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# The CONNECTOR

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## October meeting at Jonathan's in Endwell and virtual (Monday Oct 4<sup>th</sup>)

Changes to time or location will be noted in this newsletter

### Prez Sez — Jeff Hatton

After two years my last meeting as president is coming up this Monday at Jonathans. Please try to attend either in person or virtually (link to be provided on Monday) Even with the current board working out positions for the next year I encourage anyone interested in a position to speak up and volunteer for any position in the club.

I am leaving the next board with a fairly unique situation in the club, we have just signed a new timber contract and the bank balance is the strongest it has been, the challenge for the next board is how to use this situation to the best benefit of the club. I strongly recommend that we do not just sit on the money and continue to cover our annual expenses through dues, using this influx to keep our reserve and provide improvements to our facility.

It has been an honor to serve as the president these past two years and look forward to working with the new board as past president for the upcoming year.



### Vice Prez Sez — David Dewey-Wright

Greetings everyone!

Hard to imagine we're already into Fall, but it's happened.

For those who didn't make it, we had a rather spectacular couple of days for the Fall Float Fly at Cole Park last weekend. Mike Mauersberg was there with his Timber, Jerry Wright came out with his Beaver, Todd Kopl with an original design 4-stroke glo plane, Bob Noll was there with his Sea Master (to sell it, not to fly it), Jim Quinn came out for a quick flight on his Tundra, and I put in several flights with my Beaver and Carbon Z Cub. Don Shugard was up as well. The MOB and Binghamton Aeros were well represented too.

#### Up-Coming Events

##### AGS October Meeting

Mon Oct 4<sup>th</sup>

6:30 PM

Jonathan's/Virtual

##### AGS November Meeting

Mon Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30 PM

Jonathan's/Virtual

[For AGS field current  
weather info contact:  
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**NOTE: 72 MHz Channel #42  
Must  
Not Be Used at the AGS Field**

All in all, we had 19 pilots for the weekend. Seventeen pilots were there on Saturday, when it was nearly dead calm in the morning, with only a mild breeze in the afternoon. Sunday was a bit windier, especially in the morning, and we had a couple come up from New Jersey to spend the day while he flew, on the way to a short vacation in the Finger Lakes area. He had his Sky Tiger and put several flights on that. As you might expect, there were a number of row boat recoveries needed.

Thanks to Jim Quinn, we had a pilot "door prize," a set of Great Planes floats that he donated. Nancy Woznichi from Wilkes Barre, PA won those. She was also the pilot who showed up with the most planes for the weekend. (She's in pink, sitting under the shelter by the trailer in one of the pictures.) She and her husband Joe come up to fly at the Binghamton Aeros airport, so I'll connect with them the next time they're in town to get the floats to her.

Thanks to all who came! It was a nice relaxing event, and hopefully we can do it again next year!



*Ed Note: I had some issues downloading pics from DDW. Please see club Facebook page for more photos.*

**Treas Sez – Bob Jennings**

Occurrence of the annual meeting on Oct. 4 means the time has come for members to pay their dues. The AGS Budget for the coming year maintains the present dues amounts. Dues may be paid at the meeting or by

sending a check written to Aeroguidance Society (or AGS) and addressed to Aeroguidance Society, Inc. PO Box 39 Vestal NY, 13850-0039. Alternatively, a payment may be sent via PayPal to [AGSTreasurer@agsny.org](mailto:AGSTreasurer@agsny.org)

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

### **Pagels**

No regular meeting was held on September 6<sup>th</sup> due to lack of attendance (note: avoid holiday next year)

## **Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion – by Bob Noll**

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I have returned as CD of this long running event since Scott Wallace had another engagement out of town. Ray Phillips and Todd Kopl assisted me.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> running of the Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion was held on Labor Day weekend. This is the oldest running VRCS event having continued since John Worth, Art Schroeder and Joe Beshar started the first reunion.

The first issue of the VRCS newsletter promoted the idea of the organization being more than just a “tell it like it was” forum. It generated the idea of annual get-togethers where the theme would be “fly and tell” with RC’ers flying original or replica models of vintage R/C designs. John, Art and Joe were convinced that using the updated RC systems of the day would demonstrate the excellent capability of the early designs.

By the end of 1989, with 220 members, the “fly and tell” concept was established with the first reunion scheduled for the 1990 Labor Day weekend in September at the airport at Selinsgrove, PA, site of earlier R/C events. Following a very successful first VRCS event that year, the annual reunion continued regularly on Labor Day weekends until 1996, when the location was changed to the Lums Pond State Park near Newark, Delaware. In 1999 the reunion moved once more, to Endicott, NY with the Aeroguidance Society serving at the host club.

When the reunion came to Endicott it was known only as the VRCS Reunion. At that time there were two other VRCS events in Muncie, IN and Ocala, FL. The Labor Day

Reunion needed a unique name and so it was given the name “Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion” to highlight the original location of the event.

A few early arrivers met at Mario’s in Owego on Friday where my friend Barbara Sitler and I joined them for some great Italian food. It’s always great to see friends again who have been regulars at this reunion.

We were blessed with a beautiful day on Saturday and camaraderie with some great modeling friends and everyone had an enjoyable experience. We had pilot entries from New York, West Virginia, Delaware and Maryland. In addition, we had members from our host club, Aeroguidance Society participating. Everyone enjoyed seeing the vintage designs in the air. This is a chance for everyone to see the history of our hobby take flight. In total we had over 30 vintage airplanes at the event.

Thanks to Ray Phillips there were plenty of hobby goodies for everyone including kits, both short and long, as part of the raffle. AGS member Mark Lecher handled the food concession with a variety of delicious eats.

A gathering at the Olive Garden in Vestal on Saturday evening put a nice finish on a wonderful day.

Unfortunately, rain prevented flying on Sunday but a few came to the field to chat and say good-bye. One of our most active VRCS members is Doug Weaver and he jumped into my van and we had a great time discussing some of the many vintage planes that both he and I had built over the years.

We both commented that we were fortunate to have the rain on Sunday so we got in one day of great flying. Both of us remembered several years when we had rain on Saturday and were fortunate to have the AMA sanction for two days.

Here are some of the pilots and the planes they flew;

- John Haffner, Eden MD.
  - Beachcomber, a 1963 class III design flown with an OS 55AX.
  - deBolt Jenny, 1961 design, flown as Class II with an OS .35 FP
  - Rudder Bird, 1962 Class I design with an OS .20
- Mike Denest, Newark, DE



- Duster – class III powered by an AXI 4/30/16.
- Doug Weaver, Williamsville, NY
  - Procter Antic, Saito .72
  - Sterling Mambo, a 1956 design powered by a McCoy .19
  - Lil Gigi, a 1966 design powered by a Cox Medallion .09
- Todd Kopl, Vestal, NY
  - Sig Kavalier a 1978 design, powered by a Thunder Tiger .46
  - SIG Kougar powered by an OS .46 FX
- Jim Luby, Morgantown, WV
  - Pacific Ace – a 1937 design powered by a Saito 40
  - Top Flite Contender powered by an OS 65AX
- Jim Monaco, Endicott, NY
  - Kaos – electric
  - Smoothie – electric
- Matt Kopl, Vestal, NY
  - Super Chaos, OS .55.
- Jim Quinn, Endicott, NY
  - Aeromaster – electric
  - Top Dawg – electric
  - Virus – Rudder only, electric, Todd Kopl and Jim Monaco experienced their first rudder only flight with the Virus.
- Ray Phillips, Vestal, NY
  - 1975 MAN Trainer – OS 55 power

Doug Weaver was the big winner. He won both the Pilot's Choice Award with his Antic and the Theme Plane Award with his Sterling Mambo. I can also attest to the fact that Doug's Antic flights were the most watched by our spectators because of its slow, graceful flights enhanced by the sound of the Saito four stroker. One

spectator requested another Antic flight before she had to leave.

My thanks to all who attended and I hope the Spirit of Selinsgrove Reunion will be on many of your calendars next year.

Photos by Ray Phillips





### Editorial – Submitted by Todd Kopl

I'd like to start off by thanking the Board of Directors for their service in 2021 and especially the extra effort required to secure the timber contract.

Building season is here and if you haven't been paying attention to Model Aviation (magazine or emails) open them up and read (latest issue is the 'build' issue). I've been building for a long time but still come across new techniques, tools, etc that I did not know about. If you haven't really built before maybe this is the year to give it a try! Bring your projects to meetings for show & tell.

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

Nothing new to report from the last issue. The remaining races were cancelled primarily due to poor weather and I've decided to call it a season and declare Matt Kopl as the overall winner for 2021! Congratulations Matthew 😊

A big THANK YOU to all the helpers that make racing possible.

Final Standings:

Place	Name	Points
1	Matt Kopl	25
2	Todd Kopl	22
3	Bob Noll	13
4	Jesse Pagels	11
5	Brent Bryson	9

### Field – Bill Green

Upcoming mowing list

9/30-10/2	Todd	Kopl	Matt	Kopl
10/7-10/9	Chris	Goffa	Ed	Youket
10/14-10/16	Brent	Bryson	Lashawn	Wiley

### Did You Know – Submitted by Bob Noll

Here are a few items from The Connector, Vol. IV, Number 8, September 1971.

THE VICE-PREZ SEZ - by Bob Jennings

This weekend is the annual intraclub contest. This is the last scheduled flying event of the year so let's get everyone out. There is a class for everyone. According to Intrs Club Contest director, Lou Francavillo, the following classes and maneuvers will be flown:

(Ed: I will not list the maneuvers due to space constraint).

NOVICE (Never competed in an AMA contest)

INTERMEDIATE (Never competed above AMA Class A)

EXPERT (All others)

REFLECTIONS ON THE INTERNATTS - The official results of the FAI RC Aerobatics World Championships were published in The Connector. The World champion was Bruno Giezendanner of Switzerland. The top team was the USA with Switzerland coming in second and Germany at third place.

The most impressive demonstration flying at the Internats was by the "Kavan Helicopter Team". Two scale models of the Bell AH-1G helicopter were flown each of four days and proved that all of the obstacles which have confronted RC helicopter enthusiasts for years have been overcome. Three years of testing went into the development of these machines which fly all maneuvers of an original helicopter.

### Show & Tell





*"Learn to Fly" - Submitted by Scott Wallace*

*More Float fly pics – submitted by Todd Kopl*



**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.



## AGS 2021 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

ACTIVITY / LOCATION	DATE	TIME	CHAIRMAN
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<b>(AGS Field unless specified)</b>			
AGS Regular Meeting (Jonathan's)	Mon Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	
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***Other nearby RC events of interest***

<b>Event / Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Contact /Info</b>
Chenango Bridge Airport Fall RC Aerotow	Oct. 8-10	Binghamton Aeros

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

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



**OCTOBER PROGRAM**  
**Fun and Fellowship!**





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