

TAKE APART WEEKEND IS COMING!!

Please plan to assist in our end-of-year shut down the weekend of November 11 and 12. There will be things to do both days so if you can't come Saturday please plan to be there Sunday. You are welcome to assist on both days if you like!

CALENDAR

November 11 - Membership Meeting The final membership meeting of 2006 will be held at Freehold Airport on take apart day - time to be determined.

November 11 and 12: Take Apart Weekend - yes, that sad annual event is approaching but there are still many chances to fly before then so come on out to the airport!



NOTICE!

Coming on October 28th

First Ever Freehold Fajita and Chili Fest
Don't miss Winnie Kenyon's Fabulous Fajita Fixins'
Chow down on Bruce Stein's Chili

Details inside.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Stein

The 2006 season is coming to a close quickly. This season seemed to pass much faster than previous years but that is probably due to how busy we were at the flight line and with other projects around the airport. We only have three full weekends left this year and hopefully the weather will continue to provide flyable and maybe even soarable conditions. Saturday Oct. 14 showed what kind of conditions can exist even during the shortened days of autumn. The lift on that day was strong and many members went over 8000' and a few were close to or over 10,000'. And this was without any wave setting up in our area! So make plans to get in some final scenic flights this year before the season draws to a close.

Our Operations Chairman David Rossetter has been working on a new Operations Manual over the course of the season. Dave has produced a document that is updated to recognize how to conduct a safe operation at Freehold. Once finalized it will be available through our web site. Next year's Safety Meetings will cover the new manual extensively. (It's not too early to begin thinking about the 2007 season!)

With the sale of the Super Cub completed we now have the financial ability to look at replacing our fleet or trainers. The Board of Directors has discussed and endorsed a plan to purchase Blanik L-23's. The complete details of the plan will be discussed at the next General Meeting on November 11, 2006. At that time we hope to approve the purchase and start moving forward with the improvement of our fleet.

The weather usually averages out over the long term. After two seasons of having more rainy weekends than normal we have been in a cycle of dry weekends. This has been great for personal flights as well as the training flights. In addition we have had a healthy increase in the number of students this year so the cooperative weather could not have come at a better time. There have been many days lately with three instructors working on the line flying dual flights into the early evening hours. Thanks to the number of students and the dedication of the instructor

staff we are ahead of our projection for total tows for 2006.

We will be putting the gliders away during the weekend of November 11 this year. As always we will need to clean up the gliders and perform as much preventative maintenance as possible during disassembly. Also there are the yearly shutdown chores that must be done to prep the facilities for the long winter. We try to get as much done as possible on the Saturday of shutdown weekend but there will be a number of items still to do on Sunday. Please try to make it out to the airport on one or better yet both days to help with the work and enjoy a final weekend with our soaring friends and family.

This year we have a potential new twist to the winter off season. The Husky will be available for the tow pilots to use for personal flying. All costs for such flights will be the responsibility of the pilot. Since the Husky will be flown during the winter (assuming conditions at the airport permit) it will be available for towing gliders as well. We have not decided yet about keeping any club ships assembled since they would need to be inside. We will work out those details in the coming weeks before shutdown. However private ship owners may want to consider the possibility of flying during the winter searching for wave conditions over the Catskills. The potential for winter flying this year will be an experiment to see what interest we may have combined with the type of weather at the airport. We will use the Nutmeg Discussion and/or Mid Week Soaring e mail to let everyone know who might be interested and when. Stay tuned for more info as winter approaches.

This season has been great so far with a lot of great flying and many great dinners and cook outs. The amount of work required is enormous (or gi-normous as Bill Kenyon would say) to keep the equipment and facilities in working order. Many thanks to everyone for their help this year and all of the fun and good times!!!!

See you at the airport - Bruce Stein

MINUTES: OCTOBER 2006 BoD MEETING

Oct. 14, 2006 at Freehold - Called to order 5:35 PM

The major portion of this meeting was a review of our financial status which will be reviewed at the next general meeting on November 11 th. at Freehold which coincides with take down day this will be an important meeting so please plan to attend and help .

The second item on the agenda was a discussion of an apparent strong desire to up grade our flying machines. There are several ways in which this can be accomplished and any decision will require the approval of the membership so come to the November membership meeting and express your views.

A disclaimer will be added to our fuel log stating that Nutmeg Soaring is not responsible for the grade of the fuel or its quality. Use of this fuel is at the purchaser own risk.

The long awaited Operations Manual is near completion - a few drawings and a review by members of the Board of Directors should wrap things up. A lot of time and effort by Dave Rossetter our Chief of Operations have been devoted to this project.

The Husky has proven itself as an efficient and capable tow plane thanks to Bob Ward.

A second reminder that take apart days will be on November 11 and 12. An important general meeting will be held at the end of the day.

In Attendance: B. Stein, J. Sidway, L. Ramsdell, M. Opitz, D. McKinlay

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM. Respectfully submitted D. K. McKinlay

FAJITA & CHILI FEST

Winnie Kenyon and Bruce Stein are inviting you all to enjoy a fajita and chili dinner on Saturday, October 28 at the airport. Bruce is making the chili (bring cold beer!) and Winnie is preparing the fajita fillings. Please e-mail Winnie at wlk5400@yahoo.com or phone her at 203-438-5536 to find out what you can contribute to the effort. The feast will begin after the end of flying.

NUTMEG HOLIDAY GATHERING

Paul and Lynne Quinn will be hosting a Holiday Party for Nutmeg members and their significant others on Saturday, **December 2** at their home in Pleasant Valley, NY. The gathering will commence at 5:00 PM. The Quinn's will be providing entrees, side dishes and drinks. Attendees are asked to limit their offerings to appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts. There will be a full bar with hard stuff, beer, wine and soft drinks but if you're particular about the brand of scotch or whatever it is you drink you can bring some of that, too.

Please RSVP with the number attending by November 15. You can e-mail Paul at N42CA@aol.com or call the Quinns at 845-677-0071. Directions will be provided when you RSVP.

ANNUAL BANQUET 2007

By Jim Sidway

The 2007 Annual Banquet is scheduled for the Saturday, February 17, 2007 with a 'snow date' of February 18 at the Southbury Crowne Plaza Hotel (same place it's been for as far back as I can remember) so mark your calendars now. As usual we will have a block of rooms available at a discount price for those who wish to make a weekend getaway of the event (you can enjoy the pool, spa, and room service!). Full details and a reservation form will arrive with your January newsletter.

The multimedia retrospective of the 2006 soaring season is already taking shape with some pretty cool content guaranteed to impress. I will also be asking for photo and video contributions from all of you shutterbugs so please be thinking about compiling your images on a CD to send me anytime after the season ends but by January at the latest. I know a lot of pictures were taken this year so please plan to share them with your fellow Nutmeggers!

*** ET CETERA ***

Congratulation to **Peter Veldkamp** on his first solo this past weekend - way to go Peter! And congratulations to **Dan Baroody** for soloing again after an extended hiatus from one man flight! Dan informs us he will be preparing for his Private ticket over the winter.