

# Falmouth Flyer

# August 2007

### Airport President's Column

Summer is half over and it is time to start preparing for the fall activities. I know many of you traveled out to Oshkosh the last week in July. I hope you all had a wonderful trip and were able to renew your enthusiasm for aviation. I also hope it gave you an opportunity to realize what an asset we all live in here at the Airpark and give some thought on our future course. Our Landscape Committee has overseen the completion of all our circles. The finishing touches will be completed shortly as the boulders will be engraved. This fall as the hangars are completed we will probably have the access road resurfaced and our extra equipment moved out of sight into the workshop and storage areas. This should enhance the overall appearance.

We also have to begin preparing for our annual meeting in October. At the August meeting we will be setting up the nominating committee. If you have a desire to become involved in the body overseeing your airpark this would be the time to step up. Once the committee is selected please let them know if you have a desire to be involved. As always there is much work to do in running the airpark. We have made improvements and keep trying to adapt to the changing environment. Our goal is to keep moving forward and continue improving our community. We do need people who will be involved on a year round basis that are interested in accomplishing these goals.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we will see you around the pattern.

Ed Stadelman

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#### **Upcoming Events**

Monthly Board Meeting : 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm at the Operation's Building. <u>ARC Meeting</u> : 1st Monday of the Month (there will be no other meeting times) Red Hat Outings:

(see page 8 for details)

ARC Activity Under Construction

Lot #75 Airpark Drive: John Garabedian Lot #67 Airpark Drive: New Commercial Hangers: John Garabedian

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### The Mark H. Dooley Memorial Bench

Dear FAHA Board Members, friends and neighbors

We are truly blessed to have the kind of friends and neighbors who would be so kind and caring as to create this lasting tribute to Mark (as well as all the others who have so selflessly given their own lives for us) and place it in full view for all to appreciate and reflect upon. I hope every resident, transient crew, and casual visitor takes the time to sit on the bench, enjoy the beauty surrounding them, and appreciate the sacrifices that have been made by so many for the freedoms the rest of us enjoy every day.

I can't begin to explain the breadth of emotions involved in the loss of a child (even a grown man) that you invested you're entire life to raise and nurture into the adulthood that you truly expected would exceed your own. In Mark's case this was tragically cut short with his involvement in the war against terrorism. Being retired military myself, Memorial Day has always had a special place in our hearts, but is now even more poignant due to Mark's passing.

Try as I may, I can think of no better way to express our love and gratitude other than to say "Thank You all" from the bottom of hearts. We could not have chosen a better place to live, or better friends and neighbors with which to live. Blue skies and tailwinds to you all, forever.

With Loving Respect,

Pete and Marion Dooley 32 Ben Davis Lane

### MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT

Falmouth Airpark Residents had a spur of the moment cookout at the "shack" Sunday, May 27th, in honor of Memorial Day. About 25 people arrived at the shack with food and beverages and enjoyed an assortment of foods and socialized all afternoon.



## **INDEPENDENCE DAY COOKOUT**

Our Annual July 4th Cookout was held on July 7th, Saturday at the "Shack" and Falmouth Airpark Residents, family and friends had a very enjoyable day. A larger group than last year arrived at the shack with an assortment of foods and beverages. All the help organizing and setting up everything for the cook out was was really appreciated and we were very efficient this year. We all had on our "fun" faces and socialized all afternoon. Cleanup afterwards also went quickly and smoothly.

It looks like we have putting on the best cookouts down pat

A big "THANK YOU" to the Social Committee for a great job !!!





John Garabedian is having a new home built on lot # 75 on Airpark Drive next to the new commercial hanger.

# \* OSHKOSH 2007 \*

#### By Paul Vitale



This was my first adventure of flying into the Air Venture 2007. I would like to share my experience and impressions with you. My flight from Falmouth Airpark to OshKosh in Wisconsin was both very exiting and a little stressful at the same time. As a fellow pilot, I enjoyed that adrenaline rush of flying into OshKosh and also the feeling of accomplishment after landing at the busiest Airport. I would suggest to other first-timers that you go with another pilot and have those extra set of eyes for the unexpected.

Approximately 12,000 aircraft and over 600,000 people attended this premier aviation show. Many of our Airpark residents were at the EAA Adventure 2007 and it was my good fortune to have been among them at the show for my first time. Some of our neighbors have been attending for over 20 years and were anxious to show this "Rookie" around and, thanks to them, I had the time of my aviation life. On a personal note, I would especially like to thank Jack, Roger, Ray, Olga, Rossina, Rick and his son and his son's friend for making my time there so much more enjoyable. P. S. Ray, you owe me a new pair of sneakers.

While at the show, going to and from events either on the colorful shuttles or the busses, I had the opportunity to meet many people from all over this planet drawn together for their love of aviation. These special people ranged from the famous like Chuck Yeager to an unknown retired TWA mechanic, Leo Orlando, from Long Island. Leo and I attended the Mayor's Breakfast together. The Major of OshKosh Frank Tower is a pilot and every year he and his staff put on the Mayor's Breakfast. The Mayor's Breakfast is something I would recommend to everyone to see. The food is great and there is lots of it, plus you get a flavor of the local people of Oshkosh. This year the founder of the EAA Paul Poberezny and his wife Audrey were in attendance. The major presented Audrey with the keys to the city of Oshkosh.



"Miss Wisconsin" was very lucky that I agreed to let her have her picture taken with me !!!



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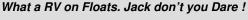
The biggest thrill I had was meeting and interviewing Betty Jo Streff Reed who was a WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) during World War II. The WASPs" have recently received recognition from the government for their contribution to the war effort, They do not, however, enjoy benefits other than PX privileges. I was so impressed with these remarkable women, and especially Betty Jo, that in the next issue of our Newsletter I am going to do a special article on the WASP's and, in particular, my new friend Betty Jo Streff Reed. When Betty Jo was first asked what the WASP's did, she said "Wasp's, well we were just Wasp's that's all.







" Glacier Girl "



# **Flying Red Hatters**

Airpark Residents—Join in for our monthly outings. Call our queen mothers for further information Phyllis Swift 508-548-6148 & Mary Kranz 508-540-9759

<u>May 30th (Wednesday):</u> Hostess Sandie Vitale. Olga, Mary, Sandie, Phyllis and Candie had lunch at "Sandy's Restaurant" in Buzzards Bay and a stroll along the "Cape Cod Canal" Phyllis was presented with a sparkling script pin by Mary to celebrate her 4th year as our Queen Mother.

<u>June 14th (Thursday)</u>: Hostesses Mary Kranz & Phyllis Swift. We went on a tour of "The Rose Man" country gardens in Barnstable and lunch at the "Scargo Café" in Dennis.

July 13th (Friday): Hostess Cathie Pirri. Mr. Ford gave antique appraisals an historical background and a lecture at Cathie's home. Then everyone enjoyed a delicious Pot Luck Lunch on Cathie's patio.

<u>August 14th (Tuesday</u>): Hostess Jerry Hazlett . Meet at the Shack at 9am sharp. A guided tour of the John Quincy Adams and John Adams homesteads in Quincy and the gardens planted by Abigail in Braintree, then lunch in Quincy.

September: Hostess Maggie Grevatt (outing to be announced)

(Outings subject to change; updates will be emailed to the Red Hat Group)



May - Cape Cod Canal outing



June — "The Rose Man" Nursery

# <u>Announcements</u>

#### Notice of Airpark Driveway to Shack Closing

The electrical power for the new Hangers is to be installed on Thursday August 8th. This will necessitate the closing of the Airpark driveway from Noon until they are finished.

<u>Sprinklers:</u> The town of Falmouth asks that its residents only run sprinklers during the hours of 7pm to 7am to conserve water.



<u>Dumping</u> of brush and grass is only allowed at the end of runway "25". Residents have noticed that debris from clippings of grass and brush are being dumped in the field at the end of runway "7" and its not a pretty sight.

<u>Police</u> 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 cal the police at the above phone number. Please don't hesitate to call.

<u>ARC meetings</u> will only be held on the 1st Monday of each month. There will be no other meetings during the month.

<u>Newsletter</u> materials may be forwarded to: arizonasandie@aol.com Any articles, news, pictures, vacation stories, trips, meetings, social events, or other news of interest you would like published in the newsletter.

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