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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bruce Stein

The 2005 season is starting to draw to a close. In just a few weeks we will again be presented with the sad task of taking apart our ships and putting them away for the season. As always I am asking for every member to participate with the many tasks that need to be accomplished during our final weekend. The gliders will require some much needed washing and waxing along with the tow planes. In addition we will need to perform many of the maintenance tasks required as part of the annual inspection process. The overall facility has a number of chores that will need attending to like winterizing the bathrooms and the grass cutting equipment. Please plan to be at the airport ready to work, have fun and see your fellow club members before the Holiday season starts.

As many of you may already know our great club will be turning 50 years old next year! Some discussion has already begun regarding various activities that we can do to celebrate the past 50 years of soaring. The necessary cook out and other dinners will be scheduled of course and we are looking for suggestions of other events we can host to commemorate the past 50 years of accomplishments by Nutmeg. Please present your ideas to any Board of Director's member.

The first pig roast at Freehold was held this past Labor Day. The turnout was fantastic and the effort by the organizing members and helpers was outstanding. I was hoping the tradition of an annual pig roast and a lobster bake would not be lost after we moved to Freehold. While the past few years have kept us very busy getting acclimated to our new home, finally having a pig roast is a great sign and let's hope there are more in the future.

Randol Webb has reluctantly asked me to find a replacement for him as Chairman of the Operations Committee. He has been letting his own aviation and other projects pile up over the last few years and now needs to devote his time and effort in that area. We all owe Randol a great debt of thanks and also any assistance he asks of us with his projects. The amount of time and effort he has put forth is staggering and the club and equipment are in much better shape. While his contributions are too numerous to mention the one we see every day we fly and will always remind us of his efforts are the Pawnee wings. So the next time you see Randol give him your thanks for a job well done and ask him how you can help with his projects. Knowing Randol's penchant for having things done in an orderly fashion I think we can expect and welcome his continued assistance with all aspects of the club and our airport.

Thanks Randol for all you have done, now let's get your Aeronca back together and flying!

See you at the airport - Bruce Stein

TAKE APART WEEKEND

Take apart weekend is scheduled for **Saturday, November 12 and Sunday, November 13 - rain, snow or shine!** In addition to mothballing our fleet for the winter we will be washing and waxing the gliders and towplanes as well as performing minor maintenance tasks. Hangar 10 will be used in the event of inclement weather. Please bring a bucket, sponge and supply of soft rags along with your toolbox to assist in the effort. A pot luck meal will be enjoyed on Saturday evening so bring a dish to share and BYOB. **IF YOU FLEW A CLUB SHIP THIS SEASON YOU OWE IT TO YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN TAKE APART WEEKEND!**

MINUTES OCTOBER 2005 BoD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 PM at Freehold Airport.

Board Members in Attendance: Bruce Stein, Jim Sidway, Bill Kenyon, Martin Opitz, Lee Ramsdell

Guests in Attendance: Wally Moran, Doug Laitinen

Discussion of Randol Webb's resignation as Chairman of the Operations Committee was the first order of business. Randol cited the need for time to pursue a variety of personal interests as the primary reason for his departure. He also indicated that he felt the need for greater involvement on the part of the membership at large in the tasks required to maintain club equipment as well as safe airport operations. It was noted that Randol had been a key force in keeping club aircraft, towplanes in particular, safe and airworthy during his tenure. His lead role in the recovering of the Pawnee wings - a project that consumed a great deal of his time during the off season - was typical of his dedication to Nutmeg. The club owes Randol a debt of gratitude. We hope he will continue to lend his talents and expertise in the future.

David Rossetter has agreed to take over as Chairman of the Operations Committee. Dave will focus on the field operations aspect of the job. Stein has contacted Clem Hoovler regarding aircraft maintenance and Clem has indicated a willingness to assume a greater role in that regard. Kenyon voiced concern about the level of attention the towplanes will receive and the necessity to maintain sufficient contact with Clem to ensure

they remain properly maintained and safe. Stein indicated that it was his hope that Bob Mayer, a former Nutmegger who recently was certified as an A & P, would return to the club and perhaps assume a role in the aircraft maintenance end of Operations.

Stein noted that the oil filter assembly in the Super Cub will need to be replaced this winter. Whereas this isn't a major project compared to the Pawnee wing recovering it will, in fact, require the combined efforts of multiple volunteers over the course of the off season. Details to follow.

The By-laws have been revised with regards to who qualifies as a family member after approval of the general membership. The definition of a Family Member is detailed in Article IV - Membership, Section 1, Part B. Family Members, Item 1: "Family Members are a Full Member's parents, spouse, dependent children, or other relatives at the discretion of the Board of Directors, for whom the Full Member has paid one additional assessment."

Stein stated that Operating Rules are being revised with regards to members acquiring a new glider and flying it at Freehold. The intention of the revision will be to ensure that the pilot is qualified and prepared to fly his or her newly acquired glider in the Freehold environs. There will likely be some form of a mentor relationship established between the glider owner and a club instructor who has knowledge and experience with the type of glider purchased.

The By-laws and Operating rules will be posted on the Nutmeg website in a password protected Documents section in the, hopefully near, future.

Sidway will be responsible for updating the application form completed by prospective members to better assess skills and experience, both flying related and otherwise, that new members will bring to Nutmeg with them.

A question was put to the Board as to whether the tie down fees that Freehold LLC shareholders pay should be discounted. This led to a discussion regarding the resale of LLC shares and whether or not there should be a limit on the number of shares sold to less than full share Nutmeg members (LLC rules require that a shareholder be at least an Associate Member of the Nutmeg Soaring Association) - the needs of shareholders wishing to sell their shares must be balanced against the needs of the club and the reason that Freehold was purchased in the first place. Opitz questioned why a 'non-glider' person would want to invest in a share in the LLC since a primary benefit is a \$500 reduction in annual dues for Nutmeg full members.

Campsites were mentioned as one perk available to LLC shareholders. Ramsdell indicated that because the number of campsites will be limited to those that currently exist that priority for access to those sites that become available in the future should be given to LLC shareholders who are also full members of Nutmeg. Opitz also noted that LLC By-law changes require a two thirds majority vote and that when Nutmeg finishes paying off the mortgage on the airport the club will own 20 of the 65 LLC shares. This would be less than the one third required for Nutmeg to cast a dissenting vote in LLC matters so it would be prudent for Nutmeg to acquire two additional shares at some point.

It was decided that regarding the original question of reduced tie down fees for LLC shareholders no discount would be offered at this time. Discussion regarding limiting the sale of LLC shares to other than full members of Nutmeg was tabled pending further consideration as this would be an LLC matter.

Take apart weekend was the final topic of discussion. It is scheduled for November 12th and 13th, rain or shine. We will use hangar 10 (Nutmeg's hangar) to clean, polish and disassemble the gliders in the event of inclement weather. We need to perform a variety of maintenance tasks in conjunction with mothballing the fleet for the winter.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jim Sidway.

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Nutmeg welcomed two new 14 year olds to the ranks this season:

Sarah Hanlon hails from East Chatham, NY. Her flying experience includes a PA-12 Super Cruiser, a DA-20 Katana, a J-3 Cub, a Europa XS motorglider and a Stearman. Some of Sarah's other interests include physics, meteorology, earth science, the violin and clarinet, jazzy music, biking, Flight Simulator 2002, reading Flying magazine, and, as if all that weren't enough, finding new things to keep herself busy.

Spencer Ragan lives in Brookfield, CT. He too has flying in his blood having accumulated over 10 hours in a Grumman American Yankee AA1 as well as having flown in the right seat of a KingAir B200 with his dad who is a corporate pilot for Verizon. Spencer's oldest brother has a Commercial Pilot's license and other brother Sean (who has had a taste of glider flying) has his Private. Spencer's other interests include water sports and sports cars.