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CALENDAR

Safety Meeting: Saturday, April 7, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, at the Miry Brook Firehouse near the Danbury Airport. **Note:** the day of the meeting is Saturday, not Friday as reported in the last news letter.

General Membership Meeting: Friday, April 20, 7:30 PM at the Bethany town hall.

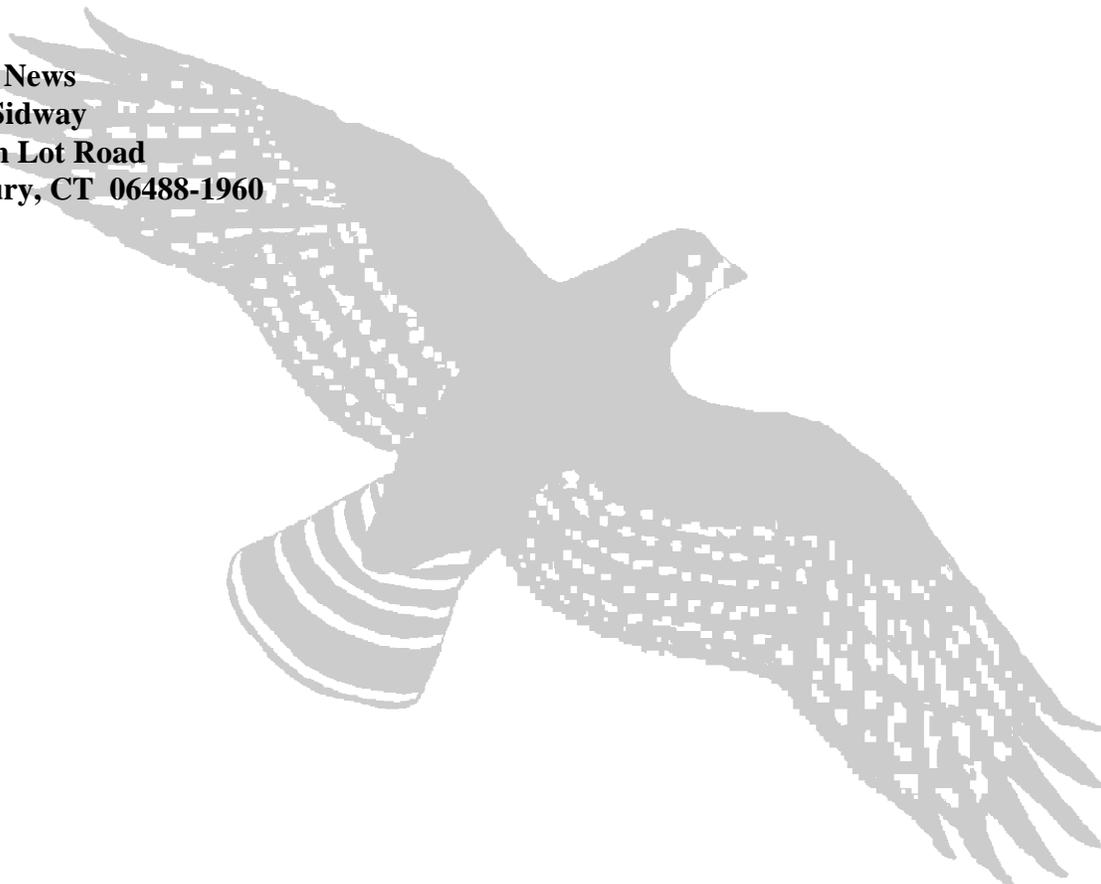
Traveling south on CT Rte 8, take exit 26, then south on Rte 63 to Bethany firehouse (on the left). At the firehouse, turn right onto Peck Road. The Town Hall is about .1 mile further on the right.

Traveling north on Rte 8; take exit 22 in Seymour, then east on Rte 67 to Rte 63. Left at the firehouse.

Opening Day: Saturday, April 21 (see President's message inside) **Note:** 8 to 10 volunteers needed for Friday, April 20. Contact Jim Phoenix: phone 203-894-8582 or e-mail at: jmphoenix@earthlink.net

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The plan for opening day is:

Friday, April 20: assemble both 2-33's, with a crew of 8-10, under the leadership of Jim Phoenix. Glider flying only by instructors, so they can get current. We need to have the 8-10 stalwarts sign up ahead of time.

Saturday, April 21: general rigging by all Nutmeg members (remaining 4 gliders, each supervised by an instructor.). Glider flying: instructor currency gets priority, those who rigged Friday get secondary priority. Let's hope the weather cooperates.

Pilots and students who aren't current in gliders all need a spring checkout with an instructor, as in past years. Note that those who help rig get priority for spring checkout;

Also needed: volunteers for an expansion of the shed so it can hold all 3 golf carts; and to bring the golf carts to the field.

Two-hour time limit in 954 for bronze-badge holders:

We're trying out a new rule: anyone who has a bronze badge will routinely have a 2-hour time limit in 1-26 954, rather than the standard 1-hour limit. The idea is (a) to provide some motivation for people to get a bronze badge, and (b) allow people to move gradually toward cross-country flying. 954 already has an audio variometer, thanks to Jim Phoenix's generosity. We have the intention of providing a basic GPS (one that can be used in any club glider, not just 954). Together the audio vario and GPS in 954 give some nice tools for stepping out safely. Getting a bronze badge requires 2 2-hour flights, some spot landings and a written test.

MARCH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Nutmeg Board of Directors Meeting, March 16, 2001

Present: Kenyon, Ramsdell, Stein, Driscoll, M. Opitz, Krebs (recording); Guests: Murphy, DeMarco. Absent: O'Shea

Called to order: 7:15 PM and minutes of meeting 2/2/01 approved.

Safety meetings: Two meetings are set for March 23rd 7 PM at Bethany Town Hall, and April 7th 7 PM at Miry Brook Firehouse, Danbury, and prepared for (handouts). All those who want to fly have to attend one meeting. It is unclear how those will be dealt with who do not show, specifically those who might have a legitimate reason.

Some discussion was held on the proposal for the new position of Field Safety Manager. The final version of his/her duties will be presented by the Operation Committee at the Safety Meetings.

New tow pilots are: Todd Smith and Bob Cox. Murphy will have them included in the appropriate insurance policy.

It was proposed and adopted that the plane 1-26 (954), equipped with audio vario and a new (to be acquired) portable GPS will be made available to bronze badge holders routinely for flights of two hours. Reservations have to be made on the sign on sheet.

The problem of no-shows for their job as duty pilots was discussed but as yet no final solution/measures were decided.

The proposal for opening day 2001 procedure was discussed and adopted: both planes 2-33 will - weather permitting - be rigged on Friday April 20th by a preselected crew with the goal of getting the maximum number of instructors current the same day (i.e. no general instruction that day). On Saturday April 21st the remaining club ships should be rigged and checked for use on Saturday and Sunday, 22nd to check out the remaining instructors and general pilots. People who help rigging (Friday or Saturday) will get priority for checkouts.

Krebs mentioned the open question of which is and who has the last version of the bylaws since those in circulation might not be the definite one(s). Apparently Peter Meny is in possession of the last official version dated September, 1998, and Krebs will ask him to send him this text for comparison. The official version will then be stored on the Secretary-Treasurer's database and as a reminder for all members be published in one of the next newsletters.

A thank-you gift (painting) for the airport owner Terry was discussed. A swap of a painting from Alan Buttrick in exchange for membership fee is not acceptable. The Board of Directors approved spending \$500 (the BOD limit) if Alan is willing to sell for that price. If he is not, he can propose it at a higher price at the next general meeting. Kenyon will discuss with Alan.

Midweek soaring: Default day is Wednesday; if a change to Tuesday seems advisable, such a decision has to be taken by Sunday night and communicated on Monday to Terry for final approval.

Membership matters: Loren Lewis' inquiry to possibly become an inactive member was discussed. In accordance with the

bylaws, he will be asked to provide a letter with details of his reasons and possible comeback date as a member.

New members: Tidhar, Burke, Maitland, Buttrick, Baroody, and Ed Monoski and son Michael (= family membership) were selected as new full members. Betty Boyce is asked to inform these people of the approval, sending them the appropriate bills and clearly indicating that they have to attend one of the two safety meetings. There might be openings for more new members once the BOD knows of the drop out rate after the period for payment of assessments runs out (approx. April 15). Two scholarship slots are open and the accepted candidates are Neal and Fogelstrong. DeMarco will inform the two candidates accordingly.

Kenyon and Ramsdell will take up the pending matter of Sadler's membership and services rendered.

Summer Encampment 2001: Most likely date will be 6/29 to 7/8 but the place has not been decided yet. Next general membership meeting will vote on a location.

Director O'Shea has resigned for family reasons. No replacement yet found.

Status of Candlelight Airport: No news as to hangar plan. Ramsdell reported on the filling of the ditch which has been completed, and which might result in some temporary changes in takeoff procedures.

The BOD voted to appropriate between \$ 200 and \$ 500 for extension work on the club's shed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

STUDENT PILOT ALERT

Submitted by Wally Moran

The first part of your spring check out is to confirm that your student certificate is current. So dig out your flying bag and have a look at the expiration date on your student certificate. If you have or are about to expire, give Wally Moran a call to get your student certificate renewed.

FLYING SAFELY

Submitted by John Boyce

With the start of the new flying season only days away, (well, about thirty as I write this on 27 March), it's time to start preaching to the choir again. This is supposed to be a Flight Safety article, but if you attended the first of the two MANDATORY safety meetings last Friday at Bethany, you would know that the extent and quality of the presentations leaves me little to say. So this will be brief.

Safety meetings generally are supposed to be more than instruction periods. The material presented is not often anything newly discovered or of a revelatory nature. You might consider them to be something on the order of Consciousness Raising sessions. The purpose is to get you started thinking righteous thoughts.

A good starting point is attitude. Attitude is more than angle of attack. We are all familiar with some of the relatively new expressions like "He's got an attitude." Well, everybody has an attitude. It's the way one thinks about things. The attitude you bring with you when you come to Candlelight should translate into your personal resolve to make every action and decision point you in the direction of safety. It doesn't just happen, you must make it happen.

It's easy to let your attitude slip in to casualness or complacency, and this is dangerous. Although we fly simple aircraft in good weather (most of the time), certain truths remain self evident. Mass x velocity must be reckoned with. Gravity is still 32 ft/sec squared. As we sadly learned early this year, any of us can get bitten if we ignore the basics. Although we consider our sport to be a safe one, it's not difficult to get into a situation where you are allowed only one mistake.

Don't let this happen to you.

NEW SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Nutmeg welcomes two new scholarship students, **Matthew A. Neal**, who lives in New Milford and would like to attend the Air Force Academy, and **Bryan Fogelstrong**, who lives in Newtown and has the ambition of attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. They join second year scholarship students Steve Chuddy and Abe Ames, and scholarship alumni Aaron Okarmus, Matt Zaleta, and Jennifer Chuddy.

*** **ET CETERA** ***

NEW MEMBERS:

Johnny Burke was recently approved as a full member. He has been a professional pilot for over 30 years and is currently a captain on B-777s for American Airlines. Johnny got his private glider rating about ten years ago but has had limited glider flying time to date. He intends to remedy that now that he has become a Nutmeg member. Johnny is married to wife Kay and has two sons Phil, age 20, and Pete, age 18. Welcome Johnny!

FOR SALE: Grob 102 Astir CS retractable gear with enclosed trailer, 900 TT, new canopy and rudder cables, wing loader, Terra 760, MNAV, gear warning. 38:1. Great original gel coat. Big chord, loves to fly slowly in little circles and climb. \$20,000. Bill Kenyon. Phone 203-438-5536 or e-mail at: kenyon5@attglobal.net

DUTY SCHEDULE NOTES

The duty schedule for Field Safety Managers, Duty Pilots and Assistant Duty Pilots has been created for the full 2001 soaring season. This month's news letter contains the schedule for April and May only. Next month's Nutmeg News will contain the full year's duty schedule (it can also be viewed online at <http://nutmegsoaring.org>). You are required and expected to work your assigned duties. If you wish to swap times with another member it is your responsibility to negotiate bonifide arrangements and make those changes on the web site Duty Schedule as far in advance as possible. If neither you nor the person you swap with has access to the Internet you can send the details of your arrangements to Bruce Stein, 24 Nunnawauk Road, Newtown, CT 06470. Remember, it is not acceptable to claim that you "tried" to make other arrangements without having actually done so and then not show up for your assigned duty. Please do your part to ensure smooth operations at the field.

DUTY SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY 2001

<u>Date</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Duty Pilot</u>	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Pawnee</u>	<u>Super Cub</u>
Sat 4/21	C. Hanak	J. Spell	A. Ames	J. Boyce	####	####
Sun 4/22	J. Sidway	J. Sutor	D. McClelland	M. Opitz		
Sat 4/28	D. O'Shea	P. Barackman	G. Buzas	N. Jackson	####	####
Sun 4/29	D. McKinlay	M. Zaleta	A. Buttrick	R. Daniels	####	####
Sat 5/5	P. Krebs	L. Abend	J. Maitland	J. Boyce	####	####
Sun 5/6	R. Thulin	A. Okarmus	J. Dlhos	J. Driscoll	####	####
Sat 5/12	D. MacKenzie	H. Garber	J. Chuddy	N. Jackson	####	####
Sun 5/13	P. Meny	M. Hermann	H. Kambo	W. Moran	####	####
Sat 5/19	B. Cox	J. Hilgert	E. Monoski	####	####	####
Sun 5/20	B. Gibson	T. Huber	D. Solomon	E. Dragonovic	####	####
Sat 5/26	C. Hoffmaster	R. Mayer	L. Zaleta	T. Witkin	####	####
Sun 5/27	M. Dickinson	D. Piotrowski	S. Baroody	####	####	####

Notes:

**** Indicates Field Safety Managers, Duty Pilots, Assistant 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:

Instructors Call: Nan Jackson at 203-259-2935 or annerjackson@cs.com

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

Safety Managers, 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>