



Nutmeg Newsletter



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General Meeting – July 26

Bruce Stein

The next General Meeting of the club will be on Saturday, July 26. The meeting will begin at 6:00PM and will be held in the administration building at the airport. ◇

Breaking News – Nutmeg President – Married!

Bob Pett

It's official folks, Bruce and Lynne tied the knot July 5th at Lee and Linda's house. Please join me in congratulating Bruce and Lynne and wishing them a lifetime of happiness together. Congratulations Bruce and Lynn! ◇

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Duty Schedule

Date	Duty	Assist	Instructor	Pawnee	Husky
12-July	R. Sigeti				D. Rossetter
13-July	S.Kohrs		B. Stobbe		R.Cox
19-July	A.Pett				M.Flynn
20-July	M.Beattie				R.Cox
26-July	A.Loux				B.Ward
27-July					T.Smith
2-Aug	C.Atkins				
9-Aug	A.Pett				
16-Aug	L.Herman				
17-Aug	P.Whitbeck				
23-Aug	R.Szigeti				
24-Aug	R.Duckworth				

Minutes - Board of Directors Meeting 6/21

Jeff Driscoll

The Nutmeg BOD met Saturday, 6/21 at 5:56 pm. in Bruce Stein's camper. Present were Bruce Stein, Bruce Stobbe, Jeff Driscoll, Bill Kenyon, Jim Sidway and Marty Optiz.

The following issues were discussed:

- 1.** Pursuit of another Blanik L-23. In response to letters sent to 37 registered owners, Jeff received a call from a private owner in Ohio offering for sale his 1993 Blanik L-23 with about 400 hours. It is stored in a hangar at the Claremont County airport. Bruce Stobbe will head up the effort to research repairs done to the wing after a land out, and we plan an extensive discussion with the owner to determine our level of interest. Bruce Stein offered his truck for the retrieval if needed.
- 2.** Pawnee is moving along faster now, and the wings will be put on Sunday, 6/22. It is expected to be in service within a month.
- 3.** The Greene County Emergency Response team is scheduled to meet Thursday morning at 9 am at Freehold to discuss access to the airport for emergency vehicles and update us on efforts to improve communications with the various organizations that respond to emergencies, like the Freehold Fire Dept, State and County Police and EMS.
- 4.** Husky towing issues. The Husky seems to need to tow at unusually high speeds in order to maintain cylinder head temperatures within safe range. Bruce Stobbe will investigate with Bob Ward potential causes and solutions in order to help protect the life of the husky and reduce the speed at which tows are made.
- 5.** Bill Kenyon updated the group on the status of the two grants. We are at the point of ordering the materials needed for the grant for the fencing and culvert. Once the project is completed, we are reimbursed 100% of the cost. The grant for the tractor still has paperwork needed before proceeding, but we will see how the first project goes regarding reimbursement before we put \$35,000 of our money out for the tractor, which should be reimbursed 90%.
- 6.** A general meeting of Nutmeg will be scheduled for July, as will an LLC meeting. We adjourned at 7:36 pm.◇

Attention all Nutmeg “Mowers”!

Tom Albrecht

If you would like some refresher training in the proper use of our Exmark mower please contact me to set up a day and time. In case you do not have a copy of the Mower Operator Manual I'll gladly print one for you. I also want to remind all Exmark operators that it is appreciated if you would fuel the tanks when you are finished, and use the air compressor in hangar10 to blow the grass clippings off of the entire machine. If you don't know how to re-fuel or blow off the grass clippings I will be happy to teach you how. If you are not a member of the mower group and want to join us please contact me for some training. ◇

Duty Pilot Responsibilities Reminder

Bob Pett

An important operational role at the airport is that of Duty Pilot. It is important that you check the schedule at <http://leagueathletics.com/DutySchedule/Duty.asp?snid=81635746&org=nutmegsoaring.org> to make sure you know when your assigned dates are. Additionally, if your date conflicts with something else on your calendar **it is your responsibility to find a replacement**. As a club member, your participation as Duty Pilot is an important obligation that helps to ensure smooth and safe flight operations.

As a reminder, here are the Duty Pilot responsibilities from the Nutmeg Flight Operations Manual (NFOM):

- Appointed for most weekend scheduled flying days
- Primary responsibility is to run a safe, efficient, ground operation
- Receive and post weather brief for the day. If the weather may preclude flight operations, consult with the Duty Instructor.
- See that all ground equipment, golf carts, mobile phone, base station, hand-held transceiver, tow ropes and log sheets are ready for use, is properly used during the day, and secured in the evening.
- Organize members to untie club gliders, perform pre-flight inspections and stage gliders for launch.
- Ensure that Pre-flight log sheets are completed for all Nutmeg gliders prior to first flight.
- Log glider flights times from take-off to landing and record the elapsed time to the nearest 5 minutes.
- Record the tow fees and send the log sheets to the club treasurer (place in the mailbox in hanger 10).
- Monitor the airport frequency
- See that member participation in towing operations (i.e. glider hookup and launch) conforms to standard signals and is conducted in a safe manner.
- Arrange for prompt retrieval and parking of aircraft after landing (good practice has next pilot signed up to fly a glider that has just landed assist in returning it to the takeoff area).
- Ensure that all club batteries are put back on the charger at the end of the day.
- Ensure that all club gliders are tie-down securely, golf carts locked and protected, fuel tank and truck locked, equipment put away and trailer locked at the end of the day

Source: <http://nutmegsoaring.org/Documents.asp?snid=81635746&org=nutmegsoaring.org> ◇

Duty Pilot – Automated Alerts

Bruce Stobbe

During a recent brainstorming session on the flight line where the topic of discussion was on how to help Duty Pilots remember that they have an upcoming assignment, Bruce Stobbe offered to develop an automated email alert system.

After a week of development effort, the automated duty pilot reminder software is finished and scheduled to run for the first time on Monday, 7/14 at 6:30 PM, and thereafter every Mon evening for the duration of the season. Despite quite a bit of testing here, if it goes like most v1.00 releases go, I expect to be releasing v1.01 on Tuesday morning...

The software will scan the duty roster every Monday evening to determine who the scheduled duty pilots are for the upcoming weekend. If nobody is scheduled then a request for someone to sign up for the open date will be sent out to the entire membership.

Those who are scheduled will get a reminder email which will identify the date they are on the schedule for, and what their official responsibilities are. I have also included some suggestions from Tom for helping things to run smoothly.

Please watch for the alerts and let Bruce know if there are any problems. Also, if anyone changes or adds their email address to the roster it would be helpful if Bruce was notified. ◇

Freehold 115 - NOTAM

Bob Pett

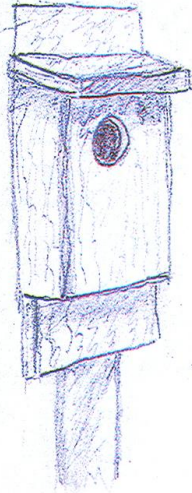
!BTW **07/008** 115 COM CTAF 122.85 CMSND

As per Flight Service, there has been a Change To Advisory Frequency (CTAF) for 115, 122.85 is now a Commissioned (CMSND) frequency ◇

Our Winged Friends – An Update

Don Mc Kinlay (Mac)

As you most likely are aware I have 25 bird boxes placed around the airport. Most are occupied by Tree swallows that are like the Barn swallows - great bug eaters. Two years ago when I first put them up I hoped for a 50% success rate and was surprised to end up with 100% then and a repeat this year. ◇



BIRD BOX BULLETIN

So far the 2008 season has been very successful. 28 Bluebirds and 63 Tree Swallows have hatched and fledged.

The season didn't start too well as one family of Bluebirds were found dead. I believe they were the victims of the cold causing a lack of food.

I've had a bit of problem with English Sparrows. They force the other birds out of the nest and build their nests over existing eggs or young. I have evicted the Sparrows several times, they are not easily discouraged. They are not bug eaters thus they do little to earn their keep.

Jeff and Amy have provided a sheltered home for Northern Phoebes, another species that eats a lot of bugs along the edge of the woods. Brown in color and a bit timid they most likely go about their day unnoticed.

The birds below are a Tree swallow on the left approximately 14 days old and will fledge in 2 to 3 days. The bird on the right is a Bluebird about 10 days old and will not leave the box for at least a week.

The boxes where the young have fledged have been cleaned with luck they will host a second clutch of young.



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