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Nutmeg Soaring Association
P.O. Box 248
Shelton, CT 06484

CALENDAR

Annual Membership Meeting: Friday, January 14, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the Bethany Town Hall, Bethany Connecticut. Details in BOD Minutes inside.

Banquet 2005: Saturday, February 19, 2005 - snow date Sunday February 20, 2004. Additional details and reservation form inside.



2004 Soaring Season Photos Wanted!

We are preparing a 'slide show' of the 2004 soaring season for the 2005 Banquet. Compile your best digital images on a CD and send them to:

Bruce Stein
PO Box 1182
Stratford, CT 06615

You can also bring your CD to the Annual Meeting on January 14. Dead line for submitting photos is February 1, 2005.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bruce Stein

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. The time off from soaring and the chance to focus on family and friends during the holidays is needed every year. Soon I am sure we will all be anxious to get back to the airport and enjoy our wonderful sport and the great social atmosphere that has grown at Freehold.

The Pawnee project is moving a long very well. Randol is on vacation for a couple of weeks but will return soon and will continue to lead the effort along with Dave and Nan Jackson. Dave Page has done an outstanding job of coordinating the work schedule. Please be sure to contact him with any dates you are available to help with the project. There will need to be a good effort by any and all members to get the wings finished and the Pawnee reassembled before opening day.

The Grob issue is not finalized yet but should be very soon. FedEx has contacted Grob and we should have some resolution during the first week of January.

The Nutmeg Annual Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2005 at the Bethany Town Hall. At this meeting we will review the 2004 budget/annual report along with a review and approval of the 2005 budget. This is also the year for election of the President and Board of Directors. I have volunteered to continue as President, if elected, and propose the Board of Directors remains the same as 2004. I believe continuity is needed in our operation at this time. The current members of the Board have the experience and dedication necessary to see Nutmeg through our last few years of the mortgage and the continued growth of the airport and the club.

The annual Nutmeg Banquet will be here soon. Please send in your checks and reserve your spot as soon as possible. As always we will need suggestions for kudos awards. If you saw or were involved in some strange or funny event please let Don McKinlay and/or Jeff Driscoll know ASAP. Also we may have the technology for a "slide show" at the banquet. If you have digital pictures from this past season I would appreciate it if you could put them on a CD and send it to me.

Thanks again to everyone for their fantastic support and hard work during the 2004 season.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

December 15, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The following items were discussed.

1. The budget for 2005 was discussed at great length. Many items should remain close to the 2004 budget while others will vary. Like any budget, it is designed to give us a guide and many items are only an educated guess.
2. At present it appears that we are solvent, will be able to meet our mortgage payment, and make the purchase of the two Blanik L-13's a reality followed by the sale of our 2-33's.
3. One direction that the discussion took was the concern over the very light attendance at the January Annual Membership meeting last year. Every Nutmeg member should consider this meeting as the most important meeting of the year. The final budget is set at this meeting and your slate of officers will be chosen. Please plan to attend and pick your officers and tell them how you want your money spent. **This year's meeting will be held on January 14th at the Bethany Town Hall starting at 7:00 PM sharp. Be There!**
4. Bill Kenyon has submitted 3 different grant requests.
 - a. \$40,000 to purchase the rock ledge land East of our airport.
 - b. \$100,000 for runway stabilization
 - c. \$300,000 for completely rebuilding the runway
5. Bill also placed large white crosses at the approach area to the runway and NOTAMS indicating Prior permission is required to land at this time.
6. Obtaining ribs for the Pawnee wing is turning out to be a slow process. It is reasonable to assume that we will find them.
7. Tom Albrecht built an excellent paint spray booth for work being done on the Pawnee. A large fan is still needed to complete the job. This was a big effort on Tom's behalf.
8. Progress on paint removal has been very good. Dave Jackson made bows the shape of the outer wing tips and primer painted some of the steel wing parts.
9. Letters to Fed X will be sent in an effort to get them moving on the insurance Payment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by Don MacKinlay

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BANQUET 2005

Saturday, February 19, 2005

(snow date Sunday, February 20)

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!

***** KUDOS AWARDS & MULTI-MEDIA SLIDE SHOW FROM 2004 SOARING SEASON *****

Route 84 - Exit 16: Exiting from Route 84 Westbound or Eastbound turn right at the end of the ramp, proceed to hotel on right just past Mobil station. Check out our website at <http://nutmegsoaring.org> for a detailed map.

NOTE: A special room rate of \$99 per room (single or double occupancy) for Banquet 2005 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 Monday, February 7, 2005.**

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 12, 2005. Tickets will be held for pick up at the door. NO phone reservations accepted. NO refunds.

Please Return with Full Payment to:

**Michelle Molnar
175 Old Highway
Southbury, CT 06488**