

CALENDAR

General Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM, Friday, January 17, 2003 at the Bethany Town Hall - details inside.

Traveling south on CT Rte 8, take exit 26, then south on Rte 63 to Bethany firehouse (on the left). At the firehouse, turn right onto Peck Road. The Town Hall is about .1 mile further on the right.

Traveling north on Rte 8; take exit 22 in Seymour, then east on Rte 67 to Rte 63. Left at the firehouse onto Peck Road. The Town Hall is about .1 mile further on the right.

Annual Banquet 2003 - Saturday, February 15, 2003 (snow date Sunday, February 16, 2003) at the Southbury Hilton, Southbury, CT - Details and reservation form inside.



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IMPORTANT MEETING

There will be an important general membership meeting on Friday, January 17, 2003 at the Bethany Town Hall at 7:30 PM. Elections for this year's officers will be held and other important club business will be discussed. 2003 will be a pivotal year for Nutmeg. Come and make yourself heard!

Minutes November Board of Directors Meeting

BOD Meeting, November 06, 2002 at Ridgefield, CT

Present: Bill Kenyon, Bruce Stein, Chris Hanak, Marty Opitz, Peter Krebs, Randol Webb

Convened 7:40 P.M. - Adjourned 11:20 PM

Financial situation is satisfactory in general although including interest and mortgage payments there could be a deficit of approx. \$4000+. (This deficit was 'budgeted'.) Gas and hangar/tie down fees need better control for the coming year...probably restricting gas "sales" to Nutmeg members only. There are outstanding invoice balances which need to be covered by members. Credit balances will be refunded by year end.

Winter storage of gliders and tow planes was discussed: On 11/9 gliders will be disassembled and stored in hangar on racks (to be built) or in a nearby barn. (Stein will take care of trailer registrations.) Pawnee goes into the hangar and the Cub most likely as well (in place of the Freehold Aviation Association's Cub). **Tow plane condition:** Thanks to Webb good progress has been made for some needed maintenance. More will be done coming weekend. It was decided that the Pawnee will get primers and heaters for easier starting. Cables for carb heat etc. need to be replaced. The cub will get new cushions and belts. For 2003 tow plane maintenance should be budgeted at apraxia. half the 2002 level. The **bunkhouse** will be winterized by Duckworth. Grass will not be seeded on the graded area rwy 30 until next season. The **barn roof** needs more prep work before further painting, hopefully some can get done this weekend. Hoovler mentioned in clear terms that during the winter sometimes **snow needs to be removed** from the barn/hangar roofs. It is unclear how this can be accomplished safely and economically.

The **General Membership meeting** will be held as planned afternoon/evening 11/9, food will be available.

As to **winter soaring**, Sidway is trying to find out interest and Hanak checks the likely insurance cost. It seems obvious that glider(s) for that purpose have to be assembled each time!

Opitz talked about **longer range plan for Freehold** use regarding old and new hangars etc. Not too much progress has been made and we need more insight into local zoning regs. (Nan Jackson?). A "master wish list" should be discussed and plans/action result from there. All are concerned about the structural condition of the existing barn. In addition it was agreed that sooner than later "market rents" should be charged to non-Nutmeg users of our property. Nutmeg use has always to take priority! The Freehold Aviation Association wish of a **temporary hangar** was mentioned and remains under discussion. As to the possible conversion of more areas to grass, the farmer will be contacted.

Kenyon reported on the **elusive \$20,000 grant** which was supposed to be coming from NY state to improve Freehold airport. Kenyon will pursue this matter further given that there might be new developments after the recent elections.

Kenyon informed about an informal "handshake" agreement with the **Greene County Hwy Dept.** to grant them some additional deposit space for salt in exchange for grading, stoning and oiling of runway, snow fence etc.

We are to maintain the "official" **Freehold phone number** 634-7626 (restricted to local outgoing calls) and try to get a wider range cordless phone set that hopefully works at the staging areas. Long distance calls need to be made by calling or credit card. The 634-7346 (i.e. Nutmeg) number will be given up.

Outlook 2003: We foresee that some existing members might not renew because of driving distance etc. so new ones are needed. To that end authors (Abend?) are sorely/soarly needed to prepare articles for SOARING, AOPA, etc. Everybody is invited to come up with ideas to attract more members from the NY state area.

Various: There might be a need for a stronger tractor and maybe larger mowing deck but we face financial constraints. We should continue as is for the time being. It is planned to hold the **annual membership meeting** in Bethany on 1/17 (Krebs). An **FALLC meeting** is in preparation most likely for the end of November (Stein).

Freehold Airport, LLC -Minutes of General Membership Meeting

Date: November 22, 2002

Convened: 7:35 PM

Bruce Stein, LLC Manger, presented the following items for discussion and vote where necessary:

1. **Operating Agreement:** A draft agreement that follows the guidelines and intent of the New York State LLC law was reviewed and discussed by the members. Each clause of the agreement was discussed and changes were voted on by the members. Stein will make the changes and e mail or send a hard copy to each LLC member for review and final vote.
2. **Lease of Airport Operation to Nutmeg:** A draft of the lease between the LLC and Nutmeg was reviewed and discussed. Minor changes were suggested. Stein will make the appropriate modifications and this lease will be presented to Nutmeg Soaring Association for approval.
3. **Camp Site Lease:** A lease for the use of the camper area next to the Catskill Creek will be provided to the LLC by Lee Ramsdell after a meeting of the campers in January.
4. **Share Purchase by Nutmeg Soaring Association:** A draft proposal was presented to the membership for review. The purchase agreement is for Nutmeg Soaring to purchase a total of 20 shares over 6 years paying 6% interest for all outstanding balances. One significant change was proposed during the discussion by the members. Nutmeg Soaring will take possession of and have voting rights for shares as they are purchased.
5. **New Members:** Peter Meny had made an application to join the LLC, by way of payment of \$6000. He was voted in as a member of the LLC. Robert Griffin made a verbal application, and has followed up with a written request, to join the LLC. He was voted in as a member provided he join Nutmeg Soaring as an Associated member.
6. **Financial Report:** Stein provided a detail financial report of all funds raised by the LLC and expenditures. The LLC does not have any income. Funds currently in the checking account are from the purchase of shares by Meny and Griffin.
7. **Loans to the LLC:** There was a discussion of the monies loaned to the LLC by LLC members and longtime Nutmeg members. Stein and Kenyon will provide documentation to those individuals of their contributions. Annual interest payments of 6% will be paid to those individuals. Stein

noted several times during the discussion that a loan of \$6000 to the LLC could be converted to a share at any time.

8. **2003 General Meeting:** The date and time for the annual General Meeting of the LLC for 2003 was not determined but will take place before March 31, 2003.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Message from the LLC Manager

I wish to express my deepest thanks to all of participants in the LLC. We have done something that I thought had at best a 50/50 chance only a year ago. The purchase of Freehold Airport will provide for many years to come a place to enjoy the sport of soaring that we have all come to love. We should all be very proud of this accomplishment

Looking to the future, we have some challenges to face. The airport facilities must be maintained and improved so that we can continue to have a successful and safe operation. The hard surface and grass runways need work and that means money. Please contact Bill Kenyon or me with any ideas that you may have regarding methods for raising the funds necessary for capitol improvement projects.

STUDENT PILOTS REMINDER

Submitted by Wally Moran

This would be a good time to check your student certificate and see when it expires. You will find the expiration date in the lower right hand corner. If you will be expiring this winter, contact Wally Moran (wjmoran@optonline.net; 203-761-9095) for information on getting an update.

*** ET CETERA ***

David B. Rossetter joins Nutmeg with an impressive resume. Dave is an airline pilot with over 15,000 hours in the cockpit. He also has 500 plus hours in gliders and is planning to renew his CFIG rating soon. Dave managed Hinkley Soaring, Inc. In Illinois in 1979 and 1980. In addition to flying Dave enjoys folk music, astronomy, hiking, biking and skiing. His **daughter Stephanie**, 15, has joined as a Family member and is planning to learn to fly this year.

Bob Griffin, a retired teamster and long time Freehold power pilot, joins us as an Associate member. He built and flies a Experimental Kolb MK3 and has also flown hang gliders and powered parachutes in the past. He also enjoys camping, motor boating, travel and vacationing in Cape Cod with his wife Carole and their eight children Yvette, Gina, Bob, Angie, Kyle, Nick, Tony, and Kathy. Bob has also purchased a share in Freehold Airport, LLC.

NUTMEG SOARING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL BANQUET 2003

Saturday, February 15, 2003

(snow date Sunday, February 16)

THE SOUTHBURY HILTON

Southbury, CT

Reception 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Cheese & Fruit Platter Crudite of Farm Fresh Vegetables Assorted Mini Quiche
Sesame Chicken w/honey mustard Stuffed Mushroom Caps Bruschetta

Dinner Buffet 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Tossed Garden Salad Chicken Florentine Sirloin Steak w/Mushroom Ragout
Poached Atlantic Salmon w/Citrus Butter Sauce Garlic Basil Mashed Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetable Medley Rolls & Butter

Heavenly Dessert Display

Assorted Cakes Homemade Pies Mini Italian Pastries and Cookies
Flavored Mousse Brownies and Blondies
Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea

ONLY \$39.00 per person includes tax and gratuity!

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NOTE: A special room rate of \$89 per room (single or double occupancy) for Banquet 2003 attendees has been arranged with the Southbury Hilton. You must reserve your room by calling the hotel directly at 203-264-8703. **Deadline for making room reservations at this special rate is Saturday, February 1, 2003.**

Cut and Mail

Name: _____ Number of attendees: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Total Enclosed @ \$39.00 per person: _____ (checks payable to Nutmeg Soaring Association)

NOTE: All banquet reservations must be prepaid and received no later than February 10, 2003. Tickets will be held for pick up at the door. NO phone reservations accepted. NO refunds.

Please Return with Full Payment to:

Michelle Molnar
175 Old Highway
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