

# Falmouth Flyer

June 2007



## Airport President's Column

As we head into summer I think this is a good opportunity to take a look at some past, ongoing, and future activities around the airpark. The first area I would like to cover is our annual work day. That took place May 5<sup>th</sup> and seems to be getting better every year. We had a great turn out and thanks to all who did. There was a considerable amount accomplished and a good bit of community camaraderie was established. Special thanks to Lori Bisbee for organizing the day and to Maggie and Skip Grevatt for opening their home that evening for the ensuing cook out.

The hangar project is moving ahead at full speed. The ramp and taxiway around the hangar is paved. The three hangars and workshop area for airpark use should be ready for occupancy in June. Thanks to our benefactor John Garabedian the airpark should be generating income from them this summer. We are expecting many guests at 5B6 this summer also. Besides the usual transients we are expecting a fly-in event for the Bonanza Society as well as a meeting for the 99's. There may also be an EAA meeting here as well. Please make our guests feel welcome on their arrival. With this in mind we all need to be vigilant in the pattern and be sure we all follow our published traffic rules around the pattern. These are in place to keep us all safe.

As much as I hate to bring up this next topic, the nice weather brings out all our pets. If you are walking your dog through the neighborhood or anywhere on airpark property please clean up after them. They are your responsibility.

Thanks for reading this piece and lets all have a great summer.

Ed Stadelman  
President

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## Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meeting:

2nd Monday of the month at  
7 pm at the Operation's Building.

May 30th: Red Hat Outing

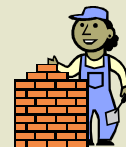
June 21st: Red Hat Outing

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## ARC Activity

Under Construction:

New commercial  
hangars; lot 67



John Garabedian's lot

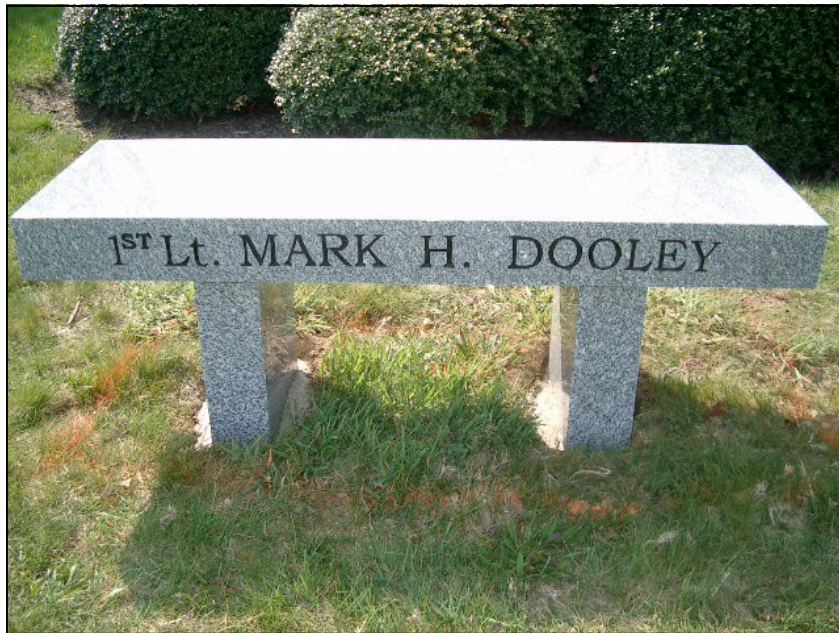
## Landscape Committee

The Airpark is looking GOOD after the annual clean-up day in which 37 residents and friends volunteered their time and energy to spruce up the Airpark !

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# HONORING OUR SOLDIERS

We cherish too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led,  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies.  
by Moina Michael (1915)



A Memorial Bench honoring Mark H. Dooley has been installed in front of the Operations Building. by Rae Willis

# THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS !



*This airpark looks "SO" good! A big bouquet of thanks (no dandelions included) to each and every one of the cheerful 37 volunteers who gave a few hours of their time on a sunny Saturday morning to help clean up the circles and common areas from winter's debris. There were lots of laughs and great community spirit as the work progressed. We even had volunteers who are not residents join the work crew. Be proud of your work as you go around the airpark. And of course, special thanks to Lori Bisbee who fed us breakfast and got us all organized and assigned to special tasks.*

*Maggie*

*A special thanks also goes to Skip and Maggie Grevatt who opened up their home and hosted a B B Q for all the volunteers. It was an evening of feasting and socializing after a hard days work. "Thanks, Maggie & Skip"*





## Flying Red Hatters

**Airpark Residents**—Join in for our monthly fun outings. Wear a Red Hat and Purple Outfit or if under "50" - a Pink Hat & Lavender Outfit. Call our queen mothers for further information.

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

**April 26th Outing**: Olga Mitchell and fellow Red Hatters, Maggie Grevatt, Sandie Vitale, Candie Oldham and Phyllis Swift, went to The Newcomers/Encore joint Dirt Diggers meeting at the First Congregational Church featuring Irwin Ehrenreich, a Master Gardener and a rose specialist who owns "The Rose Man" nursery. He gave a very interesting and informative lecture. We had Lunch afterwards at "Crabapples" Restaurant" then visited Spohr Gardens to view their daffodil display.

**May 30th (Wednesday)**: Sandie Vitale - Lunch at "Sandy's Restaurant" in Buzzards Bay & after lunch a walk along the "Cape Cod Canal" (wear comfortable shoes & bring a jacket). Meet at the Shack 11 am (rain date—Fri. June 1st.)

**June 21st (Thursday)**: Mary Kranz & Phyllis Swift - A tour of "The Rose Man" a country rose garden and nursery in Barnstable. Lunch at "Scargo Café" in Dennis. 11 am at the Shack. Drivers needed.  
Rain Day plan: The Country Buffet in Hyannis.

**July 13th (Friday)**: "Save The Date"— Do you have an antique item in your house whose value you would like to know? On Friday, July 13 the Red Hatters will host "Period and Antiques Appraisal" by Albert Ford II at the Pirri's home. This Red Hat event is open to all the women of the Airpark. Those who come are invited to bring two items to be appraised by Mr. Ford. He will also give historical background when possible. There will be a Pot Luck Lunch at noon followed by Mr. Ford's lecture and appraisal. Mr. Ford charges a \$250 stipend. The cost will divide among attendees. So, for merriment and economy, we encourage you to come and bring a friend.

Please RSVP to Cathie Pirri at [pirri@comcast.net](mailto:pirri@comcast.net)  
26 Quimby Lane

# CAPA SPRING DINNER

Thanks to everyone for making our first annual CAPA Spring Dinner a huge success! It almost became standing room only. The room was packed, food was excellent, and Mass Aeronautics Chief Inspector Dick Bunker did a thorough presentation on the John F. Kennedy Jr. accident, assisted by Chief Safety Officer Jack Keenan from the FAA Boston FSDO.

I'm pleased to announce that we raised approximately \$250 for the scholarship fund in our raffle last night! Olga Mitchell did a wonderful job running the raffle. After deducting the 5% we have to pay to the Mass. State Lottery, the winner was awarded \$150, and he donated \$100 of his winnings to the scholarship fund. That \$100 plus the \$150 we keep for the scholarship fund totals approximately \$250. Treasurer Roger McDowell announced that we now have at least \$6,000 to award this year, which is double what we awarded last year. In addition, Cape Air says they mailed a check for \$1000 (which we haven't received yet) which means we will then have \$7,000! Plus our paid membership has more than doubled from 31 on January 1 to 73 now. We also awarded the slick new CAPA Caps last night to all paid members who attended...the rest will be mailed out. Any members who have not renewed should immediately send \$30 to Membership Director Candie Oldham, 30 Smilin' Jack Lane, Falmouth 02536 and they will receive their CAPA Cap, as well as a free email account with the prestige address of [your-name@capepilot.com](mailto:your-name@capepilot.com). IT director Bob McDowell will be emailing the new email account information to all paid members in the next two weeks.

Thanks for all your help and support.

Next month: Veteran United Airlines Captain Lynn O'Donnell, who has ferried 52 singles across the pond. Griffin Aviation head of maintenance Jim Griffin Jr., the horror show annual ...scary stuff found under the cowl. Next month's meeting will be May 16 at Air Cape Cod. The joint CAPA/EAA 498

Spring Picnic will be Sunday, May 20 at Cape Cod Airfield, Marstons Mills. Admission, hot dogs and hamburgers are free for members and guests, everyone is requested to bring a salad, side dish, or desert. Rain date is May 27.

John Garabedian  
President  
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# Aircraft Radio Transmissions

Submitted by Olga Mitchell

Note: For those that don't know, "The Sled" is the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane from the 1960's and still the fastest airplane.

In his book, "Sled Driver", SR-71 Blackbird pilot Brian Shul writes: "I'll always remember a certain radio exchange that occurred one day as Walt (my back-seater) and I were screaming across Southern California 13 miles high.

We were monitoring various radio transmissions from other aircraft as we entered Los Angeles airspace. Though they didn't really control us, they did monitor our movement across their scope.

I heard a Cessna ask for a readout of its ground speed." 90 knots" Center replied.

Moments later, a Twin Beech required the same. "120 knots," Center answered.

We weren't the only ones proud of our ground speed that day as almost instantly an F-18 smugly transmitted, "Ah, Center, Dusty 52 requests ground speed read out." There was a slight pause, then the response, "525 knots on the ground, Dusty."

Another silent pause. As I was thinking to myself how ripe a situation this was, I heard a familiar click of a radio transmission coming from my back-seater. It was at that precise moment I realized Walt and I had become a real crew for we were both thinking in unison. "Center, Aspen 20, you got a ground speed readout for us?" There was a longer than normal pause.... "Aspen, I show 1,742 knots" (That's about 2004.658 mph for those who don't know) No further inquiries were heard on that frequency.

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In another famous SR-71 story, Los Angeles Center reported receiving a request for clearance to FL 600 (60,000 ft). The incredulous controller, with some disdain in his voice, asked, "How do you plan to get up to 60,000 feet? The pilot (obviously a sled driver), responded, "We don't plan to go up to it; we plan to go down to it." He was cleared.

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The pilot was sitting in his seat and pulled out a .38 revolver. He placed it on top of the instrument panel, and then asked the navigator, "Do you know what I use this for?" The navigator replied timidly, "No, what's it for?" The pilot responded, "I use this on navigators who get me lost!" The navigator proceeded to pull out a .45 and place it on his chart table. The pilot asked, "What's that for?" "To be honest sir," the navigator replied, "I'll know we're lost before you will."

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When Hillary Clinton visited Iraq last month the Army Blackhawk helicopter used to transport the Senator was given the call sign "broomstick one". And they say the Army has no sense of humor!

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Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!" Delta 351" Give us another hint! We all have digital watches!"

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One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a MD80 landed. The MD80 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the MD80 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" Our hero the Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with: "I made it out of MD80 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one."

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There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down. "Ah," the pilot remarked, "the dreaded seven-engine approach." locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for takeoff."

### 'Wisdom of the Air'

- **You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3.**  
(Paul F. Crickmore—test pilot)
- **The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.**
- **Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky.** (From an old carrier sailor)
- **When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.**
- **The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" and " Oh S-t !!!! "**
- **When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.**
- **Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there.**

submitted by Olga Mitchell

## SELL - SWAP - LOAN

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

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 through the newsletter.

### Items available

King IFR Course on CD. to **loan** - Contact P. Vitale — [uh1-d@mail.capecod.com](mailto:uh1-d@mail.capecod.com)

Low Wing Aircraft Jacks to swing Gear to **loan**; Contact P. Vitale — [uh1-d@mail.capecod.com](mailto:uh1-d@mail.capecod.com)

Lowance Air Map 300 GPS **free** - Contact Paul Kranz — [w1cfi@yahoo.com](mailto:w1cfi@yahoo.com)

Northstar M1 Loran Complete to **loan or sell** - Contact P. Vitale — [uh1-d@mail.capecod.com](mailto:uh1-d@mail.capecod.com)

Email items you want posted in the newsletter to Paul Vitale @[uh1-d@mail.capecod.com](mailto:uh1-d@mail.capecod.com)  
(Your item will be posted in the next newsletter.)



# “ SHOP AT SEARS “

(submitted by c.m.dyer)

I know I needed this reminder since Sears isn't always my first choice... Amazing when you think of how long the war has lasted and they haven't withdrawn from their commitment... This will make me think twice when I go shopping.

How does Sears treat its employees who are called up for military duty? By law, they are required to hold their jobs open and available, but nothing more. Usually, people take a big pay cut and lose benefits as a result of being called up... Sears is voluntarily paying the difference in salaries and maintaining all benefits, including medical insurance and bonus programs, for all called up reservist employees for up to two years. I submit that Sears is an exemplary corporate citizen and should be recognized for its contribution. Suggest we all shop at Sears, and be sure to find a manager to tell them why we are there so the company gets the positive reinforcement it well deserves.

I Decided to check this before I sent it forward, so I sent the following e-mail to the Sears Customer Service Department: Received this e-mail and I would like to know if it is true. If it is, the Internet may have just become one very good source of advertisement for your company. I know I would go out of my way to buy products from Sears instead of another store for a like item, even if it's cheaper at that store.

This is their answer to my e-mail:

"Dear Customer: Thank you for contacting Sears. The information is factual. We appreciate your positive feedback. Sears regards service to our country as one of greatest sacrifices our young men and women can make. We are happy to do our part to lessen the burden they bear at this time."

Bill Thorn, Sears Customer Care

[webcenter@sears.com](mailto:webcenter@sears.com) <javascript:parent.ComposeTo(> 1-800-349-4358 )

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## Memorial Day History

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.**

There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's [Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920](#)). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.



Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

## John McCrae: In Flanders Fields (1915)

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow (1)  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.**