

“ Falmouth Flyer “

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Airport President's Column

April has arrived and for the most part the weather has been behaving like Spring. It is a time of year we all look forward to. Welcome back to our residents that headed south for the winter. It appears our drainage project from last year was successful as mud was not an issue this year, thanks in part to Mother Nature's cooperation.

As we move into spring there is much going on. We now have a website, falmouthairpark.net. This will be the home of the newsletter as well as an information site for upcoming events and other information. If you have ideas please let us know. I do want to take this opportunity to thank Doug Grevatt for setting the site up for us and graciously agreeing to be the Webmaster.

We have also contracted for our reserve study. It is now being compiled for us. There will be a presentation of the findings and recommendations at our annual meeting in October. My thanks to Peter Anderson for his legwork in finding us the best available contractor for the task.

We also have some upcoming events. First is our Community clean up day, Saturday May 6, rain date the 7th. I hope to see many of you there. The following Saturday the 99s are having a meeting at the pilot shack followed by a cook out.

It is nice to see more aircraft in the pattern as the weather gets nicer. I hope all of you will find some activities to participate in this spring and enjoy our neighbors and community. I look forward to seeing you all around the pattern.

Ed Stadelman

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting: 4/10

99's Meeting: 5/13 (see pg. 5)

2nd Annual Clean-up Day: 5/06 (see pg.2)

ARC Activity

Under Construction:

Chris & Mary Dyer

Matt Jackson

Tim & Nancy Carmichael



Welcome to the Airpark:

Meryl & Rick Brown- Smilin' Jack Ln

Barbara & Gerd Meissner-

Rickenbacker Road



I WANT YOU...

REDUCE YOUR SPEED

While you are driving in the Airpark. {This means you} The posted speed limit is **20 mph.**

This posted speed is the speed limit, not to be confused with a speed suggestion. We have over the past few years had a dramatic increase in children living in the Airpark. It is our responsibility as homeowners and adults to obey the rules and help protect our children..

P. Vitale

FALMOUTH AIRPARK HAS A NEW WEBSITE !!!!!!!

To access the new website go to: www.falmouthairpark.net

The newsletter will be posted only in the new airpark website after this issue so please pass the word along.

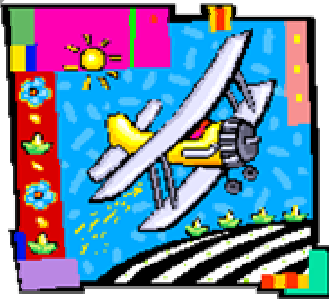
A special thanks to Doug Grevatt (Maggie and Skip's son) for all his hard work and time spent setting up this new site that has been needed for a long time.

***THANKS FROM ALL OF US AT THE AIRPARK, DOUG , FOR A GREAT JOB
DONE AND A MUCH APPRECIATED PROJECT***

Reserve Study Approved

The Falmouth Airpark Board of Directors have approved a Reserve Study for our Home Owners Association as required by Ma. Laws.

The Board after much patience and painstaking scrutiny has unanimously decided to hire Briggs Associates to perform the long overdue In-depth Reserve Study for the Airpark. A very special thanks to Peter Anderson who took on this huge and important project.



2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 6 @ 8:30 AM MEET AT THE SHACK

Coffee and donuts to get us going!

Work Hours 9am - Noon

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 & SHOVELS

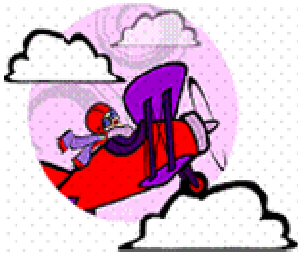
All workers are invited to Skip and Maggie Grevatt's for a Barb B Q at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a hors d'oeuvre, salad or dessert

RSVP Lori or Maggie if you will be at the Barb B Q

Questions? Call Lori 540-4716

RAIN DATE MAY 7



Flying RedHatters

Join us for our monthly get-togethers. Wear a Red Hat and Purple Outfit, if you're under 50, wear a Pink Hat & Lavender Outfit.

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

April Outing:

Host Phyllis Swift (Call Phyllis for more info)
Lunch at Sunset Grille, & maybe a leisurely walk around Sphore's Gardens.

May Outing: 20th @ 10 am Hosted by Candie Oldham (@ her house). Her friend Hazel Numsen will do a color analysis followed by a potluck lunch.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

by Jack Adams



"Slick" here flies only open cockpit airplanes!

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Sunday, March 19th, five Falmouth Airpark Aircraft and their crews had a Fly out to KJJD Willimantic, CT. Although it wasn't the smoothest flight ever, all of us had a great time with no serious head injuries. A short walk (less than 5 minutes) from the airport is a great little Italian Restaurant with good food. We were led on this adventure by our two experienced Airline Captains Mitch Garner and Bob Bisbee who kept trying to find a smooth altitude for us to no avail.

The Fly out was attended by Rae Willis and Candie Oldham who along with Jack Adams, Dave Jablon, Bob Bisbee, Mitch Garner and Paul Vitale had a great lunch and day with our toys.

Since everyone seemed to enjoy the fly out, Rae Willis and Candie Oldham have taken the initiative to organize another. The date for the next fly out is Saturday April 15, 2006. The destination is Pittsfield KPSF. The departure time will be 10:30 AM. We will be joining up with Mid-Atlantic Pilots Association.

We propose to fly only in VFR weather. If it is not VFR we will postpone the flight until the following Saturday. If it's still not VFR (the following week) the flight is scrubbed. If interested please show up or email Rae Willis or Candie Oldham @Cjo3515H@cs.com

Ready to go and have Fun !

- 3 Bonanzas
- 1 Mooney
- 1 RV 4

Come Join the Fun

pictures by Mitch Garner



The Evergreen Aviation Museum

The Evergreen Aviation Museum is located in McMinnville, Oregon adjacent to the Evergreen airport and contains the famous “Spruce Goose” or H-1 and approximately 70 other airplanes which cover the period from the Wright flyer to the F-15 and SR-71. Completion of the new large hangar-like museum in 2001 provided a place to house the Hughes Flying Boat which was purchased by the museum and floated down the Willamet River in several pieces for restoration and re-assembly in the new museum. The museum is dedicated to the life and memory of Captain Michael Smith, an F-15 pilot and son of Evergreen International Aviation's founder, Delford Smith.

The H-1 is the largest wooden airplane with the longest wingspan ever constructed, and was flown only one time on November 2nd, 1947, by its designer Howard Hughes. It employed eight 3000 horsepower radial engines which managed to propel it to an altitude of 70 feet for one minute covering a distance of about one mile. It was intended as a personnel and materiel carrier that could make trans-Atlantic crossings by air and thus avoid German submarines during World War II. Hughes spent 5 years constructing the aircraft and spent \$18,000,000 federal dollars and \$7,000,000 of his own money. Wood construction was chosen because aluminum and steel were in such short supply during the war. Actually the “Spruce Goose” is constructed of birch with only small amounts of maple, poplar, balsa and yes spruce. Birch was chosen because testing proved it to be light, strong and resistant to splitting, dry rot and deterioration.

After construction and the initial flight, the Flying Boat was stored in a special hangar and kept out of the public eye for thirty three years. His employees kept the plane in immaculate condition and ready to fly at a cost of about \$1,000,000 a year. After Hughes death in 1976, the Aero Club of Southern California saved the Flying Boat and the Wrather Corporation built it a massive domed hangar, next to the Queen Mary, in Long Beach and placed it on display in 1983. After the Disney Corporation's purchase of the Wrather Corporation, interest was lost in the airplane. Evergreen Aviation bought it in 1993 and had it disassembled and floated by barge up the coast and down the Willamet river to McMinnville, Oregon.

The museum is also home to an SR-71 “Blackbird” complete with its two huge engines and an experimental SR-21 drone which was launched in flight from the rear top side of the SR-71! The SR-71 could cruise at more than 2200 miles per hour (Mach 3) at an altitude greater than 85000 feet and had a maximum range greater than 2900 miles. Thirty two SR-71s were built by Lockheed's Skunkworks and flew missions over North Vietnam, North Korea, The Middle East and Cuba. Some of the missions over the Middle East lasted for more than 10 hours and required six re-fuelings with speeds of over Mach 3 being maintained for five hours. One of its secrets is in the design of the engine inlets which employed an adjustable spike whose purpose was to reduce inlet air to the subsonic speeds required by the engines. This SR-71 is on loan from the Air Force Museum and flew from 1966 to 1997, during which it accumulated 3666 hours.

Some of the more notable aircraft in the museum dating from WWII are a B-17, B-25, Me109, P-51, P-38, Spitfire and Corsair, some of which rest under the wings of the H-1. Perhaps the most surprising exhibit is a Granville Brothers model E racer which looks identical to Jim Jenkins' Model Y.

BY: PAUL KRANZ

SPRUCE GOOSE



SR - 71



99's To Visit Falmouth Airpark

Saturday, May 13th the Eastern New England chapter of the 99s (women pilots) is having their monthly meeting here at the Airpark, to be followed by lunch. Airpark residents will be welcome to join us around noon near the shack (please bring whatever you would like to cook on the Airpark's grill) to meet the ladies. This will be an excellent opportunity for some good PR for the Airpark, and a chance to find out more about this organization which has been in existence since 1929.

Candie Oldham

Taxiway Use Notice

The Taxiways at the Falmouth Airpark are part of the Aircraft Operating Area.(AOA).

There are no vehicles (other than golfcarts) allowed on the Taxiways. Only the President of FAHA or the Airport Manager may give permission to operate a vehicle on the Taxiways.

OUR OPERATION'S BUILDING

Thanks to a gift from Candie Oldham's sister, Connie, The "library" in the shack has been restocked with aviation history and information in the form of more than 150 volumes covering virtually everything that has flown since 1903 through the present decade. Please feel free to peruse the books at your leisure. The paperbacks and novels previously available have been retained by Candie in case anyone is interested. If there is no interest in these books they will likely be disposed of by summer.

Thanks, Rae & Candie

**Mystery plane ?
Can you identify it ?**

HINT !

**I saw it at the Pima Air
Museum in Tuscon, AZ**

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