

Nutmeg News

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MINUTES OCTOBER BoD MEETING

September 22, 2007 - Freehold Airport - 6:20 PM

President Stein opened the meeting by announcing that Bill Kenyon has secured two grants that will allow us to complete some projects that will improve the Freehold Airport. The money is project specific and we have three years to comply with those requirements.

Just prior to the meeting Burt Compton of the Soaring Safety Foundation spoke to the Board of Directors on his safety survey of our operations at Freehold. His report was very positive stating that of the 37 inspections he has conducted he was most impressed with Nutmeg's operation. This is by no means an endorsement to say we are perfect and no further effort to improve is needed. Bruce Stein took extensive notes on areas that need improvement and I'm sure a report from him is forthcoming.

A motion was made and passed to donate \$500.00 to the Soaring Safety Foundation for their continued efforts at safety for all of the soaring community.

Burt Compton also made us aware of a two-day seminar for CFG's. This is an FAA approved certificate renewal program. The requesting organization is responsible for providing a classroom and necessary furniture and refreshments. Additionally a flat fee of \$300.00 must be paid to the SSF to help defray their expenses. The class should be made up of at least 10 students. (See opinion at the end of these minutes.)

Membership has dropped off this year and is of concern to Nutmeg in that a healthy organization is one that is growing. In an effort to that end the motion was made and passed by a majority vote, 28 to 1, to suspend the initiation fee indefinitely in the hope that reducing the financial shock might encourage new members.

Jeff Driscoll and Peter Whitbeck stirred considerable interest with their flight to the Kline Kill fly-in. One area each of us can put more effort into is making prospective members (strangers on the field) feel welcome. Introduce yourself and speak to them in a positive manner about Nutmeg. Nothing is more discouraging than standing around feeling ignored. Encourage people to talk about

themselves. It makes them feel welcome when you show interest in THEM.

Once again our president expressed the need for all our members to do what they can around OUR airport. Anything that needs to be fixed or cleaned needs our care. If you lack tools or skill find a member that has what is needed and offer to help them. Don't walk away from a problem thinking someone else will take care of it. Get it taken care of when you see it. This is our airport and equipment. Take care of it.

The long-range plans for Nutmeg are still the acquisition of another training ship and the construction of a large storage building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay - Secretary/Treasurer

As promised in the Minutes, I would like to express my opinion on the CFG's refresher course. One of the main reasons that Nutmeg has been successful is our instructors. Our instructors show exceptional dedication and concern to the task of training new pilots. Their efforts show a selfless act of giving to others. There is no doubt that we have great instructors.

Conversations after the formal meeting all seemed positive regarding the CFG course. If our instructors want the opportunity to take this course, Nutmeg should provide whatever is needed to make this happen. - Mac

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October 13, 2007 - Freehold Airport

Called to order 6 PM, Adjourned 7:30 PM

In attendance Jeff Driscoll, Lee Ramsdell, Marty Opitz, Bruce Stein

1. Both grants for financial assistance that Bill Kenyon worked on are being followed up by Lee by working with the county and town authorities to get the forms and approvals needed to move forward. The bureaucratic red tape is being worked on and we're getting closer.

2. November 17 and 18 is shutdown weekend, all hands are needed to put the gliders, towplanes and equipment to bed for the winter.
3. The proposed Pawnee fuselage restoration project looks like a go for this winter in hangar 10 and will be managed by Dave and Nan Jackson. Bruce Stein has offered his hangar for Husky storage during the project. Jim Sidway will research the cost of hangar heating devices: radiant vs. Modine heaters.
4. An alternative approach to improving the club's hangar facilities is being investigated by Lee and Bruce. Instead of replacing the existing structures, they would be permanently reinforced for safety. A new hangar of less cost could be constructed in the space between hangar 10 and the golf cart storage area, currently taken up by the tractor shed and Bob Griffin's ultralight shed. More details are forthcoming.
5. Marty and Lee are looking at what is required to permanently reinforce the current hangars.
6. Jeff and Tom Albrecht will contact the FAA list of L-23 owners in the US with a letter expressing interest in acquiring one in order to help accomplish the club's goal of adding a second L-23 and replacing the 2-33's.

SECURITY NOTICE!

Apparently someone not affiliated with the club decided it was okay to dump their unwanted brush debris in the west parking area (where the campers live over the winter). Mac and Bob Duckworth spent unplanned time cleaning up the mess. In an attempt to avoid a repeat of this situation in the future please close the gate behind you when you enter or exit this lot. You do not need to actually lock the gate but try and drape the chain such that it gives the appearance that the gate is locked.

*** ET CETERA ***

Nutmeg welcomes new full member **Thomas 'Tommy' May** to our ranks! Tommy, a retired boilermaker, lives in Greenville also has an air traffic controller background. He currently operates a welding shop. When he isn't flying with Nutmeg Tommy enjoys archery and hunting.

A LETTER FROM A FORMER NUTMEGGER

Hello John and Betty,

Your address-update finds me in Argentina, again. This time, however, I'm not here in flying matters. A visit with

old friends in Patagonia last year - they had invited me after our Mendoza Mountain Wave Project expedition - encouraged me to spend more than only a couple of weeks at the foot of the Andes.

The plan is to spend at least a year, possibly more, here in San Martin de los Andes, the place of our first wave expedition 8 years ago. I have given up my Swiss apartment, but keep a formal residence there, mostly for administrative/bureaucratic reasons (health insurance etc...)

Right now I'm at the end of my third week, lots of things still have to get organized - and everything takes a little longer here in South America.

As with our Mendoza adventure last year, I'm writing a blog about all this with new entries once or twice a week. I've started with the German version, but I'm also working on it in English. Since you read both - as I seem to remember - here's the link to the German part (for exercise...)

<http://www.wolfsvie.com/blog1/files/category-7.html>

I don't expect too much flying wise, but since Klaus Ohlmann will be here for 2 months, as well as a group of German pilots, I won't exclude an occasional trip to higher altitudes.

Apart from pursuing a couple of photography and writing projects I'm working on a TV/video-portrait of Dr. J. Kuettner, the wave pioneer. Since he lives near Boulder, Colorado, an occasional trip to the foothills of the Rockies to visit him and my numerous friends there will afford me to fly with the Soaring Society of Boulder and thus keep current.

I'll be in touch again as soon as the English blog is online.

My best to you and the Nutmeggers! - *Wolf Herold*

CALENDAR

Saturday, November 17 - Sunday, November 18 - TAKE APART DAYS! - All hands on deck (yeah, I know it's not the right context but you know what I mean).

Saturday, November 17 - Membership Meeting - In the Freehold Admin Building after a day's work.