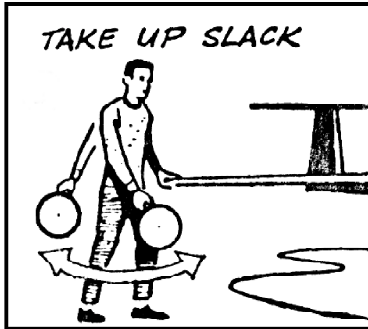


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CALENDAR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, September 8, 2000, 7:30 PM
Bethany Town Hall

From S: Take exit 22 off Rt. 8, Rt. 67 east from Seymour, left on Rt. 63 north, left on Peck Rd (across from fire house).

From N: Route 8 south, exit 26 towards Main St. South. Left on Rt. 63, right on Peck Rd (across from fire house).

The Town Hall is on the right.

ANNUAL PIG ROAST

Saturday, September 23

(Rain date Sunday, September 24)

Where: At the field

When: 4:00 PM

Sign up at the field, or log on to our website: <http://nutmegsoaring.org> and go to Bulletin Board, or call Linda DeMarco at 203-426-5051 and leave a message with your name and how many will be in your dining party. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

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AUGUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Submitted by Peter Krebs

Nutmeg Board of Directors Meeting: August 4, 2000

Present: L. Ramsdell, W. Kenyon, W. Rogg, L.DeMarco, B. Cox, P. Krebs, C. McIntyre

Absent: None

Guests: Joe Murphy

Called to order: 08:10 p.m.

Minutes of the June 2, 2000 meeting were read and approved.

Financial Situation

Murphy and Krebs reported that because of the bad weather and lack of instructors tow fee income is down by approx. 15% compared to budget. In addition there were higher expenses for glider repair. After some discussion it was decided that this situation does not as yet require any special action. Further, a large bill by Bouchard is unclear and before any payment he is being asked to clarify several items especially in relation to his prior estimate.

Hangar Project

Having talked to the airport owner, Ramsdell presented several solutions for building/leasing/ renting a hangar to finally better protect our fleet and at the same time make our presence at the airport hopefully more permanent. The bottom line seems to be that one way or another the club must come up with a large amount of money to secure such a project. In order to have a hangar for the 2001 season a commitment should be made by October, so that construction can begin in late fall.

Krebs will draft a letter to the membership presenting an outline and asking for decisions as to the members' willingness to come up with the necessary financial support. Hopefully this letter will be out in time to have some results for further discussion at the next Membership Meeting on Sept. 8, 2000.

Instructors

We are experiencing a serious shortage of instructors willing and able to be at the field during regular flying days. The reasons are many but mostly due to lack of time because of professional pressures / timing conflicts, increased ownership of private gliders as well as lack of qualification, etc. This situation has become grave so that some members are taking lessons elsewhere in order to make progress toward their certification. The board encourages anyone interested in becoming a CFIG to contact McIntyre or any existing club instructor to discuss a plan of action.

Membership

Actual numbers indicate 88 full members (incl. one honorary), 36 associates and 5 scholarships. The good news is that we have many people interested in joining and/or transferring from associate to full members. Unfortunately we cannot provide the necessary flight training (see above) and it was decided not to accept new full members for the time being while continuing to encourage interested parties to become associates.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, P. Krebs

!! IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP MEETING !!

The next general membership meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, at 7:30 PM at the Bethany town hall. The major topic of the evening will be the hangar project which you all should be familiar with by this time (if you did not receive the mailing seeking your input log on to <http://nutmegsoaring.org> and register your opinion online). The club has a lot a stake with this decision and your thoughts and opinions count. Be there and be heard! (Directions on front cover)

NORTH ADAMS, THE SECOND WEEK: A REAL "10"!

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

This was possibly the best flying encampment week ever. The weather from Friday, June 30 through Saturday, July 8 was near-perfect, with only one no-fly day. One day was best suited for instructional flights, and the rest were full days of beautiful Northwest winds providing ridge and thermal lift. The short ridge right next to the field proved to be an excellent "save" site for those coming back low from the western valley. Cloud base typically got to 6-7,000 ft. with strong lift.

Cross country trips south to Pittsfield and beyond, North past Bennington, Northeast to see the 10 huge wind generators, and East along the Mohawk ridge were very common. The presence of the Grob and 2-33 provided the means for a variety of instructional flights, usually through about 1 p.m. Chris McIntyre was able to check-out two new Mohawk tow pilots in our Cub as part of our effort to build a strong and enduring relationship with Mohawk. And the last two days, Mike Clarke and Bob Duckworth jumped in to provide the tows for our operations.

Our two hosts: Mohawk Soaring and Esposito Flying Service were most gracious. Camping was comfortable, both next to the Esposito office and hanger, and at the end of the field next to the maintenance hanger. Hot showers in the new Nutmeg shower worked like a charm. Camping, flying, cooking, runway walks and partaking of the fruit of the vine were all taken to new heights and set new, perhaps world records. Each evening

after a full afternoon of flying, a trip was made to the trading post for provisions for 12-18 people. Nightly, Chez Bruce competed with Chez Ramsdell with higher and higher levels of creativity and gourmet delight. Steak, Salmon, Swordfish, Ribs, Corn on the cob and unlimited supplies of fun and relaxation. Maybe we could buy the airport as a Nutmeg retirement community! We're ready to go back anytime.

Don't forget to take the battery out of the club ship you tie down and connect it to the charger in the shed!

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HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY, RUDY OPITZ!

Badges Earned

Jim Sidway:	Bronze
Kent Lawson:	A & B
Bob Mayer:	A
Les Abend:	A, B, C & Bronze
Cris Hanak:	C

Cris Spell:	A
Bruce Stein:	C & Bronze
John Sutor:	B
Bob Duckworth:	B

New Members

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Spiridon Caragiorgos	ASM
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Scott Chambers	ASM
One Sheperds Way	
New Fairfield, CT 06812	203-746-2699
Jeremy Hutchings	ASM
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Ashley Volkmar	ASM
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Wayne Ripley	ASM
4 Briadon Dr.	
Cromwell, CT 06416	860-635-2332

New Member Bios

Paul Zagozewski comes to Nutmeg already holding his private glider ticket. He "grew up" at Blue Swan Airport in Sayre, PA where he traded work for flying time, mostly in a 2-22E. He is looking to get back into active flying after a long hiatus (he hasn't flown since 1986 - I know how he must feel)! Paul is a sales manager, is married to Sharlene and enjoys skiing, golf and carpentry.

Ashley Volkmar is a 15 year old student who hails from Seymour, CT. She is on her school's swim team and is also involved in art and dance.

Spiridon Caragiorgos joins us as an instrument rated private pilot. He is a mathematics teacher with a passion for photography, specializing in nature and aviation. He is the winner of several national and international photo contests. He is also a trained NY State EMT and has two years volunteer experience with a community ambulance service. He loves classical music, teaching and, most of all, flying.

Welcome to Nutmeg, Paul, Ashley and Spiridon!

DUTY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

<u>Date</u>	<u>Field Manager</u>	<u>Duty Pilot</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Pawnee</u>	<u>Super Cub</u>
Sat 9/2	C. Hanak	L. Abend	####	####	####
Sun 9/3	R. Clifford	J. Chuddy	J. Boyce	####	####
Wed 9/6	****	****	****	B. Duckworth	####
Sat 9/9	D. Castonguay	M. Dickinson	####	J. Mahoney	B. Duckworth
Sun 9/10	H. Garber	M. Goldfarb	####	M. Clarke	R. Post
Wed 9/13	****	****	****	???	####
Sat 9/16	T. Huber	M. Hermann	####	J. Boyce	M. Flynn
Sun 9/17	L. Herman	K. Lawson	####	R. Ward	J. Mahoney
Wed 9/20	****	****	****	B. Duckworth	####
Sat 9/23	J. Hilgert	L. Lewis	####	R. Daniels	J. Mahoney
Sun 9/24	D. Jackson	A. Okarmus	####	M. Trudnak	R. Ward
Wed 9/27	****	****	****	???	####
Sat 9/30	D. MacKenzie	D. McClelland	####	R. Post	J. Mahoney
Sun 10/1	D. McKinlay	M. Zaleta	####	J. Mahoney	M. Trudnak
Sat 10/7	D. O'Shea	D. Piotrowski	####	####	####
Sun 10/8	J. Reder	T. Renz	####	####	####
Sat 10/14	R Thulin	R. Webb	####	####	####
Sun 10/15	P. Barackman	S. Chuddy	####	####	####
Sat 10/21	J. Barret	R. Gray	####	####	####
Sun 10/22	C. Hoffmaster	H. Kambo	####	####	####
Sat 10/28	D. Laitenen	E. Martin	####	####	####
Sun 10/29	R. Mayer	C. Giesecke	####	####	####

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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 (do not call the scheduler). For up to date assignments check our web site: <http://nutmegsoaring.org>

EDITORIAL

It never ceases to amaze me when it comes to the dedication of club instructors and tow pilots. These folks give so generously of their time and talent. They work incredibly hard, often in extreme conditions, and typically without any direct expression of gratitude from those of us utilizing their services. I am taking advantage of my position as publisher of this newsletter to publicly thank them all on behalf of myself and all of my fellow Nutmeggers who I'm sure feel the same way. You guys (gender neutral) are the greatest. Thanks. *ed.*