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THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON Monday June 4th 6:30 P.M at the AGS Field

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Next Club Meeting

Monday, June 4th at the club field. For those new members, we modify the usual club business at the General Meetings and use the summer meetings at the field to promote flying and camaraderie. We fly until dusk then have a modified meeting.

All that I ask if you have important club business to bring to the members, either present it at a BOD meeting first, or give me a heads up prior to the club meeting.

Board of Director's Meeting Dates

In the event you would like to attend a BOD meeting, they are held at the offices of Delta Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors located at 860 Hooper Road in Endwell. The meetings start around 6:30 pm. The dates of the upcoming BOD meetings are:

- Thursday, June 14th
- Thursday, July 12th
- Thursday, August 16th
- Wednesday, September 12th
- Wednesday, October 10th

Start of the Flying Season

Now that the field is open, I hope that everyone has a safe and fun flying season. I was up at the field this past weekend and will make sure that the club field rules, which are posted, are the most current. I'll also send them out to all of the club members through our distribution list. We have a lot of club events going on, so check the dates which are in The Connector.

Zero Turn Mower

If you have not yet been trained how to operate the zero turn mower, please contact either Ray Phillips or Bill Green. They can provide proper and safe operation of the mower.

Finally

Since we are into our flying season, please remember to submit all fuel costs or field expenses into the Treasurer for reimbursement. This would really help us in understanding our actual field expenses.

As always, I hope to 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

AGS June Meeting

Mon June 4
6:30 PM AGS Field

AGS Pylon Race #3

Wed June 13
6:00 PM

AGS Pylon Race #4

Wed June 27
6:00 PM

For AGS field current
weather info contact:
BGM Automated Terminal
Information System (ATIS)
607- 729-8335

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AGS Officers:

President: Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

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Bob Jennings (S-Z)

Jim Monaco

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Membership: Bill Green

Program: Tom Kopl

Activities: Open

Field: Todd Kopl

Historian: Open

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Open

Librarian: Brent Bryson

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Yay the AGS field is open at last! Wonderful weather and a great turnout for the field opening, and the field looks to be in great shape. We may take it for granted sometimes but our facility is truly one of the best out there, yes owning our own property is a lot of work to keep everything maintained but I've been in clubs that lease land and its always under the threat of losing the field at the drop of a hat.

Thanks to Ray Phillips for instructing me on the new Husqvarna mower – wow what a great machine. Thank you to all involved that made this purchase happen and a special thank you to Wayne Kunsman for taking care of auctioning off the old Exmark for the club. Great job by all!

Time has flown by, but I'm now into my fifth year as editor of the Connector. Unfortunately, I'm not sure more than a small percentage of the club read the newsletter so next month I'll publish in Spanish just to see if anyone notices ☺

Finally finished one of my winter builds, here's the Joe Bridi designed Vagabond. Klass Kote epoxy paint and a 1980's vintage OS 46 for power.



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

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Aeroguidance Society Meeting #845

Date: May 7, 2018

Place: George F. Johnson Library, Endicott, NY

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:45pm

Guests: We had one returning guest, Doug Breneman and one new guest, Dick Monaco

The minutes of the last general meeting were approved as published in The Connector.

Brent Bryson gave the financial report to those in attendance. If any member has any questions regarding our account, they can contact Brent Bryson for additional information.

President Allabaugh gave a summary of the April Board of Director's Meeting. A couple of important items:

- 1) The AMA Club Charter has been received
- 2) The AMA Gold Leader Club renewal paperwork has been submitted
 - a. BoD considering an event with the Scouts or similar to promote model aviation to the community, a requirement for maintaining Gold Leader status
- 3) Asset list updates in process

Committee Reports:

- 1) Membership - Dave Smith was voted in last month and is now a full member of the AGS
- 2) Field – AGS Field Opening went off without a hitch, was well attended and many members also enjoyed some flying time. Ray Phillips and Bill Green provided instruction on the new zero-turn mower.
- 3) Flight School – Bob Noll indicated flight training will be held every Wednesday starting at 6PM (weather permitting) at the field, first session is Wed May 9. If you're interested in Flight School this year, please contact Bob.
- 4) Pylon Racing – Bob Noll advised that racing returns to the AGS field again this year, starting May 8th. See the race schedule in the Connector calendar. Bob could always use more helpers, if interested come up to a race or contact Bob. Reminder, free food is provided to the helpers following every race.

5) Family Picnic – Bob Noll gave us an early reminder regarding the family picnic, date is July 17 with July 18th as the rain date. Club will provide the main course; attendees should bring a dish to pass. Musical entertainment is lining up as well, more details to come.

6) Classic Pattern contest – Bob Noll gave an update for the Classic Pattern contest which is planned for July 21. If interested contact Bob for maneuver schedules or more information.

7) Hill Top Challenge – Jim Monaco advised that the date of the 2nd Annual Hilltop Challenge has been moved to Sept 8th. Jim will be emailing additional information, and Jim requests club members let him know if they plan to participate.

Old Business:

- 1) Ray Phillips has retrieved and overhauled the cub chainsaw, it is ready for use, stored in the upper pavilion
- 2) Our new zero-turn mower is in the upper pavilion and ready for use. Please get trained by either Ray Phillips or Bill Green before using for the first time. This is a significant investment for the club and will serve us for many years if we take care of it.
- 3) The old Exmark mower sold at the auction held in Whitney Point. After commission, the club will receive an astonishing \$765. A huge THANK YOU to Wayne Kunsman and all the club members that helped make this happen.

New Business:

- 1) Neil Hunt indicated his son has qualified for the USA Aerobatics team and will compete in the next F3A World Championships.
- 2) Update since BoD meeting – AGS has been approved again as an AMA Gold Leader Club
- 3) Bill Green will be adding a chain and combination padlock (same combination as the other locks) to provide additional security for the zero-turn.

Program:

Jim Monaco gave a presentation on scratch building foam aircraft. Jim described and showed slides illustrating techniques he's developed for cutting wings

and fuselages from pink foam. Jim also displayed many of the tools he uses to cut and carve the foam to shape.

One neat thing is that Jim's models are all his own original designs. His newest design pattern model was displayed and it's a very attractive aircraft. The AGS thanks Jim for presenting this good information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

AGS Field Report May 2018 – submitted by Todd Kopl

Field opening was very well attended this year and many folks got to try out the new mower. If anyone still needs assistance please contact Ray Phillips or Bill Green. It's a very nice machine and for reference I took the old Ford out and went over where the new Husqvarna had just mowed & the cutting height appeared identical to the flail at its lowest setting.

A recent storm took down the wind sock and I'm making repairs & will get it back up soon. I've noticed (& I'm sure others too) that the brush is really starting to grow in towards the road. I believe this is something we'll need to look at addressing soon. I think a brush hog on a boom like the road crews use would be an ideal solution, just not sure where to find someone that has one. Please feel free to contact me if you have any thoughts on this one. Thank you.

Get out & enjoy the field!



Upcoming Mowing List:

MOWING LIST 2018				
Dates				
5/31-6/2	Rick	Allabaugh	Neil	Hunt
6/7-6/9	Brent	Bryson	Nick	Orwan
6/14-6/16	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
6/21-6/23	John	Carril	Chris	Goffa
6/28-6/30	Harold	Peeling	Stan	Driggs
7/5-7/7	Jim	Quinn	Bob	Hoag

Pylon Racing Update – submitted by Bob Noll

Our season got off to an interesting start on May 8. I forgot the cut flags and the battery for the horn did not produce enough energy to operate the horn although I had charged it overnight.. So, we improvised using waving hats and car horns.

On top of those problems, I was snake bit as my engine stopped after 8 laps after leading in my first heat. After many races over many years the nut at the back of the muffler decided to disappear and the muffler opened up. I tightened the long screw but without the locking nut the muffler opened up again early in my 2nd heat. I withdrew at this point and took home big fat "zero" for the evening.

Todd Kopl was the big winner for the evening with all wins. Matt Kopl was just one point behind his dad. Rick Allabaugh, Cory Bulger and Scott Ashcraft were no shows.

Q-500 Race 1 Results:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	6
2	Matt Kopl	5
3	Brent Bryson	4
4	Bob Noll	0

Things went much better for our second race on May 22. I found the cut flags in my basement exactly where I store them for the winter, on top of a high shelving unit. I bought a new battery for the horn and we had a great team of helpers.

Although it was a windy evening all planes survived the evening by overcoming some treacherous landing approaches. It was good to have Cory Bulger join us. Rick Allabaugh and Scott Ashcraft were no shows. I have been told that Scott is training for an "Iron-man" and won't be racing until July. I "can't wait" to see how his electric Q500 will perform.

Q-500 Race 2 Results:

Place	Pilot	Points
1	Todd Kopl	7
1	Matty Kopl	7
3	Bob Noll	6
4	Brent Bryson	3
4	Cory Bulger	3

The next race, Race 3, will be on June 13. My thanks to all our helpers, and to Brent Bryson for providing the hot dogs, drinks and chips. As usual, our pylon races bring

many club members to the field for an enjoyable evening ending in some food and fellowship.

Come to the next race on June 12 and see what pylon racing is all about.

Flight School Update – submitted by Bob Noll

Tuesday evenings are flight school evenings and anyone can attend who would like to get some help. Whether it is transmitter programming, plane set up, flying help or maneuver critique, I will be there to help you. If there is a club member who cannot attend on Tuesdays, please call me at 754-5279 and I can make arrangements to meet you on a different day.

I have been a proponent of longer sticks with heavier spring pressure on your transmitters for years. I learned this from the "pros" during my pattern competition. Bret Bryson told me he discovered how to extend the sticks on his Spectrum transmitter by using a small allen wrench and loosening the screw in the end of each stick. After loosening the screw the stick can be turned counterclockwise to lengthen the stick. Don't forget to re-tighten the screw.

Classic Pattern Update – submitted by Bob Noll

It's coming up on July 21 and you won't want to miss the fun of flying simple maneuvers. The Pre-Novice maneuvers can be flown by anyone and the Novice maneuvers are also not difficult. Many club members already have the lists of maneuvers that I passed out at recent club meetings. However, if you have not been at a club meeting please contact me at bobrc@aol.com and I will e-mail you the flight sequences.

Family Picnic Update – submitted by Bob Noll

Please ask your wife, spouse or significant other to put Tuesday July 17 on your family calendar for the Family Picnic. It will be an evening of camaraderie, fun and food at the AGS airport. Plan to stay for the evening around the camp fire with local entertainment. I have been requested to have the "Ice Breaker" that Barbara Sitler and I did at a previous family picnic.

Don't even think about bringing a plane since flying won't mix with making the evening enjoyable for your family.

Annual Aerobatics Contest Update – submitted by Jeff Hatton

Aerobatics Contest Approaching

This year's contest is scheduled to be on August 25th and 26th. With Frank no longer available and other people being out of town for the weekend I am looking for some additional help. The primary need is someone to coordinate the food. Traditionally we have breakfast available both Saturday and Sunday, lunch on Saturday with limited selection for lunch on Sunday of whatever we have remaining. There is also the need to coordinate a dinner for Saturday evening. If you are willing to take on one of both of these tasks please let me know. Thank you - Jeff

AGS Quiz – submitted by Scott Wallace

Who can correctly guess the identity of the former AGS member in the photo below? I'll reveal the answer and background at the June club meeting.



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

AGS Shirts and Hats are available again!

Get your from Zappia Athletic

133 Front St.

Vestal, NY 13850

Contact person is Dan Cordi, reference Ray Phillips

**Reminder to all AGS members...Keep
your AMA membership current.**

**AMA membership is an AGS
requirement to remain a member in
good standing.**

AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2018

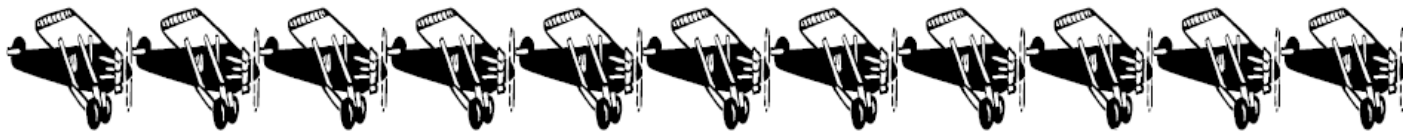
ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Pylon Race #3	June 13	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #4	June 27	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 11	Bob Noll
Family Picnic	July 17 (rain date July 18)	Bob Noll
AGS Classic Pattern Meet	July 21	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 25	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #7	Aug 8	Bob Noll
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 15	Bob Noll
Aerobatics Contest	Aug 25-26	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Reunion	Sept 1-2	Bob Noll
Hilltop Challenge	Sept 8 (rain date Sept 9)	Jim Monaco
AGS Float Fly Location TBD	TBD	Don Shugard

Other nearby RC events of interest

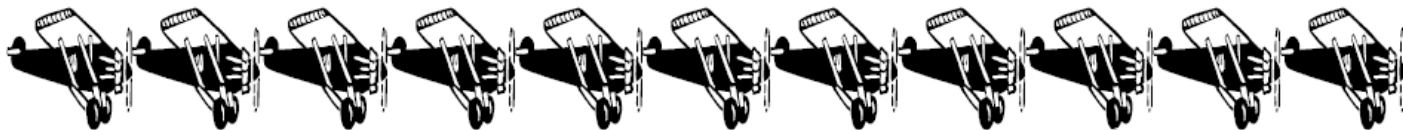
Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Greater Binghamton Airshow (BGM)	June 23	
Vintage Firebirds VRCS (Utica NY)	June 30 – July 1	Jim Quinn (315) 292-0309 jaqfly@gmail.com
Warbirds over Chenango Bridge (Binghamton Aeros)	June 30	
Valley RC Fun Fly Athens, PA	July 21-22	Steve Luchaco (607) 857-3244 funflysteve@hotmail.com
Wings Over Piper Fun Fly Lock Haven, PA	Aug 3-5	www.wingsoverpiper.com Kevin Ziegmann ziggyr71@gmail.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 s.j.wallace13@gmail.com for inclusion in the next edition of The Connector.

JUNE PROGRAM



***No program – come up to fly and socialize
before the meeting***



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