

**Please do your part to keep our
airport clean and safe!**

Safety Tip:

**When driving a cart while towing a
glider glance back periodically to be sure
the wing walker isn't running to keep up
with you!**

CALENDAR

**July 1 & 2 - Nutmeg's 50th Anniversary
Celebration!** Picnic Reservations must be received by
June 21 - Send yours in NOW!

July 1 - 9 - Encampment #2 - the second
encampment of the 2006 Season!



NOTICE!

The 50th Anniversary Celebration is fast approaching. If you intend to join us for the Sunday afternoon catered picnic your reservation form must be received by June 21! Seating is by advance reservation only. No tickets will be sold on the day of the event. Please don't be dissatisfied by being turned away from the food line because you procrastinated and didn't get your reservation form in on time - fill out the form, write your check and send it in today!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The season is now in full swing. The tell tale signs of this fact are the many glider flights we have had on the soarable and not so soarable days along with a lucky invitation to a smoked sparerib dinner prepared by Winnie Kenyon. We always seem to have our plates full in many ways at the airport. The many small and large tasks that need to be attended to definitely keep everyone busy but the payoff at the end of the day is enjoying a cookout with family and friends.

The big news this month is the runway facelift that is being completed the week of June 5. The members of the LLC along with Nutmeg have approved the runway repair work. This will be a welcome improvement for everyone who uses the airport. The runway will be useable by June 9th but care should be still taken when on the runway as the surface hardens completely.

The Husky tow plane lease back operation is beginning to take shape. The Husky is now on the field and tow pilots are getting checked out slowly. The tow hook should be installed this month with first tows to begin once the installation is thoroughly tested. After the Husky is in full time towing duty we will place the Super Cub for sale through a few different forums. For any power pilot that is interested in towing please see Bob Ward our chief tow pilot and/or Dave Rossetter our Operations Chairman

We have a number of students this year and the instructors are looking forward to providing the instruction necessary. The pool of instructors is fairly small so each student is encouraged to get as much reading done as possible before coming to the airport. This will allow the instructors to review the reading material and answer any questions in a more efficient manner. More time can then be spent provided the flight instruction everyone desires.

The new Junior Member category has paid off. We have our first two new members to join in this capacity - Ben Ramey and Matt Beattie. All of our Junior, Scholarship, and teenaged family members are a great asset to Nutmeg and hopefully the aviation community in general for a long time. Exposing these young adults to the joy of flight especially soaring flight can possibly launch a life long passion for flying and maybe even a career in aviation. While they are under our care please take every opportunity to teach them about aviation and airport safety. Most importantly be sure to put them to work. They are younger than the majority of us and have what seems to be an endless amount of energy so let's put it to work!

The season is now in its prime for getting a badge flight accomplished. A what you may say?? The SSA has an extensive badge program in place that builds step wise as you

gain soaring experience. You can check out the requirements for the various badges on the web at ssa.org. From first solo to high time competition pilot there is always a badge flight waiting for you to complete. The club's 1-26E is ready and waiting for qualified pilots and students to launch on an attempt at an altitude gain, endurance flight or downwind cross country. Before any badge flight make sure you have thoroughly discussed your plan (you did make a plan right?) with an instructor and get an OK for the attempt.

The recent rain has made the airport turf very soft and muddy. Please try to avoid driving on the airport with your vehicle. Driving on the turf with heavy vehicles leaves ruts and compacts the ground. Compacting of the soil does not allow the grass to grow well and leads to the dusty bare spots we see on the airport in July and August. Parking can be a little tight at times but we have a large gravel lot on the West end of the airport that always has plenty of space. Please do not park behind the hangars. This space is for the hangar owners and their guests. There is only enough room for two vehicles per hangar at most in any event.

Thanks for everyone's continued support and hard work around the airport.

MINUTES - MAY 2006 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: May 27, 2006

Called to order at 6:28 PM

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as written in the newsletter

The subject of complete paperwork preparation was again discussed. President Stein explained the importance of this issue. There is no job more time consuming than that of our bookkeeper. Bob Cox has to deal with accurate record keeping. The duty pilot has got to make sure that checks and cash are matched to those who have paid. Altitude must be matched to payment amounts. A legible receipt must accompany any expenditure requiring reimbursement. All gas used must be accounted for. Our financial records are subject to IRS inspection.

Our bookkeeper shouldn't have to spend his time trying to figure out careless recording by other members. If you are the duty pilot and have any questions about your job, ask others for help.

The legal complaint from our neighbors at the horse farm is still in the legal system. At present we are unaware of exactly what it is they are looking for in terms of dollar amount.

The condition of our paved runway requires that something be done. Removal of the existing material and replacement with grass would be cost prohibitive. The repair would be less expensive. Lee Ramsdell has found a local contractor who will remove the weed growth, patch existing holes and then resurface with fine stone and oil. The contractor has estimated the cost at nine thousand dollars.

The money for the project will be raised as follows: Each private shareholder will pay \$200 and the value of that share will be increased from \$6,000 to \$6,200. Nutmeg Soaring holds 20 shares and will have to come up with $\$200 \times 20 = \$4,000$. This was voted on and approved by the members.

Currently some of our tow pilots are becoming familiar with the Husky. At the same time the Husky is being prepared for towing duty.

Members are requested to sign up for the 50th Anniversary picnic to be held on July 2nd. Jim Sidway must have your payment of \$30 per person (\$20 for kids under 12) by June 21st. He's getting a little concerned as sign-ups are coming slowly.

Winnie Kenyon had shirts on display at the meeting. These have a nice Nutmeg logo and should be ordered by June 5th.

The membership voted to have a Disc Jockey at the picnic at a cost of \$200.

Fireworks were voted down, as a modest display would run about \$2,500.

The membership acknowledged the efforts of Winnie and Jim.

Melissa was thanked for the excellent gardening done around the airport.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald McKinlay - Secretary/Treasurer

NUTMEG NOSTALGIA

Submitted by John Boyce

In the early 70's Nutmeg traveled a lot, taking everything (including our newly acquired towplane) to visit other sites. One of our favorites was Eagle's Nest, a private strip near New London, NH. Great spot, a motel with pool at one end of the runway, a country club/golf course at the other, and we were welcome at both. It was a Fourth of July weekend. Of course it was raining.

Since there wouldn't be any flying, Betty and the kids and I were having breakfast at a diner a few yards up the road. While we were there, we heard the noise, of our Cub, followed soon by the sight, of our 2-22, climbing out over the row of trees bordering the runway.

There was a group from another club at a table near us. I heard one of them say "Oh, that's Nutmeg. They're that kind of a club." And indeed we were.

50th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC FINAL NOTICE !!!!

If you intend to attend the 50th Anniversary Picnic on Sunday July 2 and you have not sent in your reservation form DO IT NOW!! Yes, the official deadline is June 21 but be advised that is the absolute drop dead date for your reservation form and check to have been **received** (not postmarked)! If your reservation form is received after that date your check will be returned and *you will not be served at the picnic*. An additional copy of the form is enclosed in case you misplaced the two that were previously sent! Please avoid being disappointed - send in your reservation today. You'll be glad you did!

Following is a list of those reservations that have been received as of June 6, 2006 - some names appear twice because relatives of Nutmeg members with the same last name submitted their own reservations. If you have sent yours in and your name does not appear in the list please contact Jim Sidway in the evening at 203-264-6170:

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| Albrecht | Ampela | Atkins | Buzas |
| Cox | Draganovic | Driscoll | Duckworth |
| Gardner | Hodge | Hoovler | Kenyon |
| Laitinen | Laitinen | McNamara | Moran |
| Neal | Page | Quinn | Rossetter |
| Schipul | Sharp | Sidway | |
| Stobbe | | | |
| Szigeti | | | |

*** ET CETERA ***

Congratulations to **Tom Albrecht** for earning his C Badge! Way to go Tom! So, when are you going to do your five hour flight?

Nutmeg welcomes new full member **Ovidiu (Ovi) Horvat** who hails from Maspeth, NY. Ovi has 10 hours of student flying dating back to 1990 and is looking forward to "an amazing experience flying with Nutmeg". In addition to his wife Diana and daughter Elena his other interests include climbing and mountaineering.

We also welcome new Junior Members **Ben Ramey** and **Matt Beattie**. Ben and Matt are both 13 year old students from LaGrangeville, NY who are eager to learn to fly. Ben is Jim Sidway's nephew and Matt's mom actually grew up in Freehold. Matt's grandparents live a short distance from the airport. Matt is hoping to fly jets onto aircraft carriers later in life and Ben wants to be a famous rock guitarist who flies gliders!

A note regarding the 50th Anniversary Celebration weekend: A lot of time effort is being invested in making this a fun and memorable event. If you are planning to attend, and we hope you are, please return your picnic reservation today. Time has a way of getting away from us all and it is important that we have your reservation secured sooner rather than later. There will be no tickets sold on the day of the picnic. Don't be disappointed because you ended up forgetting to send in your reservation.

2006 DUTY SCHEDULE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>DUTY PILOT</u> | <u>INSTRUCTOR</u> | <u>PAWNEE</u> | <u>SUPER CUB</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Sat 6/3 | B. Stobbe | W. Moran | | |
| Sun 6/4 | P. Scarpelli | J. Driscoll | | |
| Sat 6/10 | O. Horvat | | D. Rossetter | R. Ward |
| Sun 6/11 | P. Veldkamp | B. Stein | S. Neal | R. Cox |
| Sat 6/17 | | | M. Ampela | D. Rossetter |
| Sun 6/18 | L. Demarco | | S. Neal | T. Smith |
| Sat 6/24 | D. Y. Jackson | B. Stein | R. Ward | R. Cox |
| Sun 6/25 | D. O. Jackson | | D. Rossetter | S. Neal |
| Sat 7/1 | C. Boyce-Jacino | | | |
| Sun 7/2 | | | | |
| Sat 7/8 | S. Baroody | | | |
| Sun 7/9 | F. Molnar | | | |
| Sat 7/15 | K. Boyce-Jacino | | | |
| Sun 7/16 | W. Rogg | | | |
| Sat 7/22 | A. Loux | | | |
| Sun 7/23 | M. Young | | | |
| Sat 7/29 | C. Atkins | | | |

Please check the above roster to see when you have been scheduled as Duty Pilot. Remember, it is your responsibility to make arrangements for a substitute in the event you are unable to serve on your scheduled day. If you see an empty slot that you would be willing to fill (this will count towards one of your two possible duty dates for the season) please log onto <http://nutmegsoaring.org> > click on the *Admin* link in the upper right quadrant > Enter your full name and the password to gain access to the restricted area (for those who do not know the password you can e-mail Jim Sidway at jsidway@earthlink.net - Hint: The password is the combination of the call letters for the Pawnee and Super Cub) > Click on the *Duty Assignment* link in the list in the left pane > Follow the instructions on the Duty Assignment Form to enter your name (you can use this same form to change an existing assignment - something you should only do if you have arranged for a substitute; do not simply remove yourself from your assigned date). You can manually enter the date or use the convenient calendar function to select the proper date, choose your name from the dropdown list and be sure Duty Pilot is selected for the Duty Type. Instructors and Tow Pilots can use this same feature being sure to select the appropriate Duty Type before submitting. NOTE: You must click the Submit button after filling in the form in order for your assignment to be posted.

COME TO THE NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION'S
50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Saturday & Sunday - July 1 & 2, 2006
AT THE FREEHOLD AIRPORT
Route 67, Freehold, NY

Join current members and Nutmeg Alumni for a weekend of flying, fun, food and reminiscing. Weather permitting there will be several friendly competitions including mini-tasks and a spot landing contest. Rated Nutmeg pilots will be available to provide glider rides for alumni and interested family members. Plan to stay for the catered Chicken and BBQ Ribs picnic dinner on Sunday (details below).

Local accommodations (call early - this is a busy weekend in the Catskills!)

Greenville Arms B&B, Greenville: 888-665-0044 - www.greenvillearms.com

Baumann's Brookside Inn, Greenville: 518-966-5218 - www.baumanns.com

Rainbow Golf Club, Greenville: 518 966 5343

Shamrock Motel, Durham: 888-634-2897 - www.shamrockhouse.com/community.htm

Durham Area Accommodations: www.durhamny.com/accommodations.htm

Windham Area Accommodations: www.windhamchamber.org/accommodations.html

CATERED PICNIC SUNDAY AFTERNOON - 5:00 to 6:30 PM

Boneless Teriyaki Chicken BBQ Ribs
Vegetables with Dips Corn on the Cob German Potato Salad
Traditional Tossed Salad Cole Slaw Rolls & Butter
Decorated Sheet Cake
Beer and Soda

ONLY \$30.00pp (\$20 for kids under 12) - Under a tent rain or shine!

Cut and Mail

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ No. adults @ \$30: _____ No. children under 12 @ \$20: _____

Total Enclosed: _____ (checks payable to Nutmeg Soaring Association)

NOTE: All picnic reservations must be prepaid and received no later than June 21, 2006. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE PICNIC!

Please Return with Full Payment to:

Jim Sidway, 211 Lum Lot Road, Southbury, CT 06488 (203-264-6170 or jsidway@earthlink.net)