## Falmouth Flyer

April 2007

#### AIRPORT PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome back to all our residents who headed to more temperate climates for the winter. While you were away there have been some changes. The most obvious is the new hangar project that is really making progress. Thanks to the generosity and vision of John Garabedian, the Airpark will have a work and storage area for our equipment as well as three rentable hangars to generate more revenue for the association. As many of you know we also purchased a new tractor for the airpark. This machine enables us to be considerably more self sufficient for our operation. We were able to eliminate our snow plowing vendor and handle it all in house. Also we acquired a mower deck that was used by a country club. We were able to get this machine for a very good price. It should cut mowing time down considerably with the increased size of the mower deck.

Speaking of landscaping, spring is finally showing up. The bulbs planted by Maggie's landscape committee are breaking ground and should be in bloom shortly. The landscape committee is also having our annual clean up day. Lori Bisbee is heading up this event again and is working on some new treasures to be found. Those of you who were not there last year missed some work , good camaraderie and community spirit an a lot of fun. We hope you make it this year. See page 3 of this Newsletter for details. Thanks to all for organizing this event. One more item I would like to cover is fuel. The price of fuel has been on a roller coaster ride. It seems it is headed up for the summer. Here is how your board has decided to weather this latest storm. We were able to purchase fuel at just about the bottom of the market this winter. That is what we have left in the ground now. With the prices on the rise we have gone to a market rate at the pump so we will have enough cash on hand to allow us to purchase fuel when needed, probably in mid June. Also we have increased our markup 10 cents/ gallon. To protect our resident flyers we have also increased the resident discount by 10 cents/ gallon. We have adopted this policy to ensure we have reasonably priced fuel so we can all enjoy the flying season. It is nice to see the increase in activity again and hope to see every-

It is nice to see the increase in activity again and hope to see everyone out on May 5<sup>th</sup>. It's time to get out and enjoy our airpark. We'll see you around the pattern.

Ed Stadelman



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#### **Upcoming Events**

April 26th - Red Hat Outing May 5th - Annual Airpark Spring Clean-up & Party

#### **ARC** Activity

**Under Construction:** 

New commercial hangers lot 67 John Garabedian



#### **Landscape Committee**

Spring clean-up May 5, 2007

With the warmer weather arriving, many of us will be doing more walking around the airpark and if you bring a plastic bag and pick up unsightly trash along the way, you will enjoy the scenery much more and our walks will be more enjoyable.

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#### **NEW HANGER CONSTRUCTION**



The Ful-Fab building and 9 man crew arrived on Tuesday, by 5 PM the following day this is what they had accomplished.



Shannon, Colin and a worker on a "cherry picker" lift install insulation around the new Airpark workshop. No longer will Willy have to work on equipment in the freezing cold on a dirt floor with a leaky roof.



By Friday the new hangar doors were all installed.



How the new hangar looks with the 2003 hangars. Notice the large garage door opening for the new equipment storage garage...no more leaving expensive machinery out in the weather.



Gary Street, his assistant, and Ful-Fab foreman Shannon Pearl do the final walk-through inspection last Saturday.



Planes lining up to use the new hanger !!!!

The new Falmouth Airpark hangar erection was finished this week. Remaining work includes building a firewall, installing electric, garage doors on the two new airpark equipment storage/workshops, grading, landscaping, fencing, and paving. The brand new hangars should easily be ready for tenants to move in and pay rent starting June 1,2007. Anyone who wishes to rent a hangar should contact Manager Willy to get on the list.

By: John Garabedian



# ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY MAY 5 8:30 AM MEET AT THE SHACK

Coffee and donuts to get us going!
Work Hours 9 am - ONE

We will break into groups and clean up the common areas and entrance ways. Come join your neighbors and help make our beautiful community look even better

DON'T FORGET YOUR GLOVES, RAKES AND SHOVELS

All workers are invited to Skip and Maggie Grevatt's for a Barb B Q at 6 p.m.

Bring a hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert

Questions? Call Lori 540-4716

RAIN DATE MAY 6





#### FLYING RED HATTERS

The Falmouth Airpark has its own Red Hat Group and they call themselves "The Flying Red Hatters" — Join in for our fun outings. Wear a Red Hat and Purple Outfit or a Pink Hat & Lavender Outfit if you're under 50.

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

<u>January</u>: Betty McDowell hosted a fun luncheon at "The Casino Wharf Restaurant", it's a new place on the water and is very nice.

<u>February</u>: Meryl and Rick Brown provided us with an excellent mystery wine tasting event and the Red Hatters included the guys from the airpark to join us !!!

March: Joan Adams hosted lunch at "Wimpy's Restaurant" in Osterville; excellent food!

<u>April 26th Outing</u>: Olga Mitchell — A visit to Spohr Gardens to view their daffodil display. (April 28 has been designated as Daffodil Day) The Newcomers/Encore joint Dirt Diggers meeting and the general membership at the First Congregational Church will feature Irwin Ehrenreich, a Master Gardener and a rose specialist. Coffee and baked goods will be served. We will make quite a splash at the newcomers meeting with our red hats. Lunch at "Crabapples's Restaurant" after the meeting and then go to Spohr to see the Daffodils.

May 31th (Thursday): Sandie Vitale — Lunch at "Sandy's Restaurant" in Buzzards Bay and after lunch a walk along the "Cape Cod Canal"

<u>June</u>: Mary Kranz and Phyllis Swift — Lunch at "Old Country Buffet" in Hyannis July: Cathi Pirri — Antique Appraisal and Pot Luck Lunch in Cathi's hanger.

(The above outings are subject to change, and updates will be emailed to the Red Hat Group)

#### Damage to Shining Sea Bike Path and Beach

For those of us who have had the good fortune to be able to walk/bike/rollerblade the Shining Sea Bike path in Falmouth and enjoy one of the most beautiful and scenic experiences that our area has to offer; we found that some damage was done to our bike path during the last storm. The bike path and beach suffered due to the tidal surge. We will have to wait for the town to clean up the paved area and the damage to the beach which was more extensive.



Beach area sand is gone, seaweed everywhere



Sandie Vitale on Bike Path, covered with stones

#### OTIS AIR FORCE BASE



Picture Caption:Left to Right: Cliff McDonald - 102 Fighter Wing/Public Affairs,Rae Willis, Jack Adams, John Garabedian, Olga Mitchell, Michael Keeling, Jenny Bruce, Roger McDowell, Candie Oldham, Dave Jablon, Jim Bauder (Guest of Pat McNamara).

On the afternoon of February 8th, the above Falmouth Airpark residents were treated to a tour of OTIS ANGB. The tour was coordinated by Lieutenant Colonel Patrick J. McNamara, 253 Combat Communications Group.

After lunch at the golf course, the group toured the ANG base in a van arranged by Lt. Col. McNamara. While there were no F-15 operations that day, the group got an extensive tour of the workings of Cape Approach and Otis Tower as well as the maintenance hangar, where the F-15s are serviced.

#### Rae



#### Guess who just turned "60" Happy Birthday, Alice!

Alice Burke's family held a gala 60th Birthday celebration for Alice (who was totally surprised) on February 24 at Kitty's in North Reading. Among the more than 60 persons in attendance were (L-R) Alice, Candie Oldham, Tony Pirri, Cathie Pirri, Rae Willis and Carmil Brown (not pictured).

#### SELL - SWAP - LOAN

### Please: before you buy any tool or equipment ask first: We all have something to offer.

As all of us know in aviation if you throw something away you will most likely need it the next day. I would like to offer this section as a way for us to

help each other accomplish basic repairs & procedures with the least amount of expense to any of us. In this Section you will be able to: Sell — swap — or loan any item or tool through the newsletter.

Items Include

- 1. King IFR Course on CD. Loan; Contact P. Vitale uh1-d@mail.capecod.com
- 2. Low Wing Aircraft Jacks to swing Gear. Loan; Contact P. Vitale @ uh1-d@mail.capecod.com
- 3. Lowance Air Map 300 GPS Free; Contact Paul Kranz @ w1cfi@yahoo.com
- 4. Northstar M1 Loran Complete to loan or sell Contact P. Vitale @ uh1-d@mail.capecod.com

Email any requests or offers you want posted in the newsletter to Paul Vitale

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#### **Yard Trash**

The piles of yard trash at the SE side of the approach end to Runway 7 have been deemed unsightly and will be cleaned up. The access road to the over-run at the approach end of Runway 7 will be improved and extended and yard trash may be deposited off the approach over the embankment at the end of the road. If in doubt about where yard trash can be dumped, see Willy.

Yard trash is to be deposited only in the designated area, not on private lots, community property or anywhere else in the Airpark.

Yard trash consists of natural materials such as soil, grass clippings, leaves, branches and other vegetable materials. Please, no plastic or other non-natural materials.

Rae Willis

#### Curb Your Dog !

Some Airpark residents do not pick up after their dog (s). Dog droppings on common property, especially on or near sidewalks, in the street or on taxiways are unsightly, distasteful and unhealthy. Picking up after your dog (s) may just save you the embarrassment of having one of your neighbors reminding you in person.

Rae Willis