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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
Monday Feb 4th 6:30 P.M at the Vestal Public Library**

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

The Prez Sez - Submitted by Rick Allabaugh

Next Club Meeting

The next club meeting will be up at the Vestal Public Library.

The article below appeared in the recent Model Aviation magazine is relevant to clubs like ours.

It is printed with permission from Tony Stillman, AMA Flying Site Assistance Coordinator

Source: January 2019 Model Aviation

“I am often asked about club growth-or mainly a lack thereof. The recipe for club growth has always been to have a flying site that offers activities that interest club members, new and old. A club that has no activities at its field is heading down the path of extinction!

The problem that most clubs face is that no one is willing to put out the effort to manage events. I frequently hear people say, "We can't get anyone to help." Hey, clubs, you can't expect 70-plus-year-old members to come out and do everything. It's time for the rest of the group to help.

I know of many clubs that have young leadership and they are working hard to change the direction that the club is heading by adding new events and looking for activities to include younger modelers.

Take the time to help someone at the field, young or old. You will probably gain a new flying buddy, and the reward is a fun place to fly that has events that capture everyone's imagination and showcases models and activities that generate enthusiasm for the hobby.”

Just something to think about... 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 Feb Meeting

Monday Feb 4th

6:30 PM

Vestal Public Library

320 Vestal Pkwy E

Vestal, NY 13850

Mid-Winter Fly

Saturday Feb 9

BC United Soccer Field

Starts at 11AM

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)

Vice President: Jeff Hatton (D-H)

Secretary: Bill Green (I-L)

Treasurer: Brent Bryson (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

Jim Monaco (S-Z)

Scott Wallace

Past President: None

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bill Green

Program: Tom Kopl

Activities: Open

Field: Bill Green

Historian: Bob Hoag

Public Relations: Open

Sound: Scott Wallace

Safety: Scott Wallace

Librarian: Brent Bryson

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

I am stepping down as newsletter editor at the end of this dues year (following the September edition). Five consecutive years has been a long enough stretch.

It does take several hours a month but it is (most of the time) fun and it is an important function within the AGS to help shape club communication.

If you're interested in taking this over this duty starting in October, or even before then, please contact myself or any AGS officer.

It would probably be of more value to the current membership if in the incoming newsletter editor is more in tune with the current direction of the hobby.

**AGS February Meeting Program “TAKING
ADVANTAGE OF YOUR RC
TRANSMITTER” – submitted by Bob Noll**

While helping several members at our airport, I have discovered that they are not taking advantage of some features available in their transmitters. Some of these features are rather basic and simple and others are advanced and may never be needed by the "Sunday Fliers".

I plan to explain some of these basic features that will make you a better pilot. I'll also explain other advanced features such as mixing that will make your planes fly better.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CHARGED
TRANSMITTERS WITH YOU TO THE NEXT
MEETING.**

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

Article submissions for The CONNECTOR are happily accepted via email to: s.j.wallace13@gmail.com

AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #853

Date: Jan 7, 2018

Place: Vestal Public Library

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 6:30

Guests: Tony Jensen, Doug Breneman

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 indicated the next Board of Director's Meeting will be Wed Jan 9 at 6:30PM at Delta Engineers, Architects, & Land Surveyors.

Committee Reports:

Activities:

The Mid-Winter Fly is scheduled for Feb 9 from 11AM-2PM at the BC United Soccer facility in West Corners. Neil Hunt is running the event and indicates his wife's excellent Pasta Fagioli soup will once again be available.

Date is not yet confirmed for the March Spring Fly – stay tuned.

Old Business:

Rick Allabaugh mentioned a Tony Stillman article regarding what makes for an energized club membership. Refer to this month's Prez Sez column for more information.

New Business:

On behalf of the VRCS, Ray Phillips and Scott Wallace presented Bob Noll with an engraved plaque honoring Bob for his service and dedication to the AGS, VRCS and the VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove event. Bob has hosted the Spirit of Selinsgrove for the past 29 years and has stepped down after the 2018 event. Ray and Scott are keeping the event at the AGS field going forward.

Rick Allabaugh showed the AGS's book "Fifty Years and Still Flying" that was put together in 2005 to

celebrate the clubs 50th Anniversary. Copies are believed to still be available from Jim Quinn if you're interested.

Bob Noll spoke about info he received from the AMA as a Leader Member. Highlights are that the AMA offers many programs that benefit the membership but are perhaps not well known. These include such programs as Takeoff and Grow (TAG), College Scholarships, Youth Leadership awards and flying site improvement grants.

Tony Jensen spoke about some of these programs and mentioned that District grant money goes unclaimed every year and is returned to AMA. It is to our benefit to get involved and check into programs that can aid the club. Tony also spoke about the qualification needed to become an AMA Leader Member and the application process.

Tony also spoke briefly regarding the new FAA requirements coming our way, the situation is still fluid as the FAA still needs to write the regulations and then implement them.

Show and Tell:

None, however some items from Don Green and Dave Lewis were made available to any takers.

Program:

Bob Noll presented an excellent program on the Tournament of Champions. Bob provided a summary of the event's history with numerous photos to help tell the story. The AGS had several connections to the TOC over the years.

Bob served as a TOC judge several times in the 1990's and relayed his experiences and impressions.

It was quite interesting to see how the TOC evolved from a pure pattern meet to larger semi-scale aerobatic models and on to giant 40% scale aerobatic models performing both precision aerobatics and 3-D type freestyle events.

The TOC events ended following the passing of Casino mogul, avid modeler and TOC sponsor William G. (Bill) Bennett.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Proposed By-Laws Changes

The Board of Directors recommends the following By-Laws changes, proposed changes are in red.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Regular and Associate Members - All Regular Members shall be actively interested in radio-controlled aircraft. They must be AMA members and FCC Licensed if required. All members are expected to fulfill their obligations to the corporation such as committee assignments and assessments. All members shall agree to abide by the AGS by-laws; the AGS field rules, the by-laws of the AMA, ~~and~~ the AMA national model aircraft safety code, **applicable FAA regulations governing model aircraft, and applicable local ordinances.** All members have full rights and privileges of AGS membership. Only adults and senior members have voting rights.

Article VIII - COMMITTEES

- A. Unless otherwise indicated in this Article, committees of the AGS shall be appointed by the President and their term of office shall be for a period of one year (unless terminated by the action of the President). The roles and responsibilities of each committee shall be defined and documented by the President and shall be published on the club website in the Members Only section. The **required** committees shall be:
1. **Field**
 2. **Membership**
 3. **Newsletter Editor**
 4. **Safety Officer (Mandatory per AMA)**

The following committees are optional and can be filled if an AGS member volunteers to head a given committee:

1. **Activities**
2. **Contest**
3. **Historian**
4. **Librarian**
5. **Program**
6. **Public Relations**

~~C. A nominating committee consisting of three (3) members shall be appointed at least six (6) weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. At least one (1) candidate for each office shall be recommended.~~

C. The AGS Board of Directors is responsible to recommend a candidate or candidates for each open office position prior to the annual meeting.

Article XII – DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

- B. Upon dissolution, the AGS assets in excess of liabilities will be donated to ~~the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Inc. or to such to~~ an organization with purposes similar to the purposes of this Corporation **or a local charitable organization**, as the Board shall determine **and approved by membership vote.**

Article XVI: RESIGNATION, TERMINATION, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

- D. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules that are related to flying activities. Any other unacceptable behavior by an individual member or members, as defined by the Board of Directors, becomes the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Any individual may be expelled from membership from the AGS by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board of Directors if, in the Board of Directors' determination, such individual willfully commits any act or omission which is a violation

of any of the terms of these Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, **or applicable FAA regulations governing model aircraft**, or the Rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the AGS, the AMA, or model aviation.

Article XVII: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (FLIGHT AND GROUND SAFETY RULES)

A. Purpose

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules by providing a progressive disciplinary system when needed. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Safety Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form to be filled out and turned into the Safety Committee Chairman (**Safety Officer**). At least one witness is required to sign the Grievance Form.

B. Safety Committee

The Safety Committee shall consist of the Safety Officer, President and Vice-President. The Safety Committee (hereafter called the Committee) shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

1. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Committee Chairman. At least one witness is required.
2. FIRST VIOLATION
 - a. Viewpoints of both complainants and accused will be considered.
 - b. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
 - c. If the Committee so decides, a verbal reprimand will be given to the accused by the

Committee and this will be recorded in the Committee files.

3. SECOND VIOLATION

- a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
- b. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal, to be reviewed by the Committee.
- c. If the Committee so decides, the flying privileges of the accused will be suspended for thirty (30) days. Written notice of this action shall be issued and a copy of the notice published in the AGS newsletter. This action will be recorded in the Committee files.

4. THIRD VIOLATION

- a. Complainant's name will be disclosed.
- b. If the Committee so decides, the **full** Board of Directors will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next board meeting. Written notice of this action will be sent to the accused and a copy of the notice published in the AGS newsletter prior to the next board meeting.

Recognizing Bob Noll – submitted by Ray Phillips

During the Jan. 2019 Aeroguidance Society's club meeting, Scott Wallace and Ray Phillips presented Bob Noll with a plaque of recognition for his years of dedicated service to radio control model aviation. This plaque recognizes Bob's contribution to the Vintage Radio Control Society (VRCS), Spirit of Selinsgrove Event (SOS) and the Aeroguidance Society (AGS) of Endicott, NY.

Bob became a member of AGS in 1959. During his years of continuing service to AGS he has been CD for over 40 events. Bob and his family were always there to help during club construction projects at the AGS field. Bob participated in the annual Mall Shows to introduce new people to the radio control model airplane hobby. Over the years Bob built many RC aircraft and was an avid competitor in AMA pattern contests.

In 1989 Bob hosted the first Spirit of Selinsgrove VRCS event. He worked tirelessly as CD for this event for 29 consecutive years. Under Bob's leadership this event has become one of VRCS premier events with attendance of hobbyist from the North East and Canada. Bob announced his retirement from SOS in 2018.

Bob served as president of VRCS from 2001-20017. During these years the VRCS membership increased and we saw an expansion in the numbers of VRCS events dedicated to the living history of flying radio control airplanes. Bob continues to write articles for Model Aviation about the history and technical developments in our hobby. With availability of modern RC equipment and systems, it is always fun to look back from where we came. Bob has stated many times, "We did it that way because that is all we had".

This plaque is just a small token of appreciation of Bob's contribution to the community of radio control airplane modelers.



Bob Noll

The Great AGS Library Giveaway – by Brent Bryson

Over the last few years the internet has become the “go to” place for the latest information.

Much of the information in our library is out of date, and of less interest in the world of ARF models.

There are some good “how to” building videos, and some books on model engines. These are of little interest to new members, who usually choose the ARF and electric power route.

For these reasons the board has chosen to dissolve the library and offer these items as giveaway, first come first serve, at the next meeting. Any items remaining after the next meeting will be donated or otherwise disposed of.

Pylon Racing Update – submitted by Todd & Matt Kopl

Greetings race fans, Matt & I will be running pylon racing this season and the first race is Wednesday May 8.

Many thanks to all who have participated in the past and we will be reaching out to confirm racers and helpers in the coming months. It seems interest in sport cub racing faded last year so we will be doing classic Q500 glow or electric. Hoping past and new participants will join.

Any questions please feel free to contact me. While it has become more challenging to obtain equipment (I think this is true across the hobby)...classic Q500 kits can still be found on the typical auction sites and RC forums along with the good old OS FP & LA 40's.

The 2019 Race Schedule can be found in the Activities Calendar on the following page.

New Year's Day Fun Fly- submitted by Rick Allabaugh

It was a cold, blustery day for the New Year's Day Fun Fly this year. No snow, so wheels were required. We had eighteen club members attend and a few quests. Flights were somewhat limited due to the wind, but as soon as it died down, planes were in the air. Thanks to all who attended! We went through 3 lbs. of chili and a box of Joe. Looks like next year I'll have to make 4 lbs....



Bob Hoag sent some photos from the AGS southern command taken with his Mavic 2



Link to more of Bob's photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/nPYmcFVMydjS7rv6>

AGS CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
Feb Club Meeting Vestal Public Library	Feb 4 6:30 – 8:30	NA
Mid-Winter Fly BC United Soccer Fields	Feb 9 11AM – 2 PM	Neil Hunt
Mar Club Meeting Vestal Public Library	Mar 6 6:30 – 8:30	NA
Spring Fly BC United Soccer Fields	TBD	Bill Green
Apr Club Meeting Vestal Public Library	Apr 3 6:30 – 8:30	NA
AGS Pylon Race #1	May 8	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #2	May 22	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #3	June 5	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #4	June 19	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #5	July 3	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #6	July 17	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #7	July 31	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Pylon Race #8	Aug 14	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Precision Aerobatics Contest	Aug 24 -25 (Aug 23 set up day)	Jeff Hatton
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration	Aug 31 – Sep 1	Scott Wallace & Ray Phillips

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
RC Club of Rochester Swap Meet	Feb 16 10AM – 2PM	www.RCCR1957.com
AMA Expo East Secaucus, New Jersey	Feb 22 - 24	https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amaexpo/ama-expo-east/
RC Swap Meet Lebanon, PA	Mar 9	

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.

FEBRUARY PROGRAM



TAKING ADVANTAGE OF YOUR RC TRANSMITTER – by Bob Noll



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