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CALENDAR

Spring Barbecue: Saturday, May 4, late afternoon at the field. Burgers, dogs, beer and wine provided (cost to be divided by attendees). Attendees asked to bring side dishes and desserts. Contact Carol Ward @ 845-534-3279 or caroljward52@hotmail.com to sign up. Spouses and families encouraged to attend. We will invite Freehold power pilots to join us.

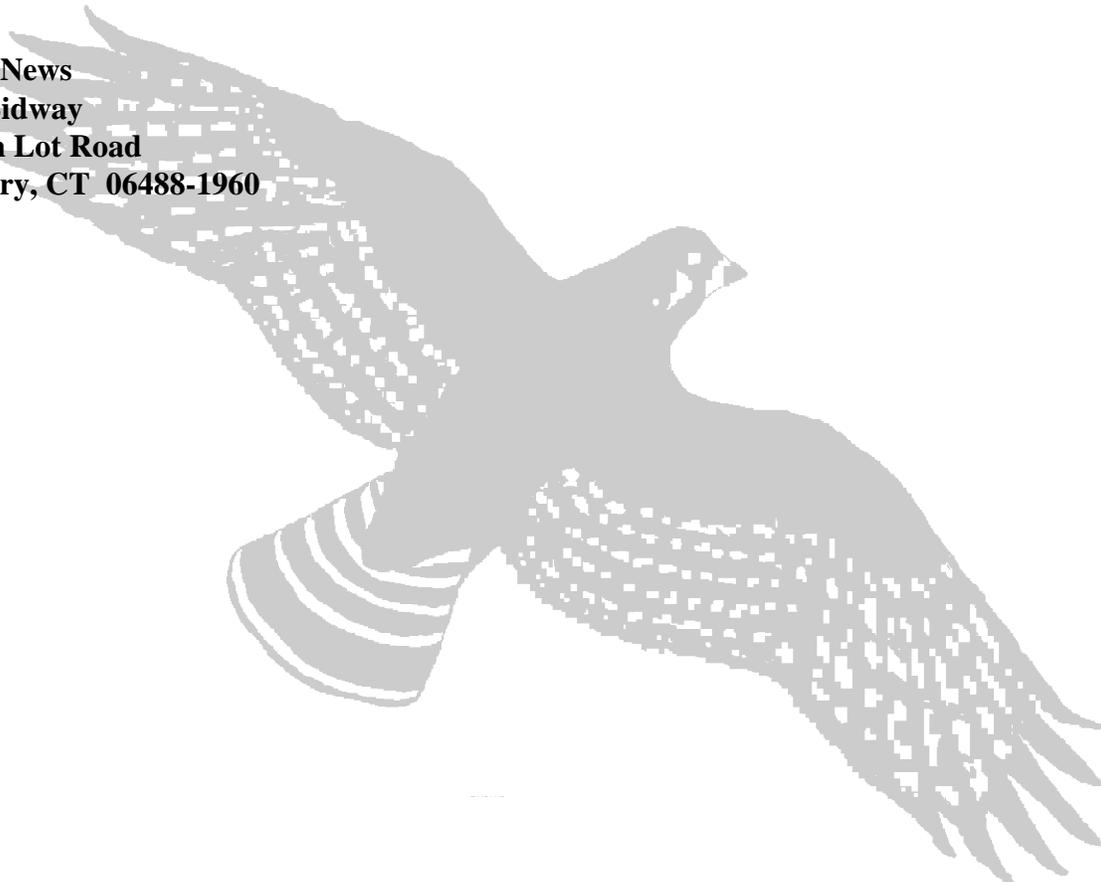


NOTICE

Mechanisms for performing tasks previously the responsibility of the scheduled duty pilot have not been formally established. Until they are, please do your part to ensure safe and efficient operations. Please be sure to ask who is collecting tow fees and be sure to pay before you leave. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Bill Kenyon

Operations:

All 5 club gliders are operating, and likewise the Pawnee, but work on the Cub has not been completed yet. Clem Hoovler's airframe-mechanic skills were put to good use in getting 12S air worthy again, and in fixing a canopy hinge problem in the Blanik. We have had instructors present every good-weather weekend day since April 7. Instructors are not scheduled; we are moving toward an instruction-in-the-morning-only arrangement, so instructors can fly their own gliders in the afternoon.

Randol Webb has been doing a great job in organizing ground and towing operations, particularly for safety. Please be helpful to him.

Hazards:

Downwash and/or turbulence can be strong in the vicinity of the base/final turn when landing on 30 when the wind is moderate to strong. Please land with a displaced threshold in mind – i.e., land on the far side of the taxiway, or even opposite the windsock.

With a north wind, turbulence can be encountered on climb out from 30, near the west end of the runway. The turbulence comes off the hill just north of County Road 67. Be ready for it – watch the towplane, because his attitude changes are likely to be yours 2 seconds later.

An important aspect of landing at Freehold is that there isn't as much room to land as there is at Candlelight. As you approach pattern altitude, keep tabs on what's on the runways -- south turf, blacktop, and north turf -- so you know where you can fit in. Johnny Burke and I had to thread the needle between the Pawnee back-taxiing on the south turf, and a Cessna back-taxiing on the north turf in our 2-33 landing last Sunday.

Nutmeggers who fly gliders as student pilots (i.e., who don't have a glider license) are reminded that they need an instructor sign-off for each solo flight. Until we bring the Operating Rules up to date, please observe the following: We prohibit students from flying downwind of the airport, flying over the Catskills, and ridge flying until they have a specific checkout.

Neighbors:

Our neighbor on the nursery side is Ken Thompson. Unfortunately, we wiped out 3 of Ken's new trees with our tow rope (as well as a couple of our own; runway lights), but we are still on good terms with him.

Carl Kohrs, a dairy farmer living in Durham, farms the corn south of the blacktop runway, and the alfalfa at the east end of

the field. We have asked Carl for a 75-foot-wide strip of the corn. He will plow, disc, and grass-seed the strip, in return for use of the remaining corn and alfalfa for the rest of the year, plus a couple of glider rides. He has asked us to remove large rocks from this strip, so his machinery can be more effective and safer. If you see Carl, be friendly to him. And please respect his corn and alfalfa. The additional 75 feet width gives room for a glider tailed in toward the corn, and a glider being ground-towed past it, while leaving free the existing ~115 feet of turf south of the blacktop for landings and takeoffs.

New members, Trial Members:

Kim Goldin is a new full member. He has flown power at Freehold for some years, and lives in the vicinity of Poughkeepsie. Rick Rupeka (autogyro) and Dave Brockway are Freehold power pilots who were very helpful in the building of the bathroom/shower/bunkhouse, and we have given each of them a Nutmeg Special Trial Membership, which gives them each some free tows and instruction.

Bathroom/Shower/Bunkhouse, etc.:

Thanks to the help of many, and to the leadership and energy of Lee Ramsdell, this facility is moving along. Half the floor has been tiled; next weekend should see the completion of floor tiling, and the beginning of installation of the bathroom fixtures. The shower is operational. Next Monday, May 6, is the date for the concrete pour for the area next to the bathroom/shower/bunkhouse, which will hold the golf carts, and otherwise be the replacement for the Candlelight 'shed'.

A telephone is to be installed, as soon as the phone company fixes 'engineering problems' on the line. The phone will be used as the Nutmeg field phone when we are on the field; and will play the hotline message at other times.

Shutdown checklist:

If you happen to be the last one out, here's a partial checklist. Lock the front and back doors of the Airport Office, and make sure the heat is not on. (We get all the electric bills now). Turn off the big compressor in the hangar, with the big switch. Make sure the Bathroom/Bunkhouse water heater is off, ditto the lights and room heat (did I mention that we get all the electric bills now?). Empty some of the garbage cans into the dumpster at the NE corner of the barn. Close the 'gate' (i.e., the wire with the Closed sign at the entrance to the parking).

Parking:

If you're at Freehold on the weekend, please use the parking lot of the Greene County Highway Department. Refrain, if possible, from parking in the vicinity of the west end of the barn. We have an intention to make our lot on the west side of

the Greene County Highway Department suitable for Nutmeg parking.

Midweek Soaring:

We are not sure how many people would be willing to drive up and back for one day, such as Wednesday. Another proposal is to have Friday as a 'routine' soaring day, since people could plan to spend 2 or 3 days at Freehold, and not do the drive twice in a day. To be candid, we are waiting for midweek soaring to organize itself, with a push from one or more motivated and energetic individuals.

The one thing we have definitely done is to put together a list of people that have indicated an interest in midweek soaring: Bob Ward, Bruce Stein, Bill Kenyon, Linda deMarco, Don Malin, Peter Scarpelli (Friday), Wally Moran, Ed Monoski, Donn Castonguay (Wednesday), Bob Duckworth, Bob Cox, Todd Smith, Mike Opitz, Randol Webb. Feel free to call any of these folks to get something going; if you do, let the others know.

Flights of interest:

One of our better-known 304 pilots made it to 10,000 feet on Sunday, April 20, in a 3 hour, 49-minute flight. Wave was encountered about a mile west of Windham High Peak. Wind was from the northwest.

Peter Meny got to 7000 feet on Saturday, April 27, in the Blanik. Matt Neal went to 5,800 feet in a 2-33, dragging an instructor with him.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Submitted by Peter Krebs

Date: April 12, 2002 Called to order: 07:40 p.m.

Directors/Officers present: Kenyon, Stein, Webb, Hanak, Marty Opitz, Krebs

Number of members present: 17

1. Minutes of January 2002 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

2. Kenyon reported on our first days at Freehold and specially on the improvements already accomplished by a very large number of dedicated members (bunk room, baths, shower, septic etc.). More work needs to be done the coming weekend and several people have signed up already to help out. Most of the gliders and the Pawnee are already in flying conditions and check rides were begun last weekend. Remaining gliders and the repaired Cub should be flying shortly.

3. Nutmeg needs to address many items for the future of Freehold's operation and design: A Facility Committee (Marty Opitz, Sidway and others) was proposed and accepted.

4. Kenyon discussed first contacts with neighbors and what remains to be done to ensure safe and compatible operations at Freehold: parking, rules, signs etc. So far, relationships are very friendly and Driscoll gave an interview with the local

newspaper which appears this weekend. Driscoll presented and explained the newly developed marketing material (brochure, trial member kit).

5. Stein reported for the FALLC about expenses incurred so far: closing costs etc., material for improvements. So far proceeds from paid-in shares and loans have almost covered these expenses.

6. Krebs discussed the situation of Nutmeg's by-laws. The valid version as amended as of September 1998 will likely be attached to the next newsletter.

7. Membership: According to the by-laws the following were voted in as Full Members: Ed Monoski (+Family), Maitland, Burke and Scott Baroody. Tidhar remains "provisional" at this point. New provisional members are: Sasaki, Wimmer, Kaleta and Goldin. They need to be accepted later by the Ops. Comm. B. Boyce and Hanak reported that as of last count Nutmeg has 36 shareholder Full or Hon. members, 12 non-shareholder Full members and at least 17 Assoc. members. Several members of different categories are still undecided and is it expected that a few former Full Members will revert to inactive = Associates. Payment of 2002 assessments are going well with very few outstanding.

8. Kenyon and Webb addressed several operations and safety matters: When taxiing gliders remain very close to cornfield. When landing toward East use extra care not to interfere with lineup. There seems to be a VERY strong down draft on final when landing to the West.

As a trial it is planned to operate at Freehold WITHOUT Field Safety Mgr. and without Duty Pilots so there is a need for extra caution by everybody to ensure safe procedures. Instructors typically would instruct between 9:00 am and 12:30 PM only in order to give them time to fly their own ships thereafter. Brian Cotton volunteered to again coordinate Tow Pilot schedules with the help of email and our website.

9. Mike Opitz presented the idea of prepaid tow tickets as practiced at other clubs: Booklets of 10 numbered tickets: each ticket of \$ 15 entitles pilot for 1500 feet tow (3000 feet = two tickets) to be given and invalidated by tow pilot. NO tow without prior ticket(s)!!! No other ticket classes, i.e. pattern or rope break = one ticket.

A lively discussion ensued in particular as to effective control of tickets/flights by pilots and Hanak as book- and record keeper. It was voted by a large majority to discuss this idea in more detail by the BOD and come back with a solution to the membership.

10. Webb is looking for people responsible for the maintenance of certain groups of planes. Some volunteers came forward, but more are needed. Webb voiced concern about possibly too much work being done and billed on tow plane maintenance. Situation might improve if Hoovler would be doing some future maintenance for Nutmeg.

11. Krebs mentioned that income from dues etc. is already now slightly higher than budgeted but it is much too early to comment on the expense situation.

12. Various: Kenyon reported that Greene County DOT might approach us to obtain increased footage to improve their operations. Fishermen need to be advised politely to cross the airport only with caution and ONLY at either end of the field. Camping issues were discussed and it is recommended that on weekends Nutmeggers use the asphalt parking lot in front of the DOT sheds.

FREEHOLD CAMPING

Submitted by Lee Ramsdell

There are currently eleven 60 ft. sites marked out behind the cornfield, along the Catskill Creek. They are numbered 1-11, starting on the West end. If you wish a designated site, it will cost \$400 for planned electrical hookups and, hopefully, water hookups. Currently we have seven committed trailer site members on this plan.

Those with pop-ups, not wishing these connections, can park on a first come, first served basis at the east end on the field, where the tenters will be. No transient travel-trailers are permitted along the Catskill Creek. Transient sites will be at the North end of the field, near the barn, also on a first come, first served basis.

Please contact me ASAP to choose a site and make a commitment to the necessary funds for hookup costs. I will need a check for \$400 made out to Lee Ramsdell by May 6th; it will be held in escrow until the details are worked out and the project begins (around the middle of May). I can be reached at: 203-426-5051, or e-mail me at: leeramdsdell@earthlink.net. Mail checks to: 5 Brookwood Drive, Newtown, CT. 06470

THINGS TO DO IN THE FREEHOLD AREA

Submitted by Amy Driscoll

Spouses! You don't have to wonder any longer what to do while your significant other is flying!

Here are a few ideas:

Just around the corner from the airport in East Durham is an Irish cultural center that has some kind of festival going all day most weekends this summer. Get a complete schedule at:

www.east-durham.org/memfest/schedule.htm, or call 1-800-434-FEST. Events include:

- May 25-27 Memorial Weekend Festival
- July 6 Parade and July 4 Fireworks
- July 14-19 Irish Arts Week
- July 20 Irish Traditional Music Festival
- August 24 East Durham Feis

OTHER EVENTS

Athens, back near the river, is having a street festival July 13, rain date, July 14.

The Greene County Fair is July 17-21 at the Catskill Events Center, Rte. 32, Catskill. The advertisement says there will be concerts, vendors, midway, lawn mower races, and many more events. (Less than 20 minutes away)

The Great Northern Catskill Balloon Festival is being held August 15 to 18 at the Balsam Shade Resort on Rte. 32 in Greenville. (About 10 minutes away)

For all the little events in the county go to www.greene-ny.com You will be astounded at all the activities happening within a 20 mile radius. A few of the mentioned events include several farmers and organic markets, flea markets, 2 town-wide tag sales, free music in the park, plant swap and a weed walk, car shows, film festival, shad (the fish) festival, and a German summer fest. All these events happen before July 1, so you can see how rich the activities are! At this same site all the usual touristy attractions, like the Catskill Game Farm and the Zoom Flume, are listed with directions included. You'll also find biking and hiking information, museums, birding, theater, boating, and activities too numerous to list.

Auctions? Try www.hunterchamber.org/ongoing.htm. There are weekly auctions right in Durham at Mooney's Antique and Mercantile, Rte. 145, at 11:30, Sunday mornings. Viewing begins at 10:00. There are also weekend auctions in Cocksackie and Fleishmanns.

Roller skating? Cairo-Purling Rink, Cairo

Hunter Mountain is southwest of Freehold. It sponsors many activities for all ages and interests. Try www.huntermtn.com for information (Go to the calendar). Hunter Mountain Foundation also has a new cultural center that shows foreign, classic and independent films. All kinds of performances are scheduled, and the center is open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as most of the rest of the week. There is also a free storytelling hour for children at the Foundation bookstore, which has a large selection of discounted and slightly used books.

Kids! Hunt for fossils in our very own creek. Soon, there will be a guide to local fossils in the clubhouse. See how many you can find.

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

Former member Izumi Sasaki returns to Nutmeg as a full member. Izumi was with the club in the early 1990s. He has recently returned to the area and rejoined as soon as he could. Welcome back Izumi!

Kim Goldin, a power pilot from the Poughkeepsie NY area, has joined as a full member. Kim is familiar with Freehold as he has flown in and out many times in the past. Welcome to Nutmeg, Kim!

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