

Falmouth Flyer

August 2008

Airport President's Column

I hope all of you have been enjoying this summer on Cape Cod. The past week especially has been nothing but spectacular, and probably what has attracted many of us to the area. As you are aware, we have had a busy summer around the airpark. The tennis courts have been power washed and a wind block approved for next season to help keep them debris free. Our road to the pilot shack has been repaved adding to the appearance of the grounds. Our staff of Randy and Tom has been working all summer to keep us looking good and making improvements.

Keeping all this in perspective brings me to a very important point. As we approach the end of summer it is time to start preparing for next year. This starts with the selection of our new board at the annual meeting in October. Bob Bisbee has graciously accepted the job as chairman of the nominating committee once again. If you are interested in running for a position, or know of someone, please contact his committee. Remember, this is your association and we need your input. If you do not wish to have that active a role, at least remember to attend the annual meeting or get us your proxy. This is your opportunity for input in the plans for 2009. As a reminder the meeting will be Saturday, October 18.

September is approaching and so is the start of the school year. We all need to be aware of the increased traffic down by the Fresh Pond bus stop. Here are some suggestions for helping the situation at the bus stop: For our parents dropping off children for the bus, please park so as to allow other traffic to pass by safely. For all other traffic, please remember that there will be bus and student traffic; if possible adjust your arrival or departure time to help mitigate some of the congestion. For all drivers please control your speed through the entire airpark but especially in this area as we have parents and students in this area and their safety is a concern.

We are still having security issues in the airpark. There have been reports of strangers wandering through the airpark, a truck sitting in someone's driveway at night and syringes being found on airpark grounds. If you see any suspicious activities please contact the police. I do have Randy looking into the feasibility of mounting surveillance cameras around the airpark to help this situation.

I hope everyone enjoys the remainder of the summer and an outstanding autumn season. I look forward to seeing you all around the pattern.

Ed Stadelman

27th Edition

Editors:
Paul & Sandie Vitale
Email:
arizonasandie@aol.com

Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meeting :
2nd Monday of the month
7 pm at Operation's Bldg.

Labor Day Cookout:
August 31st—Noon - Sunday
outside Operation's Building

Annual Board Meeting :
October 18, 2008
(Saturday) Gus Canty

ARC Meeting : 1st Monday of
the Month (there will be no
other meeting times)

Announcements: Pg 7 & 8

Red Hat Outings: Page 6

FAHA Holiday Party: Page 7
Dec. 20th

ARC Activity

Under Construction

Lot #75 Airpark Drive
John Garabedian

Lot #71B Ben Davis Lane
Peter and Charlene Walsh

Falmouth Flyer is the official document of the Falmouth Airpark and all published information herein constitutes notification to all members. The editors of the Falmouth Flyer reserve the right to edit all submitted materials.

LINDY AWARD

Doug Grevatt wins a “Lindy” award for his Beechcraft Bonanza C-35, at this year’s Air Venture 2008 at Oshkosh. Doug is really starting to rack up awards for his vintage Beechcraft. Congratulations - Doug !



"Back-to-Fall Pot Luck & Cookout" CAPA and EAA Combine

Place: Falmouth Airpark

Date: Saturday, September 13th (rain date, Sept. 14th)

Time: 11a.m. to 2p.m.



Drive in or Fly in!

This is a repeat of our highly successful event in July, which had a great turnout of flyers, friends, and airplanes. We hope you make it , and bring a friend!! Admission is a dish.

Bring a favorite dish (hamburgers & hotdogs will be provided) and join in the camaraderie

If weather permits, EEA will fly Young Eagles beginning 9:00 am

For further info, contact: John Garabedian, john@rcrq.com

OPEN HOUSE

The Stadelmans and Garners held an open house on Sunday, July 20th at The Stadelman’s home on Ben Davis Lane. All our neighbors in the airpark were invited over to meet our new Airport Manager Randy and his wife, Marcie. It was a fun afternoon filled with interesting conversation and large quantities of a variety of appetizing food contributed by everyone. Randy and Marcie enjoyed meeting and getting to know everyone on a more informal and personal level.

Cape Aviation Scholarships Awarded

Falmouth 15 year old wins pilot scholarship

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 25, 2008

(West Barnstable) – Six outstanding local students were awarded aviation scholarships Wednesday night by the Cape Area Pilot’s Association (“CAPA”). The awards were presented at ceremonies at Cape Cod Community College by Cape Air President Dan Wolfe.

The “Red Beach” aviation scholarships are awarded each year in memory of popular Chatham Airport flight instructor Red Beach who lost his life in a 1997 seaplane accident on Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire. Scholarship funds are raised from CAPA member donations, raffle proceeds, and generous local business such as Cape Air.

The scholarships are awarded annually to graduating Cape Cod high school students enrolling in college level aviation studies pursuing careers in aviation and flight.

The first-ever winner of the primary flight training scholarship is 15 year old Connor McCarthy of North Falmouth who has already begun flight lessons. Connor discovered his passion for aviation while on a 4th grade field trip to visit the Falmouth Airpark in East Falmouth.

The college scholarship winners are:

Vincent Donnelly, Harwich – Jacksonville University
Jonathan Dugan, Brewster – Embry Riddle Aviation University
Daniel Kinchla, Sandwich – Jacksonville University
Melissa Rego, Brewster – Florida Institute of Technology (entering senior)
Christina Satcher, North Chatham – Bridgewater State College

“CAPA is dedicated to unifying the aviation community on Cape Cod, and central to this is promoting aviation education and careers among young people.”, said CAPA President John Garabedian of East Falmouth. “Opportunities for aviation careers have never been more numerous in America, as the large generations of military pilots and air traffic controllers retire. Today there is actually a shortage of pilots and controllers, and the options for young people interested in aviation are endless,” said Garabedian.

Admission is free for those wishing to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact John Garabedian, john@rcrq.com



Picture autographed for me by Betty Jo

Who Are They & What Did They Do ?



Betty Jo Streff Reed Class 44 W-7 my new friend and a Member of the Women's Air force Service Pilots

In 1939, on the day after Germany's tanks rolled into Warsaw, pilot Jacqueline Cochran sent a letter to the First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt encouraging the use of women pilots in the armed forces. In May, 1940, another pilot, Nancy Harkness Love, wrote the ferrying division of the Army Air Force with a similar idea, but the Army wasn't ready to put women in the cockpits of its planes. By September, 1942, however, all that changed.

The demand for male combat pilots and warplanes left the Air Transport command (ATC) with a shortage of experienced pilots to ferry planes from the factory to a point of embarkation. Our leaders, remembering the Nancy Harkness Love's proposal, hired her to recruit 25 of the most qualified women pilots in the country to ferry military aircraft. These outstanding women pilots were called the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron or WAFS. By September 14, 1942, General Henry "Hap" Arnold also approved a program that would train a large group of women to serve as ferrying pilots. The training school was placed under the direction of Jacqueline Cochran. The program was called the Army Air Force Women's Flying Training detachment (WFTD).

On August 5, 1943 the WAFS along with the WFTD were combined and were re-designated the Women's Air force Service Pilots or WASP. Cochran was appointed Director of women pilots and Love was named WASP Executive with the ATC Ferrying Division.

Pictures courtesy of Smithsonian Museum



This is a long overdue story about the most remarkable generation of young woman that ours or any other country has ever had the opportunity to call their own. Our particular story is about one of these amazing women. Her name is Betty Jo Streff Reed. I had the fortunate opportunity to meet Betty Jo at Oshkosh, WI. at Air Venture in 2007 and became enthused, impressed and genuinely taken back by this women and her fellow pilots. She is a quiet, unassuming person of small stature with a big heart and a love of life. These women all demonstrate the **“We Can Do Attitude”** When she was asked by me what she did during the War, Betty Jo replied in a very non-descript manner “we did not do much”, **WASP's...We were just WASP's”**

Betty Jo ferried many different types of aircraft during the war from cargo planes to fighters to B-29 bombers all without incident or praise and no recognition. Betty Jo worked as a pilot a co-pilot a dispatcher, these women wore many hats. After the war she raced in the powder-puff races, flew a MU-2 ,Cessna 320, and also King Airs as a corporate Pilot for various companies. Betty Jo told me that everyday is like a gift.

*During the days of World War II, many sacrifices were made by men and women like Betty Jo Streff Reed. We owe them our lifelong gratitude because, as we know, **Freedom is not Free.***

Check out www.wingsacrossamerica.us/wasp/

- 1. WASP served the Army Air Corps from September 1942 to December 1944.*
- 2. 25,000 women applied for the WPTD training, 1830 women were accepted and 1,074 graduated from the training program. Thirty Eight (38) died while flying for the Army air Corps.*
- 3. Check out (http://wwii-women-pilots.org/WASP_KIA/38KIA2.html)*
- 4. WASP earned \$150 per month while in training and \$250 per month after graduation. They paid for their own food, uniforms and lodging.*
- 5. WASP members remained civil service employees who did not receive the pay and benefits that were given to male pilots sharing the same risks. In recognition of this fact, on November 23, 1977, President Carter signed legislation providing procedures for former WASP to be granted veteran status, although with limited benefits. Coincidentally, this was in the same year that the Air Force graduated its first female pilots. It was not until 1979 that the first WASP were given discharge certificates, and it was 1984 before they were awarded World War II Victory Medals. Those who had one year's service were awarded the American Theater Campaign Medals.*

Submitted by Paul Vitale

Flying Red Hatters



The ladies who live at the airpark are welcome to attend our monthly outings. Wear a Red Hat and Purple Outfit or if under "50" a Pink Hat & Lavender Outfit, if you choose. Call our queen mothers for further information about us or an upcoming outing.

Queen Mothers : *Phyllis Swift 508-548-6148 & Mary Kranz 508-540-9759*

July Event: Hostess: Cathie Pirri

The Wizard of Oz, Barnstable High School Performing Arts Center, Hyannis

August: Valerie Volz

September: Jerry Hazlet

October: Candie Oldham

November: Sandie Edwards

December: No outing

WELCOME BACK PHELLIS !

JULY 5th PICNIC

This year's event was held in the big hanger because of rain, but that didn't stop anyone from having a fun-filled afternoon.

Lori didn't do all the cooking, but doesn't she look good at the grill !



High Quality "Air Show W" Stain Remover

Air show W is the best airplane cleaner I have found. Will even clean that REALLY BAD exhaust stain, as well as grease etc. Rae and Candie are selling 1 gallon quantities for \$20 each. We really did pay our shop \$100 for it as it only comes in 5 gallon containers. Call or email Candie Oldham (508) 495-1021.

Announcements

COOK BOOK TIME: THERE IS STILL TIME TO SEND IN YOU RECIPES. THE MORE THE BETTER. MAIL TO mkg2@verizon.net or lori.bisbee@gmail.com....We would like to have it ready for the late fall. It will make a great Holiday gift.

If you have a favorite recipe, a family recipe, a recipe you created yourself, we'd like to add it to our already growing collection so please send it in.

Lori Bisbee

FAA requirement : There is a new FAA requirement to have a statement on your pilots license that says you are "English Proficient" by March 2009.

Link: http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/

Mitch

Dumping of brush and grass is only allowed at the end of runway "25".

Police non emergency phone number 508-547-2527. If you are suspicious of anyone entering the airpark or have concerns of any other incidents or unauthorized persons in the airpark, please call the police at the above phone number. Please don't hesitate to call.

Newsletter materials may be emailed to: arizonasandie@aol.com

Please email us any articles or other news of interest you would like published in the newsletter. We are looking for someone who is willing to write the newsletter during the winter months when we are in Arizona. Please email us if you are interested in helping out.

Sandie & Paul

"SAVE THE DATE"

To all FAHA members:

Saturday, December 20 (evening)

Rick and Meryl Brown have graciously offered to host this year's FAHA holiday celebration in their home at 7 Smilin' Jack Lane.

We are asking attendees to bring either an appetizer or dessert to share, wine or beer for their own consumption, and corresponding wine glasses.

A reminder will follow this notice at a later date with an RSVP request.

Announcements

**To: Falmouth Homeowners Association
From: F.A.H.A. Social Committee
Re: Spring/Summer Cook-Outs**

The F.A.H.A. Social Committee on a number of occasions has requested new volunteers for our committee in order to plan social events. Since we have had difficulty finding volunteers and a chairperson, the F.A.H.A. Board of Directors and residents at the May 12th meeting recommended that we return to the original plan for organizing the cookout.

**Dates for the Cook-Outs:
Memorial Day--May 25, 2008 (Sunday)
4th of July-- July 5, 2008 (Saturday)
Labor Day-- August 31,2008 (Sunday)**

**Save the Date:
Annual Meeting: October 18, 2008 (Saturday)**

- Cookouts: 1. Residents/guests bring his/her own food, drinks, paper products, condiments, etc.**
- 2. Please continue to supply a dish for others to share: appetizers, salads, desserts, etc.**
 - 3. Grill will be available for the cookouts please help with set-up, clean up, filling the propane tank and moving tables**
 - 4. Coffee --available in the Shack. Soda, water and the new, individual gourmet coffees are offered for \$.50 with the proceeds going toward future supplies.**
 - 5. Needed: Cleanup crews for the grill, table-cloths, chairs, trash and moving tables**

Future Events: The social committee would like to encourage the F.A.H.A. Members to help organize events. Do you have a fly-in, field trip, activity, that may be of interest to our membership and would you organize it with the help with some committee members? Let us know.

The F.A.H.A. Social Committee