

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY RUDI!**

Rudi Opitz, Honorary Member and long time friend of and contributor to Nutmeg Soaring, recently celebrated his 95 birthday. Nutmeg members past and present join in sending their best wishes!

### **CALENDAR**

**September 3, 6:00 PM - Membership Meeting** at Freehold. Followed by pot luck dinner starting about 7:00 PM . Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share: appetizer, entree, salad, or dessert. As always, BYOB. Casual attire.

**September 24 - October 2** - Annual Mifflin trip. The Grob and Blanik will be available for member's use.



**DON'T BE A LINK IN THE CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT LEADS TO AN ACCIDENT!**

**THINK BEFORE YOU ACT!**

**BE SAFE!**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Bruce Stein

The weather is hot, hazy and humid and that means it must be August in the Northeast. We have been having a good summer season with several weekends giving us very good soaring conditions. A few of our members have ventured away from the airport and visited spots like Cooperstown and Oneonta, NY. For any members who are looking to get some cross country experience in their own ships the best method is to make arrangements with the "big guys" in the club and do some team flying.

The Pawnee should be ready to give our hard working SuperCub a rest very soon. The quieter prop that has been installed along with a new muffler/exhaust system should help reduce the towplane's noise signature. One note of caution: the new prop is a composite unit and must not be used for ground handling. Never push or pull the Pawnee around using the prop, always use the struts or handles near the tail. We now have all of our aircraft fully functional with some members getting their Grob checkouts last Sunday.

We have had some great cookouts this year and hopefully there are at least a couple more in the offing this season. The next General Meeting will be September 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope to see as many members as possible attend, as this has been one of the livelier events of the season. Many thanks to those members that keep feeding the rest of us.

Jim Sidway has agreed to take the place of Mike Ampela as Vice President of the club. Everyone knows Jim as the editor of this newsletter and a long time member of Nutmeg. He has done a lot of hard work at the airport and was part of the group that organized the airport purchase. His energy level, organizational skills and good judgment will be a great benefit to the Board of Directors and the club as he starts his new role.

The current Operating Rules do not reflect completely our current situation at Freehold and are going to be revised to better meet our needs. One area that will be added is having a member bring a new glider they have never flown to fly at Freehold. We will be requesting that a member in this situation work with an instructor

throughout the transition process. The instructor will act as a mentor and will provide the necessary guidance so that we have a safe and satisfying outcome for all. As this is developed we will have more details.

See you at the airport,

Bruce Stein

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## **FREEHOLD ENCAMPMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL**

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

Historically, Nutmeg's encampments meant organizing the troops to move everything to a different airport for one to two weeks to provide a new airport to fly, camp and swim. For at least 20 years, the location had been Springfield, VT, and it made sense to keep the weeks scheduled together to minimize the hassle of moving all our equipment. With encampments at our home field now, we have the ease of scheduling the encampments at any time without the effort to move anything. In addition, flying is typically better in early June, the weather is cooler, and it gives you a break from 2 weeks of camping.

Therefore, I'd like to suggest that next year we try two separate weeks of encampment at Freehold: the week of Memorial Day, and the week of the Fourth of July since most people would only need to take 4 days of vacation to participate for 2 long periods of flying and camping.

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## **MINUTES FREEHOLD, LLC ANNUAL MEETING**

July 2, 2005

The meeting of the Freehold LLC was called to order at 6:55 PM. The following items were discussed:

- 1) We have a new member, Dave Brockway.
- 2) There is an established waiting list of previous members wishing to sell their shares for invested reimbursement. They will be taken in the order of their requests. Gordon Lester, Ed Monoski and Don Malin are currently on the list.
- 3) Moneys currently held by the LLC total \$1,969.00.

4) Operating rules call for a LLC meeting to be held in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year. It was voted to move that to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter so that it could be held at the airport during the active flying season.

5) Bruce Stein has been appointed President/Manager for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay - Secretary

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### MINUTES NUTMEG BOD MEETING

June 25, 2005

This meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM

1. By a unanimous vote of the Board, Jim Sidway was appointed Vice President to fill the vacancy left by Mike Ampela.
2. Bill Kenyon and Don McKinlay were asked to obtain appropriate flags for the three gas powered Nutmeg golf carts.
3. The engine for the Pawnee is expected to be ready about July 11<sup>th</sup>. The magnetos will be checked, a new carburetor will be put on and the Hoffman 4 bladed prop has been ordered. Our President will attempt to find out where the Grob's new horizontal fin is as it was shipped 2 weeks ago.
4. Everyone seems pleased with the performance of the Super Cub (05Z) in spite of heat and high humidity. Our tow pilots have done an excellent job of keeping us flying.
5. The Board kicked around the responsibility of a member who damages Nutmeg aircraft. An effort will be made to standardize the amount of money a member would be required to pay for damages they cause.
6. The Board will look into the insurance coverage we currently have and whether or not it covers temporary memberships, associate members and guests.
7. The fall trip to Mifflin is tentatively set for the transitional week of Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2005.
8. Lee Ramsdell put 2 proposals before the Board. One, he would like to use the small front sales office for light aircraft. Rent to be determined after approval by the General Membership.

Two, The construction of a new hanger building that several members are interested in renting or buying into. This also must be approved by the General Membership. Lee will give a complete and detailed presentation in the near future. The Board of Directors supports both of Lee's proposals, but agreed that the General Membership should be given the opportunity to hear all the details and have the final say on both.

9. Nutmeg has 4 new full members.

Those attending the Board meeting were: President, Bruce Stein, Vice President, Jim Sidway, Bill Kenyon, Lee Ramsdell, Don McKinlay

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay, Secretary

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### MINUTES MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 23, 2005

This meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

1. A change in Nutmeg by-laws. The previous Family Member designation was very limiting and the Board of Directors and Nutmeg Membership seem to be in agreement that it should be expanded to include any immediate relative. This shall be formalized in writing in the near future.
2. The Mifflin trip will be Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> through Oct 2, 2005. The Grob and Blanik will be taken there.
3. Appreciation of those who mow Freehold Airport was expressed. It's been a tuff mowing year.
4. All supplies, parts and tools needed to service the tow planes are and should be kept in hanger #10. If, for any reason, you use any of these tools please make certain that you return them. No one in Nutmeg has time to spend (waste) looking for misplaced or missing tools. It would be helpful if a system of identification could be established for these tools.
5. The hanger proposal of Lee Ramsdell and John Benson was discussed in brief. It was the feeling of the membership that approval by the membership would be required in order for the proposal to go forward. The membership was reluctant to turn the power of approval over to the

Board of Directors. The membership did agree to allow Lee Ramsdell the use of the front office in the front office in the Administration building. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM followed by a cookout dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay - Secretary

#### DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>SUPER CUB</u>
8/13	L. DeMarco	J. Boyce	T. Huber	R. Ward
8/14	L. Herman	J. Driscoll	S. Neal	T. Smith
8/20	C. Hoffmaster	E. Draganovic	D. Rossetter	R. Ward
8/21	D. Jackson	D. Rossetter	M. Ampela	R. Cox
8/27	N. Jackson	D. Rossetter	T. Smith	R. Ward
8/28	D. Laitinen	J. Boyce	T. Huber	S. Neal
9/3	R. McNamara	J. Boyce		M. Ampela
9/4	P. Meny	J. Driscoll		
9/10	F. Molnar			
9/11	P. Quinn			
9/17	J. Wise			
9/18	W. Rogg			
9/24	B. Rossetter			
9/25	P. Scarpelli			
10/1	B. Stobbe			
10/2	L. Stoller			
10/8	R. Szigeti			
10/9	C. Lukanko			
10/15	P. Veldkamp			
10/16	D. Jefferson			

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.