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MINUTES SEPTEMBER BOD MEETING

September 8, 2007 - Called to order at 5:00 PM

Present: Bruce Stein, Bill Kenyon, Lee Ramsdell, Jim Sidway, Dave Rossetter, Marty Opitz and Jeff Driscoll sitting in for Mac.

1. Dave Rossetter has tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Operations Committee, effective at the end of the season, due to other commitments, but intends to continue flying, towing and instructing. Jim Sidway was asked to consider taking on that responsibility, but the following day Jeff Driscoll volunteered for the job and was approved by Bruce, Bill, Lee and Jim.

2. Bill Kenyon has been hard at work applying for grants and is very close to approval for two: the first for \$11,000 to be spend on airport security including a chain link fence along the road and necessary repairs to the culverts and driveways. The second is for \$30,000 for a Kubota Tractor to aid in cutting and clearing trees close to runway 30. Additional paperwork and approvals needs to be done on that one.

3. The Civil Air Patrol may be looking to keep an L-23 at Freehold for a limited time, but no dates are set. No decision will be made until they decide if and when they need our help.

4. The annual Mifflin Ridge soaring trip is set for Saturday September 29 through Sunday October 7. Bruce Stein will tow the L-23 there and back, and will be available for instruction. It's a great experience for any member that can be there to take advantage of this unique flying/learning opportunity. Let Bruce know if you're planning on going. Hotel rooms in the area are scare, so decide as soon as possible.

5. Nutmeg will participate in the Kline Kill airport fly-in/pancake breakfast in order to help recruit new members. Bruce Stein will tow Jeff Driscoll and Pete Whitbeck in the L-23 on Saturday, Sept. 15. Marty Schemer will provide space in front of his hangar and a table for our literature.

6. The \$500 initiation fee for new members has been eliminated in order to encourage the recruiting of new members. If the club decides that its membership is full enough in the future, it can always be reinstated.

7. Trial memberships were discussed at length and it was decided that one flight to 4000' would be offered for \$135, payable in advance. Preferably the Grob or L-23 should be used, and any instructor or commercially rated glider pilot is encouraged to fly as PIC. Trial rides should be scheduled just like any other flight, but with the emphasis on getting the trial member in the air as soon as possible.

8. Marty Opitz suggested the need to improve the safety of the pole barn/hangar with additional posts for truss supports, similar to what we do each winter. If possible, next spring the posts will remain for continued support as there is some visible bowing of the barn walls. This problem will be further examined for solutions.

FREEHOLD WAVE STRIKES AGAIN

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

After getting off tow at 2K in strong lift near the high school I thermalled to 4K and journeyed back and forth to the ridge without much progress. The notch and Windham High peak didn't seem to be working their usual magic. We were launching from runway 12 but the clouds were out of the Northwest and at altitude the winds were about 15-20 knots from 330. I continued to work the thermals in the valley and made it up to 5K between the factory and the ridge. The sky was filled with weak wave clouds from the factory west and northwest as far as you could see.

I figured that 5K was high enough to find wave if I looked for it, so I started doing slow figure 8's in lift rather than circles under a mottled looking, somewhat smooth shaped cloud. It looked like a wannabe lennie. The lift was more defined than a thermal, and not as turbulent. The figure 8's did the trick and I reached 7K, the top of that lift as the cloud was breaking up. A wave cloud over Westerlo looked promising with a much more classical lenticular shape, and I headed for the leading edge of it. Once I got there at 6200 I hit a steady 800 ft/min up and shot up to 8500! I've never been in wave that strong, as most of my wave experience has been in 100 - 400 ft/min lift. By then

the lennie was right behind me and I still kept going up a bit.

It was about time to head home, so I cruised up near South Albany and back to the mountains, cruised over the first two ridges at 70 knots and out to the factory. Finally pulled full dive brakes at 4K near the factory and slid right into a downwind pattern. This is the best season for wave at Freehold, so keep a lookout for lennies!

CAMPER CORNER

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

As most of you know, I took over from Robin as the Campground treasurer before she left. This year each camper contributed \$200 towards the new "special duty" truck and \$50 for a contingency fund to cover ongoing maintenance expenses for the truck, the road and 2 creek side golf carts. In July Lee turned over the receipts for the truck work and \$965 for the campers fund. Much thanks to Lee and those who helped design and build the truck apparatus.

Creek side electric golf carts: both carts have now been electrically serviced and should run well. Two defunct

batteries were replaced with new ones, one battery replaced with a good, but used one from Bob Duckworth, all battery water topped off and all cables and connectors replaced with new ones: total cost including a new hose for the water wagon: \$209.42. Funds remaining: \$755.58

Please help maintain our equipment whenever the need arises and if you need help or can't handle the job, let us know.

CALENDAR

Saturday, September 22 - Membership Meeting

Freehold Admin Building 6:00 PM sharp - Dinner served after the meeting. If you wish to contribute to the dinner please help control quantities and categories by contacting Winnie Kenyon to ask what you can bring - 203-438-5536 or wlk5400@yahoo.com. BYOB.

Saturday, September 29 - Sunday, October 7 - Mifflin Ridge Soaring Encampment - Mifflin County Airport, Reedsville, PA. Make your hotel reservations soon! Try the Quality Inns & Suites, 13015 Ferguson Valley Road (US 322) , Burnham, PA - phone: (717) 248-4961

DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>HUSKY</u>
Sat. 9/22	P. Veldkamp	B. Stobbe	D. Rossetter	R. Cox
Sun. 9/23	P. Whitbeck	J. Sidway	S. Neal	
Sat. 9/29	P. Quinn		B. Stein	
Sun. 9/30	T. Albrecht		L. Abend	R. Cox
Sat. 10/6	C. Atkins			
Sun. 10/7	M. Beattie			
Sat. 10/13	L. Demarco			
Sun. 10/14	R. Duckworth			
Sat. 10/20	J. Wise			
Sun. 10/21	D. Barody			

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 - **DO NOT SIMPLY REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM THE ROSTER!** If you need assistance in updating the Duty Schedule on the website contact Jim Sidway at jsidway@earthlink.net.