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THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
Tuesday Jan 3rd 6:45 P.M at the Endicott Library

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy Holiday Season. I got my order of RC items delivered, so I can continue some of my winter builds. Hopefully you did too! Don't forget, we'll have our annual project night coming up to show off what we did over the winter. This always turns out to be a great meeting night...

Mid-Winter Fly:

Will be hosted by Neil Hunt, look at our Club Calendar for the date (should be Sunday, February 12th). If you haven't been to one of the events hosted by Neil before, try to make this one. I spoke with him at the Holiday Party and I believe he's planning on soup for the event. (Boy, I hope I'm correct or else I committed him to something I shouldn't have...) Anyway, his wife makes one of the best Pasta e Fagioli soups I've ever had. Even if you aren't into outdoor, winter flying, feel free to stop over to hang out for a while.

Field Improvements:

As discussed at a previous club meeting, the Board would like members of the AGS to start thinking of ways to improve our flying field, shelters, equipment, etc. Our thought is that by the February meeting have members submit their "plans" with a rough projection at what the cost would be. No idea is too small or too big. We would use some of the money from our current reserve to pay for these projects. We may do only one, or maybe a couple depending on the suggestions and costs. We'll decide which ones to move forward with at the March club meeting. Then the most important part, getting crews to help do the work.

Finally, thank you for providing such quick feedback on the AGS roster. We want to make sure that we are keeping individual members happy while trying to do what is in the best interest of the club.

See ya at the next meeting!

Cancellation of AGS Meetings:

In the event of poor weather, listen to the radio or television for local closings and cancellations. If the Library is closed the meeting is cancelled and a notice will be sent via the AGS mailing list.

Coming Events

New Year's Day+1 Fly

Monday Jan 2nd

10AM – 1PM

BC United Soccer Field

AGS Jan Meeting

Tuesday Jan 3

6:45 PM Endicott Library

For AGS field current weather info contact:

BGM Automated
Terminal Information
System (ATIS)
607- 729-8335

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Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

As we bid farewell to 2016 I would be remiss if I didn't take time to thank those that sent me articles & photos to help make the Connector a club newsletter we can be proud of. Heading into 2017 I continue to marvel at the rapid pace of change to a hobby that not that many years ago was quite stable with minimal changes year in, year out.

A few weeks back I made my first visit to Sayre to do some indoor flying. I found the drive easy and the facility quite good overall. There were around a 7 fliers in attendance from Valley RC club and they were all extremely friendly. Hopefully even more AGS member participation can be attained for the January - March sessions. All types of indoor models are welcome I don't sense there would be any issue if someone wanted to make their flight without other models in the air. My Twisted Hobbies 'superlight' series models have 33 inch wingspans and weigh just over 5 ounces - they do very well in 'gym' sized venues.

Hopefully by now everyone is aware our New Year's fly for 2017 is on Jan 2nd starting at 10:00 at the usual venue, the BC United Soccer fields in West Corners. A big "thank you" to one of our former AGS members, Doug Breneman, for helping coordinate use of the facility. Please be good guests of the facility and ensure we leave the area as clean as when we arrive.

Many of us over the years have enjoyed the WRAMs show each February; however the outlook for a 2017 event was bleak as the WRAMS club initially cancelled the event. I'm happy to report the event has been rescued by the AMA and will be known as AMA Expo East:

"The WRAM Club is delighted to have its annual WRAM Show tradition carried forward by the Academy of Model Aeronautics in 2017. As AMA Expo East, the trade show will continue at the Meadowlands Exhibition Center in Secaucus, NJ, February 24-26, 2017.

The decision to cancel our 2017 show was a very difficult one for our small club, and we want to offer a big "thank you" to all the attendees and vendors who helped make our show a success for the last 48 years. We look forward to a successful AMA Expo East."

To learn more about AMA Expo, visit
www.amaexpo.com

**NOTE: 72 MHz Channel #42 Must Not Be
Used at the AGS Field**

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AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting # 829

Date: Dec 5, 2016

Place: Endicott Library

This meeting was the AGS annual Holiday party. Rick Allabaugh thanked everyone for attending.

Approximately 30 people were in attendance to enjoy some good food and fellowship. Thank you to Bill Green and Debby Green for hosting the event this year.

The table cloths and decorations made the event more festive and enjoyable. The selection of food dishes by AGS members to compliment the pizza was outstanding.

A drawing was conducted for a few door prizes. Several members are now the proud owners of official AGS coffee mugs.

Respectfully submitted - Ray Phillips AGS Secretary

AGS 2017 New Year's Day+1 Fly updated – submitted by Scott Wallace

A reminder that our first outdoor flying event for 2017 is just around the corner; traditionally the event is the "New Year's Day Fly" but for 2017 with New Year's Day falling on a Sunday we will hold the event on **Monday, Jan 2nd**.

Bring an airplane or two and thermos filled with a hot beverage of your choice and c'mon out to celebrate the New Year with your fellow AGS members. Even if you don't prefer to fly in cold temps come on out anyway to socialize.

- When: Jan 2nd, 2017 from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM
- Where: BC United Soccer fields, West Corners
- AMA required
- No cost to participate

Update - Frank Gioffredo has graciously volunteered to provide food & coffee for the event. Please keep in mind the club no longer provides funding for food for these off-site events; we'll have a tip jar set up to allow Frank to recoup his expenses – if you partake please donate!

For my own model I'm planning to bring...pretty sure on the morning of the event I'll decide if wheels or skis are the way to go. I have a nice new set of skis I would

like to try out but they are a hassle to fit and with my luck if I fit them early I won't need them.

January Program Teaser:

RC in the 50's & 60's -submitted by Bob Noll

For many years in the 50's and 60's RC'ers gathered in eastern Pennsylvania on Labor Day weekend to show off their latest planes and radio developments. I have a great PowerPoint presentation of the RC flying at Selinsgrove, PA and Indiantown Gap Military Reservation from those pioneering days.

I attended a few of these events with fellow AGS members Dick Allen, Ralph Jackson. You won't want to miss this part of RC history.

The VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion, hosted by the AGS, is a continuation of those gatherings.

AGS Field Report – submitted by Todd Kopl

Won't be much to report on until Spring and field opening. Stay tuned...

-Todd

AGS Video Tapes (VHS) - submitted by: Rick Allabaugh

A while back, Mark Lecher graciously converted our existing VHS tapes into DVD's. Brent Bryson has accepted the position of Club Librarian. In order to "thin out" what he needs to store and/or bring to the meeting, the Board has decided to offer the existing club VHS tapes to members.

Plan on attending the next meeting where the tapes will be available at a "first come, first serve" basis.

Any tapes not taken by members will be donated to a charity like The Red Cross or Thrifty Shopper.

AMA to host AMA Expo East February 24-26, 2017 (formerly known as the WRAMS show)

The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) in cooperation with the Westchester Radio Aero Modelers (WRAM) announced it will continue the long-standing tradition of hosting an annual East Coast hobby trade show, which will be held February 24–26, 2017, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

For 48 years, the AMA chartered WRAM Club produced and managed the 'WRAM Show'. It has been one of the longest-running shows of its kind in the model aviation industry. "Since we are not holding a show in 2017, we are pleased that AMA has stepped in to continue with a show for model aviation enthusiasts from Maine to Virginia," club officers stated.

The new show, AMA Expo East, will be modeled after the successful AMA Expo West, held in Ontario, California each year by the AMA. AMA Executive Director Dave Mathewson said, "The Westchester Aero

Radio Modelers' Annual WRAM Show has been a staple in the modeling world for nearly 50 years. AMA is pleased to be able to carry on the WRAM tradition that benefits model aviation enthusiasts from throughout the Northeast."

Next year's show will include guest speakers, new activities, and other special programs. AMA Ambassador and NASA space shuttle pilot and Commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson will be a one of the guest speakers. David and Sarah O'Neal, hosts of the popular podcast, That Drone Show, founders of International Drone Day, and director and producer of the new documentary The Drone Invasion, will also be attending as guest speakers. The Drone Invasion will be shown during their presentation.

AMA is pleased to announce that Ready Made RC will be the presenting sponsor for both AMA Expo East and AMA Expo West.

WingInIt with Warbird – submitted by Charlie Brown

Hello pilots,

So here it is..... Another month passed and I find myself pondering where did the time fly again? We are almost done with 2016, the New Year on our doorstep and

Xmas day having gone by but hopefully each and every one of you were able to experience the child in you with something related to RC being under the tree and not some coal.

My passion for warbirds is still as strong as ever and my fleet continues to grow with variety. I must have been a good boy in my sweeties mind, enough so that there was a twin under the tree for me to play with this summer. Now I know I am getting older when the twin that got me aroused was an F7F Tigercat versus my thoughts of younger days.....haaaa.

So I remember writing in one of my past articles (can't remember month and too lazy to look it up) about the revolution in this hobby of the proliferation of foam ARF's becoming the leading facet of our modeling venue. Since that article there has been some interesting twists regarding the competition amongst a couple key manufacturing players. FMS used to be the big player for prop driven warbirds and Freewing the leader in EDF. In the last 10 months however a subsidiary line of Freewing called FlightLine RC has taken the street by storm and is the new big dog out there for prop driven craft. They have taken the refined fit/finish/hardware found on their jets and carried it over to prop airframes.

They have also established a credo to focus on a more diversified line up by doing unique and seldom or never before modeled airframes at better quality and pricing. In the past 6 months they have released two twins in the 1600mm(63 inch) wingspan of a couple iconic warbirds at the same value as an FMS 1400mm single motor, that being the a P-38 Lightning and just in time for under the tree a F7F-3 Tigercat. All 9 of the models released this year since the company's inception has been 1/10 scale which allows for a rather decent presence both on the ground and air while also affording relative ease of transportation. This all was accomplished in concert by an alliance developed with a veteran owned web retailer known as Motion RC who has in the short 4 years since opening their doors become the number one customer service RC electric plane retailer bar none. Here's a link for those that may interested.

<https://www.motionrc.com/>

Some of our pilots that have been to the AGS airport when I have been there with the P-38 and saw what it is all about (appearance/performance) were to say the least impressed. When I wrote a year or so ago about foam ARF's going the wrong way on price and I was going back to balsa, well this all has been a game changer for me whereas the balsa build media is no longer a viable aspect nor interest to me anymore do to issues for

reparability, scale fidelity, comparable cost and time investment to be airborne. The technology that we as a society have embraced to either take away from or add to the free time in our lives is in full bloom within the modeling community and foamies are here to stay and maybe even replace the balsa predecessor. You owe it to yourself to see what all the buzz is about.

So we've got another 4 months of doldrums called winter time to get past but hopefully we can have all of those months for the club meetings filled with Show-N-Tells. I plan to have a couple contributions for it and I hope many others do to. In the short term though we've got the Jan club meeting and the Day After New Year's Day Fun Fly to look forward to so I'll see ya all in the New Year with a boyish grin on my face.

With warm regards,

Warbird

Building update – submitted by Scott Wallace

Almost inevitably my building spree of the past 18 months has slowed. I took a few weeks away from carving balsa to assemble some new Twisted Hobbies foamies for indoor flying and one larger one for outdoors.

Nevertheless, progress has been made on the Astro Hog to where it's 95% framed up. Unfortunately even 100% framed up is only **50% done** as there's still radio equipment and engine mounting to finalize and then finishing with fabric and dope. I best hope for an early spring with all the models that will need paint...I'm a bit envious of the guys with heated shops/spray booths!



With JR's impending demise from the RC hobby industry I stocked up with 2 new transmitters and quite a few receivers and servos...I'm set for a very long time now.

One of my new transmitters is the "classic old looking transmitter" or COLT for short. This is a limited production/hand-built transmitter and one of the last new items produced in JR's Japanese factory. It's essentially a modern 2.4 GHz radio housed in a 1970's Heathkit style aluminum case:



I've ported all my VRCS models over to this transmitter and can't wait to try it when the field opens. Over the years I've seen crash after crash at VRCS meets where folks insist on using their 40+ year old antique radios. For me it's more about re-creating and flying the great old airplane designs and not being such a purist that the radio must also be "vintage"...but to each his own.

AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2017

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS New Year's Day+1 Fly BC United	Jan 2 nd 10:00AM – 1:00PM	Scott Wallace & Frank Gioffredo
AGS Mid-Winter Fly BC United	Feb 12 th	Neil Hunt
AGS Spring Fling BC United	TBD	TBD

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 10 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Jan 24 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 14 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Feb 28 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Mar 14 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
Indoor Flying Sayre, PA	Mar 28 7PM - 9PM	Dan Luchaco pafflyer23@gmail.com
AMA Expo East (formerly the WRAMS Show) Secaucus, NJ	Feb 24-26	www.amaexpo.com

Editor's Note: If you know of an event in the area that would be of interest to the general membership please forward that information to me at wallaceaero1@aol.com for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

AGS Merchandise – available from Bill Green

Item	Price ea.	Item	Price ea.
AGS Decals (white base)		AGS Patches	
Small	\$0.75	Small (2.25" x 1.75")	\$0.75
Medium	\$1.75	Medium (3" x 2")	\$1.75
Large	\$2.75	Large (4.25" x 3.25")	\$2.75
X-Large	\$3.75	X-Large (5.75" x 4.5")	\$3.75
AGS Decals (clear base)		Embroidered Coat Patches	
Small	\$0.50	Medium (9" x 7")	\$10.00
Medium	\$1.00	Large (12" x 10")	\$15.00
Large	\$1.25		
X-Large	\$1.50	AGS Coffee Mugs	\$10.00
		AMA ID Labels	\$0.25

JANUARY PROGRAM



RC in the 50's & 60's presented by Bob Noll



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