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**THE NEXT AGS MEETING WILL BE ON
Monday Aug 5 - 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 Meeting:

The next AGS general meeting will be up at the club field on Monday, August 5th. Unfortunately, this will be our last meeting up at the field for the summer. So hopefully you can make it.

2019-2020 Budget:

I'll be making a proposal to the Board for our upcoming dues for the 2019-2020 flying season. Once it's approved, I'll send a copy out to all members for their review and comment.

Looking for my Replacement:

Just a reminder that this will be my last year serving as President of the AGS. Due to my current and projected work load for the next year, I don't feel that I have the time to dedicate to this position. It really has been fun the last four years, but it's time to move on... If you are interested, please let me know.

We'll also have to set up a Nominating Committee as there is at least one Board position (Treasurer) that I know we'll have to fill.

Final thoughts...

I've had a blast the last couple of months participating in the Introductory Pilot program. The people who showed up to fly really showed an interest and we had quite a few return pilots. We did gain one new member from the effort with no club expense. Just the willingness from members to help out.

There used to be a time (before kids, kid's sports, etc.) where I had the time and space to build on a regular basis. I remember Frank Gioffredo and I flying 2-3 days a week. However, the last 8 years, this was cut way back to where I was lucky if I could build one plane in three years... I'm hoping that now my kids are older, in college, and Karen and I are looking for a bigger house, that I'll be able to build again. Found a lot of nice houses with heating 2-car garages where one bay could easily be set up as a building area!

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

Pylon Race #7

Wednesday July 31
AGS Field 6:00 PM

AGS Aug Meeting

Monday Aug 5
6:30 PM
AGS Field

Family Picnic

Tuesday Aug 13
AGS Field 6:00 PM

Pylon Race #8

Wednesday Aug 14
AGS Field 6:00 PM

AGS Aerobatics Contest

Aug 23 - 25
AGS Field

VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration

Sat Aug 31
AGS Field 9:00 - 5:00

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AGS Officers:

President: Rick Allabaugh (A-C)

Vice President: Jeff Hatton (D-H)

Secretary: Bob Jennings (I-L)

Treasurer: Brent Bryson (M-R)

Board Members at Large:

1) Jim Monaco (S-Z)

2) OPEN POSITION

Past President: None

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Bob Noll

Program: Tom Kopl

Field: Bill Green

Historian: Bob Hoag

Safety: Chris Goffa

Webmaster: Don Shugard

Newsletter Editor: Scott Wallace

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

Editorial – submitted by Scott Wallace

Thank you to Bob Hoag for the photo below after a successful test flight of my new Dirty Birdy on July 1.



I have decided to concentrate on models 60 size or bigger so have sold off most of my smaller stuff and picked up a several new engines recently. I have a bit of a dilemma with the one shown below. This is a pristine 1968 OS Max H60F GR (this was way before an “H” meant helicopter engine).

I have several projects in que that were mid-1960’s designs so this engine would be period correct, the dilemma is I almost feel guilty using something that has been so carefully preserved for over 50 years. Double ball bearing, ringed piston, loop scavenged... won’t be powerful compared to a modern engine but it is light weight and should be a lot of fun to run...so I will! And yes, it does have a muffler.



AGS General Membership Meeting Minutes

Aeroguidance Society Meeting #859

Date: July 1, 2019

Place: AGS Field

President Rick Allabaugh called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM

Guests: Robert Ayres

The minutes of Meeting #858 (June 3, 2019) were approved as published in The Connector.

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

Bob Jennings stated that the minutes from the previous Board meeting are available on the AGS website Members Only section.

Committee Reports:

Field: Bill Green

Bill Green reported that he will build two more pilot protection barriers as approved by the Board. He will also install a handicap parking sign. Bob Noll suggested that two handicap parking locations should be designated and this was approved by consensus of the members present. Bill reported that the anti-scalp rollers on the zero turn need to be replaced.

Membership: Bob Noll

Bob reported that guest Robert Ayres joined the club.

Learn to Fly: Bob Noll

Bob reported that a new student brought an E-flite Apprentice (training plane for Learn to Fly program) new in the box to a training session. Before the training session was over the plane was assembled and made a flight!

Rick Allabaugh reported that several members of Triple Cities Makerspace indicated an interest in being able to participate in the Learn to Fly program. However, they hold an Open House at their facility every Tuesday night. Therefore, they cannot meet the normal flying nights. Learn to Fly Training Pilots in attendance agreed to attempt to accommodate these individuals on another

evening. However, it is up to the TC Makerspace group to coordinate dates/times with Rick.

Activities:

Jeff Hatton mentioned that there is an aerobatics contest held by the Mohawk Valley Firebirds on August 10th and 11th.

Jeff reported that the setup for the AGS aerobatic contest is on August 23 with the contest being held on August 24th and 25th. There will be an AGS Club class for AGS members with no entry fee. Entry fees are being waived on the Sportsman class entries as well.

Rick Allabaugh mentioned that the Binghamton Aeros Festival of Giants is being held on August 9th thru 11th.

New Business:

Rick Allabaugh reported that we have received approval from AMA of our Gold Leader Club submittal.

Jeff Hatton pointed out that not many members use the contents the Frequency Control Center due the prevalent use of 2.4 Ghz. Jeff Hatton also made the point that the Frequency Control Center blocks the view by spectators of much of the activity on the field. Jeff suggested that we move the Frequency Control Center to the end of the fencing. Bill Green suggested that it would be better to mount the center on the pavilion support nearest the present location. Jeff Hatton then made a motion to move the Frequency Control Center and mount it on the pavilion post. David Dewey-Wright seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

Submitted by Bob Jennings - Secretary

AGS 2019 Mowing List – by Todd Kopl

Updated mowing list:

Date	Primary	Helper
8/1 – 8/3	Chris Goffa	Ron Sprague
8/8 – 8/10	Todd Kopl	Scott Wallace
8/15 – 8/17	Rick Allabaugh	Neil Hunt
8/22 – 8/24	Brent Bryson	Bill Green
8/29 – 8/31	Charlie Hatton	Jeff Hatton
9/5 – 9/7	Harold Peeling	Bob Hoag

Pylon Racing Report (Todd & Matt Kopl)

We finally managed to get races 2 & 3 under our belts. Race # 2 was run on July 3rd and Race #3 on July 24th. My memory is foggy on Race 2 other than Matt beat the old man fair and square in final heat. Race 3 saw the need for several landing gear repairs and Matt suffering with a flame out in 1st heat and poor running engine in heats 2&3. Bob & Todd put on a show in heat 2 neck & neck all the way with Todd edging the win. Results below:

Race #2 (July 3rd)

Pilot	Points
Todd Kopl	5
Bob Noll	5
Brent Bryson	2
Matt Kopl	5

Race #3 (July 24th)

Pilot	Points
Todd Kopl	6

Bob Noll	5
Brent Bryson	2
Matt Kopl	5

Season point standings (All w/ zero points have not made it to a race yet, not reflective of skill):

Pilot	Points
Todd Kopl	16
Bob Noll	15
Brent Bryson	8
Matt Kopl	9
Cory Bulger	0
Rick Allabaugh	0
Scott Ashcraft	0
Jim Quinn	0
Cody Brown	0

Thanks again to all the helpers that make it possible and Brent (chief chef) for the hot dog feasts!

Next race on July 31st

2019 Spirit of Selinsgrove – by Scott Wallace

Ray Phillips and I will be hosting the Vintage RC Society (VRCS) for its 30th Annual Spirit of Selinsgrove Celebration on August 31 at the AGS field. We first want to thank Bob Noll for his efforts in running this very successful event for many years.

VRCS events feature airplanes designed for radio control 35 years ago or earlier. Fliers will come from all over the northeast to participate; the focus this year is on open flying so everyone entered can enjoy the history of our hobby take flight. We will have competitive events for VRCS Concours, Theme Plane Concours and Scale. We'll also have entrants choose the "Pilots Choice"

award for the model they feel best exemplifies the Spirit of Selinsgrove.

Note that the field will be closed to regular flying until 5:00 but I encourage as many AGS members as possible to stop by and see what this fun event is all about. Many of these older designs are excellent fliers, and would be great candidates for your first (or next) balsa build and are great choices for electric power.

Safety Reminder – by Todd Kopl

A good lesson & reminder recently- never stand in the line of the prop arc of a running engine, or engine being started. The phot shows the results of a thrown prop at wide open throttle. No injuries but a great reminder that things can happen in the blink of an eye.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER ROBERT AYRES - by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

A past member has returned after many years. Robert Ayres of Endwell joined the club at our last club meeting. Bob lives at 701 Stonefield Rd, and is retired from GAF and IBM. His phone numbers are 754-9826 and cell 761-7270. He and his wife Sharon raised four children, Jeff, Michelle, Melissa and Heather.

Robert wrote on his membership application that he is returning to the AGS for pleasure and relaxation and needs help with flight training.

His sponsors are Bill Green (754-0968) and Ron Sprague (785-0817).

ANOTHER NEW MEMBER - by Bob Noll, Membership Chairman

Norman Erway just joined our club. Norm attended many of our open houses and had been progressing very well flying his own Apprentice plane.

Norm lives at 711 Grant Street in Endicott. He holds an amateur radio license and learned about our Open Houses from our sign on Day Hollow Rd. His phone number is 751-5569.

I just received his application last evening so I have not had time to assign his two sponsors.

Please welcome Norm to the AGS when you see him.



OPEN HOUSE PROGRAM IS DOING WELL - by Bob Noll

Last evening our seventh and eighth students joined our Learn To Fly Program. Nathan Volpe, our first youth student and Al Dorrington enjoyed the exciting experience of flying the Apprentice. In addition, our sixth student, Tyler Smith, returned and demonstrated his skills by performing many touch-and-goes by consistently placing the Apprentice in the middle of our

runway. Tyler flew figure eights with ease and, under the tutelage of Rick Allabaugh, demonstrated square horizontal eights.

With one more Open House next week, I want to thank all of our Introductory Pilots and a special thanks to Bill Green for showing up each week with a large supply of battery packs.

Misc. AGS Photos – by Bob Hoag



Ron Sprague - Corsair



John Loomis - Pandora



Jim Monaco's own design



Jerry Wright – Tiger Moth



Pilot after studying for FAA Knowledge Test



Jim Monaco's Pattern model



Cody Brown's Passport 2M Pattern model



Jeff Hatton's Hog Bipe, glow powered no less!



Taylorcraft on approach



Our property from Bob Hoag's DJI Mavic



Arial view from Bob Hoag's DJI Mavic



Bob Hoag and Ron Sprague's matching P-51s



Bob Hoag's Pitts Special



Jerry Wright's new model

AGS 2019 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	CHAIRMAN
AGS Pylon Race #7	July 31	Todd & Matt Kopl
Aug Club Meeting AGS Field	Aug 5 6:30 - 8:30	
Family Picnic	Aug 13	
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	Scott Wallace & Ray Phillips
AGS Float Fly Nathanial Cole Park	Sep 28 - 29	Don Shugard

Other nearby RC events of interest

Event / Location	Date	Contact / Info
Rochester RC Club deBolt Memorial VRCS	Aug 3	Jim Cappauano cappaj1@yahoo.com
Mohawk Valley Firebirds Pattern Meet	Aug 10 -11	Jim Quinn https://www.mvfirebirds.com
Binghamton Aeros Festival of Giants Chenango Bridge Airport	Aug 9 - 11	Larry Cobb cob99@nep.net
Vintage Celebration Lancaster, PA	Aug 17-18	Jeff Troy jefftroy@aol.com

AUGUST PROGRAM



***Summer Meeting Agenda – Flying first then
an abbreviated meeting***



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