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Calendar

ANNUAL LOBSTER BAKE
Saturday June 10 (Rain Date Sunday June 11)
At the Field

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Short meeting after the Lobster Bake

NORTH ADAMS ENCAMPMENT
Saturday June 24 - Sunday, July 9

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To Our Electronic Subscribers

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Submitted by Lee Ramsdell

Happy soaring! We expect an excellent and safe season this year. Many changes have been made at the field over the winter, as you can see. Please be aware there are rules to abide by. They include the following:

Absolutely no cars are to be parked at the north end of the field; i.e. not on the grass or in the incoming driveway. Those without trailers may park in the old parking lot (Carl's lot) on the southeast side by the port-a-potty. No one is to drive on the field. Use tow vehicles only (i.e. golf carts, lawn mower).

Private owners with trailers may enter via the north gate and park next to their trailer on the west side. However, **DO NOT DRIVE ACROSS THE NEWLY SEEDED SHOULDERS OFF THE ROAD.** Access to the trailers is between the **ORANGE CONES NEXT TO THE PAWNEE.** Heads up for head-on traffic; back up, rather than pull off the road on to the shoulder. When possible, always park in Carl's lot instead. If we do not comply, we will **NOT** be able to use Terry's road.

Private owners need to send in a copy of their insurance policy when it comes up for renewal; see the general meeting minutes for the address/fax number to Terry. **NEW PRIVATE OWNERS OR NEW PARTNERS** in existing ships must sign a waiver form before flying. It can be found on the **WEBSITE**, and fax/send to Terry (fax # (203) 319-0894, or mail to: Candlelight L.L.C., PO Box 483, Southport, CT. 06490). If you need a hard copy, contact (leave a message) at Linda's (203-426-5051).

On a lighter note, have you seen our equipment trailer? Thanks to Virgil Paggen, who labored all winter, it is newly painted, organized, cleaned out, new doors, umbrella holder, etc. Thank you!

We are planning this year's annual **LOBSTER BAKE** for Sat. June 10, rain date June 11. It will include steamers, lobster or chicken, corn on the cob, salads, desserts, beer and soda. Price will be set on the day of the lobster bake. This is intended for Nutmeg members and their families only. Please sign up (on the **WEB** page, at the field ,or contact me or Linda) as soon as possible, and no later than June 3, so I can order the lobsters ahead of time. If you order a lobster, you bought it!

Those who haven't attended a safety meeting this year **MUST** contact Chris McIntyre to arrange a make-up.

NORTH ADAMS ENCAMPMENT INFORMATION

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

Hotels, B&Bs and Motels abound in the area, but make your reservations early if you are not camping at the field. Here's a partial list:

Holiday Inn: 413-663-6500

Berkshire Hills Motel: 413-458-3950

Four Acres: 413-458-8158

1896 House: 413-458-8125

Bed & Breakfast:

Buxton Brooks Farm: 413-458-3621

Harbour House: 413-743-8959

Field Farm Guest House: 413-458-3155

Goldberry's: 413-458-3935

Historic Valley Campgrounds: 413-662-3198 for RV's, campers, etc.

Chamber of Commerce: 413-663-3735,
www.nbershirechamber.com

There is public access to a nearby swimming beach at Windsor Pond on Bradley Street in North Adams, which is also the lake that Historic Valley Campgrounds is on.

SEE YOU AT NORTH ADAMS!!! JUNE 24 TO JULY 9

OPERATIONS NOTES

Submitted by Chris McIntyre

Daily Inspections and Radio Calls

At the last instructor meeting, it was decided to put in place a method that would ensure that each aircraft received a thorough preflight inspection at the start of the day.

This is the Daily Inspection, or DI. It includes the preflight in the respective Aircraft Flight Manuals plus a few items and will be on a laminated card in the seat pocket of each aircraft.

In addition (and just as important) there is a sign off sheet near the flying list on the trailer, located on its own clipboard. Please make sure to sign off this preflight if you complete it, and look at the sheet before you fly to make sure that its been done.

One item on the checklists is checking the tire pressure. This does not require a gage, but rather is a look to see that the tire is not noticeably down on air (bulging side walls or large contact patch) and the information on PSI is only to be used to fill it. We don't expect (or want) you to get down there with a tire gage each DI.

On a separate subject, Terry has asked that we make our radio calls in the following manner - "Candlelight Farms, sailplane 24 Hotel right down wind for runway 34, Candlelight Farms"

Note the use of right or left downwind and the runway number (34 or 16, as listed in databases and Jeppessen,) not North or South. Please try to comply with this request as we certainly want to be clear and consistent on the radio.

MINUTES OF APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Submitted by Doug Laitinen

Nutmeg Membership Meeting: April 14, 2000

Officers Present: L. Ramsdell, W. Kenyon

Number of Members Present: 23

Called to order: 8:10 p.m.

Minutes of the January 14, 2000 meeting were approved as printed in the February newsletter.

Lee thanked Dave MacKenzie for use of his shop to work on the 1-26 (907) and John Champlain for his efforts in getting the tow planes taken care of.

Old Business:

Lee reported on the status of aircraft:

- 1-26 (907) has new rudder cables and canopy.
- 1-26 (954) has been repaired, primed, and ready to paint. Will be ready in two weeks.
- 2-33 (12S) repairs have been completed and will be picked up by Bob Mayer on Saturday.
- New L-33 has not been shipped yet - waiting for instruments with an expected delivery the end of May.
- Cub will be returned on Saturday.
- Pawnee was returned last Wednesday.

The estimate to put a hangar on Carl's foundation will be about \$65,000 for materials and labor. Proposal with Carl is not going well.

J. Murphy reported that approximately 12 members have not yet renewed their membership. He discussed tow plane expenses and insurance coverage.

Lee commented on opening day projects this Saturday:

- Need to clean out all the old equipment, etc. - we will have a dumpster on the field.
- Need to move some of the tie downs on the west side.
- Lee and Bruce will pick up the 24H and 907.

Two new members were approved by the board: Richard Gray and Gene Carapetyan.

Private owners need to send Terry McClinch a copy of the front page of their glider insurance policy at the following Fax #: (203) 319-0894, or mail to: Candlelight L.L.C., PO Box 483, Southport, CT 06490. A release form needs to be submitted only once.

Operations will be limited to weekends, holidays and one midweek day unless arrangements are okayed in advance with Terry McClinch.

Marty reported on Operations Committee/training and safety. An additional safety meeting will need to be rescheduled, probably one week from Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Lee stated that training for new duty pilots is being planned.

Marty reviewed the minimum required qualifications as amended by the Operations Committee. They will be voted on by the Board of Directors.

Lee discussed the encampment, which will be two weeks during June/July at Mohawk Soaring.

Jeff reported on possible arrangements. Camping on the field would be free of charge during the encampment. The charge for each glider will be \$5 per day, with a maximum of \$28. Mohawk has a hangar that a shower can be installed in and we would share that cost. Each pilot must purchase a \$29 temporary Mohawk membership for insurance purposes. This would be good for one month.

Discussion followed, and a motion was made to have the encampment at Mohawk contingent on solidifying towing and training schedules.

After continued discussion, it was voted and approved unanimously.

John Champlain discussed that all members should make a point to be good neighbors. He suggested we look into a quiet exhaust system for the Pawnee.

A motion was made to research muffler options to be reported to the Board for approval if funds are available. This was voted on and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

ELECTRONIC NEWS LETTER SAVES \$\$

By Jim Sidway

It's been half a year now since the Nutmeg News has been available "on line" for electronic delivery. I thought it would be a good idea to let you know the impact it has had.

Electronic subscriptions now total 48 (out of 126 current members and friends receiving the newsletter or 38%). Assuming an average cost of \$0.55 to produce and mail a single issue (this does not include wear and tear on the editor) the club is saving about \$317/year. Not enough to buy a new glider but a significant enough sum to do good for Nutmeg elsewhere.

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- Log onto our website at <http://nutmegsoaring.org>.
- Click on Member Directory in the left hand pane (note: this area is for members only. The first time you enter your are required to enter the call letters for the Pawnee (81Z) and the equipment trailer lock combination (1203). You will not have to do this again if your browser is configured to accept cookies).

- Type your last name in the appropriate Find field, scroll down to the bottom of the right pane and click "Submit".
- When your member information page displays enter your current e-mail address if not already there and click on the box for Electronic Newsletter.
- You will need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. If you don't already have it click on "Downloads" in the left hand pane and then click on the link to Adobe on the right hand pane. It's free & easy!

That's it. You will not only help the club save money and the editor his sanity but you will receive your newsletter two to three days sooner than if it were mailed "snail mail".

**** ET CETERA ****

CORRECTIONS

Omitted from the Who's Who List was tow pilot Jim Stevenson. Misspelled was Mike Clarke's last name. Apologies to both gentlemen.

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Richard Gray	- change to MEM
Rob Wachtell	- change to ASM
Lew Mead	- change to ASM
Frank Samperisi	- change to ASM
Jack Doenias	- change to ASM
Jeff Samperisi	- drop

NEW MEMBERS

Douglas Moody	ASM	203-984-0000
22 Center St.		
Darien, CT 06820		

Jim Maitland	ASM	203-661-9695
155 East Elm St.		
Greenwich, CT 06830		

Tom Skarupa	ASM	860-693-6778
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Enjoy soaring to the maximum, fly safely!

DUTY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Field Manager</u>	<u>Duty Pilot</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Pawnee</u>	<u>Super Cub</u>
Sat 6/3	R. Szigeti	T. Huber	J. Boyce	M. Clarke	B. Cotton
Sun 6/4	T. Smith	D. Solomon	J. Driscoll	J. Mahoney	J. Boyce
Wed 6/7	****	****	****	****	R. Duckworth
Sat 6/10	F. Painter	A. Okarmus	N. Jackson	R. Ward	B. Cotton
Sun 6/11	M. Odeen	M. Zaleta	####	J. Mahoney	K. Toussaint
Wed 6/14	****	****	****	****	R. Duckworth
Sat 6/17	R. Webb	L. Zaleta	####	B. Cotton	K. Toussaint
Sun 6/18	R. Wachstein	G. Gentile	####	J. Mahoney	M. Trudnak
Wed 6/21	****	****	****	****	J. Mahoney
Sat 6/24	R. Thulin	J. Chuddy	####	####	M. Trudnak
Sun 6/25	J. Reder	L. Lewis	####	R. Daniels	C. Schiller
Wed 6/28	****	****	****	****	J. Mahoney

Notes:

**** Indicates Field Managers, Duty Pilots and Instructors are not scheduled on Wednesdays or holidays. Check Hotline at 860-354-9646 for info on midweek soaring operations and instructor availability.

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

Duty Pilots Call: Chris Hoffmaster 203-744-4632 or choffmaster@innovativeusa.com

Instructors Call: Peter Scarpelli at 860-738-1154 or scarp@snet.net

Tow Pilots Call: Bryan Cotton at 203-261-2471 or bryancotton@yahoo.com

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>