



Nutmeg Newsletter



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A fresh blanket of snow covers Freehold Airport

1st Safety Meeting

Bob Ward

Our 1st Safety meeting will be 9am Sunday 10 April at the airport. A second Sunday safety session at 115 will be scheduled as needed. ◇

2011 Nutmeg Banquet

Bob Pett

Despite the winter that wouldn't quit, the 2011 Nutmeg Banquet kicked off as scheduled. Frank and Michelle Molnar did a wonderful job arranging the facilities and selecting the menu. **Thank you Frank and Michelle!!** A craft table was set up at the head of the room with a photo collage from the past season as well as Winnie Kenyon's painting of Melissa's dog Daisy. Our new President, Bob Ward, gave an inspiring address to the membership, stating this was the year of the member and that it is incumbent on everyone to help bring in new members. Bob encouraged everyone to sign up for any task they can to help with the April 30th Open House event. ◇

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NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

**Miry Brook Firehouse in Danbury, CT.
January 22, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. President Driscoll brought to the member's attention the agenda of the meeting. There were 26 members present.

- Board of directors election - Search committee recommendation.
- Treasurer's report
- New board vote
- Budget for 2011
- Incoming President message
- Chief of operations message
- Other business

President Jeff Driscoll opened the meeting thanking the outgoing board for their remarkable service and introducing the slate of members identified by the search committee to be proposed to the membership for a vote, to serve for the next two years. The search committee consisted of Bruce Stobbe, Nan Jackson and Jeff Driscoll. The proposed slate of new directors consisted of:

- Bob Ward - President
- K. Esteban Draganovic - VP
- Dale Ziegenfelder - Treasurer
- Don McKinlay - Secretary
- Jeff Driscoll - Past President
- Len Herman - Member at Large
- Bob Pett - Member at Large
- Randol Webb - Chief of operations (to be appointed by Bob Ward)

President Driscoll asked for other proposals for candidates for the board. No other proposals were submitted.

Treasurer Jim Sidway presented the treasurer's report. A brief discussion for clarifications took place. The report was approved.

President Driscoll called for a vote on the new slate of directors. The slate was approved by unanimous vote.

The incoming Treasurer, Dale Ziegenfelder, presented the new budget for 2011. It included provisions for an adjustment downwards in the membership dues, and provisions for continuation of repayment of the LLC debt. After some discussion it was approved by vote.

The incoming president, Bob Ward, briefly outlined the priorities for the coming year. Great emphasis was placed on the effort to grow the membership. The reduction in annual dues and other economic relief for new members was designed to make joining the club more attractive. Organizing one to two open houses during the season was another activity the president remarked as very important to grow the membership. Bob appointed Randol Webb as operations chief, Jeff Driscoll as chief instructor and Bruce Stobbe as chief tow pilot.

Randol Webb presented the new flight logging method based on a web based program. This should reduce errors and make access to the activity log easy and quick, greatly facilitating the efforts of the treasurer. In addition he presented the concept of modifying the requirement of having one duty pilot to having a duty pilot and an assistant duty pilot for normal weekend operations. This will increase safety and accuracy. Randol also outlined the efforts needed to successfully organize the one or two upcoming open houses.

The president opened the floor for any new business. There were no new topics for discussion. The meeting adjourns at 09:05.

Respectfully submitted for Don McKinlay by Esteban Draganovic. ♦



OPEN HOUSE

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FREEHOLD AIRPORT (1I5), NY

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SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011 9am-2pm

Rain Date Sunday, May 1



FREE COFFEE ALL DAY

A FREE DONUT FOR THE FIRST 144 GUESTS

WATER AND SODA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR GLIDER RIDES

FOR EACH GUEST OVER 18

**FREE GLIDER RIDE AWARDED FOR OLDEST AIRCRAFT NEWEST AIRCRAFT, FIRST TAILDRAGGER, ETC., AND
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Fly! Drive! Walk!

Spend the day with us at our beautiful setting in the Catskills.

Bring a picnic and your camera.

Watch GLIDERS and AIRPLANES!

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OPERATIONS BULLETIN



The April 30th Freehold Airport (1I5) and Nutmeg Soaring Association Open House is on as planned. A poster will be attached to an upcoming email message to all members. Please download and COPY (print out) many copies of this poster and distribute as much as possible. Certainly, to every airport and every fixed base operator on every field you can get to.

As this is the season of the New Members Drive all the present members are now part of the Membership Committee (just hoping). Following is a preliminary list of items that must be at least considered, if not accomplished. If anyone or group would have suggestions to add, would like to volunteer to do something or has knowledge of how to do some of this stuff, please email rwebbpilot@earthlink.net. If another member volunteers to be the overall coordinator soon, all info would be passed on to them.

A few people have chosen to do some of the chores. It will not work if our members plan to just show up on April 30th and say "what can I do". We need some volunteers to get things done BEFORE the 30th. We need more names to fill in the blanks by tasks below. Please consider filling blanks NOW. We need several people to rotate through some of the jobs like coffee making/serving, selling drinks, registration, etc.. Plan to be there the 30th and also to DO SOMETHING. Volunteer Now.

Guys, the ladies are signing up fast. Please, guys, don't let them down. Everyone, especially Tow pilots and Instructors let me know if you plan to be there. Without Tow Pilots, Instructors and Glider pilots, it will be a very dull event. I know some of you can't commit 2 months ahead, but let me know you're trying. **I would like to have emails from EVERYONE.**

Some additional items we need: A flare gun and flares AND A loud air horn (air or 12 volts)

NON-FLIGHT OPS ITEMS:

- Ads to local papers, radio stations, etc.----**Bob Ward, Bob Pett, Bob Titus**
- Notices to EAA and AOPA and other websites-----**Randol**
- Design flyer to be emailed to all members for distribution to airports, stores, etc.----**Randol**
- Notification to Shortwing Piper Club, NE Meetup Group-----**Melissa**
- Parking for cars, motorcycles, horse and buggy, etc.----**Sean/Sue** -----
- Prepare and attend coffee pots all day-----**Michelle Molnar/MAC**-----
- Get and distribute donuts in morning-----**Dennis/Anna Maria** ----
- Get, setup and attend a PA system-----**Esteban**
- Plan and secure raffle tickets for free raffle-----**Dale**
- Man registration desks---**Jean** ----**Winnie**-----**Carol**----**Karen**-----
- Make registration form (simple) for fly-in pilots---**Dale**
- Investigate Porta Potties (to make guests feel like guests and want to come back, using our three toilets is probably better).-----
- Man the PA mike as interviewer, announcer (NO SMOKING, etc.), entertainer (singer, comedian, etc.) at intervals all day-----**Melissa**-----
- Make signs for parking, no smoking, etc.---
- Get, ice down and sell (at just above cost) water and soda----- **Bob Pett** -----
- Design and make Name Tags for members in attendance---**Winnie**----**Carol**
- Receive emailed flyer announcing the Open House, Print some and Distribute everywhere you can...like airports, clubs, stores, etc.-----**EVERYONE, PLEASE**
- **BE A GREETER, HOST, HOSTESS**-----**EVERYONE, PLEASE**

FLIGHT OPS ITEMS:

- Drive follow-me carts to direct parking/greet pilots---**Bob. D**---**Doug L.**----
- On foot, direct parking aircraft-----**Sean/Sue**-----

- Be duty pilots to encourage many and early glider flights---Matt---Rudi-----
- Be cart drivers to facilitate glider flights---Dennis---Amy D.----_Carol-----
- Get all club gliders ready to fly early-----Dennis-----Matt-----
- BE AN INSTRUCTOR TO GIVE FREE RIDES starting at noon---Jeff D.-----
- Fly private and club gliders to the max for demo purposes---Rudi-----
- Be a tow pilot---Kendall---

If anyone can think of additional items, please let rwebbpilot@earthlink.net know about it soon!!
Let's talk it up and try to plan an event that will make everyone that comes have a good time and consider a membership in Nutmeg Soaring Association. ◇

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DANBURY PLAZA HOTEL

February 19, 2011

Our new President, Bob Ward, called the meeting to order at 4:55 P.M. Board members present were: Bob Ward, Jeff Driscoll, Len Herman, Randol Web, Esteban Draganovic, Bob Pett and Don McKinlay. The following items were discussed.

1. Len Herman gave a report on waiver revisions. The waivers met with the approval of the Board. Randol recommended that a space be provided for all persons to put a contact phone number. This will be done.
2. This year's encampment will be held from July 1 through July 9.
3. Auto gas would be a better fuel for Nutmeg and this will be looked into by some BOD members. The insurance company will have to be consulted to make certain they have no requirements for fuel used.
4. If our Open House on April 30th is to be a success participation by all members is essential. There has been a volunteer sheet sent to every member. We need to know in advance who will be available and what they will be willing to do.
5. Bruce Stobbe has been working on a timing device that will record the active time of our gliders. This tool would keep recording time (paperwork) to a minimum. The BOD will provide financial support to this project.

6. Rides in our ships will be given at the Open House for a fee of \$100. The \$100 may be applied to anyone who decides to become a 90 day trial member. An effort will be made to give as many as possible a flight. We will make it known that if we can't get them up at the Open House, they can come at a later date for their flight.
7. Don Malin is putting together a volunteer calendar for the Nutmeg Web page. This will give members the opportunity to sign up for the duties of tow pilot, duty pilot, assistant duty pilot, instructor, etc. Please avail yourself for these jobs on dates convenient to you. We hope this is a preferred method rather than being told to serve at a date chosen by someone else.
8. The BOD authorized Dale Ziegenfelder to open a new Nutmeg Soaring bank account with Dale as the signatory.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
Don "Mac" McKinlay, Secretary ◇



Glider Accident

Wally Moran

The recent issue of the NTSB Reporter has a report of a tow plane/glider accident that I thought has a good lesson for us all.

This accident occurred August 23, 2009 in Creswell Oregon at about 4:25 in the afternoon. The student pilot, on his second solo flight, was flying a Schweizer glider (I assume a 2-33). He reported that the take off and tow were normal. At approximately 200 feet AGL he heard a loud bang and glanced (in my view here is the cause of this accident) over his right shoulder to find the rear door unlatched. As he looked back, he noted that the glider was well above the normal tow position. The pilot stated he immediately pushed the stick forward to maneuver the glider to the proper tow position. The glider pilot noted slack in the tow line, and stated the tow airplane descended below the glider to a point where he lost sight of it. The glider pilot released from the tow airplane, turned 180 degrees and landed without incident.

Witnesses on the ground reported that shortly after takeoff it appeared that the glider overtook the tow plane. The witness reported that the tow plane appeared to be slow and at approximately 20 feet above the ground it abruptly nosed over and impacted the ground. The tow pilot was killed.

That's how quick it can happen! In one quick flight, that club lost their tow plane and killed one of their members. We all need to remember that one cannot look away from the tow plane especially during the early stages of the tow. Don't let any distraction divert your attention.





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