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CALENDAR

Nutmeg Christmas Party: Saturday, December 18, 2004 at Randol Webb's place - see details inside!

Annual Banquet 2005: Saturday, February 19, 2005 (snow date Sunday, February 20) at the Southbury, CT Hilton Hotel. Complete details and registration form in the January 2005 Nutmeg News!



ANOTHER SOARING SEASON COME AND GONE

Seems like we were putting the gliders together only a few weeks ago but now the book is closed on the 2004 season. All of the necessary items were completed and a great thanks is due all of those members who participated. Their hard work did not go un-rewarded as Jim Sidway and Frank Molnar provided chili and kielbasa for the evening meal.

Don't forget we still have the Pawnee wing project in full swing. A good start occurred this past weekend but there is a long way to go. Please contact Dave Page and get on the schedule so the work can be spread out and planned accordingly.

Thanks to everyone for a safe and successful soaring season. - Bruce Stein

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MINUTES NOVEMBER 2004 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 13, 2004 at Freehold Airport. Called to order at 4:25 PM.

General items discussed:

1) The Grob fin has been investigated by Fed Ex insurance and they are expected to respond within 2 to 4 weeks.

Grob Services reports they can do the repairs within 2 months once they have the go ahead. Bill Kenyon has volunteered to deliver the Grob to Ohio once the work is scheduled.

2) Airport shutdown is a big operation and all help will be needed and appreciated so please show up on Nov. 13th and 14th.

3) The club's Pawnee will get new wings. (well, re-built) This is a project that will save Nutmeg \$25-30,000 but willing workers are needed. Dave Page is coordinating the labor effort so contact him to get work schedule information and come and help.

4) L-13's to replace our 2-33's:

Again, there was considerable discussion on this potential purchase. (See minutes of Board of Director's Meeting, Oct. 23). It was the general feeling that the purchase of these two L-13's would be an all around improvement for Nutmeg Soaring. We currently have enough money to purchase the two Blaniks if the price of \$16,000 each is correct. It was the unanimous decision of the members present to have the Board of Directors, after careful examination of these ships, to purchase them with a spending cap of \$32,000.

The 2-33's would be sold to cover as much of the cost of one of the L-13's as possible. There would also be a large saving to the repair fund if the two 2-33's were sold.

5) Several times in the past members have discussed the possibility of making a land swap with the nursery that adjoins our property and we are sharing some land with. Currently we are operating on a handshake provision that is close to meeting our needs. Lee Ramsdell and John Benson have asked to approach the nursery owners to see if an agreement would benefit both parties is possible. If so, no doubt Nutmeg will have to pay for the survey and recording of any changes.

6) At the East end of the field, (rock pile). Bruce had written to the land owner requesting permission to cut down the trees on a long-term basis. There has been no response. It was suggested that perhaps we should make a request as to some form of purchase of this land. Perhaps this might at least get some communication started.

7) The County Highway people will help us where they can but cannot give us large amounts of material.

MINUTES OCTOBER 2004 BOD MEETING

October 23, 2004 at Freehold Airport @ 5:30 PM

1. The estate of Dave Robinson wishes to create an annual scholarship based on his shareholder status.

This would allow a deserving new member to save the five hundred dollars charged non shareholders each year that goes into the purchase price of the airport. (See attached letter.)

The Board felt that this was a generous and appropriate gift from his estate. A letter will be sent to his widow each year.

2. A long discussion on temporary hangers brought out several measures that the Board felt must be taken before a decision could be made.
 - a. Approval from the town of Greenville must be obtained.
 - b. What responsibilities will have to be met, i.e. construction, taxes, location selection, maintenance.
 - c. What benefit will there be to Nutmeg Soaring? (example) Permanent hangar owners pay rent to Nutmeg Soaring, all expenses are the responsibility of the hanger owners and in thirty years the hangar becomes the property of Nutmeg Soaring.
 - d. Once these questions, plus others that might come up are answered, the Board could then make a decision on the construction of temporary hangers.
3. The question to the Board was as follows:

A member pays his annual fee and then takes ill. The illness prohibits him/her from being able to fly during a major portion of the season.

His/her health returns and the member requests that Nutmegs Soaring consider giving said member credit from the season lost toward the new season.

It was the feeling of the Board that credit could be given on a prorated basis.

No cash refunds will be given.

4. The Board decided to make a donation to the Parkinson's Foundation of One Hundred Dollars in memory of Dave Robinson.
5. Two Blanik L-13's may be available through Brian Doyle, a member of Mohawk Soaring. There is much to consider here and the thought ran as follows:
 - a. Brian plans to refurbish them.
 - b. The appearance of our 2-33's is pretty bad.
 - c. Spin training is possible in an L-13.
 - d. They have retractable gear but can be landed with the gear up.
 - e. They have flaps but also have spoilers.
 - f. Their performance is better than the 2-33's.
 - g. Visibility is believed to be more restricted than that of the 2-33's.
 - h. Physical contact with the student is near impossible if the student should go into panic mode.
 - i. Ground handling requires great care as the tail can be damaged if side pressure is applied to tail wheel.
 - j. Airworthiness Certificates will be required. Can students fly aircraft registered "experimental"?

Dave Page will report to the General Meeting next month on these ships.

6. The question of club responsibility arose again as to what responsibility would the club have if a member purchased an aircraft that was above his/her current skill level and requested the use of the club field or tow plane for a first flight.

There is no hard and fast answer to this question. It was felt that the instructors and the Board of Directors would have to deal with this issue on a case-by-case basis.

7. Our President reported that Fed Ex destroyed the tail of our Grob. He is awaiting the settlement of our claim. He had insured it for full value.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Randol Webb is hosting a Christmas/holiday gathering at his home in Sherman, CT on Saturday, December 18 starting at 4:00 PM until ??? Randol will provide the beverages and is asking that attendees bring an hors d'oeuvre, dessert or something snacky. Please RSVP, including what you intend to bring (that way Randol can be sure there aren't too many deviled eggs), via e-mail: rwebbpilot@earthlink.net, or the old fashioned way by calling him at: 860-350-3903.

Randol lives adjacent to Candlelight Airport at 80 Green Pond Rd in Sherman, CT. Directions to his place are as follows: From the Freehold Country Store go south on 32 for 4.3 miles to light, turn left onto 23 and go 16.2 miles then straight ahead on 82 for 15.1 miles. At Ancramdale (the Farmer's Wife) curve right onto NY8 for 4.1 miles. At stop sign turn left onto 60 for 1.6 miles then merge right (yield) onto 22 and go 24.1 miles to traffic light. Turn left to 55, then left again on 55 for .7 miles, then right to stay on 55. After 3.8 more miles turn right onto 39 for 4.3 miles. At stop sign in Sherman go left on 37 for .5 miles and turn right onto Hubbell Mountain Rd (it becomes Green Pond Rd) and at 1.9 miles see #80 on the right. That's me. Join the route anywhere.

For those of you who won't be starting at the Freehold General Store you need to get to Rt. 37 (heading south/west from Rt. 7 in New Milford or heading north/east from Sherman and points south/west) and then follow the directions above from Hubbell Mountain Rd (a left turn if heading south/west on 37, a right turn if heading north/east).

Dress is very casual, but come dressed however you want. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

ANNUAL BANQUET 2005

Mark your calendars! The 2005 Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 19 (snow date Sunday, February 20) at the Hilton Hotel in Southbury, CT (same venue as last year). Full details and a reservation form will be included in the January, 2005 Nutmeg News.

PAWNEE PROJECT

The word from Randol Webb and Dave Page is that participation has been great and progress has been good. There is a lot more to do so please monitor e-mails from Dave and participate as often as you can.

Below is a letter from Walter Rogg to the Boards of Directors of Nutmeg and Freehold, LLC regarding the status of the interests of former member David Robinson, who recently passed away, in both of those organizations (see the BOD Minutes included in this newsletter for details on implementation of David's family's wishes).

To: Board of Directors (Nutmeg Soaring Assn. And Freehold Airport LLC)

From: Walter Rogg

Date: October 19, 2004

As you know, David Robinson, a long time Nutmeg member and share-holder of the Freehold Airport LLC, passed away recently.

I knew David very well. I worked very closely with him since 1996. Over the years we became good friends. Quite often we talked about flying, soaring and all the club affairs. He helped in buying the airport, even though he knew that he had little chance of ever flying again, especially not at Freehold.

It is his family's wish, that the share he owned should be used to help a prospective young glider enthusiast to use David's share-holder privileges (lower membership cost) to join Nutmeg. This privilege should be awarded to a promising membership candidate by a vote of the Board of Directors or at the Nutmeg annual meeting at the beginning of each soaring season. This arrangement should be continued for as long as Mrs. Robinson's family wants to keep it going.

David and Leah Robinson have three grandchildren. In case one of them has an interest in soaring, then Mrs. Robinson would like to be able to cancel this arrangement and transfer the share to one of her grandchildren.

At this time Mrs. Robinson would like to hold on to her share for the benefit of the club. If you so desire, I could attend one of the Board of Directors meeting to explain Mrs. Robinson's wish.

Sincerely,

Walter