

# FALMOUTH AIRPARK FLASH

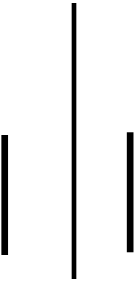
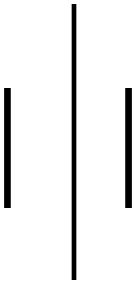
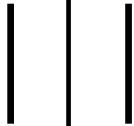


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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we approach the summer season here at the Airpark, I want to welcome back all our residents who opt for the more tranquil climates during the winter. You all time it well every year to be back for the activities around our community throughout the summer. Cathy Pirri and her social committee have a number of activities planned that should make the summer an enjoyable one.

I just want to take a minute to refresh everyone's memory on some etiquette items. For all you dog owners and walkers, please remember to clean up after your pet. This seems to be an issue every year. With a little effort on everyone's part, we can avoid having our neighbors having to find ways to clean their shoes. This would also be a good time for golf cart drivers to refresh their knowledge of our cart rules. Stay outside the runway lights and do not cut across the runway, are probably two of the most important. I would like to point out these two areas to our pedestrians, also. If you do walk across the runway, by all means check both directions in the pattern for traffic. Also please remember that aircraft do use the grass on the north side of the runway for takeoff and landing. Keep your walks outside the lights.

Many of you expected further progress on our operations building. It is in the works. At this time, it is working its way through the bureaucratic process of permitting. Once that is accomplished, things should happen at a rapid pace. That covers it for now, and I look forward to seeing you all around the pattern. Have a safe and pleasant summer.

Ed Stadelman



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### AIRPARK CALENDAR

**January 1 - HOA fees due**

**April 1 - HOA fees due**

*(Please avoid the \$25 late fee  
by submitting your dues before  
the 15th of the month.)*

## Thank You

We'd like to acknowledge and thank Sherry Grobstein and Rich Dupee for their generous contribution of two teak benches for the Airpark memorial site, and several chairs, benches and a table for the new operations building. All items were received at the Airpark in April.

While Rich has been living here for some time, Sherry has now sold her home in Lexington and will be moving here permanently on June 24th.

### 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:  
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### 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.

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE CALENDAR BBQS

Fourth of July – Thursday, July 4

Labor Day – Sunday, September 1,  
with a rain date of  
Monday, September 2

## Fresh Paint

Lines and numbers were freshly painted on the runway. Photo of the painting equipment below, courtesy of Ray Willis.



## Clean Up Day

The FAHA grill, photo below, recently refurbished by Pete Dooley and Lou Fuentes, was inaugurated at the clean-up day barbecue held at Rae Willis and Candie Oldham's house. Additional photos of the event follow.



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## **Falmouth Airpark An Historical Account**

*(This article is the fourth and last in a series on the historical aspects of Falmouth Airpark.)*

*The Editor*

### **The Impact of Bill and Gloria Gallagher**

Bill and Gloria Gallagher remained a presence at Falmouth Airpark long after the sale of the Falmouth Airport in 1985. Sadly, both have now “gone west” and are only a memory to the early residents. Both Bill and Gloria were gracious and full of life, and took an interest in the new families. They were not just new families to an aviation community, but also new residents to Falmouth and Cape Cod life. They helped new residents with orientation to town services and medical providers. Bill conducted a Gallagher unique tour of Falmouth which included stops at the Quissett Harbor Boat Yard where wooden Chris Craft boats were restored and Neil Good’s Main Street wood working shop where one of a kind antique wooden projects were underway including the building of new wooden wings for Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome aircraft. Gloria invited the new families to an afternoon at their Falmouth Harbor home which included a sailing lesson in one of Bill’s Harbor Boat Livery sailboats.

Morris Minor and MG automobiles had been a part of Falmouth Airport. The “Airport Car” was a Morris Minor wooden sided station wagon. Bill raced these cars at Watkins Glen, NY back when it was a road race. The Black Hangar, which stood where the eastern most t-hangar now stands, was full of several Morris Minor chassis in various stages of restoration and many, many parts and

memorabilia. A collector quickly acquired them when Bill put them up for sale.

Bill maintained his 1946 Aeronca 7AC Champ at Falmouth Airpark which he had owned since 1956. He had lost his medical before I arrived in 1992, but he still flew frequently by taking a licensed pilot along to ensure a legal flight; a practice he continued well into the period where macular degeneration robbed him of his sight. Bill loved to fly out for Sunday morning breakfast and many times I was his legal pilot. Early on, I was not allowed to touch the controls as he did the flying in his own unique style. Bill had sailplane training and many times he would bank sharply as he felt lift and spiral up in a thermal. He had a technique for gusty condition landings where he would rapidly move the stick in a circular motion as the landing flare developed. By screwing the plane into the ground, as he called it, it eliminated the gust driven aircraft motions and smoothed the landing process. Worked for him, never for me!! As his eyesight continued to fail, he would make quite acceptable asphalt runway landings where he could still see the runway edge with peripheral vision as I called altitude above the runway. I made the grass runway landings where peripheral vision had no reference to a runway edge. Bill knew his limitations as he slowly passed more flight duties to me. I only had to exercise my pilot in control responsibilities once during a troublesome landing. Bill made several attempts at flaring to the landing and then momentarily adding power for another try. I suggested a go around but Bill insisted he could get it down. After the third attempt failed and

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available runway gone, I forcibly directed a go around in a strong and loud voice. I wanted Bill to execute the go around on his own rather than taking the controls from him. When he still thought he could make it, I assumed control and we did the go around. Bill soon apologized, noting that is why I was along. However, when we landed and taxied to the pumps, the Sunday morning "Shack" crowd quickly asked me what was going on, they could hear my voice as they sat on the benches watching us. I have missed those Sunday morning flights with Bill and our breakfast discussions.

Roger McDowell

## Share a Recipe

### New Bedford Portuguese Kale Soup

1 package frozen or 1-2 lbs fresh kale  
1 large yellow onion, peeled and diced  
3 potatoes, peeled and cut into bite-sized cubes  
2 chourico or linguica, sliced  
8 cups chicken or pork broth  
1/4 cup olive oil  
6 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped  
1 can cannelloni beans  
1 bay leaf  
1/4 tsp garlic powder  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced  
1/3 tsp paprika  
Salt and pepper to taste

Put large soup pot on medium high heat and add the olive oil to heat. Add the chourico slices and the diced onion. Lower heat to medium low, stir. When onion starts to soften (do not brown onion, lower heat if necessary) and turn translucent, add the garlic - do not

brown. Add broth, raise heat and bring to boil. Then lower heat to simmer and simmer for 10 minutes. Note: If you do not have broth on hand, you can use 4 TB of Minor's Tone's chicken base or 2 TB of Knorr's chicken bouillon granules.

Prepare kale by rinsing thoroughly and tearing leafy portion from stem. Discard stems. Tear into bite size pieces. Note: kale can be bought already washed and torn in plastic bags, to save time.

Add potatoes, and kale, and simmer for an additional 30 minutes. Add beans just to heat them through. Serve.

Judie Spero

## Sad News

With sorrow, we note the passing of our neighbor, Bruce Swift on Glory Lane who passed away on May 16, in his home at the age of 63. Born in Boston, he was the son of the late Robert B. Swift and Phyllis (Murrin) Swift of East Falmouth and Vero Beach, FL. Bruce graduated from Framingham High School as the Valedictorian in 1968, and earned a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College. He also took graduate courses at Harvard University. Bruce was fluent in three languages, traveled extensively in Europe and the United States. He enjoying hiking, and cross-country and downhill skiing and camping. For the last 12 years, Bruce enjoyed living on Cape Cod and Vero Beach, FL, while taking care of his mother.

Lee McGraw,  
for the FAHA Board



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