

# FALMOUTH AIRPARK FLASH

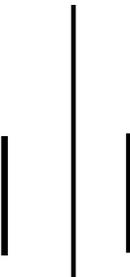
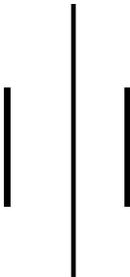


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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a while since we have had an Airpark Newsletter circulated to our community. This rebirth of the newsletter is a result of the efforts of Judie Spero and Lee McGraw. I want to thank them for their efforts as this provides a means to disseminate information to our Association members.

There have been some changes to our community since our last newsletter. We now have new faces that have joined us. Also, Cathie Pirri has the Social Committee up and running with a calendar full of events that we hope you will find enticing. Though not necessarily a social event, please remember that we have our regularly scheduled board meeting on the second Monday of each month. These take place at the Pilot Shack. All are welcome to these and your input is welcome and encouraged. Don't forget that our annual meeting is coming up in October.

We are always looking for members to get involved in our Association. Attendance at these events of course is not mandatory, but gives you an excellent venue to meet your neighbors and be informed about the activities at the Airpark.

As most of you are aware, Tom Dyer retired from his duties at the Airpark last year. As we approached the busy summer season we embarked on a project with Bridgewater State College and their intern program. We were able to recruit an intern from their aviation program to help us through the period from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This was beneficial to both the Association and the student, who experienced first hand all that is involved in running at least a small airport. We hope to continue our relationship with Bridgewater in the future.

Speaking for the entire Board, we hope you have all had a good summer and look forward to seeing you all around the Airpark. We hope you all enjoy the revitalized newsletter.

Ed Stadelman

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## FALMOUTH AIRPARK BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF

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Rick Brown  
Pete Dooley  
Roger McDowell

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each month at 7 PM, open to the  
membership.

Architectural Review Committee  
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Well, here it is, our first issue of the new *Falmouth Airpark Flash* newsletter! As the Flash's editors, it's been very rewarding to see this newsletter grow from a thought to what you see today.

We hope you enjoy the retro vibe of the newsletter's front page and the content therein. Please remember, the content is a work in progress and meant to be meaningful to our community. So please contribute so that this newsletter will reflect the interests of the Airpark residents at large. Send articles to Judie at: [jss@cleveraddress.com](mailto:jss@cleveraddress.com).

We want to thank our first issue contributors for stepping up and helping us fill our pages. Kudos to you for a job well done.

Judie Spero  
Lee McGraw

## FLASH MAILING LIST

If you would like another or different household email address added to the Flash mailing list, please let us know at: [leemcgraw@yahoo.com](mailto:leemcgraw@yahoo.com).

## AIRPARK CALENDAR

**October 20 - Annual Meeting, 9 AM**

**January 15 - HOA fees due**

**April 15 - HOA fees due**

*(Please avoid the \$25 late fee by submitting your dues on time.)*



# Memorial Day 2012







## Welcome New Arrivals

Kendra & Walt Julian  
39 Quimby, 6/12

Edward L Maurer II, 12/11  
85 Rickenbacker

Lee McGraw & Van Lupo, 7/11  
174 Rickenbacker

Michael A. Nicholson, 6/11  
137 Rickenbacker

Susan O'Grady & Jeremy Fisher, 4/11  
28 Ben Davis

Bill & Michele Sparrow  
Under Construction: Lot # 6, 20 Glory

## Day Trip Offer

Bart Marksohn, our neighbor at 36 Quimby, is offering a tour of his bus-building facility around the corner from the Warwick, NY (N72) airport. If anyone from the Airpark would like a tour of the bus factory and lunch in the town of Sugar Loaf, his factory will shuttle residents to and from the airport, factory and the Barnsider Restaurant (for that \$100 burger). The factory is open Monday through Thursday. Please contact Bart at: [bart@wettransport.com](mailto:bart@wettransport.com) if you are interested.

Thanks, Bart!

The Editors

## Check Your GIGO Etiquette

- Put all refuse in a secure bag before putting it in the garbage can. Do not put loose refuse in the garbage can. This aids the collectors in getting the refuse in the truck rather than on the ground.
- Use a garbage can with a secure lid. Do not put out garbage cans without lids.
- Do not overfill the garbage can so that the lid cannot be secured.
- Do not put refuse out for collection in paper or plastic bags. These bags do not deter crows and other animals.
- Secure recycling properly. Keep in mind the fact that it's sometimes windy on the Cape.
- Do not block sidewalks with your refuse.

Rae Willis

**Airpark Directory**

If you are interested in keeping in touch with your neighbors and are willing to have your name, address, phone number and email address listed in an Airpark Directory, please send the info to: [leemcgraw@yahoo.com](mailto:leemcgraw@yahoo.com)

**Submissions are voluntary and participation is not required.**

**Only participants will receive a Directory.**



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## Flying... USA and Beyond

After five years of yearning, I finally got to fly to the Bahamas earlier this year. The desire to go was balanced by the fact that this would probably be the most complex (though not the longest) trip I'd ever taken: ten airports (not counting alternates), life raft rental, dealing with customs and immigration in two countries, plus the Department of Homeland Security. So I read all the web sites, purchased my customs sticker, filled out the appropriate forms, dialed a bunch of flight plans into the GPS, and hit the throttle.

And after it was all over, I was amazed by the ordinariness of the flying portion. Pretty much everything went according to plan, and when it didn't, a bit of flexibility resulted in a largely uneventful experience. The brochure from Bahamas Tourism said that the most challenging part of flying the Bahamas would be getting there, and that was certainly the case. Once there, clear weather and enormous runways (5000+ft.) made the piloting part of the effort easy, and the feeling of accomplishment upon arrival made it more than worthwhile.

I could bore you by repeating all the technical details, but between AOPA, the Banyan FBO at FXE, and Bahamas Tourism, they're trivially easy to research. So if you've never flown to a destination more than a tank of gas away (or if it's been a while since you have), this one is definitely worth considering. Put aside the time and money and go for it!

Only one problem: I've now got a perfectly good customs sticker that doesn't

expire until the end of the year, and I need to find a good way to put it to use!

Larry Rachman

## Share a Skill

Within our community there is a wealth of knowledge waiting to be shared. Wouldn't it be great if we could offer a tutorial to our neighbors in each issue of the *Flash*?

I'd like to step up first to share my enthusiasm and skill in bread-making. Anyone who would like a lesson on anything from pizza dough to a challah or whole grain loaf, please email me at: [jss@cleveraddress.com](mailto:jss@cleveraddress.com) and I'll set up a demonstration.

Who's next? Here's hoping for your participation. It's a great way to get to know your neighbors better and learn something of value. Please use my contact info above to offer your services.

Judie Spero

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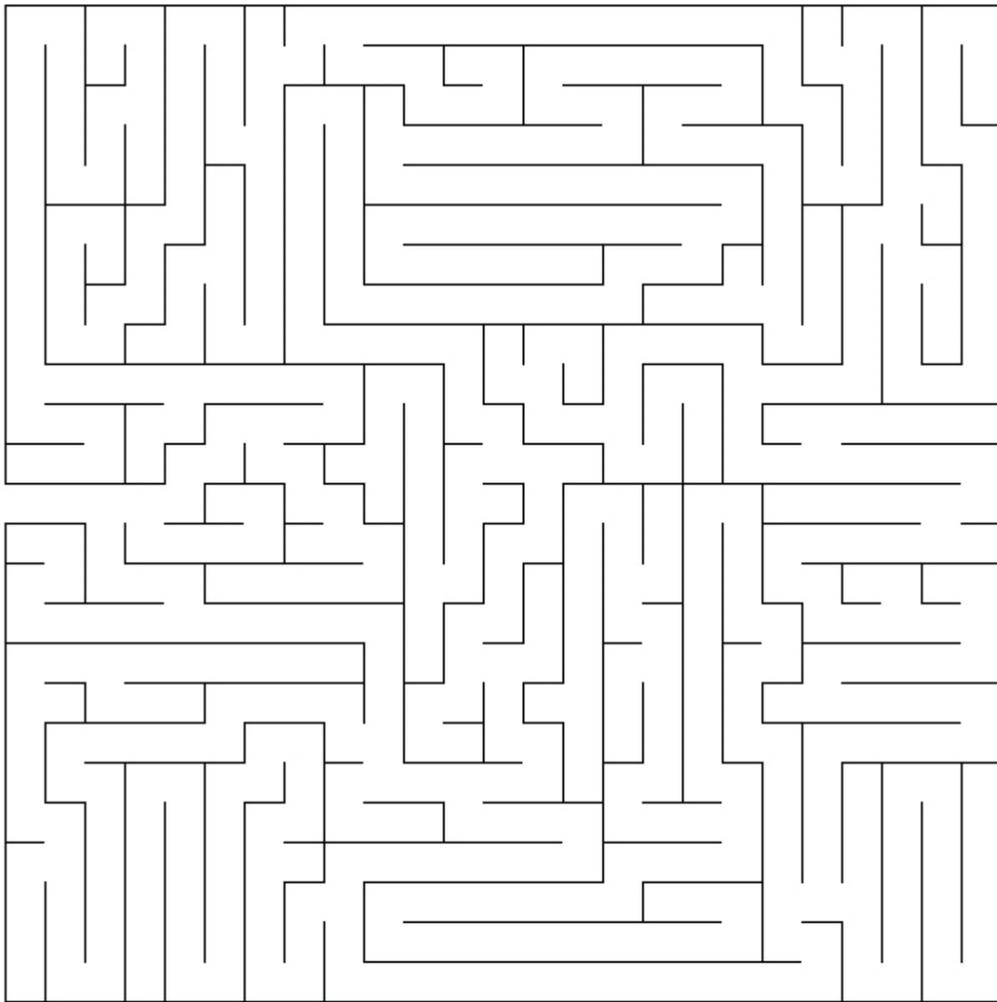
If your 5B6 ID is expired, please contact our Airport Manager, Randy Simon, for a replacement. Randy can be reached at: [5b6manager@gmail.com](mailto:5b6manager@gmail.com) or 508-548-9617

### POST A FLASH NOTICE

Are you looking for a weekly card game, bicycling partner, exercise or golfing buddy, whatever? Send us an email letting us know your interest and we'll post it in our next issue.

Please be sure to send contact info for publication to: [jss@cleveraddress.com](mailto:jss@cleveraddress.com)

# KID'S CORNER



## Responsible Pet Ownership

To our Airpark Neighbors:

Recently there has been an increase in the amount of dog litter in the Airpark, especially along Rickenbacker Road.

We realize that not all dog litter in the Airpark comes from Airpark residents' dogs and we are aware of the fact that many of our neighbors do pick up after their dogs; however, there have been incidents wherein Airpark residents (as well as non-residents) have been observed in violation. On occasion, a few of the offenders have received verbal reminders.

All of our residents are entitled to the amenities of our community, and those who walk our grounds should be able to do so without having to be on the lookout for dog feces, including those who enjoy an occasional stroll around the Airport and especially the school children using the sidewalk on Rickenbacker Road.

Your Board of Directors takes this opportunity to remind all dog owners and dog walkers of the following:

***It is unacceptable and illegal to not pick up animal feces deposited by an animal for which one is responsible.***

***It is equally unacceptable to deposit plastic bags containing animal feces either on Airpark common property or on private property.***

Falmouth has a law against domestic animal litter that applies not only to public areas, but also to residents' properties. There is a \$25 fine for the offense.

Incidents can be reported to the Animal Control Center, 150 Blacksmith Shop Road, Falmouth, MA 02574. The phone number is 508-457-2552. Reports may be made via phone or mail. One should include a description of the dog(s), owner and time of offence. The Animal Control Officer is Thomas Garland. The department email address is [animalc@falmouthmass.us](mailto:animalc@falmouthmass.us).

Sincerely,

The FAHA Board

## Thank You

I would like to thank all the wonderful people here at the airport for the prayers, cards, books, visits, flowers and tasty goods during the last couple of months.

Friends and neighbors certainly have made my rehab days move quickly.

God bless you all,

Carmil Brown

## Hospitality Request

The FAHA Social Committee would like to hold a gathering for year 'round residents in March or April. Last year we sponsored a Festa Italiana hosted by Judie Spero and Larry Rachman at their home.

If you are willing to host our next winter/spring potluck event in your home (be it a sit down event with our tables and chairs, paper goods, or a cocktail party - BYOB, of course), with the full assistance of the Social Committee, please contact Cathie Pirri at [pirri@comcast.net](mailto:pirri@comcast.net).

The FAHA Social Committee



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## Our Airpark Website

Have you visited our website lately?

Please take a moment to look at our updated member area of the Airpark Website ([falmouthairpark.net](http://falmouthairpark.net)). All residents were sent a welcome letter containing the ID and password info. If you don't have this info, contact the Airpark Clerk, Lee McGraw at [leemcgraw@yahoo.com](mailto:leemcgraw@yahoo.com). See below for an outline of content currently available in the Member area.

- Notices: GIGO Etiquette, Litter Letter, Speeding on Northwind
- 2011 Election Results
- Vote Tally and Attendance for October 2011 Meeting
- Financial Summary from 2011 Annual Meeting
- 2011 Annual Letter
- 2012 Budget
- Snow Removal Plan
- Hangar Agreement (revised 2006)
- Hangar Picture
- Pilot Plan
- Airpark Covenants
- Alternative Energy Amendment - ARC Guidelines
- Legal Issues - 2011 Memorandum of Decision.
- Falmouth Airpark Newsletter

## Thank You

To Our Wonderful Airpark Friends:

We have never been so surprised, at any time in our lives, as we were when we walked into Rae Willis and Candie Oldham's hangar thinking it was for a quick lunch with a small group of friends. It turned out to be a celebration with an enormous group of friends who were somehow able to keep a very closely guarded secret for quite some time without Marion or I knowing anything about it.

What a tremendous way for both of us to enter retirement! We want to thank all of the best friends and neighbors in the world for this lavish event. We know that Tony and Cathie Pirri, Rae Willis and Candie Oldham, the Murano clan from Vermont, Keith and Cathy Anderson from New York, Travis Van Aiken from DC, and our very own son Pete (Charlie) spent no end of energy creating, keeping and promulgating this vast conspiracy for quite some time before finally pulling it off on the day of.

We are SO very happy to be here in Paradise with all of you!

Much Love,

Pete and Marion Dooley

## Upcoming FAHA Elections

Our Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. Anyone interested in running for a position or making a nomination, can write in or contact Rick Brown at [rkbrown819@yahoo.com](mailto:rkbrown819@yahoo.com) or 413-658-5426. We have three board positions up for election as well as all officer positions.

## Falmouth Airpark An Historical Account

*(This article is the first of a series on the historical aspects of Falmouth Airpark.)*

*The Editor*

Over the years, four airports have been established in Falmouth. The first and best documented was Coonamessett Airport which I will discuss in this issue. A second was on the west side of Falmouth Harbor, parallel to Scranton Avenue. A third, and one favored by the town as its official airport in the 50s, was behind Falmouth Lumber and south of Brick Kiln Road. And finally, there is the current Falmouth Airport, founded by William Gallagher, in operation since the mid-1950s, now called Falmouth Airpark. I will talk about it in the next issue. I know nothing about the middle two and would welcome input if you have any knowledge of either of those.

Strange what you can find on the internet. There is a website at <http://www.airfields-freeman.com/> dedicated to describing the history of now closed airports. This background info on what became known as the Coonamessett Airport is based on information gleaned from this site.

The airport was located behind the Nickelodeon Theater on Route 151 where the radio controlled model field is now located. This general aviation airport was adjacent to the south side of Camp Edwards (later to be Otis AFB and now Cape Cod Coast Guard). The date the airport was established has not been determined. It was part of the Coonamessett Ranch Company, which by 1933 had established a resort including an 18-hole golf course, clubhouse, polo field, tennis

courts, riding stable, and an airport on the north side of Coonamessett Road. They also established landing for seaplanes on Coonamessett Pond. An undated matchbook from the Coonamessett Ranch Airport proclaimed it as "The Friendly Airport." At some point between 1945-53 it was renamed Coonamessett Airport. In 1958, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife bought 1,562 acres (including the Coonamessett Airport) for \$77,500. This land eventually became the core of the 2,000-acre Frances A. Crane Wildlife Management Area. The Coonamessett Airport continued in operation for a few years after the property sale. The 1965 Boston Sectional Chart depicted it with a 3,700' unpaved runway. The Coonamessett Airport might have been closed at some point between 1965 and 1968, as a 1968 aerial view no longer showed aircraft and the hangar had been removed.

Roger McDowell

### *A Final Note From Your Editors*

Thank you for reading through our first issue of the *Falmouth Airpark Flash*. We hope you enjoyed the content.

About that content...we send our gratitude to those residents/writers who helped us flesh out these pages. To stay vital we need your participation. Please send us articles of about 250 words on most any topic you feel your neighbors might find of interest. We also welcome your announcements, thank you notes, offer of skills to teach, recipe to share, product review, travel review, etc.

We hope to hear from you. Deadline for our next issue is November 15. See contact info on page 2.

Judie & Lee