



Nutmeg Newsletter



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Candidates for Nutmeg Board Needed

Jeff Driscoll

I'm heading up an effort to develop a slate of candidates for the next Board of Directors for Nutmeg. Please let me know if you'd like to serve on the BOD. The term is for two years and the pay is great, tax free too! The presentation of the slate of candidates and election happens at the January general meeting, yet to be scheduled. ◇

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Calling all Instructors

Bob Pett

As one of the final acts of outgoing President Stein, I have been urged to enlist all instructors in writing at least one article each for the newsletter. We have almost five dark, snowy months ahead of us where soaring at Freehold will be darn near impossible. To help keep everyone sharp as well as respect the wishes of our leader of the past five years, please send your articles to me prior to the 15th of the month. ◇

Super Blanik Soloists

Tom Albrecht

Sunday, October 26th - Thanks to the rain there was a very light turnout of members on Saturday and surprisingly today only a handful of members showed up at the glider launch line! Of those members that did however, two people did make their first L-23 solo under Bruce Stobbe's supervision.



Bob Pett (left) and flight instructor Bruce Stobbe (right).



Chris Atkins after his first solo landing. ◇

Quiet close to 2-33 era at Nutmeg

Bob Pett

After many years with the club, the last of our 2 Schweitzer 2-33's was prepared for shipment to a new home. 24-Hotel departed for Ohio where it will be refurbished by a private owner. 12-Sierra left earlier in the year for a startup glider club in Ocala, Florida. 12S came to Nutmeg from Ernie Bouffard, of Springfield, VT, while 24H was purchased from the Schweitzer Soaring School. Over the years many Nutmeg members began their pursuit of flying in the 2-33's. An unofficial poll places instructor John Boyce in the top spot for most flights in the 2-33's. On the student side, Len Herman towers over the rest of the contestants for most flights.



24H with wings packed



Chris Atkins pauses to remember his training flights and the time he landed out on his 5th solo. ◇

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FREEHOLD AIRPORT, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM and the following items were discussed:

Item #1: At this time it appears that the second 2-33 has been sold.

Item #2: Tear Down day is set for November 15-16.

Item #3: Freehold AA has asked for storage space inside for their Cub.

Item #4: John Benson found the hose needed for the new gas tank. 100' of hose and ground cable reel mounted should serve Nutmeg very well.

Item #6: Peterson Oil may be able to provide us with auto gas non-ethanol. This would be the preferred fuel for our tow planes.

Item #7: Jeff Driscoll read an insurance report prepared by Len Herman but we had more questions to go over with Len.

Item #8: Grant money requests are still in the paperwork process. Bill Kenyon is still working on it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. McKinlay
Secretary/Treasurer ♦



Take Apart Day

Bob Pett

Saturday, November 15th – Despite the wind and frequent, soaking showers, Take Apart Day kicked off as planned – with the usual tasty doughnuts from Len to get everyone in the right mood. Participation was very good. All of the gliders were disassembled and either stored or readied for storage by 3pm. Just as we were beginning to think we couldn't get any wetter or more covered with mud, the Nutmeg crew was summoned to enjoy a hot, pulled pork barbeque lunch, thanks to Winnie Kenyon, Linda Demarco, and Carol Ward. ♦



L-23 with wings removed



The Grob is next

Get Ready for the Nutmeg Banquet

Frank Molnar

When: *Saturday, February 21, 2009*

What: *Reception: 6pm – 7pm*

Dinner & Meeting: 7pm – 11pm

Where: *Danbury Plaza*

Hotel & Convention Center

18 Old Ridgebury Road

Danbury, CT 06810

Who: *Contact Frank & Michelle Molnar*

Phone: (203) 264-8703

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http://www.danburyplaza.com/map_and_directions/

We are required to provide a minimum of 50 reservations, so please let Frank and Michelle know your plans as soon as you can.

Cocktail Reception

Domestic and Imported Cheese display

Assortment of Crackers and Flat Breads

Dinner Buffet

Mixed Green Salad – Choice of Dressing

Assorted Rolls and Butter

Sliced Roast Beef, Burgundy Demi Glaze

Chicken Marsala

Penne Ala Vodka

Chef's choice of Starch

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Chef's Choice of Dessert

Coffee, Tea and Decaffeinated Coffee

Cost: *\$45 per person – includes 19% service charge and 6% sales tax. ♦*

Best Soaring Flight of 2008

Bob Pett

With the 2008 season behind us, the Nutmeg Newsletter would like to hear from each of you about your best soaring day of 2008. To start this series off, I'll relate my own story. My best soaring day occurred October 18th during an L-23 instructional flight with Jim Sidway. Being new to soaring, this was my first experience encountering what I would call consistent thermaling. Almost anywhere we went we were in lift and got to cloud base more than once. At one point we were in a thermal with Bruce Stobbe - of course a camera was not handy to catch the sight of his glider zipping by. The weather was cold and without ventilation the canopy would frequently fog up. New to the L-23 and not knowing where the canopy vent control was, I had to keep opening the side vent which gave my neck a sensation similar to frost bite. After an hour and 40 minutes, with knees locked from the cold, we decided to call it a day. It was a great flight, the views were awesome, and the thermals fantastic. I can't wait to do it again and don't care how cold it gets. ♦

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