE GALLONS OF GAS AT COMPLETION OF YOUR MOWING ASSIGNMENT.

**What our members are building – submitted by Tom Fargo**

Rebuilding the A-Ray has been challenging due to various circumstances but I managed to scrape up some lumber and leftover hickory flooring and built a shelf under the workbench and a 3 foot square table with castors that I can roll where needed around the shop. Hopefully, the A-Ray will finally come together for another flight this season now that I have more room.





# AGS 2024 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS April Club Meeting Tri Cities Airport	April 1 6:30 PM	Brent Bryson
Annual Aerobatics Contest	Tentative Aug 17	Jeff Hatton

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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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site – no Remote ID required**