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### Calendar

**NORTH ADAMS ENCAMPMENT**  
Saturday June 24 - Sunday, July 9  
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## **SOARING SAFARI: SUPER!**

Submitted by Donald (Mac) Mc Kinlay

This being only my third safari my thoughts may not reflect all of the ingredients that make these trips so enjoyable.

The locations all have the potential for great soaring. Hospitality and honest concern for our needs have been extended at every location. No doubt this is largely due to the experience gained by our predecessors trying many spots and settling on the best.

Like Candlelight the weather dictates. Either the best or worst conditions, we've had both. To my knowledge no records were set this year, no goals obtained, there were however flights above 7000' MSL and speeds of 120 MPH and great distances traveled. (most of the distance was on the highway).

If the nutmeg crew had a laugh meter I'm sure that during the "peanut and beer hour" or during dinner we would have fractured a few records. The humorous tales that are told, never embellished of course, are the likes of which soaring legends are made.

Each year I have come home with one thought, Nutmegers are kind, thoughtful, concerned and the most helpful group of people imaginable. I know this because it takes at least five people to assemble my ship and yet as often as not I'm the first one on the pad ready to fly.

If you're a Nutmeger, you're in great company. If you have the chance to go on a Southern Safari with this crew, GO!!!!!!!

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## **A FLIGHT DOWN SOUTH**

Submitted by Peter Krebs

It is 04/24/00 and I just experienced one of those great moments of sports companionship!

Having come to Cordoba, in the very heartland of Argentina, to guide a Professional Exchange Group of Rotary for more than three weeks, I had already made some prior contact with the local "Club de Planeadores" being aided by our own Esteban Draganovich. Very little time was left for non - Rotary activities so it was only on a Monday that I could get away for some time. I called Eduardo Toselli, a local Univ. Professor and glider instructor, and was surprised that he could take time out to pick me up and drive me to their airport in between classes. Thank God that things are bit flexible in good old Argentina!

We arrived at about 3 PM finding a well cared for grass strip with three hangars for the 12+ Club ships and towplanes as well as for many private gliders! But that was not all since I saw a lovely little clubhouse with an older gentleman as permanent caretaker plus a swimming pool for family members. It was to get tears in the eyes considering that the club has only about 50 members, is 50 years old and OWNS the airport with surrounding grain fields (which are rented out to a local farmer for extra income). Waiting for us was already Jorge Hernandez ("Doc") a 75 year old pilot with 60 years of power and glider experience. He is the tow pilot glider owner and treasurer in one person telling me that he worked as an MD in the US and that club dues are about \$ 600 per year plus expensive tows (gas is double the US price) of for example \$30 per 1800 ft tow.

Quickly we took the tow plane and a Blanik L 13 out of the tidy hangar, got the military parachutes on, and off we went after advising nearby ATC of Cordoba International of our intentions for a local flight. All went well specially considering that not only do I speak Spanish fluently (having still a valid Argentine power license) but that Eduardo is a great instructor and was several times team manager of the Argentinian contingent to World Championships. Released at 1800 ft, found some weak thermal over harvested fields to max. 3100 ft, saw the countryside and flew the heavy, tight bird for 30+ minutes. Uneventful landing with strong headwind and the good news that "next time I could time take a single seater". Stowed the planes away and had some refreshments before Eduardo headed back to teach his classes while Jorge took me to my host family

Last comments were about how well our sport connects different classes and people and that more similarities exist than differences.

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## **NORTH ADAMS HERE WE COME!**

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

Having secured the assurances that Mohawk Soaring tow pilots will be available for the encampment, we are now a "GO" for North Adams. The dates are Saturday June 24 through Sunday, July 9. North Adams is in the Northwest corner of MA on Rt. 7. Hotels are close, and a regular camp ground with facilities is a few miles away. There will be camping on the field in a few different areas, rest room facilities in the administration building and in the Mohawk/CAP hanger, a porta potty at the far end (west) of the runway, and a soon to be built, brand new, custom designed, Nutmeg Mark III, officially sanctioned and flight

ready, wood reinforced SHOWER, with running water. It just doesn't get better than that! (as much as we might hope)

Costs:

- a.) Airport fees for each glider is \$5 per day, not to exceed \$28 for each glider.
- b.) Temporary membership in Mohawk, to be covered by their insurance: \$29 (good for a month).
- c.) Tow fees: \$21 to 3,000 (a good deal!)
- d.) Camping fees: to be set by Nutmeg to help pay for the shower, porta potty and club ship airport fees.

More on directions, nearby attractions, hotels, etc. in the next issue.

**\*\*\* ET CETERA \*\*\***

**FINAL GLIDE**

A note from Mike Baxa

Carl Bergner passed away on April 15. He was flying RC airplanes at a field in Bloomfield and he apparently had a massive heart attack. Carl left the earth while doing something he greatly enjoyed. Carl was Carl and a real

character. I had lunch at his condo about 2 months ago. He had thousands of nature and wildlife photos he had taken and developed himself (he insisted on showing me most of them!). He was also an accomplished musician. However, 1-26 flying was his passion.

**NIVY NUPTIALS**

As reported by Betty Boyce

Nivy Lakhani and her friend Adarbad Master (he came to the field several times) are now officially engaged. Engagement festivities took place at their families' homes in Pune, India. She will let us know about future plans. Right now they are in Santa Barbara.

**NEW MEMBER BIO**

Jim Maitland, age 45 (*and a great age it is, ed.*) has joined as an Associate Member. Jim is married and in the business of finance. He comes to us having had a few instructional glider flights. His other spare time activities include skiing, running, tennis, biking and hiking. Welcome to Nutmeg, Jim.

**DUTY SCHEDULE FOR MAY & JUNE**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Field Manager</u>	<u>Duty Pilot</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Pawnee</u>	<u>Super Cub</u>
Wed 5/10	****	****	****	R. Post	
Sat 5/13	D. MacKenzie	K. Lawson	J. Boyce	B. Cotton	K. Toussaint
Sun 5/14	E. Martin	D. O'Shea	####	J. Mahoney	J. Boyce
Wed 5/17	****	****		M. Flynn	
Sat 5/20	D. McKinlay	R. Mayer	####	B. Cotton	J. Mahoney
Sun 5/21	V. Paggen	P. Meny	####	J. Stevenson	R. Duckworth
Wed 5/24	****	****	****	R. Daniels	
Sat 5/27	F. Painter	R. Wachtell	####	M. Flynn	M. Trudnak
Sun 5/28	N. Samela	P. Quinn	####	C. Schiller	K. Toussaint
Wed 5/31	****	****	****	R. Ward	
Sat 6/3	####	T. Huber	####	####	####
Sat 6/10	####	####	N. Jackson	####	####

Notes:

\*\*\*\* Indicates Field Managers, Duty Pilots and Instructors are not scheduled on Wednesdays or holidays. Check Hotline for instructor availability.

#### Indicates no one yet assigned. If you are available please call the appropriate scheduler:

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Field Managers and Duty Pilots are responsible for arranging a replacement if they cannot be there at their assigned times. For up to date assignments check our web site: <http://nutmegsoaring.org>

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\* Instructors qualified under the new guidelines as of May 6, 2000 - More to come!