

Falmouth Flyer

June 2008

Airport President's Column

Welcome home everyone. It is great to see all our summer residents have returned from their escapes to warmer winter climates. While you were away we have had some changes here at the airpark. Our biggest and most notable change is our new manager. Randy Simon has joined us and has taken over the manager's duties. If you see Randy out and about please take a minute to introduce yourself and welcome him to the airpark. I sure you will find Randy very personable and an excellent addition to the airpark.

As part of our ongoing efforts to make improvements we have retired some of our older equipment and have replaced these items with new and more efficient equipment. We were able to sell some of the older equipment. This is all part of the goal of making us as self sufficient as possible, translated to controlling our costs. Along those lines you will see improvements to our landscaping and infrastructure this year and I am sure you will all be pleased with the results. **We have also been working with the Falmouth Police Department. We now have a dedicated liaison officer that comes to our board meeting and works directly with us. This should improve airpark security.**

There have also been some social events this spring. We had our cleanup day in April followed by a cook out hosted by Maggie and Skip. We also have had our Memorial Day picnic. Both have had excellent turnouts. This brings me to an area where we need some help. These events all need coordination and we can certainly use some help in these areas. Our Social committee would like some folks to step forward and assist in their efforts. Sandie and Paul are also looking for some help with the winter editions of the newsletter. They do a great job and if you can help out in the winter it will make it all the better. Roger is also looking for some help on his memorial committee. The more participation we have the stronger community we have. I'm sure once you get involved you will find this an avenue to present and forward your ideas to make a better community.

I look forward to seeing you out and around the airpark. Let's have a great summer.
Ed Stadelman

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meeting :
2nd Monday of the month
7 pm at Operation's Bldg.

ARC Meeting : 1st Monday
of the Month (there will be
no other meeting times)

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ARC Activity **Under Construction**



Lot #75 Airpark Drive:
John Garabedian

Lot #71B Ben Davis Lane:
Peter and Charlene Walsh

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Landscape Committee

April 26th had the perfect weather for clean-up day! Cool and sunny to start. We had not seen the sun in a long time. It was a treat. Many thanks to Lori Bisbee who got us off to work with coffee, pastries and assignments to accomplish. Randy had edged the circles and entrance gardens and our volunteers raked the grass and spread the mulch on these areas. All the grass in the circles and around the entrances has been limed, so if the sun ever stays out long enough we should have a good result. The lean-to was cleaned out, the large pile of brush was chipped and the tennis court was cleaned up and is ready for games. Our manager, Randy, had done lots of preparation to get the job done efficiently

Many thanks to all of you who participated....your efforts look wonderful!
Maggie Grevatt

Also a hearty thank you to the members of the members of the landscape committee (Maggie, Barbara, Lori, Jerry and Sandie) who shopped for flowers and planted them at the airpark circles.



JULY 5th PICNIC



Come enjoy the afternoon with your neighbors

BRING IT ALL

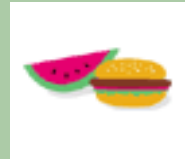
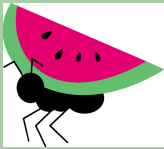
For you and yours

Plates, forks, cups, drinks, food to grill and a dish to share with the crowd

The GRILL will be on at noon

Call Lori Bisbee 508-540-4716 if you can help with set up & clean up

Hope to see you there



Memorial Day Cookout

Falmouth Airpark Residents had their annual Memorial Day cookout at the “shack” Sunday, May 25th. Over 40 Airpark Residents arrived at the shack with their own food and beverages and a community dish to share with their neighbors. The sun was shining and it was so nice to sit outside and socialize with friends and neighbors after a long winter indoors. Thanks go out to Walter Volz and his helpers who manned the grill. There wasn’t much to clean up because we ate mostly everything...

(see you at the July 4th picnic)

“AWARD GIVEN”

by Maggie Grevatt

C35 Bonanza N5050x owned by Doug Grevatt (Maggie and Skip's son) won Best Restored Classic over 165 HP at Sun 'n Fun 2008. Doug did not realize he was entered for judging. He just parked in the Vintage area. The award and a letter arrived in the mail a week later.



Flying Red Hatters



Airpark Residents are welcome to attend our monthly outings. Wear a Red Hat and Purple Outfit or if under “50” a Pink Hat & Lavender Outfit if you choose. Call our queen mothers for further information about us or an upcoming outing.

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

May Outing: Invite a friend to lunch at the Country Buffet in Hyannis was hosted by Mary Kranz and Phyllis Swift .

June : Carmil Brown

July: Cathie Pirri

August: Valerie Volz

September: Jerry Hazlet

October: Sandie Edwards

November & December: Hostess needed

New Falmouth Police Chief

Submitted by Gerd Meissner/Mitch Garner/Bob Bisbee

Airpark "Great Resource for the Community" At the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Falmouth Airpark Homeowners Association, FAHA President Ed Stadelman (left) welcomed new Falmouth Police Chief Anthony Riello. Chief Riello, who had been invited by board member Gerd Meissner, used the opportunity to present his agenda for the Falmouth Police Department, and to familiarize himself with the Airpark and its security needs. He stated his appreciation of Falmouth Airpark as a "great resource for the community," including law enforcement and emergency personnel. Chief Riello committed to further strengthen the good relationship between the Airpark and local police by assigning a liason officer.



" Living on the Runway "

Submitted by Rae Willis

When you fly, the images of traffic, parking hassles and long security lines probably come to mind. But for a community on the Cape, flying to vacation, work, or out to lunch, is simple. FOX25's Doug Meehan takes you on a tour of Falmouth Airpark. (see link below for complete story)

<http://www.myfoxboston.com/myfox/pages/InsideFox/Detail?contentId=5714097&version=1&locale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pageId=5.7.1>

High Quality "Airshow W" Stain Remover

Airshow W is the best airplane cleaner I have found. Will even clean that REALLY BAD exhaust stain, as well as grease etc. Rae and Candie are selling 1 gallon quantities for \$20 each. We really did pay our shop \$100 for it as it only comes in 5 gallon containers.

Call or email Candie Oldham (508) 495-1021.

“WICKED LOCAL FALMOUTH”

Submitted by Rae Willis

One heck of a commute: Falmouth Airpark is a close-knit flying community

By Craig Salters Tue Jan 29, 2008, 04:25 PM EST

FALMOUTH - Ed Stadelman can't remember exactly how old he was when he and his father would bike to New York City's JFK Airport — then called Idlewild Airport — to watch the planes take off and land.



But here's one clue: dad took care of the pedaling while the younger Stadelman rode in the bike's basket.

“I just fell in love with it,” says Stadelman, who knew at age 7 or 8 that he wanted to be a pilot.

Encouraged by an uncle who was an aircraft engineer, Stadelman made his dream of flying a reality. Starting young, he took enough lessons that he made his first solo flight at 16, the minimum legal age and a time most kids are thinking driver's license.

Today, Stadelman is a Philadelphia-based pilot for American Airlines. He's also the current president of the Falmouth Airpark Homeowners Association, a group of 73 homeowners whose garages are actually airplane hangars and who take out their Cessnas and Pipers the way most of us take out our Toyotas or Pontiacs.

“Some places are golfing communities and some places are boating communities and this is a flying community,” says Stadelman. “The thing that brings us together is our love of aviation.”

Located in East Falmouth just off Fresh Pond Road, the airpark boasts handsome homes lining streets named after famous flyers, both real and imagined. There's Rickenbacker Road, named after the World War I flying ace, and Quimby Lane, named after pioneering woman aviator Harriet Quimby. Then there's Smilin' Jack Lane, which sounds like a great name for a used car salesman but is actually a nod to the famous cartoon aviator of the '30's and '40's.

While the airstrip itself has a longer history, says Stadelman, the real flying community didn't take hold until development in the 1980s. Neighbors commute to places like Hartford or Long Island and, in general, make their planes part of their daily lives.

Stadelman's garage holds a Cessna 206 which he says is nothing like the aircraft he uses on the job.

“There's work and there's enjoyment,” explains Stadelman. “One is an 8 mile per minute transportation machine and the other is low and slow.”

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For Gerd Meissner, a onetime reporter and editor who now runs an international recruiting business for U.S. and German companies, the plane of choice is the Cessna Skyhawk. A new airpark resident, Meissner recently moved from California's Silicon Valley and made a trip of it, taking four or five days and visiting New Mexico, Texas and the Carolinas along the way. "I took it slow," says Meissner. "I had a great time doing that."

Meissner's dream of flying took hold in his native Germany when, as a student in West Berlin, he would make a round-trip drive of nine hours just to take glider lessons, a common way for pilots to begin their training. Later, he accomplished two important life goals: coming to the United States and becoming a licensed pilot.

"It focuses your mind like nothing else," says Meissner, whose background in investigative journalism makes him a bit of a stickler for facts and figures. Meissner is also a devotee of lifelong learning and says flying is the essence of that way of thinking.

"When my instructor handed me my [pilot's] license, he said, 'This is your license to learn,'" recalls Meissner.

Stadelman and Meissner both say the community's love of aviation takes many forms. One woman, says Meissner, is at an age when most people think of retirement yet still teaches stunt flying. Other members, say Stadelman, are into homebuilt aircraft or antique planes. There might even be a few neighbors, he acknowledges, who simply love getting from Point A to Point B as quickly as possible.

The flying community also makes an effort to be part of the community at large. The airstrip is part of Massachusetts' emergency management plan and is used by Coast Guard rescue helicopters, state police aircraft and Medflights from Falmouth Hospital. At least five community members make regular "Angel" flights to help those with medical or other needs and other resident pilots take part in similar programs. Sometimes residents will even take environmentalists up to document algal blooms in ponds and estuaries.

Also, jokes Stadelman, it's a good sign that many in Falmouth still don't know Falmouth Airpark even exists. "That means we must be good neighbors," he says.

At heart, the community is about the sheer joy of flying. Stadelman and his wife Linda recently took their daughter to college in Maine and turned a five-hour road trip into a 90-minute flight. Other times, he says, the family will fly to Block Island and rent bikes for the day or fly up to Bar Harbor or Acadia National Park. There are even bigger trips to an aviators' convention in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, or camping in Yellowstone National Park.

Of course, not everyone has the opportunity to taxi down the runway after their first cup of coffee, a fact not lost on Meissner, Stadelman or their neighbors.

"Flying is my vocation and avocation," says Stadelman. "Every day I appreciate how fortunate I am."

(see entire article by using link at right: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/falmouth/homepage/x1925673602>)

Announcements

COOK BOOK TIME: THERE IS STILL TIME TO SEND IN YOU RECIPES. THE MORE THE BETTER. MAIL TO mkg2@verizon.net or lori.bisbee@gmail.com....We would like to have it ready for the late fall. It will make a great Holiday gift.

If you have a favorite recipe, a family recipe, a recipe you created yourself, we'd like to add it to our already growing collection so please send it in.

Lori Bisbee

“Wizard of Oz”: The dates for the Wizard of Oz at Barnstable High School are July 10,11, 15,16,17,18. All at 7PM.

Phone to call for reservations is 508-771-6246. \$10.00 all seats. Any Airpark Residents who are interested; this is a wonderful performance and well worth attending.
Candie

Boat Pen: In an effort to improve the appearance of our common areas we are working to clean up the boat pen. If you have any materials or items in the pen that you wish to retain please remove them and store in your own facility. Anything left by the end of June that is not an approved boat or trailer will be removed to the dump. Thank you for your attention and cooperation in this matter.

FAHA Board

FAA requirement : There is a new FAA requirement to have a statement on your pilots license that says you are "English Proficient" by March 2009.

Link: http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/
Mitch

Dumping of brush and grass is only allowed at the end of runway “25”. Residents have noticed that debris from clippings of grass and brush are being dumped in the field at the end of runway “7” and its not a pretty sight.

Police non emergency phone number 508-547-2527. If you are suspicious of anyone entering the airpark or have concerns of any other incidents or unauthorized persons in the airpark, please call the police at the above phone number. Please don't hesitate to call.

ARC meetings will only be held on the 1st Monday of each month. There will be no other meetings during the month.

Newsletter materials may be emailed to: arizonasandie@aol.com

Please email us any articles or other news of interest you would like published in the newsletter. We are looking for someone to write the newsletter during the winter months when we are in Arizona. Please email us if you are interested in helping out.
Sandie & Paul

Announcements

**To: Falmouth Homeowners Association
From: F.A.H.A. Social Committee
Re: Spring/Summer Cook-Outs**

The F.A.H.A. Social Committee on a number of occasions has requested new volunteers for our committee in order to plan social events. Since we have had difficulty finding volunteers and a chairperson, the F.A.H.A. Board of Directors and residents at the May 12th meeting recommended that we return to the original plan for organizing the cookout.

**Dates for the Cook-Outs:
Memorial Day May 25, 2008 (Sunday)
4th of July-- July 5, 2008 (Saturday)
Labor Day-- August 31, 2008 (Sunday)**

**Save the Date:
Annual Meeting October 18, 2008 (Saturday)**

**Cookouts: 1. Residents/guests bring his/her own food, drinks, paper products, condiments, etc.
2. Please continue to supply a dish for others to share: appetizers, salads, desserts, etc.
3. Grill will be available for the cookouts please help with set-up, clean up, filling the propane tank and moving tables
4. Coffee --available in the Shack. Soda, water and the new, individual gourmet coffees are offered for \$.50 with the proceeds going toward future supplies.
5. Needed: Cleanup crews for the grill, table-cloths, chairs, trash and moving tables**

Future Events: The social committee would like to encourage the F.A.H.A. Members to help organize events. Do you have a fly-in, field trip, activity, that may be of interest to our membership and would you organize it with the help with some committee members? Let us know.

The F.A.H.A. Social Committee