

BOSTON RETIRED PILOTS ONE CLAW

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• Letter to Bill from Pete

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Dear Bill,

On behalf of all who attended your fly-in on Tuesday, 18 May 1993, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you and Lorna, Bill and Marion Alby, and Al Speckman for your gracious hospitality! I would have skipped breakfast at home had I known coffee cake; bran muffins and hot coffee were waiting for me in New Hampshire!

Lou Fradette accompanied me in my Lake Buccaneer amphibian from my back yard to your very special island-in-the-sky with a splash and a dash across Newfound Lake along the way. All those camcorders and cameras lined up along the runway were a little bit intimidating--I'm glad I remembered "**GUMP**"!

We'd hardly arrived when the assembled birdmen started gravitating toward the hangar and all that **food**! It has always puzzled me why the aroma of hamburgers and chicken burgers on a charcoal grill outside has a particularly mouth-watering appeal-and the taste surpassed the anticipation!

Being in the turf mowing and rolling business too, I'd like to compliment you on the excellent condition of your runway, and how well it accommodates twins like Jim Bakers' Beechcraft Dutchess and Dave Hancock's' Piper Twin Comanche. I'm throwing all of this down here in hopes of flushing some of our shrinking violets out of the woodwork for the August fly-in when they read it in '**ONE CLAW**' "Pete Kalandr

• Spot Landing Contest

SPOT LANDING CONTEST BIG HIT AT GRADY FLY-IN

By Don Champagne

The Third Fly-in was a huge success this past May 18th at Bill Grady's beautiful field. Approximately 35 intrepid aviators past and present came. It was a superb day with light winds and cool temperatures. After having lunch, I organized the first of many more to come Spot Landing contest. The rules were set and the field prepared for this precision event. James Barnhart from Delta Marketing made available to the winner, two tickets to any one of Boston's team games (Celtics, Red, Sox, etc.) Quite a Prize. I gave Jim a ride in my Aeronca, his first since he last flew one 24 years ago, he had a ball. The faster aircraft were selected to start which included a twin and followed by 180's, 182's, 172's Stearman and last but not least the Cubs and Aeroncas. It was quite a site to Jim Bakers twin on final with power off trying to make the mark only to fall short both times. Kudos Jim for just trying. Next came Dave Newkirk and "Shakey Jake" a gorgeous Cessna 195. We thought Dave was going make a trench on his first approach but he recovered on his next landing and came in First Place. Pete Kallander with his LAKE that has the motor on the roof missed on the first attempt only to come back and place Second. Adam Harnish, "Ron Harnish's Son" skillfully piloted his Cessna 172 to a Third Place finish. The remainder of the intrepid aviators did a superb job as well, but the rules disqualified them for various reasons. All in all everyone did just great. The winners have the bragging rights for now; but look out at the next Fly-in. I've decided after talking to several guys; at the next fly-in along with the spot landing contest we will have a bomb drop also. So if you plan to attend find a good bombardier to come along. In closing I want to add that if it wasn't for Bill and his lovely wife Lorna and their friends that are willing to give of themselves for us this would not be possible. All the work, cooking and preparation that has gone into this is greatly appreciated (and I know I speak for everyone that was there today) Thank You for having us and please let us come again.

CONTESTANTS

Dave Newkirk Cessna 195 (41' 4" 1st)
Pete Kallander...Lake ...(56' 2" 2nd)
Adam Harnish...Cessna 172. (65' 3" 3rd)
Jim Baker....Beech Duchess
Forrest Nelson.....Cessna Skywagon
Carl Higginson.....Aeronca 7AC
John Fleurent.....Piper J-3
Bob Lebewohl.....Piper Super Cub
Don Champagne....Aeronca 7AC-Conv
George Chaudoin....Cessna 182
Dino Vlahakis.....Stearman
Matt Bujnouwski....Cessna 180

• Pat Malone to Retire.

Rumor has it that it's finally going to happen!
Pat Malone has announced that she will be retiring from THE BIG "D" on July 31, 1994. We will keep you informed.

• List of Owners and Aircraft

Is your name and aircraft on this list? Get on the growing list of pilots that come to the ever-popular Fly-In 's.

1	Don Champagne	Aeronca 7AC
2	Pete Kallander	Lake
3	Norm Abare	C-172
4	Dave Hancock	Twin Comanche
5	Carl Higginson	Aeronca 7AC
6	Al Speckman	UPF-7
7	Bill Grady	C-170B
8	George Chaudoin	C-182
9	Bill Donahue	C-337
10	Norm Houle	Warrior
11	Dave Bushy	C-175
12	Bob Lebewohl	Stearman/Cub
13	Carl Beatrice	C-172
14	Mac McKowen	F24 Fairchild
15	Ken Magill	C-182
16	Ted Robers Jr.	Stearman
17	John Fleurent	J-3
18	Bob Smythe	Archer
19	John Paulson	C-172
20	Carl Beatrice	C-172
21	Dave Newkirk	C-195
22	Mo Picard	C-172XP
23	Jim Baker	Dutchess
24	Dick White	Cub
25	Lee Van Oss	Acroduster
26	Dick Cummings	Starduster
27	Ron Harnish	C-172
28	Matt Bujnouwski	C-180

• Pilots on Disability

Lunch at Jevelle's, 1130 July 15th, for all pilots on disability, Roger will be there to answer some of you questions.

• Delta Golden Wings

The 1993 Reunion will be the GOLDEN WINGS 25th REUNION, at Atlanta. There will be a full agenda of events and tours. Hope to see you there.

• Retirees 1993

Call the Chief Pilot's Office (617-561-2563), for time and date for the last touch down of the class of 1993. You remember yours, come celebrate their last landing if you can.

D. D. Newkirk, 27yrs Aug; D. A. Callanan, 25yrs Oct;
R. B. Appel, 35yrs Nov.

• Harris Fund

We are a group of investors that have chosen Harris Trust, and since we are a group, Harris Trust, consider us as such. If we all own the same 38 stocks in different numbers, then maybe we are a Fund. I am happy with the returns, but a lower fee will be an even better return for us as a group. Give me a call and I will see if we can meet at the airport sometime this summer or early fall and maybe we can negotiate, as a group, a lower fee.

• Tuesday Lunch Sanford

Bob Smythe and Norm Houle suggested that the SECOND TUESDAY be extended all year and those who wanted and could, should meet at the Sanford Restaurant for an informal get together at 1100 (11 AM for those former Hi-Flyers). The June 8th lunch had a showing of six, Bob and Norm plus Ray Curti, George and Ann Chaudoin also active pilot Mike Cloutier (now of SLC). Ever present at Sanford was Bill Harmon, off to work on his Bamboo Bomber.

• Delta Parking Lot

Note from Bert Russell with a change of address and a question about parking for retired pilots. The employee's parking lot has moved several times over the last couple of years. The lot is now across the river in Chelsea. The Chief Pilots Office informs us that it now costs Delta about \$500 per parking spot and no retired anybody will be given permission to use the lot. Thank you Bert and Norm for your contribution towards postage costs.

• **Aero Club of New England Lunch**

Friday, June 4th, the Aero Club of New England hosted the Godfrey L. Cabot award luncheon. The award was shared by Sir Frank Whittle and Dr. Hans von Ohain for the invention of the jet engine, even though during WW II, they work on different sides. Seated at our table were Roger Green, Jack McWalter, Bill Johansen EAL, George Chaudoin and Hugh Buchanan, furloughed DAL pilot. Hugh is 52 years old, though most of you do not know him and I did not either until this chance meeting. We all owe Hugh a great big thank you. Hugh worked for EAL before its demise. Delta did the right thing when they hired Hugh. Hugh spent over 6 years as a prisoner in Vietnam and has just returned from a trip to Vietnam. He met on this return trip the farmer who first captured him. Hugh said he did not hold any anger against the farmer. I have a great deal of admiration for Hugh and so will you when you meet him. I will see if we can't get Hugh to the next Fly-In.

• **Moon over River Side**

The Asst. Chief Pilot, Dave Bushy, had to depart from the Fly-In early, saying something under his breath about Chief Pilots. George and Paul Donoghue departed the smooth River Side runway heading south and made a climbing left turn out and continued around for a low pass over the departure runway. The sky was clear, and you would swear that the reflection of the MOON, in fact more than one, could be seen off the freshly mowed grassy

runway. A great time was had by all. See you in the fall.

• **Delta Boston Pilots Fly-In**

The Delta Boston Pilots 93 spring fly on May 18th 1993, in at North Ashland, River Side NH (N 43 44.4, W 71 40.0) was well received by the 41 pilots who attended. The retired and active pilots plus sons and guests (fathers from airlines most retired) arrived in 22 aircraft and several cars. The summer fly-in is planned for August 10th (rain date the 12th) and we can only hope that the weather cooperates as it has so far. The October fly-in will be scheduled for October 10th. We hope a couple of aircraft from MA can bring a few Cape retired and active pilots to the now famous Pemi River Side 2000 foot grass strip run by Bill Grady, Al Speckman and Bill Alby A&P and great cook. List of those attending this spring Fly-In; Bob Lebewohl, John Paulson, Bob Patrick, Bob Smythe, Carl Higginson, Pete Kallander, Dick Barnes, Norm Houle, Bill Grady, George Chaudoin, Paul Donoghue, Don and John Graf, Glenn Tessmer, Mo Picard, Forrest Nelson, Bruce MacGilvra, Ken Magill, Howard Pennock, Joe Kelley, Dave Bushy, Dick White, Paul Heckard, Jim an Steve Baker, Jim Barnhart, John Fleurent, Dino Vlahakis (PAA), Lou Fradette, Matt an dad Art (AAL) Bujnowski, Bill Duston, Dave Newkirk, Ron and Adam Harnish, Dave Hancock, Dick Cummings, Roger (dress warm Green, Tom OBrien, Lee Van Oss, Carl and Pat Beatrice, and Dave Ross. We keep hoping your name will be on the next list.

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