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CALENDAR

Annual Membership Meeting: Friday, January 16, 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Bethany Town Hall, Bethany Connecticut.

Banquet 2004: Saturday, February 21, 2004 - snow date Sunday February 22, 2004. Additional details insided and reservation form inside.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

From your new President - The Honorable Bruce A. Stein

The New Year is upon us and it has brought some changes for Nutmeg Soaring. The most immediate change you will notice is that Bill Kenyon has resigned as President of the club. This was a planned event and should not be a surprise to anyone. Bill has served as President for three very difficult years. His offer to serve a third year for continuity during our transition to Freehold was a tremendous benefit to the club. We owe Bill a great many thanks for the endless hours and effort he has put into the club over the last three years. The next time you see Bill please take a moment to give him a handshake and a hearty "Thanks for the hard work". He certainly deserves it from each of us.

The make up of the club leadership will not change drastically. I have moved from Vice-president to the coveted position of President. Bill Kenyon will continue to be a Board member as Past President. Mike Ampela will move from Member-At-Large to Vice-president. Lee Ramsdell will move from Past-President to Member-At-Large.

One other change that will affect the club leadership is the resignation of Peter Krebs. Peter has served as Secretary/Treasurer for many years. His financial acumen has been a great asset to the club and will be missed. Peter is moving to the thermal rich southwestern part of the USA. We are searching for a replacement so they can do some training with Peter before he leaves for New Mexico this spring.

A change in leadership will not affect the direction of the club. We have successfully completed our 2nd year at year Freehold and will look to continue building on the foundation that has been laid. The most important issue facing us will remain the growth of club. Our future success lies in attracting new members and retaining them for life. The strength of the club is derived from our members. The more we can attract the better the club will be in the long term. To this end I will be asking all club members to act as ambassadors of soaring in general and Nutmeg Soaring in particular. When you are at the airport and see a strange face introduce yourself and try to answer any questions that individual may have about the club. Who knows, you may be speaking to a future President of Nutmeg Soaring.

Have a great winter and think warm thoughts.

MINUTES DECEMBER 2003 B.O.D. MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting: December 18, 2003 at Ridgefield, CT **Called to order:** 7:40 P.M.

Present: Kenyon, M. Opitz, Stein, Webb, Krebs, Cox (guest)

As announced and discussed earlier during the year, **Kenyon resigned** his commission, Stein taking over as President serving until January 2005, i.e. next scheduled election. Krebs will resign at the next General Meeting because of move out of the area.

Financial situation: Krebs presented and explained draft of annual report 2003. Pending minor late minute changes Nutmeg made and slightly surpassed the 2003 budget. Although we came short in various income positions (mainly assessments and tows) this was made up by savings in many areas especially glider and tow plane maintenance where the membership helped considerably through own labor, time and material. It was decided that any resulting surplus should – as in the past year - be booked as a reserve into the Freehold Debt Fund. This would leave again a one year cushion for future debt service.

Draft of the 2004 budget was presented by Krebs and discussed in detail. The proposed numbers will be presented to General Membership meeting 01/16/04 unchanged. **Assessments and tow fees will stay at 2003 levels.**

Income from commercial glider rides which likely will be offered in 2004 was not budgeted and might thus become a reserve income item.

Krebs will circulate the final documents (annual report 2003 and budget 2004) by email to the directors/officers for approval prior to the 01/16/04 membership meeting.

Miscellaneous: Krebs reported that Fred Jacobs has formally forgiven all his claims to the \$10,000 he lent the FALLC and stipulated that this should benefit Nutmeg. How this very generous gift will be treated accounting wise was discussed and will be resolved shortly. The club is extremely thankful for Jacobs' gift and an appropriate "thank you" is planned by Kenyon/Stein.

Cox was asked to make sure that future gasoline deliveries will be with gas free of ethanol (typical replacement for MTBE)

*** ET CETERA ***

Wally Moran reports that **Matt Neal** under the tutelage of master instructor Sean Neal soloed a Cessna 172 at Danbury airport on December 18, 2003. Matt was trying for the 100th anniversary of powered flight but the weather did not cooperate.

1974 PILATUS B4 FOR SALE (because of move); L/D 35:1; 1284 TT; Tail # 29KS - Fresh annual, basic instrumentation + audio vario, enclosed trailer. Ship has always been with Nutmeg members. Asking \$16,000. Please contact Peter Krebs 203-222-8267 or Bob Wachstein 203-221-7753

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BANQUET 2004

Saturday, February 21, 2004

(snow date Sunday, February 22)

THE SOUTHBURY HILTON

Southbury, CT

Reception & Cash Bar 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cheese & Fruit Platter Crudite of Farm Fresh Vegetables Assorted Mini Quiche
Sesame Chicken w/honey mustard Stuffed Mushroom Caps Bruschetta

Dinner Buffet 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Tossed Garden Salad Chicken Florentine Sirloin Steak w/Mushroom Ragout
Poached Atlantic Salmon w/Citrus Butter Sauce Garlic Basil Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetable Medley Rolls & Butter

Heavenly Dessert Display

Assorted Cakes Homemade Pies Mini Italian Pastries and Cookies
Flavored Mousse Brownies and Blondies
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

ONLY \$45.00 per person includes tax and gratuity!

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NOTE: A special room rate of \$89 per room (single or double occupancy) for Banquet 2004 attendees has been arranged with the Southbury Hilton. **You must reserve your room by calling the hotel directly at 203-598-7600. Deadline for making room reservations at this special rate is Saturday, February 7, 2004.**

Cut and Mail

Names: _____ No. of attendees: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Total Enclosed @ \$45.00 per person: _____ (checks payable to Nutmeg Soaring Association)

NOTE: All banquet reservations must be prepaid and received no later than February 14, 2004. Tickets will be held for pick up at the door. NO phone reservations accepted. NO refunds.

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