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## August meeting at the AGS Field (Monday Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> )

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

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### Prez Sez — Jeff Hatton

It has been a wet and windy July, with some nice weather for flying mixed in. I spent some time after the storm clearing debris and doing some road repairs, I plan on doing some more work on the road prior to the contest if weather permits. Thank you to all who helped get the field back into shape after the storms.

The club has been contacted by a Timber Company and we did a walkthrough of the property to determine if there was timber that they were interested in. The board has elected to allow them to mark the timber that they are interested in and propose a contract for its removal. This will hopefully open up our financial options for more field improvements if everything goes well.

The 66th AGS pattern Contest is fast approaching on August 14th and 15th, Setup will be minimal on the 13th with practice flying in the afternoon. Club members are welcome to come up and fly on Friday (especially if you want to try your hand at the club class sequence) Fees for club members are free for flying and just a donation for food for club and sportsman classes. I am looking for help entering scores into the scoring program; it is basic data entry and if you can handle entering numbers between 0 and 10 into a computer you are qualified.

### Up-Coming Events

#### AGS August Meeting

Mon August 2<sup>nd</sup>

6:45 PM

AGS Field

#### AGS Open House

Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>

5:30 – 8:00 PM

AGS Field

#### AGS Pylon Race #6

Wed August 4<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

AGS Field

#### AGS Aerobatics Contest

Wed August 14 - 15

AGS Field

#### AGS Pylon Race #7

Wed August 18<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

AGS Field

[For AGS field current  
weather info contact:](#)

[BGM Automated  
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**President:** Jeff Hatton (A-C)

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**Treasurer:** Bob Jennings (M-R)

**Board Members at Large:**

1) Brent Bryson (S-Z)

2) Dave A. Smith

**Past President:** Rick Allabaugh

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**Committee Chairmen:**

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**Activities:** David Dewey-Wright

**Program:** Tom Kopl

**Field:** Bill Green

**Historian:** Open

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**Webmaster:** Don Shugard

**Newsletter Editor:** Todd Kopl

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



**Vice Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright**

Wow! August is upon us already! It's been a busy summer so far, and there's more to come with the Pattern Competition in a couple weeks. Here's hoping we start to get a little drier weather.

Thanks to all who helped doing clean-up after the winds knocked down the trees across the driveway, and fixing up the driveway, which, considering all the rain, is holding up well. Also, thanks to all the mowing crews for keeping our runways looking good, and a special thanks to Bill Green and Ray Phillips for repairs/maintenance on the flight stands after they got tossed around.

I do need to remind our mowing crews that it is each crews responsibility to leave the gas cans full for the next crew to start with. Yes, it's a pain because it means either you need to bring gas cans with you, or, you need to make that extra run down and back up to the field to refill the cans. But every crew needs to do that, please. Don't make the "responsible" crew make two runs, one so they can get started mowing, and the second one so they can leave gas for the next crew. Thanks.

We have met with the logging representative from Double-Aught lumber. He and I walked most of the property line, and when we got done with that, Jeff had arrived, so we talked a little more. We'll discuss at the Board meeting this week, and have information at Monday's (8/2) meeting. Come to the meeting and see what's up with that.

Open House/Learn to Fly has hosted a couple new flyers so far. One is our newest member, Michael Hotalen, the other is Bob Noll's neighbor Luke, who flies 1-to-1 scale planes, and had a few nice flights this week when things cleared off after the storm. Yes, we flew this past Tuesday, 7/27. We had some decent weather there for

an hour or more. Thanks, Jeff, for bringing one of your planes up too. And a reminder that everyone is welcome to come up and fly on Tuesday nights, fun for you, informational/inspiring for any new pilots.

Hope to see you at Monday's meeting! I'll bring the cookies!

## **AGS General Membership Meeting – Jesse**

### **Pagels**

The AGS Board Meeting was held on 7/6/2021 at the AGS Field. The meeting was called to order at 6:56 P.M.

The following guests were in attendance: None

#### **1) Treasury Report**

- Bob Jennings gave an update to the Board on the current standings of the Club's income, expenses, and account balance.

#### **2) FAA Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)**

- Discussed the newly implemented TRUST exam.
- When completed the test taker can print out a PDF ID card
  - Members have found that there may be a scaling issue when printing from the PDF vs the website.

#### **3) Learn to Fly**

- Learn to Fly – Starting Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, the club will continue to host the Learn to Fly event from 5:30 to 8:00 PM

#### **4) Membership Chairman Report**

- Bob Noll introduced the Club's newest associate member, Mike Hotalen who is currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### **5) New Weed Whacker**

- Scott Wallace donated a weed whacker to the club. Many thanks to Scott Wallace!

#### **6) The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.**

## **Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl**

Anybody else make it to the Binghamton airshow? Dad, Matthew and I rolled the dice with the weather and

went Saturday which turned out to be the right choice. I remember Dad taking me as a little kid and it never gets old seeing the Thunderbirds! Three generations this time and great memories (and I'm used to holding short on that line in a Cessna, not parking my truck on it...):



## **Pylon Racing – Submitted by Matt & Todd Kopl**

Race #4 was an exciting evening on several levels! First, the weather was sketchy with thunderstorms in the area. In fact, we had to take a short intermission to wait out some thunder and a minor shower (a mere hour after leaving the big storm hit). Brent Bryson was absent and I'm pretty sure the helpers will be happy to have him back after the burned hot dogs I served up! Jesse Pagels scored his first win and in general all the heats were close. Race #5 was cancelled due to attendance (to be expected this time of year). Matt Kopl currently leads the standings.



### Current Standings:

Q-500	RACE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	TOTAL
	DATE	26-May	19-Jun	23-Jun	7-Jul	21-Jul	4-Aug	18-Aug	1-Sep	POINTS
Seeding	Pilots	rain				cancelled				
1	Todd Kopl	0	5	7	5	0				17
2	Bob Noll	0	4	6	3	0				13
3	Matt Kopl	0	6	8	5	0				19
4	Brent Bryson	0	2	5	0	0				7
5	Jesse Pagels	0	0	4	4	0				8

### Field – Bill Green

Upcoming mowing list **(Note: Editor messed up the original file provided from Bill. Please use this list!)**

7/30-8/1	Chris	Goffa	Ed	Youket
8/6-8/8	Brent	Bryson	Lashawn	Wiley
8/13-8/15	Charlie	Hatton	Jeff	Hatton
8/20-8/22	Jim	Quinn	Norm	Erway
8/27-8/29	Harold	Peeling	Jesse	Pagels
9/3-9/5	Ray	Phillips	TBD	
9/11-9/12	David	Dewey-Wright	Jerry	Wright
9/17-9/19	David A	Smith	David W	Smith
9/24-9/26	Bill	Green	Angel	Nevada

If anyone has any questions about mowing or needs equipment operation instruction please come to meeting and ask.

Field rules are conveniently posted at the field in glass case and an easy read between flights in the shade.

### Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

Here are few things that were being reported fifty years ago in the July 1971 Connector;

THE PREZ SEZ – Dick Allen

Next month will bring about the club's largest annual effort – the annual AMA scale and pattern contest at

Tri-Cities Airport. now's the time for that extra effort to put on another outstanding meet of which we can all be proud. We are promoting the cause of model aviation among contestants and spectators alike by putting on a contest whose reputation has grown to be that of one of the best on the East Coast.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we received a notice (phone call) that planes were flying over some homes on Lewis St. One of the planes turned out to be mine. Several days later I went down to talk to the owner, a Mr. Edson, about the incident. He was very reasonable about the whole thing, but after talking to him and seeing how close our south-west corner is to his back yard, I have no doubt that his complaint was legitimate.

So, let me again remind everyone (including yours truly), to fly within the boundaries of the field. The south-west corner is the closest our property approaches a populated area and is therefore the most sensitive. Mr. Edson did tell me that our neighbors rally appreciate our reduced flying hours and mandatory use of mufflers.

As our New Field Fund grows perhaps it will not be too long before we can provide ourselves with a more adequate and less restricted flying area.

### VALLEY R/C HOBO MEET

The Valley R/C Club of Sayre, Pa., extends an invitation to all licensed flyers and their families to attend their first annual Hobo and Fly for Fun, meet, August 7 & 8, 1971.

### 1:34.5 IN FORMULA II – Bob Noll

Yes, and Vern Smith it at Endicott, New York. Pylon racers from all over the Northeast were at Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott, NY on June 13, for the 6<sup>th</sup> running of the Northeast Pylon Championships hosted by the Aeroguidance Society, Inc. of Endicott. The field consisted of some of the hottest planes around and both Formula I and Formula II times spelled out sheer excitement and good competition.

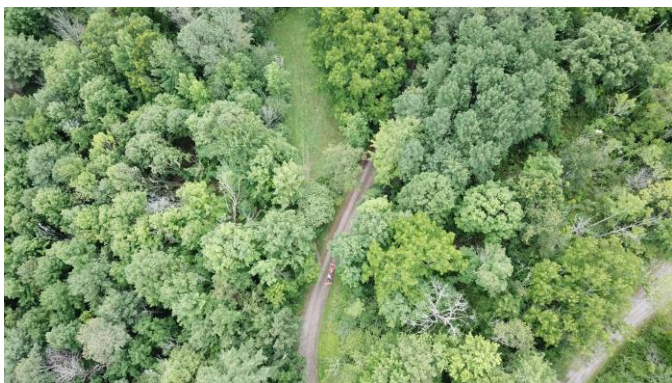


## Show & Tell

*Pictures from July 7<sup>th</sup> storm & clean-up*







*Ed Note: I'm always looking for new material. For those w/out email you can send it to my street address in an envelope. For those w/ email: [takopl297@gmail.com](mailto:takopl297@gmail.com)*

### **Lost & Found**

*We do have a "lost and found" for the field, which is the top drawer of the metal cabinet at the corner of the pavilion. There is currently a charging cord in there now.*



## AGS 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION (AGS Field unless specified)	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
AGS Regular Meeting	Mon Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:45 PM	
AGS Open House	Tues Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:30 PM	
AGS Pylon Race #6	Wed Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Open House	Tues Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	
AGS Aerobatics Contest	Aug 14-15		Jeff Hatton
AGS Open House	Tues Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	
AGS Pylon Race #7	Wed Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 PM	Todd & Matt Kopl
AGS Open House	Tues Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	
AGS Pylon Race #8	Wed Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 PM	Todd & Matt Kopl
VRCS Spirit of Selinsgrove/AGS Field	Sept 4-5	9:30 AM	Bob Noll (CD/ED)
Float Fly/Nathaniel Cole Park	Sept 25-26	TBD	David Dewey-Wright

### *Other nearby RC events of interest*

Event / Location	Date	Contact /Info
Aeros' Festival of Giants	Aug 13-15	Binghamton Aeros
Warbirds Over Chenango Bridge	Aug 28-29	Binghamton Aeros
Biplane Fly	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Ithaca RC Club

**Aeromodeler's Estate Sale:** Date: Sat July 31. Time: 11:00 AM Location: 3312 Wayne St Endwell NY 13760  
 Liquidation of the estate of former Aero Guidance Society founder Don Harrington. Approx 70 years of model airplanes and parts, from gas to modern. Dozens of balsa/silk and modern-era planes, kits, engines, other parts large to small, radios, tools, you name it. Partly completed huge balsa wood-frame Pietenpol model included - 7 ft wingspan! Come see and make offers! Finding good homes for Don's decades-old collection of planes & parts is our family's primary goal!

For further information please contact: Rich Harrington at [rs\\_harrington@yahoo.com](mailto:rs_harrington@yahoo.com)

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

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



*Art from Anna Kopl ☺*





**AUGUST PROGRAM**  
**Open Flying**



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