



# 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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 P.M at The AGS Field!**

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

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## Upcoming Club Events

### AGS June Meeting

Mon June 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 PM

AGS Field

## Aero Guidance Society Meeting #922

### Upcoming Events:

Event	Date	Location
Hot Dog Nights	Weekly on Wednesday, with alt. on Thursdays if necessitated by weather	AGS Field
AGS Pattern Contest	August 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	AGs Field

### Attendees:

Brent Bryson, Ray Phillips, Tom Fargo, David Smith, Bob Jennings, Edward Bennett, Herb Spicer, Todd Kopl, Charlie Hatton, Jeff Hatton, Greg Huck, David Dewey Wright, Kevin Stopinski, Guest Ron Dufford.

Brent Bryson called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

**Previous Minutes:** Edward read aloud the previous BOD minutes.

### Treasurer's Report:

Jeff presented the treasurer's report.

### Old Business:

Todd said the field has yet to have an official opening day due to weather. However, the field is open and ready for use. The flight stands have been moved from storage and the sign at the end of the road has been

installed. Todd stated that the new 2025 mowing list has been completed and published on the AGS members-only website for review. Ray said that Bill overhauled the carburetor on the tractor last fall. The tractor, as of this spring, is still not operational. Ray changed out the original fuel strainer. The tractor would run intermittently, but it was leaking a lot of fuel. Ray stated he then cleaned out the original one, reinstalled it, and the tractor still is not running properly. Bill still has some new parts left for the tractor. Ray said it could be the ignition switch. Bill and Ray will install the new parts and points on the tractor. Todd will be available to help if necessary. If the new parts and retiming the tractor doesn't work, then the tractor will be up for discussion in the future.

### **New Business:**

David said that our guest for the general meeting, Ron, is planning on joining AGS very soon. David stated that there are also a couple of other people who are interested in joining. David said the new mowing duties that include replenishment of supplies for the latrine will be explained in detail at the next general meeting at the AGS field. Todd said that in the next general meeting at the field, he would go over the mowing lines and safety boundaries. David read aloud the AGS field rules. Todd stated he was going to call to schedule the initial service for the latrine. Todd brought up the current status of AGS equipment for the upcoming mowing season. Todd said he cleaned and mowed with the zero turn, and it worked great. Also, the weed eater and the smaller mower are ready. Todd stated that the brush hog attachment is seized and currently inoperable. Todd said Bill changed the gear oil for the brush hog, but it is still inoperable. The members agreed that the brush hog would be up for discussion in the future. Ray explained the two year 700 feet waiver for the AGS. Ray went into detail about the importance of this privilege and also the repercussions if the pilot using this waiver is not following the regulations. Ray is also willing to teach members how to read class airspace maps and understand each airspace. Ray will keep members informed of this waiver and answer any questions that they might have.

### **Combination Lock Etiquette**

With a couple new members joining us, here's a quick reminder about using the combination locks.

Set the combination to open it, then press the lock down, as though you were locking it, and it should release. Scramble the combination before leaving the opened lock on the gate.

For the driveway gate and the porta-john, when you go lock them up, please put the lock through the hasp from left to right. Otherwise, the numbers are upside down for the next person who goes to use it.

Thanks!

Dave D-W

### **Weekly Hotdog Nights**

Fun Fly with Food nights have begun!

We had our first Fun Fly with Food this past Wednesday evening, May 29th. Despite a rainy start to the day, the evening turned out to be pretty nice. It was attended by Mike Mauersberg, Ed Bennett, Kieran Sweeney, Jeff and Charlie Hatton, Herb Spicer, Dave Dewey-Wright, and we had a guest join us, Roman Shylov.

Ed and Mike had been up at the field for a while, and got things mowed, so things were in good shape. The flying weather was pretty good, though Kieran was having an interesting time with his Twin Otter. Jeff put up Charlie's big plane and showed Kieran what the problem was... turbulence at the altitude Kieran was flying. A little higher up and the air smoothed out quite a bit.

The Bob Noll Memorial Grill was fired up around 6:00, and everyone had a chance to eat their fill.

Roman has been in contact for a little while now. He wants to grow his flying skills so that he can work on his real interest, which is programming flight controls in his plane. He took an AGS application with him, and we can look forward to seeing him more in the future.

Keep an eye out for each week's event! Hope to see you there!

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Dave D-W

### **New Member**

Meet Ron Dufford. At our May meeting, we received another membership application. Ron Dufford has joined the AGS. He joined us several times on our Hotdog Nights last summer, and came to the Holiday party in January.

Ron works for Broome County, as a bus mechanic, and he's looking forward to improving his flying skills.

Welcome, Ron! We look forward to flying with you!

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Dave D-W

### **Member Projects:**

Charlie brought in a 3D printed cowl for a Great Planes 1/5.5 scale Cub that Jeff had printed for him.

## AGS 2025 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Club Meeting AGS Field	June 2nd 6:30 PM	Brent Bryson
AGS Pattern Contest	August 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Hatton

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**AGS Officers:**

**President:** Brent Bryson (A-C)

**Vice President:** Bill Green (D-H)

**Secretary:** Ed Bennett (I-L)

**Treasurer:** Jeff Hatton (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Charlie Hatton (S-Z) [year 2 of 2-year term]

2) Todd Kopl [year 1 of 2-year term]

**Past President:** David Dewey-Wright

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**Committee Chairmen:**

**Membership:** David Dewey-Wright

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**For AGS field current weather info contact: BGM  
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**FAA-RECOGNIZED IDENTIFICATION AREA**  
A FRIA IS A DEFINED GEOGRAPHIC AREA WHERE DRONES CAN BE FLOWN WITHOUT REMOTE ID EQUIPMENT.

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