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CALENDAR

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: September 11th at Freehold. Due to the late notice a true pot luck dinner will precede the meeting. Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring a dish and/or beverage to share with the group. The meal will begin at approximately 5:30 PM with the meeting to begin at 7:00 PM.

September 25 - October 3: Annual Mifflin ridge trip - details inside.



Please check the Nutmeg web site for Duty assignments. Remember, if you can't make it for your scheduled slot it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Help keep operations running smoothly! FLY SAFELY!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Stein

We may have some good news regarding the Grob. The new parts for the elevator have been delivered to Grob Aerospace. The entire horizontal stabilizer has been crated and shipped to Grob. Hopefully they will be able to work on the repair quickly and get us back in the air this season. I am hoping we will have the ship available for the Mifflin trip. One last task will be getting the horizontal stabilizer back from Ohio. If anyone is willing to volunteer to retrieve the piece from Grob Aerospace please let me know so we can make arrangements.

The Mifflin trip has been scheduled for September 25 to October 3 this year. As always we will need a few volunteers to transport the Grob and Blanik to Pennsylvania and back. The annual trip to fly the ridges of PA is always a great event. For those club members who have never been please try to make every effort to join the regular crew that goes every year. The overall soaring is excellent and when the wind blows from the northwest the ridge flying is the best in the world. If you are working on a 300km or 500km badge flight then the ridges are the best place to try before the season ends. My 300km Diamond Goal flight a few years ago was almost too easy. The proper planning and research ahead of time can be rewarded with the flight of a lifetime. If you are not familiar with ridge flying come down and get some great instruction and experience a fantastic aspect of our sport.

We have a few new members and trial members that have joined the club in recent weeks. If you see a new face on the flight line please introduce yourself and get to know the new members. We are all ambassadors for soaring in general and the club specifically. It does not take long to become integrated into club activities but sometimes the new members do not know where to start or our usual methods or operating. So be sure to talk with any new faces you see make them feel welcome.

The issue of dogs has come up several times this season. If any member brings a dog to the airport they are required to follow a couple of simple guidelines. First and most important is the dog must be under control at all times. This means they must be on a leash or lead of some sort. There will be few exceptions to this rule so please keep

your dog under control at all times. The second is cleaning up after your pet. I do not think we need to say anything further on that subject. Finally I ask all dog owners to use some common sense when bringing your pet to the field. You love your beloved Fido but not everyone else does. Keeping the animal from barking or otherwise disturbing other members is very important and will keep everyone happy.

John Benson has donated a small grass mower to use for mowing the sensitive areas around the aircraft and equipment. The best procedure is to move the aircraft from the tie down and then mow the area. This will guarantee that nothing gets damaged by the mower.

This season has been great so far and I look forward to finishing it off with some good soaring and a few more of the cookouts that everyone enjoys.

See you at the airport.

Bruce Stein

MINUTES AUGUST 2004 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President, Bruce Stein at 6:55 PM on July 24, 2004.

Damage to the Grob elevator was discussed and the news at present is not good. Our President has contacted salvage companies and Grob Services. At present there does not seem to be an easy fix and it appears that a new part will have to be manufactured. At present it looks as though we will not have the Grob for the rest of this season. As a result of this damage it is apparent that mowing around any aircraft is foolhardy. Nutmeg Soaring cannot afford the financial loss and members should not have to lose the use of aircraft because of an accident that could easily be prevented

DO NOT MOW WITHIN 20 FEET OF ANY AIRCRAFT!

If grass needs mowing around or under aircraft they should be moved away from the area.

1. A balance of \$12,000 remains on the Nutmeg hanger and parking area. Anyone who is in a position where they can afford to loan Nutmeg some cash is encouraged to do so.

2. Lighting in the new hanger buildings must be installed completely before a certificate of occupancy will be issued. Volunteers are needed to help install the lights in the unit owned by Nutmeg.
3. Noise complaints. If you are approached by a person wishing to complain, please be polite, hear them out and then try to get their name address and the facts as they perceive them. There are complaint forms in the trailer but if they are not readily available, get what information you can. Time, date and location can provide us with the knowledge necessary to determine if we are the problem and if so what can we do to appease the complaining party. Recently a crop duster disturbed some of the residents who came to the field to complain. Once they vented and then calmed down it was easy to explain that we were not the problem.
4. This year we are running 60 tows ahead of last year in spite of the wet start to the season.
5. Cash at the field can be a problem for Bob Cox if it is turned in without any explanation as to where it came from. If you are the duty pilot or the recipient of cash that is turned in attach a note or clearly remark on the tow sheet what the money is for. Bob has a big job he doesn't need "mystery money" to complicate the book work.
6. Golf cart radios have been misused in that they were pulled off of their holders without the release button being pushed. Unless someone comes up with a method for fastening them they will have to ride in the cup holders. Lets make an effort not to lose them as they are helpful.
7. Keys in the golf carts should be turned to the off position when the cart is not in use for two reasons. The key on will draw down the battery and accidental pressure on the pedal starts the cart.
8. Don't use any vehicle, equipment or aircraft without checking the tires. A careful look, a kick or a squeeze can save a lot of labor and expense.
9. Creekside carts have been a concern to some. People arriving need the carts to transport items and often have found the carts have both been taken to the camp area for the night. As many now have their own carts it is up to those sharing the

creekside carts to work out a system that meets every ones needs. At least one should be returned to the barn every night for use by those arriving late.

10. DOGS The discussion on this topic could go on and on forever. Nobody wants to put together a set of all encompassing hard and fast rules that most likely will not work. The complaints have ranged from dogs barking, to dogs lunging at people passing, to dogs acting aggressively towards other dogs and people. Dog owners, we have got to put ourselves in the shoes of those around us. Do you want to listen to a barking dog, do you feel a little nervous when a dog lunges at you, how about seeing your dog being attacked by a dog larger and stronger. NOT PRETTY.

11. It is up to each of us dog owners to keep our animals under control and to take every reasonable step to prevent making others uncomfortable or annoyed by the behavior of our pets.

BE A GOOD POOPER SCOOPER AND KEEP YOUR DOG OFF THE ACTIVE AIRCRAFT AREA.

12. New blades will be purchased for the mower.
13. The motion was made and passed for Nutmeg to purchase one unit in the new hanger building for storage of club equipment.
14. The county transportation dept. will be approached on a couple of items where we could use their help. Fill for the North end of the camp road and cleaning of the drainage ditch around the field.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted, D. K. McKinlay

*** ET CETERA ***

Scott Baroody earned his Private Glider rating on July 17, 2004. Congratulations Scott!

Bruce Stobbe added a Commercial Glider rating to his list of credentials on August 20th. Congratulations Bruce!

Nutmeg welcomes new full member **Michael Barberi** of Germantown, NY.

2004 DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>SUPER CUB</u>
Sat. 9/4 Sun. 9/5	L. Stoller	J. Boyce J. Boyce	T. Huber L. Abend	D. Page R. Cox
Sat. 9/11 Sun. 9/12			J. Boyce D. Rossetter	M. Ampela T. Huber
Sat. 9/18 Sun. 9/19		J. Boyce	R. Ward M. Flynn	S. Neal D. Rossetter
Sat. 9/25 Sun. 9/26	C. Hoffmaster		M. Ampela S. Neal	R. Cox B. Cotton

The Duty Pilot schedule currently has a few open dates. Please take a look at it and add you name on an open day if you are able. The Duty Pilot is an extremely important part of our operation and the entire show runs much, much better when we have one on the field.

REMEMBER: If you cannot serve on your scheduled day you are responsible for finding a substitute. Please don't simply just not show up as this poses an inconvenience to those who come to fly (not to mention it is a sleazy thing to do).

Field Phone: 518-634-7346 (have this number with you when you fly!)

Office Phone: 518-634-7626 (Clem's Office).

Weather: 1-800-WXBRIEF (1-800-992-7433)

Don't forget the vast amount of weather data available on our web site at <http://nutmegsoaring.org> - click on the weather map graphic in the lower right of the home page. From there you can access METARs (reports), TAFs (forecasts), Winds and Temperatures Aloft and much more.

This page is not well utilized because I didn't have anything else to include in this edition of the Nutmeg News. Please feel free to submit any items you may wish to have considered for publication in future editions. Consider writing about a personal soaring achievement or voicing your opinion about something that's been on your mind regarding club or airport issues. I will be happy to include qualified items when space permits.

Jim Sidway
Editor

Fly Safely!