

Directions to Miry Brook Firehouse - traveling East or West on RT 84 towards Danbury:

Exit 3 to RT 7 South
Second Exit (Danbury Airport)
Left at traffic light at end of ramp
Right at first traffic light onto Miry Brook Rd
0.7 miles to Fire House on right

CALENDAR

March 24, 2007: Membership Meeting and Safety Meeting at the Miry Brook Firehouse, 57 Miry Brook Road in Danbury, CT - Membership Meeting starts at 6:00 PM Sharp! The Safety Meeting will begin at 7:45 PM.

See details below and directions to the left.



2007 Safety Meetings!

All Nutmeg members must attend a Safety Meeting and have their logbooks endorsed before they can fly club ships this year. The first of the two meetings will be held at the Miry Brook Firehouse on Saturday, March 24 at 7:45 PM (following a Membership Meeting that will start at 6:00 PM). The second meeting will take place on opening day (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 14) at Freehold (time to be determined). Please remember to **bring your logbook to the Safety Meeting you attend** and have it endorsed by one of the instructors present.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The weather always has a way of evening out. For a while it seemed we might get away without a real winter to contend with. However as we have seen the month of February brought back the realities of winter. The good news is we are only 6 weeks away from the official beginning of the 2007 season. We all look at Opening Day as the start of our soaring season. However there are a few things that we must all do before getting into the cockpit of a glider. The most important is attending one of the two safety meetings that we hold each year.

The first Safety Meeting will be held on March 24 at the Miry Brook Firehouse. In addition we need to hold a General Meeting of the club in March. The General Meeting will be held just prior to the Safety Meeting. This way we can be sure to have maximum attendance at both meetings. The start time of the General Meeting will be 6:00 PM with the safety Meeting starting at 7:45 PM. The second Safety Meeting will be held on Opening Day at Freehold Airport. The time of the meeting will be determined by the weather and activities at the airport. We usually begin that meeting in the mid to late afternoon. *The Board of Directors has recommended that everyone bring their logbook to the meetings this year and get a sign off from an instructor present.* Attendance at a Safety Meeting is required before flying in club ships or towing behind club aircraft. Having a log book sign off will let the instructor doing your spring check out know you have fulfilled that obligation.

The Banquet this year was a great success. I would like to express my continued gratitude to Michele and Frank Molnar for all of the effort they put forth making our banquet a fantastic event each year. The weather cooperated and we kept any technical glitches to a minimum. We had some new attendees and a few members attended that we usually do not get to see at many banquets. Spending an evening with our soaring friends has always been a highlight of the off season and this year was no different. I hope to see every member at next year's banquet.

The renewal of our training fleet has been set in motion since late last year. However as reported at the Annual Meeting in January there has been a delay in the delivery date of the new Blanik L-23's. As of now the new gliders will be delivered in September or October of this year. While these types of delays are nothing out of the ordinary when purchasing new gliders it is frustrating. We will stay in contact with Blanik America and try to get our new ships delivered as early as possible.

Opening day will be April 14 this year. If the weather does not cooperate as well as it has in past we will put the gliders together as the earliest opportunity. The many usual tasks will

need to be completed in order to get our airport and our glider operation fully functioning. Everyone is encouraged to come out to the airport and help put the gliders together and get the support equipment tuned up for the 2007 season.

Hopefully this wintry cold snap will end soon and we can start to feel the warm breezes of Spring.

See you at the airport - Bruce Stein

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM

The first order of business was a review of our 2006 operating costs and the proposed 2007 budget. Our president, Bruce Stein, prepared a series of overhead projected budget layouts and there were very few questions on the budget report. If all goes as hoped, we should remain on a sound financial base. The budget was voted on and approved.

The present slate of officers has agreed to serve another term and a vote was passed confirming them.

The removal of the initiation fee was tried in the 2006 season in an effort to attract new members and was successful, perhaps too successful. It was the decision of the membership that in the future the Board of Directors could adjust the initiation fee as needed in an effort to control our membership's growth. We want new members but too many too soon places burden on our instructors and lowers the number of flights a student can make in a weekend. This resolution was voted on and passed.

Other items discussed were:

We need to make more efficient use of the Husky. This will be first addressed at the Tow Pilot's meeting and then brought to the attention of the duty pilots and ground crews.

There are shares of LLC stock available to any interested member. The major benefit to shareholders is campground space for their trailer. Eventually all shares will be Purchased by Nutmeg Soaring Association.

The dates for the coming 2007 season's activities are as follows:

Opening day will be April 14th.

Two Encampments will be held. The first will be held the week of Memorial Day, May 27 through June 3rd. The second will be held from June 30th through July 7th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.