

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

May 26 - June 1: The first of two planned encampments.

June 28 - July 6: The second of two planned encampments.



NEW EDITOR/PUBLISHER COMING SOON

This is the last issue of the Nutmeg News for me as editor/publisher. I have held the position since February 2000 and I feel it is time for a change. **Bob Pett** has agreed to take over the helm. I would ask everyone to join me in welcoming Bob and I encourage you all to contribute material for future publication. The Nutmeg News is a great way to communicate with your fellow members to express your ideas and opinions as well as recount soaring related experiences. Bob will send an email in the near future detailing how to send him your items in electronic format. Thanks for all your support over the years! - Jim Sidway

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MINUTES MARCH 2008 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 29, 2008 - Miry Brook Firehouse, Danbury, CT

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

ITEM #1: We have received payment for the Grob.

ITEM #2: A Grob search committee was formed. Marty O., Peter M., and Bob W. will begin hunting for a Grob replacement.

ITEM #3: The weather doesn't appear to be cooperating so opening day has been moved to April 19 Th.

ITEM #4: The notices for annual dues have been mailed. The earliest batch lacked detailed listing of items besides the dues. Anyone wanting an itemized accounting may contact Bruce Stein for additional information on his or her bill by E-mail.

ITEM #5: The Pawnee project is moving along but there still remains much to be done. Skill is not required; directions will be given by the project leaders. Help will be appreciated on any day as Bruce plans to be at the airport a great deal of the time. Call ahead if you have the time.

ITEM #6: The Pawnee electrical system and the control cables are being up graded with new components too numerous to itemize.

ITEM #7: Contact with Albany airport control will be made when we begin our season.

ITEM #8: A marketing campaign is under way in the hopes of attracting new members. Each of us must plan to spend time with new people (strangers) who appear at the field. We have to make people feel welcome.

A follow up committee will call people after they have spent some time with us to assure them they are important to Nutmeg.

Tom Albrecht and Peter Whitbeck will be working on public relations attempting to get some press coverage for soaring and Nutmeg.

ITEM #9: Airport ownership brings on many new responsibilities none more important than attracting new members.

ITEM #10: Duty pilots will be needed. Contact Bruce if there is a date you would prefer to serve. If there is a time when it would be impossible for you to serve as duty pilot let him know that also. This makes it easier than having to rearrange the schedule and finding a replacement later.

ITEM #11: Many members feel that we need to be looking at new hanger space for our club fleet. Dave and Nan Jackson are willing to investigate costs and space requirements if they feel the club has a positive outlook towards this expansion.

ITEM #12: Dave expressed his opinion that upgrading the fleet and the airport in general will go a long way to attracting potential members.

ITEM #13: Several times the feeling was expressed that a membership survey should be carried out to get a better understanding of how the members feel about our proposed projects and our future as a club.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald McKinlay - Secretary/Treasurer

Please Help Attract & Welcome Nutmeg Visitors!

Submitted by Jeff Driscoll

On Saturday, April 19 the BOD met with the Marketing Committee to discuss plans and efforts to increase our efforts to find, attract, welcome and keep new members. The Nutmeg Marketing Committee (Pete Whitbeck, Tom May, Tom Albrecht and Jeff Driscoll), proposed a number of new initiatives to help accomplish these objectives and they were approved:

1. The Super Blanik will be flown to 2-3 regional fly-ins. We'll get the contact info for all interested people and follow up with emails and phone calls. Please bring copies of Soaring Magazine to the Admin Building to give out to people.
2. A mailing in early May to about 500 registered pilots within about 60 miles of Freehold, encouraging them to visit our operations and Freehold's growing Light Sport Aircraft activities.
3. All members, especially those that live within an hour of Freehold, please actively recruit new members by talking to friends, relatives and neighbors. A Trial Membership would make a great gift for someone you'd like to get involved.
4. Trial members and those inquiring about Nutmeg will be actively followed up by the Marketing Committee with calls and offers to personally host them during their visit to Freehold.
5. An outdoor "Welcome Board", built by Don McKinlay, will be placed near the Admin building, describing our operations and how to contact our operations trailer and request a golf cart ride to the launch line.
6. "Nutmeg Soaring Visitor" name tags with bright blue lanyards will be available in the Admin Building and in the operations trailer for guests, trial members or any other nonmembers. If you

bring someone to the field, or pick someone up at the Admin Bldg., please ensure they get a name tag, get to the operations safely, and get on the launch list if they are, or want to be a trial member. Trial membership envelopes again will be available in the ops trailer and in the Admin Bldg. office.

7. When you see anyone with a visitor name tag, this is your cue to introduce yourself and welcome them to our operations. This simple introduction and a few questions about them, where they live, how they found out about us, etc. only takes 2 minutes and makes a huge difference in how they feel about our group.
8. When they're ready to return to the Admin Bldg., please ensure they are given a ride back, that we have their contact information, ask if they enjoyed the visit, welcome them to return, and put their name tags/lanyards back in either the ops trailer or Admin Bldg.

FINAL GLIDE

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of former Nutmegger Bill Batesole (senior). Please see the item submitted by his son, also Bill (or Billy as I will always know him), on the Nutmeg website. *Ed.*

DUTY SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DUTY PILOT</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>PAWNEE</u>	<u>HUSKY</u>
Sat. 5/10	B. Ramey	J. Sidway		S. Neal
Sun. 5/11	T. Albrecht			R. Cox
Sat. 5/17	C. Atkins			M. Flynn
Sun. 5/18	P. Scarpelli			R. Cox
Sat. 5/24	S. Kohrs			D. Rossetter
Sun. 5/25	P. Whitbeck			B. Ward
Sat. 5/31	L. Herman			S. Neal
Sun. 6/1	P. Quinn			
Sat. 6/7	B. Ramey			
Sun. 6/8	M. Beattie			

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.