

### NOTICE TO ALL STUDENTS!

It is now club policy that all primary students (those who have not had all of their syllabus certifications completed) have their syllabus with them in order to receive flight instruction. The purpose of this policy is to ensure the highest quality training is provided to Nutmeg students.

### CALENDAR

**June 30 - July 8, 2007:** The second of two planned encampments.



### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

What effect does haze have on the ability to see traffic or terrain features during flight?

- A) Haze causes the eyes to focus at infinity.
- B) The eyes tend to overwork in haze and do not detect relative movement easily.
- C) All traffic or terrain features appear to be farther away than their actual distance.

(answer inside on page 2)

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## MINUTES MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 15, 2007 - Freehold Airport - Called to order: 6:10 PM

The L-23 is in need of an annual inspection before we complete the purchase and take delivery.

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Bruce's truck is available for towing the L-23. A volunteer is needed to go get it.

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Tow plane rope hitches: The Pawnee should have a new Tost release. This is the preferred system and could cost approx. \$2,000 installed. Proper FAA paperwork must be submitted. A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase this item. This means that both tow planes will have identical equipment.

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Debt for Nutmeg:

- 11K unsecured balance on airport purchase
- 28K unsecured balance on hanger #10
- 20K Clem and Rita for 2008

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Project for the future would be a new hanger building 80' X 100' or 80' X 120'.

Demolition of the current building, site prep, foundation, and new building estimated maximum cost 248K if most of the work was done by Nutmeg members.

Financed over 15 years at 8% 23K per year

Financed over 20 years at 8% 20K per year

These figures are based on a 50K down payment to be made up front.

- How much of a tax increase would we have is currently unknown.
- Concern was expressed that 90% of the work is being done by 10% of the membership and they are already feeling stressed.
- Others referred to the Pawnee wing project as many getting involved when needed for a special project.

Tom Albrecht suggested that the Board put together a proposal and present it for a membership vote.

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The dumpster has been relocated to discourage unauthorized use and to get the heavy haul truck off of the driveway drainage pipes that are already in bad shape.

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Notice has been taken that club ships are not being properly tied down. More effort by our members is needed to protect our fleet and private ships near them.

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The preflight inspection sheets will be modified to include proper aircraft documentation.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted - Donald K. McKinlay (Notes taken by Jeff Driscoll)

## NEW LAUNCH PROCEDURE: RWY 30

Submitted by Bill Kenyon

We (and that hopefully includes you) are experimenting with a new placement for glider and towplane for takeoffs on 30, as follows:

### The new position:

- a) The glider should be positioned to the north of the 'hump' – so its left wing tip is just over the hump, or just a little close to the creek.
- b) The duty trailer should be positioned about 50 feet north of the launch position – enough to give good clearance for the glider.
- c) the towplane should be positioned near the kink in the line of mowed grass.

The net effect is to launch the glider from about 75 feet farther north than most of you are used to.

### Why we're doing this:

We are trying to get the glider-staged-to-towplane far enough to the north to allow safe clearance for a second towplane to land in its normal final for the south turf. This will then allow us to have a more efficient launch operation, without reducing our safety quotient.

### Experience so far:

We've done this over the last 2 weekends, and have gotten a positive reaction.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Submitted by Betty Boyce

After several weeks of e-mails and voice mails, the membership list has finally settled down. I wish I could report some new additions, but, strangely enough, there are no new members to introduce this season. The usual phone and e-mail inquiries seem to have dried up. (continued)

Here is how we stand:

- Full Members 44
- Family Members 5
- Associate Members 17
- Junior Members 2
- Scholarship Members 2

I'm hopeful that there will be some action this summer. This major slowdown is a first for Nutmeg Soaring. Give visitors to the field the red carpet treatment - a ride down to the operation, a look at the office. There are info packets at the ready in the folder file in the equipment trailer. I'm sure the Board folks will appreciate any ideas you bring to their attention.

### BIRD BOX BULLETIN

Submitted by Don 'Mac' McKinlay

As of July 9, 2007 there are 21 bird boxes placed around our airport. Today I checked inside each box. 19 of the 21 boxes are occupied. 16 by Tree Swallows, each box contained either four eggs or four newly hatched chicks.

Two more of the boxes are home to young Bluebirds. Until today I believed that they were unused. The adult Bluebirds are far more elusive than Tree Swallows that act almost tame. The 19th box was in the process of being vacated by a Bluebird family.

There were three reasons for my inspection of the bird boxes: Blowflies often lay their eggs in the boxes and the larva feed on the young birds. Most often the adult birds can deal with this problem but on occasion they are overwhelmed and a little help

is needed. Sparrows have been known to drive off the adults of other species and build their nest over the existing one. Coons, Possum and a variety of other predators will rob a box or nest. To date this doesn't appear to have happened.

Unfortunately they aren't paying me any rent but each bird eats thousands of bugs that we would have to be dealing with on a daily basis.

Freehold Nature Control Squad - Mac and "Rozzie"

### FINAL GLIDE

Submitted by Wally Moran

I am sad to report the passing of Don Henderson, a good friend and former Nutmeg member, tow pilot and glider instructor. Don was very active in Nutmeg affairs for many years.

Funeral services will be held on Friday June 15, 2007 at 2:00 PM at the Kane Funeral Home, 25 Catoonah Street Ridgefield, CT. Phone 203 438 6597.

### \*\*\* ET CETERA \*\*\*

Former junior member **Ben White** will be graduating from high school and leaving in August for Florida Institute of Technology. He hopes to become an airline pilot. We wish him the best of luck.

**Answer to Test Your Knowledge:** Answer C is correct. AIM Aeronautical Information Manual, Paragraph 8-1-5(b)(3)(e)

### DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>HUSKY</u>
Sat. 6/16	T. Albrecht	W. Moran	R. Ward	R. Cox
Sun. 6/17	C. Atkins	J. Boyce	D. Page	B. Stein
Sat. 6/23	D. Baroody		D. Rossetter	D. Page
Sun. 6/24	M. Beattie		S. Neal	B. Stein
Sat. 6/30	S. Baroody		R. Ward	D. Rossetter
Sun. 7/1				
Sat. 7/7	L. DeMarco			
Sun. 7/8	L. Herman			
Sat. 7/14	C. Boyce-Jacino			
Sun. 7/15	M. Boyce-Jacino			

Be sure to check the Duty Schedule at <http://nutmegsoaring.org> for changes and additions. If you are scheduled for a day you can't serve it is your responsibility to find a replacement and update the website accordingly. If you need assistance in updating the Duty Schedule on the website contact Jim Sidway at [jsidway@earthlink.net](mailto:jsidway@earthlink.net).