



# Nutmeg Newsletter



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## Tow Pilot Inaugurated

**Bob Pett**

Congratulations to Bruce Stobbe on becoming the newest Nutmeg Tow Pilot! Bruce invested significant time and resources in achieving this goal. At the first opportunity, Bruce was quickly drafted into service to the enjoyment and appreciation of those on the flight line. ♦

## New SSB/C Badge Holders

**Wally Moran**

Saturday July 20, Three Nutmeg pilots earned the SSA B Badge by completing a duration flight. Pete Whitbeck, Tom May and Anthony Laux all completed the required duration flights in the Nutmeg 2-33 and Blanik L-23. Tom also completed the required duration for a C Badge. Congratulations to all! ♦

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## Duty Schedule

Date	Duty	Assist	Instructor	Pawnee	Husky
16-Aug	L. Herman		J. Driscoll		
17-Aug	P. Whitbeck				S. Neal
23-Aug	R. Szigeti				D. Rossetter
24-Aug	R. Duckworth				S. Neal
30-Aug	P. Scarpelli				B. Ward
31-Aug	A. Pett	B. Pett			
6-Sept	T. May				
7-Sept	F. Molnar				
13-Sept	P. Quinn				
14-Sept	R. Pett				
20-Sept	P. Veldcamp				
21-Sept	D. Laitinen				

# Minutes - General Meeting

Don McKinlay (Mac)

## NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Freehold Administration Building

JULY 28, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM. The following items were put to discussion

**Item 1:** The transfer of one share of LLC stock. Based on the fact that the purchaser made a one time offer to purchase a person's specific share and no other, Nutmeg members agreed unanimously to allow the transfer to be made.

**Item 2:** Insurance for instructor's liability should a previously trained and signed off student claim inadequate training. Unfortunately Nutmeg's present coverage would not apply to this type of legal action. Protection would rely on accurate paperwork recording of all aspects of the student's training.

**Item 3:** Jeff Driscoll will be looking for help with a nomination committee. President Stein has stated that he does not wish to seek another term.

**Item 4:** Emergency Response Plan. A contingent of members from the emergency services of Greene County and beyond met with representatives of Nutmeg at the Freehold airport. A plan of action has been put together as a result of this meeting. Copies will be posted at several locations around the airport and will be available to members in the newsletter. Please take time to familiarize yourself with this plan.

**Item 5:** The club's finances were discussed at length and they appear to be sound for the present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay  
Secretary/Treasurer◊

# **New Freehold Airport Emergency Response Plan**

**Jeff Driscoll**

A new EMR for Freehold Airport has been developed with the cooperation of the Greene County Emergency Response Director and is available on our website for downloading.

## **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

### **IMMEDIATE ACTION ITEMS**

Revision dated June 23, 2008

1. **Call 911**. The call will go to the Greene County 911 Center in Cairo.
  - Provide your name & contact info
  - details of the accident, people & injuries involved
  - details of the aircraft, building or equipment & combustibles
  - location and directions if known any special problems or issues
2. **Render First-aid** and assistance to those in need if possible.
3. **Position individuals** to direct emergency personnel to accident site.
4. **If an aircraft is down off-field, establish and maintain Nutmeg tow planes over the site and maintain radio communication with them.**
5. **The 911 Center will dispatch Fire, Police or Sheriff, Rescue, Medical assistance and the Mobile Command Center, or if the emergency is not in Greene County, they will pass your call to the responsible 911 center.**
6. **An Incident Commander will be assigned by the responsible 911 center, most likely the local Fire Chief, or Assistant Chief.**
7. **Continue to update the 911 Center until the Incident Commander is on-site.**
8. **Coordinate Nutmeg efforts to assist the Incident Commander:**
  - Designate one individual to be spokesperson and emergency contact
  - Designate one individual to be the personal contact with family & hospital.
  - Designate one individual to collect information relating to the accident (Names of those involved, witnesses, aircraft information, etc.)
  - Allow no one inside an aircraft wreckage area other than those necessary for occupant removal, fire fighting, or rescue. Items removed for purposes of rescue of occupants must be retained locally for examination by Federal Air Safety Investigators.

**9. Maintain safe airport operations, especially for returning gliders. If needed, cease airport operations.**

**10. Notify as appropriate:**

- **NTSB Normal Working Hours: 973-334-6420**
- **NTSB (24/7): 202-314-6290**
- **FAA Normal Working Hours: 518-785-5660**
- **FAA (24/7): 718-553-3100**
- **Airport Manager Clem Hoovler:**
  - **Cell: 518-821-6139**
  - **Home: 518-622-3307**
- **Nutmeg President Bruce Stein: 203-218-8085 cell; or Nutmeg Vice President Bill Kenyon: 203-264-6170 cell**
- **Nutmeg Operations Jeff Driscoll: 860-553-6633 home and cell number**
- **Insurance Company will be handled by Nutmeg president**

## **Runway 30 Approach Improvement Project Update**

**Bob Pett**

In an effort to improve airport safety Bill Kenyon has been spearheading work to clear brush and trees in an area just beneath the final approach to runway 30. Bill's work is crucial to the application process necessary to win a grant from the New York State Department of Transportation. The grant will allow the airport to purchase a Kubota tractor that will be pressed into service performing a number of safety and maintenance tasks. Bill started the clearing work in May, 2008. With permission from our neighbor, who the land belongs to, Bill and volunteers such as Frank Molnar and Don McKinlay (Mac), quickly set to clearing the thorny undergrowth and numerous trees. Currently the focus is on removing the numerous wild rose bushes and locust trees as well as expanding access paths that have been started. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Bill Kenyon. ◇

# Mid Season Recognition

## **Bob Pett - with a little help from everyone**

Every now and then it's always good to recognize those club members who go the extra mile in tasks big and small around the airport.

For example, new member **Tom May**, who only joined a year ago, lent his welding expertise to the Pawnee project and refurbishing of the 2-33 trailers. Tom's expert splicing knowledge also adds an extra margin of safety for the club.

- The Mowing team of **Tom Albrecht, Tom May, Bruce & Deb Stobbe, Frank Molnar**, and **Bill Kenyon** also deserves a big pat on the back. Their dedication and hard work keep the airport looking neat, clean and all around great!
- **Winnie Kenyon** – who takes the time to order apparel for the membership.
- **Winnie, Amy, and Debbie** – who do an excellent job of seeing that we are all fed during membership meetings and other events.
- **Betty Boyce** – who keeps the membership information up to date.
- **Jeff Driscoll** – who took the time to develop the emergency response plan.
- **Len** – whose fresh baked, Westchester doughnut's test the strongest pilot's willpower. It's actually quite funny to observe everyone on the flight line, one after another, as they slowly cave in to the power of the doughnut.
- **The Jacksons, Esteban, Bruce Stein, Clem, Lee & Linda, Mac, Jim, Bruce Stobbe, Bill**, and everyone else who gave their time and expertise to the Pawnee project.
- Our **tow pilots** and **instructors** who put in long hours towing us to altitude and helping us become better pilots.
- Our **President** and **Board** who work tirelessly to ensure a safe and smooth running organization.

Inevitably, I've probably left someone off this list. To those above and those not mentioned, on behalf of all the Nutmeg members, **Thank You!** ◇

## Thermalling

**John Boyce in memory of Jerry Bramblett (written by Jerry)**

### Thermalling

Circling 'round the lifting core  
On raptor's wings the craft would soar  
Drawn by the swelling, darkening Cu  
Floating majestic in the blue.

Others also sought the prize,  
So jealously guarded by the skies,  
Of gazing out from untopped height  
To vistas opened by the flight.

Invaders of the heavenly sphere  
To parlous fate their lives adhere.  
But unlike Icarus, flyer of myth,  
Perils known are reckoned with.

Those who venture forth to soar  
Know others also seek the core.  
There's room for all to thread the skies,  
With cautious flight and watchful eyes

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## Weather Guessing

**Peter Scarpelli**

There is probably nothing more frustrating in deciding whether to make a trip to Freehold, than watching the weatherman the night before with his generic statement of "Tomorrow will be partly cloudy." Now, is that partly cumulus, cirrus or stratus? Fortunately, in this modern era, with about ten minutes online, you can visit a few websites, gather some information, and make your own decision. I must admit that when you check around and see all the contradiction of data, at times it becomes a game of "who's lying to whom."

Continued below...

**The following are just a few of the websites that can be used to draw your own conclusion :**

<http://www.weather.com/>

Overall, this site gets the "gold award" for getting it right. They must use a different forecast model than the others, but when there's disagreement, they seem to be most often right.

<http://www.wunderground.com/>

This site is a great place for a quick overview and it has an aviation slant. It also shows weather by the hour.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/aly/>

Here's our beloved government website. Be sure to "click" on the sections at the middle of the page called "digital forecast" and "graphical forecast images." You can get hourly predictions of cloud cover, dew points, etc.

<http://weather.unisys.com/>

This is a good place for checking out satellite loops or weather models.

[http://aviationweather.gov/products/nws/fdwinds/dynamic/boston\\_fd1.shtml](http://aviationweather.gov/products/nws/fdwinds/dynamic/boston_fd1.shtml)

This site is good for a winds-aloft forecast.

<http://1i5.dnsalias.org:8089/cam.html>

Often referred to as "the husband finder," this site has live cam views of weather at 115.

<http://www.hpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

This has a 7 day loop of sea level pressure.

**Here are a few soaring forecast websites:**

<http://www.drjack.info/BLIP/NAM/NE/index.html>

The ever popular blipmaps. . . a few features are free, but for a \$20 subscription you can get the whole thing.

<http://xcskies.com/>

This is a relatively new site. Reviews have been good.

<http://rucsoundings.noaa.gov/>

Probably the best place to get a soaring forecast but requires a tutorial and lots of practice. You become the weatherman in this one.

As said, with a little time, you can draw your own conclusions. You may be able to make a better forecast than the TV guy who was paid the big bucks for the same thing! ◇

## \$\$\$ Airport Greening \$\$\$

**Tom Albrecht**

"Help Freehold airport be "green" and help put \$\$\$'s into our dinner fund!!

We have collection containers for returnable beverage containers positioned near the BBQ fire pit adjacent to hangar 10, inside hangar 10, next to the duty pilot trailer, and on the back porch of the Administration building. **Please be sure your containers are empty** before depositing them into the collection containers. Periodically we will collect all of the empty returnables and money from the returnables will go into a food fund for future club BBQ's, etc. Any "recyclables" will be brought to the local transfer station.

Creekside campers also note: when depositing your trash into the dumpster next to hangar 10 you can easily deposit your returnable containers into the brown garbage can next to the BBQ pit or into the blue garbage container (marked for returnables) inside of hangar 10." ◇

## Frogmore Stew Dinner

**Bill Kenyon**

Everyone is invited to dinner FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 7:00 PM at Freehold hosted by Dixie and Wally Moran.

We will be having Frogmore Stew, salad, bread, dessert.

Please respond to:  
Dixie Moran  
by email or phone (203) 858 4734  
mailto: [dcmoran02@gmail.com](mailto:dcmoran02@gmail.com)

Hope to see you there. ◇

## Ridge Flying Trip at Mifflin, PA

**Bruce Stein**

The annual trip to the ridges of PA will be Oct 4 through Oct 12 this year. If any member has not been to central PA to get a ridge check-out I strongly suggest you join us this year. Ridge flying is a unique soaring experience especially on the days when you can fly at 90+ kts for 10 or 20 miles (or more) without making a single turn!!!

We will need to have a volunteer or two to take an L-23 and/or the L-33 to the airport in PA (RVL) and bring the ship(s) back to 1I5. If interested please contact any BoD member to finalize arrangements.

Thanks and hope to see you at Mifflin. ◇

# Bluegrass Music Festival

## **Bob Duckworth**

The Freehold Aviation Association invites Nutmeg Officers (BOD) on a complementary pass, and other members at a discount of \$5.00 per ticket, to the third annual Bluegrass Music Festival in Greenville, NY, the week end of Sept 15, 16, and 17, 2008. There will be eleven bands playing on a 45 minute rotation schedule, starting at noon on Friday, all day Saturday, and all day Sunday.

List price: \$13 for Fri and Sun, \$18 for Sat.

Food will be available for sale at the newly constructed Blue Fiddle Griddle, featuring Breakfast Sandwiches, Hamburgers, hot Dogs, Soda, Water, and at supper time, Chicken dinners. The "Griddle" will be manned by FrAA members. The location is on Route 81, about 0.7 mile west of it's intersection with Route 32, on the left. There is a large sign at the entrance on the left of the road.

For more info, see the website <http://www.freeholdaviation.com> ◇