

# Nutmeg News

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bruce Stein

We are now into the heart of our soaring season for 2005. The weather did not cooperate well for the first few weeks but last few have been very good. Even with the use of just the Super Cub for towing we have had a few strong days with over 20 flights.

The Grob horizontal stabilizer has been shipped from Germany. Its first destination is to me. From there it will be driven to the airport and finally installed. It has been an adventure but we are finally near the end. We will have to perform some routine maintenance when the Grob is finally put together in a few weeks alone with a thorough washing and waxing.

This year's encampment will be on June 25<sup>th</sup> and lasts through July 10. The coverage for tow pilots and instructors is starting to fill up but we still need volunteers to fill in some of the days. There will be no assigned Duty Pilots during the weekday portions of our encampment but all tows and times will need to be logged. Just as important as logging the flights is getting the paperwork to Bob Cox for processing. Also we need to have the log sheets as legible as possible. Bob does a fantastic job keeping the books up to date but he needs all of us to help with the paperwork on the field. If you are at the airport during encampment please put some effort into helping with the Duty Pilot responsibilities as you wait your turn to fly.

This year has been slow to start in respect to the weather and flyable days but we have seen many Trial Members and a few new members join already. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members who have joined this year. As a new member you are most interested in your next flight. However you will find there is much more to the club and its members. As you have probably seen owning and operating your own airport is time consuming and labor intensive. As a new member please take some time to talk with the club officers and senior club members to get a better idea of how the club works and what you can do to help. We are always looking for an extra pair of hands or special talents and resources to help with airport operations.

The 2005 season is here and I look forward to seeing everyone at the flight line and then at one of the many cookouts we have through out the season. See you at the airport.

## MINUTES MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Meeting was held at Freehold Administration Building on May 28, 2005. Called to order at 7:20 PM

President Bruce Stein brought us up to date on several issues:

1. The Pawnee needs a new prop and an insurance claim has been made.
2. Pine Mt. Aviation has the engine for tear down and inspection and a rebuilt carburetor will be installed.
3. The Pawnee wing repairs appear that they can be made in house with oversight by Clem.
4. The instructors and tow pilots will decide when Nutmeg operations shall be halted
5. Members wanting to get their check rides completed should plan on early morning flights so as to not interfere with general flying. This will help get them completed quickly
6. The Grob Horizontal Fin is allegedly in route to our shores by ship.
7. The stone road being built in the campground area is for golf carts only. It is not to be used by larger vehicles (private vehicles, honey wagon, etc.)
8. Gas powered golf carts #'s 1, 2, 3 are for Nutmeg flying activities only. Once operations have started these carts should be at the disposal of the duty pilot.
9. The towing of gliders to the flight line must not crowd the runway. When towing east to west the area on the north side of the field rapidly narrows. It would be prudent to cross the runway at the point where the drive from our parking lot enters the field just beyond the new hanger building.
10. Golf carts vs. glider operations. Carts not being used for flight operations should only cross the field at the opposite end of the field away from glider activities.
11. Nutmeg has a new full member. David Jefferson, say hello and make him feel at home with us.
12. There is always work to be done at OUR airport. Please, fellow Nutmegers, get involved. If you find a project that is more than you can handle recruit some help and get it done. If you have time on your hands and are not sure what needs to be done, ask somebody who looks busy if you can help. We can't make this airport ownership work if everyone doesn't chip in!
13. Instructors and tow pilots are needed for our encampment. Please come whenever possible

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM followed by a great potluck dinner. A great number of people contributed to this. I think

Winnie helped organize. The food was great and nobody went hungry.

A touch of class was added as we were treated to real silverware. Also thanks to Winnie

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K McKinlay - Secretary

### CALENDAR

**June 27 - July 10 - Encampment** at Freehold.

**July 23 - Membership Meeting** at Freehold. A pot luck dinner will be held before the meeting. The pot luck meal before the May membership meeting went very well. Some general 'pot luck' points of etiquette: please contribute (homemade or store bought), please take a small portion of different items so as many attendees as possible have a chance to sample the different dishes, and please refrain from taking seconds until everyone has had a chance for firsts - including those who may

come late because they were still towing, instructing or tying down gliders when the meal began.

### \*\*\* ET CETERA \*\*\*

Nutmeg is pleased to welcome three new full members to our growing ranks: **Jeff Wise**, whom you may remember wrote an article about learning to fly for Popular Mechanics a couple of years back that featured Nutmeg Soaring, joins us along with **Peter Veldkamp** and **David Jefferson**. Jeff has his Private Pilot ticket and supports his hobbies by writing for Travel & Leisure, Men's Journal and Popular Mechanics. More about Peter and David after they submit their bios.

**John Boyce** was awarded an FAA Master Pilot Award at the Safetyfest held at Pratt and Whitney on May 4, 2005. It goes to a pilot with 50 years plus experience without an accident and a really great guy.

**Jim Sidway** has agreed to fill the recently opened position of vice president of the Nutmeg Soaring Association.

### DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>SUPER CUB</u>
7/2	B. Rossetter			T. Huber
7/3	P. Scarpelli	B. Stein		M. Ampela
7/9	B. Stobbe			S. Neal
7/10	L. Stoller			T. Smith
7/16	R. Szigeti	B. Stein		R. Ward
7/17	M. Young			M. Flynn
7/23	OPEN			M. Ampela
7/24	OPEN			S. Neal
7/30	OPEN			T. Huber
7/31	OPEN			R. Ward

If you want to enter your name in an OPEN Duty Pilot assignment go to <http://nutmegsoaring.org>, click on Admin and click on the Duty Schedule link. On the Duty Assignment Form pick the appropriate date and your name from the Member list. Click Submit - that's all there is to it. You can do the same for Instructor, Pawnee and Super Cub.

If you want to modify an existing assignment, e.g. you are swapping with someone, go to <http://nutmegsoaring.org>, click on Admin and click on the Duty Schedule link. Next click the Submit button on the *Duty Assignment Form* (do not enter any information on this page at this time) and the Duty Schedule will display. Click on the 'clipboard' icon next to the name of the person scheduled on the day for which you want to modify the assignment. This will take you back to the Duty Assignment Form with that person selected in the Member field. Click on the Member dropdown arrow, select the new name (yours) from the list and click Submit. You will then see the Duty Schedule displayed again reflecting the change you made. If you are swapping with someone be sure both assignments have been updated.