

# *Falmouth Flyer*

*December 2007*

***“Happy Holidays”***

## **Airport President's Column**

We are entering a season that fills everyone with anticipation and excitement. From all the holiday parties and New Year's resolutions it gives us an opportunity to both reflect on the year and look ahead. Overall we have a beautiful environment in which to live. We have made ourselves more self sufficient and continue to work on projects to improve our community. Our landscape committee, chaired by Maggie Grevatt has overseen the development of our circles with very nice results. We have acquired new equipment that enhances our capability to keep more of our work in-house which helps control our costs. Our new hangars are now on line producing additional revenue for the Airpark. Our thanks to John Garabedian for making that project possible. Our ARC committee has met and responded to some difficult situations this year. Thanks to Bob Bisbee and his committee members to responding to the challenges and preserving the appearance of the Airpark. We also have an abundance of volunteer work going on to keep our costs down. Rae Willis, regularly repairing vandalism damage, Mitch and Bob Bisbee installing heaters in the Shack and Hangar. These are a great assist to Willy as he is keeping up with all the daily activities. I would like to thank all who have contributed this year. This is just a small sampling, as I could go on at great length recognizing everyone. As we move ahead the challenges of the coming year will require our residents to step up again. All the volunteer work helps keep our costs down. Once again we will go into the New Year without raising fees. This is a time to be thankful and celebrate. Whatever Holiday you celebrate--- the very best to you and your families. From Linda, Nicole and myself, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks to All.

Ed Stadelman



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## **Upcoming Events**

### Holiday Party:

Dec. 8, Saturday, Nimrod Res.  
(see page 2)

### Monthly Board Meeting :

2nd Monday of the month at  
7 pm at the Operation's Bldg.  
ARC Meeting : 1st Monday of  
the Month (there will be no  
other meeting times)

### Announcements:

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### Red Hat Outings:

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### FAHA Recipe Request:

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## **ARC Activity**

### Under Construction

Lot #75 Airpark Drive:  
John Garabedian

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The Falmouth Airpark Social Committee Cordially Announces:  
Our Neighborhood Holiday Party  
Saturday, December 8, 2007



**Nimrod Restaurant, 100 Dillingham Ave., Falmouth**

Social hour **6:30 to 7:30 PM** with cash bar and appetizers; dinner at **7:30 PM**

Dessert included with all entrees

**Dinner Selections:**

**Fish Plate:** Salmon Royale, a boneless filet roasted with a blue cheese crust **\$15.00**

**Chicken Plate:** Herb encrusted chicken breast pan-seared with roasted garlic, shiitake mushrooms, and finished with lemon and white wine **\$14.00**

**Beef Plate:** Roast Prime Rib of Beef (Queen cut) served medium rare with a house made popover **\$24.00**

A portion of your dinner cost is being defrayed by FAHA

Reservations and checks are due no later than Wednesday, November 21.

Make your check payable to FAHA and drop off or mail to:  
Carol Anderson, 27 Quimby Lane, East Falmouth MA 02536

**Celebrate the Holiday Season on Vineyard Haven**  
**November 24th through December 22nd**

The whole town twinkles as Tisbury celebrates the holiday season.

Hop on for a horse and carriage ride through Vineyard Haven,  
Saturday 11/24—12/22

Greet Santa when he arrives aboard the SSA Ferry,  
December 1st at 11:30 am.

**For More Information:**  
Tisbury Business Association, Vineyard Haven, MA  
[www.tisburybusinessassociation.com](http://www.tisburybusinessassociation.com)





## Falmouth Flying Red Hatters

**Airpark Residents**—Join us for our monthly outings. Wear a Red Hat & Purple Outfit or if under "50" Pink & Lavender.

Call our Queen Mothers if you would like to host a month.

Phyllis Swift 508-548-6148 & Mary Kranz 508-540-9759

### Hostess of the Month 2007 - 2008

**December:** Due to the busy Holiday Season, there will not be an outing

**January:** ( Hostess Needed )

**February:** Meryl Brown - A Wine Tasting at Meryl and Rick's home.

**March:** Joan Adams

**April:** Olga Mitchell

**May:** Phyllis & Mary - Invite a Friend - Old Country Buffet, Hyannis.

**June:** Carmil Brown

**July:** Cathie Pirri

**August:** Valerie Volz

**September:** Jerry Hazlett

**October:** Sandie Edwards

**November:** ( Hostess Needed )

**December:** ( Hostess Needed )

### *featuring* **Christmas Stroll Weekend**

**November 30 - December 2, 2007**

**Nantucket** is particularly enchanting during the holiday season, when New England's finest traditions come alive for the Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend, (Nov. 30 - Dec. 2) which is part of Nantucket Noel (Nov. 23 - Dec. 31) a month-long celebration organized by the Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce.



The Annual Christmas Stroll Weekend is a community holiday celebration attracting visitors from around the world. **Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive to the island via a Coast Guard vessel and ride up Main Street in a horse-drawn carriage accompanied by the Town Crier.**

**Carolers in Victorian costumes, bell ringers, student choirs and other musicians perform on the Main Street stage as well as stroll through town performing, all the while visitors can enjoy Nantucket's unique shops and restaurants. For more information, please call 508-228-1700.**

## " The Entrepreneur Spirit at the Airpark "

Lori Bisbee opened her home to invite friends and neighbors to enjoy an afternoon browsing at a beautiful and unique variety of home made items. The event was a big hit and Lori's home was filled with shoppers and browsers enjoying an afternoon of shopping, socializing and munching on appetizers. If your are interested in seeing any of these items you may contact the "Unique Boutique" entrepreneurs listed below.

### "A Unique Boutique"

Home Accessories – Lori Bisbee

Scarves, Handbags, Mah Jongg Jewelry–  
Joan Garner

Children's Clothing – Maggie Grevatt

American Girl Doll Clothing – Sue Shaw

Hand-woven Baskets, Decorative Em-  
broidery – Jeanie Weinrich



## AIRPORT HUMOR

My ex-wife started taking flying lessons about the time our divorce started. She got her license shortly before our divorce was final, later that same year. Yesterday afternoon, she narrowly escaped injury in the aircraft she was piloting when she was forced to make an emergency landing in Southern Tennessee because of bad weather. Thank God our kids were with me at the Beach House this weekend. The NTSB issued a preliminary report, citing pilot error: Judy was flying a single engine aircraft in IFR (instrument flight rating) conditions while only having obtained a VFR (visual flight rating) rating.

The absence of a post-crash fire was likely due to insufficient fuel on board.  
No one on the ground was injured.  
The Photograph to the right was taken at the scene of the accident and shows the extent of damage done to her aircraft.

Contributed by Walter and Val Volz



ATTENTION  
**BELOW IS A REQUEST FOR YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES**

Some of the FAHA ladies are planning a cookbook with favorite recipes from all our neighbors. Please submit 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes. Follow the instructions below and type your recipe on the "Recipe Collection Form".

Please submit your recipes by email to

[loribisbee@comcast.net](mailto:loribisbee@comcast.net) or [mkg2@verizon.net](mailto:mkg2@verizon.net).

You may also mail your forms to: Lori Bisbee @  
4 Wiley Post Lane, E. Falmouth, MA 02536.

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY, ONE RECIPE PER FORM. LIST ALL INGREDIENTS IN ORDER OF USE, INCLUDE TEMPERATURES AND COOKING, CHILLING, BAKING, AND /OR FREEZING TIMES.

YOUR RECIPE SHOULD FIT INTO THE FOLLOWING CATAGORIES.

- \* Appetizers & Beverages
- \* Soups & Salads
- \* Vegetables & Side Dishes
- \* Main Dishes
- \* Bread & Rolls
- \* Deserts, Cookies & Candy
- \* This & That

See Recipe Collection Form Below:

CATEGORY:  
RECIPE TITLE:  
SUBMITTED BY:  
INGREDIENTS: USE ABBREVIATIONS:  
PT. QT. PKG. ENV. C. TSP. t. Z. LB. GAL. DOZ. SM. MED. LG.  
  
Recipe:

## **Falmouth Airpark Residents work together to clean up after "NOEL"**

On Saturday, November 3rd, we had a Nor'easter on the cape and the power was out at the airpark from Saturday until late Monday, November 5th. Those who had generators shared their homes and hospitality with neighbors who did not. Many residents went around cleaning up debris in the general areas and helping out their neighbors.. We are lucky to live in a community that works together for the good of all.



During the Vietnam war, Falmouth Airpark resident Paul Vitale served as crew chief of UH1 helicopters. After Vietnam, Paul earned his FAA aircraft mechanic certification and worked as an aircraft mechanic for several large airlines and aircraft maintenance companies. Then Paul retired to Falmouth Airpark where he now flies his Mooney. But like a lot of people who get restless after retirement, Paul Vitale turned his restless energy into an entrepreneurship and has now opened an online pilot shop. It's called [YourPilotStore.com](http://YourPilotStore.com), one of the first Cape Cod-based online shops with a worldwide customer base.

Vitale's internet store marks a new stage in a unique ecommerce success story here on Cape Cod, where the economy is changing from seasonal tourists toward home-based, year-round businesses.

Vitale's [YourPilotStore.com](http://YourPilotStore.com), which operates out of Vitale's home at Falmouth Airpark, now offers specialized pilot supplies and aviation equipment for aviators, flight instructors, aircraft mechanics and flight engineers. But it wasn't that way at the beginning. It was started in 2002 selling aviator sunglasses on eBay.

After 9/11 many airport-based "brick-and-mortar" pilot shops went out of business. With the rebound of general aviation in the last two years, Vitale's store on eBay began generating good business. Vitale added more products. Today [YourPilotStore.com](http://YourPilotStore.com) offers more than 800 products, from aircraft engine air filters to special adapters for helicopter pilot headsets.

The new [YourPilotStore.com](http://YourPilotStore.com) website was set up on industry-strength internet commerce-server computers in Texas, due to the high volume of online transactions. Locally, Vitale says he profited from the expertise of fellow members at the Cape Cod eCommerce Association, he said. The organization, whose members meet one a month, promotes knowledge-sharing and networking among online business owners on Cape Cod and the Islands.

Asked what he thinks the secret is behind the success of his booming internet store, Vitale said: "I run my online business based on the same motto I had when I was a helicopter crew chief; "A good crew chief never comes up short."



## YOUR PILOT STORE

Need help finding something? [Email](mailto:info@yourpilotstore.com) or call 508.776.2130

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## “It’s called hunting the \$100 hamburger“

“\$100” referring to the cost of fuel — sort of the aeronautical equivalent of lazy Sunday drives in which the destination isn’t as important as the pleasure of getting away. The thrill level, though, is just a bit higher than that of tooling through the New England countryside in fall foliage season. One recent Saturday afternoon, for example, Bryan Hennessy banked his red-and-white Citabria above the blue-green waters around [Orcas Island](#), setting up the single-engine plane for its final approach to the quiet airstrip at the apex of Orcas, a horseshoe-shaped island northwest of [Seattle](#). His 8-year-old son, Parker, knew that once the Citabria’s wheels squealed and skipped on the runway ice-cream time was near. “Every time we get in the plane, Parker says, ‘I want to go for ice cream,’” said Mr. Hennessy, an electrical engineer who lives in Anacortes, Wash. “He loves it.” Parker isn’t the only one.

Each weekend, hundreds of pilots, fuel their single-engine Citabrias and Columbias and Cessnas and set out in search of a meal, or dessert. “I don’t think you can ever explain how much fun it is to just hop in a plane, fly somewhere and hop out and eat,” said Dave Sturm, who flies his single-engine Piper Comanche 260 from his home in Dundee, Ore.

The world of general aviation is small and intimate, filled with gearheads, adventurers and the slightly off-kilter. Its members, share a subculture built on speed, an appreciation of beautiful machines and a love for the smell of hot motor oil. But you don’t have to own a plane to bask in the singular ambience of the hunt for the \$100 hamburger. Beyond the country’s frenetic commercial airports, there are thousands of regional airstrips, some little more than a swatch of grass and an orange windsock — and you can drive up to them. (Of the country’s nearly 20,000 landing facilities only just over 500 cater to commercial airline traffic), and many of the out-of-the-way airports still have cafes and restaurants right off the field, remnants from the heyday of general aviation in the 1970s.

Most are classic greasy spoons where the waitresses call you Hon’, and you half expect to see winged semis parked outside. But a few ambitious airport restaurateurs are opening high-end places like Le Relais at Bowman Field in [Louisville, Ky.](#), or Jonesy’s Famous Steak House at the [Napa County Airport in California...](#)

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“You can judge the food you are about to have by the amount of airplane décor, and they have an inverse relationship,” said John Purner, who wrote “The \$100 Hamburger: A Guide to Pilots’ Favorite Fly-In Restaurants” (McGraw-Hill, 2007). “The more airplane décor, the worse the food.” To savor these restaurants fully, it’s best to befriend a pilot and let him or her be your guide — someone like Jake Ruhl, a Bend, Ore., aeronautical engineer. A few recent flights around the Northwest in Mr. Ruhl’s Cessna 170 taildragger showed that most homes of the \$100 hamburger trend toward the wall-mounted-propeller variety, including, yes, Wings, the name of the 1990s sitcom set at a [Nantucket](#) airport, in Auburn, Calif.

Others around the nation turns up names like the Runway Cafe in Lewis Run, Pa., and the Red Baron in Bangor, Me. AND, as in any sitcom, there are archetypal characters aplenty, among them the hangar bums, who, on sunny days, sit in folding chairs next to flower planters made from old engine cylinders and watch the planes take off, land and taxi. “There are places like that all over this country,” Mr. Ruhl said, where they’ll just sit around and talk about airplanes.”

Land in a notable plane — like a speedy Columbia 400 or a backcountry-bound De Havilland — and these gearheads will probably favor you with a nod or even wander over for some nonearthbound conversation. Only after patiently swapping flying stories and favorite destinations is it time to head to the on-the-field diner, a place similar to the Airport Cafe, which is a few steps from the grassy taxi-way that leads from the [Portland](#)-Mulino satellite airport in [Oregon](#).

There, among the paintings of cowboys and fast cars, a short-order cook passed heaping oval plates of biscuits and gravy to waitresses beneath a sign that read, “Fliers Welcome.” “They just like our style,” Desiree Carlson, one of the waitresses, said of the customers. “It’s homey here.” The Airport Cafe is a place where fliers rub shoulders with local office and factory workers on weekends, eating \$100 omelets like the meat-filled Bogey Man, whose actual, nonaviation price is \$8.95. Such breakfast runs are popular among residents of the country’s more than 500 residential air parks, tiny subdivisions where each home has its own hangar and residents can taxi their planes right onto an adjacent airstrip. “I think a lot of people have a group of friends where every Saturday or Sunday morning they’ll go out for the \$100 hamburger, the breakfast fly-out,” said Dave Sclair, a retired publisher of General Aviation News who now runs the Web site [www.livingwithyourplane.com](http://www.livingwithyourplane.com).

NEW YORK TIMES

## AIRPORT HUMOR

Tower: "TWA 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees." TWA 2341: "Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

Tower: "Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"

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A Pan Am 727 flight, waiting for start clearance in Munich, overheard the following:

Lufthansa (in German): "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

Ground (in English): "If you want an answer you must speak in English." Lufthansa (in English): "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany, why must I speak English?"

Unknown voice from another plane (in a beautiful British accent):

"Because you lost the bloody war!"

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One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

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The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speed bird 206. Speed bird 206: "Frankfurt, Speed bird 206! clear of active runway." Ground: "Speed bird 206.

Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven." The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop. Ground: "Speed bird, do you not know where you are going?" Speed bird 206: "Stand by,

Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now." Ground (with quite arrogant impatience): "Speed bird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?" Speed bird 206 (coolly): "Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, -- And I didn't land."

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While taxiing at London's Gatwick Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?" "Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded. Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"

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These have been around for a while but are still funny - Enjoy... Olga Mitchell

# **Announcements**

**Tree removal:** Due to people either not advising the ARC or ignoring the ARC regarding tree removal the FAHA Board has adopted the following policy. If the ARC has not approved a tree removal a fine of \$250 for trees with a trunk size from 4 to 12 inches and a fine of \$500 for trees with a trunk size in excess of 12 inches will be imposed. If you do not agree with an ARC decision on any tree removal you are welcome to consult an arborist and present their findings to the ARC and the Board for further consideration. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Rickenbacker Parking.** Signs were placed to eliminate parking by the intersection of Rickenbacker and Fresh Pond. The congestion in this area has caused a traffic safety problem resulting in several near traffic accidents. Please leave the entrance area clear for incoming and outgoing traffic.

**Dumping** of brush and grass is only allowed at the approach end of runway "7" (southwest end of the runway.)

**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.

**ARC meetings** will only be held on the 1st Monday of each month. There will be no other meetings during the month.

**Newsletter** materials may be forwarded to: [arizonasandie@aol.com](mailto:arizonasandie@aol.com)  
Any articles, news, pictures, vacation stories, trips, meetings, social events, or other news of interest FAHA members would like published in the newsletter. The next edition of the "Falmouth Flyer" will be the May edition.

## UPCOMING EVENT FOR NEXT SPRINGTIME

### Nantucket Daffodil Festival Weekend

April 25 - 27, 2008

From early-April to mid-May, over three million daffodils of every color, shape and size will bloom on Nantucket Island. This blossoming, and the advent of spring itself, is the focal point of the **Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce's Annual Daffodil Festival** (*April 25-27, 2008.*)

Originated by the late Jean MacAusland, a summer resident of Nantucket and former publisher of *Gourmet* magazine, the weekend has grown into a full-scale celebration of winter's thaw, joyous for both islanders and visitors alike. Daffodils adorn the island's roadsides, gardens and shop windows with blossoms of yellow, orange, white and even pale pink.



The Daffodil Festival's grand event, held on Saturday (*Rain or Shine*) is the **Annual Antique Car Parade**, featuring over 100 daffodil-bedecked antique cars (pre-registration necessary for participation.)

After winding through town and across the island to the charming village of Siasconset, participants join residents and visitors for the **Annual Daffodil Tailgate Picnic**. Held on the lush lawns leading into the village the picnic boasts fare ranging from elaborate gourmet cuisine served on fine china to box lunches and burgers.

Other highlights include the **Nantucket Garden Club's Annual Daffodil Show**, **Children's Daffodil Parade** and **The Daffy Hat Pageant**.

**As another year comes to a close at the Falmouth Airpark, we would like to thank everyone for all your contributions to the "Falmouth Flyer".**

**Paul and I have been publishing the newsletter since "June of 2003" when it was called "5B6 SAFETY SECURITY AND MORE". (Can anyone remember who won the "Name the Newsletter" contest ?) The newsletter has been constantly changing since then and has gone from a single page publication to as many as 10 pages or more. It has progressed from direct mailing to being emailed to the FAHA community, and lastly to being published on our website.**

**We enjoy putting the newsletter together and passing on information to everyone through the airpark website: [www.falmouthairpark.net](http://www.falmouthairpark.net)**

**Please call or email us at any time to discuss any ideas or suggestions you might have to make the newsletter better.**

**We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone at the airpark a festive Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.**

**Sincerely,  
Paul and Sandie Vitale**

