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## NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Association's November Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the Burlington Marriott (Route 128, Exit 33B, telephone 617-229-6565). Social hour begins at 6:30 PM.

## NEHPA TO ELECT NEW OFFICERS AND VOTE ON ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

November's membership meeting will bring nominations for Association Officers and Directors as well as a discussion concerning the possible restructuring of the organization. The current Board of Directors will submit for discussion purposes, a plan to revamp the Association's Charter, Membership and Administration.

## NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations for Officers for the coming year should be made at the November 2nd membership meeting. If you have an interest in running for office or would like to suggest a candidate, please contact any of the current Association Officers. It is the commitment of the membership that gives the organization its continuing strength and influence.

## AMAZING!

The State of Oregon has recently enacted a Statute which seeks to protect Oregon's four hundred (400) licensed airports from urban encroachment. A Land Use Planning Advisory Committee has been appointed by Governor Kitzhaber to oversee deployment of the law. Three cheers for a victory on the side of reason.

## NEHPA CORPORATE MEMBERS

Aetna/Cigna Flight Operations • Altair • American Eurocopter  
Arizona Rotorcraft, Inc. • Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc.  
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Digital Equipment Corporation • Edwards & Associates, Inc.  
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New Hampshire Helicopters, Inc. • Ryder Aviall, Inc.  
Sherman Crane Service, Inc. • Technetics, Inc. • Tyco International  
Ursin Air • Wiggins Airways

## **ELSEWHERE IN THE INDUSTRY**

British Airways is redefining first class. A modular unit will give each passenger his or her own personal cabin which can be connected into an office, small meeting room, dining room for two, entertainment or bedroom! Ticket prices have not yet been announced.

Papillon Hawaiian Helicopters, the largest helicopter touring company on the islands, has closed its doors, citing in part, new FAA rules concerning ground to aircraft separation.

A Bell 206L-4 was called upon by the Pakistani army to rescue the crew and passengers of a downed Lama. The successful operation was carried out at an altitude of 19,300 feet!

The 1993 crash of a Turbomecca powered A-Star 350 in Cameron, Missouri has so far produced four (4) verdicts against the engine manufacturer which total \$445,000,000.00. The Plaintiff's cases have centered on an alleged defective second-stage nozzle guide vane. Large aviation product liability claims are still very much alive.

## **FUEL PRICE FORECAST**

According to experts, fuel prices should remain level through the year 2005 and possibly decrease somewhat due to the use of more efficient aircraft.

## **FORGET THE HUEY**

The DOD proposes to tighten rules governing the release of ex-army helicopters after receiving a multitude of protests from the commercial helicopter industry. Defense Department sources suggest that the new rules, to be issued in late October, will ban the re-sale of former surplus helicopters obtained by law enforcement agencies and the exchange or selling of helicopters and related parts by U.S. Service Museums.

## **CHARLES KAMAN HONORED**

Charlie Kaman, CEO of Kaman Corporation, has been made an honorary Fellow of the Royal Aeronautical Society in a ceremony in London, England. It is the Society's highest honor.

## **JUST WHEN YOU THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE TO . . .**

The FAA is investigating how air traffic controllers mis-directed and the flight crew failed to notice that their trip from Detroit had landed in Belgium instead of Germany.

The International Atomic Energy Agency has rejected a U.S. call for radioactive containment vessels which can resist an impact of two hundred eighty-eight (288) miles per hour in favor of a European standard to transport "highly disburseable material" such as plutonium powder, in casks which can resist an impact of thirty miles per hour!

## **BOSTON HELICOPTER WINS FANS IN BEDFORD**

One of the most popular attractions at the Town of Bedford's birthday celebration was a seven minute helicopter tour courtesy of the Boston Helicopter Company. People very much enjoyed the flights and were happy to view their homes and see their town from the air. According to Boston Helicopter personnel, even some of the more skeptical passengers seemed converted by the end of their flights. Boston Helicopter also offered a display with information on helicopters and helicopter safety.

## **CIVIL SEARCH AND RESCUE**

The British Department of Transport is considering setting up a nationwide civilian search and rescue operation to work in conjunction with its Coast Guard.

## **HAZARDS**

### **Cable Stay Bridge**

Three hundred twenty-three (323) feet AGL Charles River, Boston, 2.5 nautical miles west of Logan Airport. 42-22-04.6 N 71-03-44W. This proposed construction will likely have an impact on general helicopter traffic, especially operations to and from the Nashua Street helipad.

### **Antennae Towers**

1,546 Feet MSL, 14 Nautical miles NW of Princeton Municipal Airport, (ME). 45-23-19.25N 67-47-51.02W.

1,790 Feet MSL, 3.07 Nautical miles SW of Greenville Municipal Airport (ME) 45-25-1.17N 69-35-3.19W.

348 Feet MSL, 3.1 Nautical miles W of Nantucket Memorial Airport, (MA) 41-15-3N 70-07-49W.

1,110 Feet MSL, 1.7 Nautical miles E of the Danbury Municipal Airport, (CT) 41-22-27.34N 73-26-45.43W.

406 Feet MSL, 3.5 Nautical miles N of the Taunton Municipal Airport, (MA) 41-53-35N 70-56-30W.

### **Antennae Tower Increase**

749 Feet MSL, 3.2 Nautical miles N of the Plymouth Airport, (MA) 41-57-44N 70-42-58W.

### **Tower/Wind Turban**

620 Feet MSL 4 Nautical miles SW of Manchester Airport, (NH) 42-55-20.3N 71-30-30.24W.

### **Building**

751 Feet MSL, 1.41 Nautical miles N of the Danbury Municipal Airport, (CT) 41-23-35N 73-29-40W.

**Questions about weather related cancellations? Call any officer.**

### **SPECIAL HAZARD ALERT**

For those of you who have occasion to utilize either Cochituate helipad, be advised that the Cellular One antennae which had been constructed some one hundred fifty (150) yards to the west of the official flight path to and from the pads has been repositioned, **immediately next to the railroad tracks** which is the flight path designator. The official flight path should be abandoned altogether and arrivals and departures should be made to either side of the tower, returning to a position over the railroad tracks as soon as it is safe to do so. For a short time both the old and the new tower will obstruct the flight patterns. Cellular One has agreed to light the new tower on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.

Users of the Cochituate pads are reminded that prior authorization is required by phone 508-650-9252 or radio 123.05 in each instance.

### **NEW YORK SHUTTLE SERVICE PROPOSED**

The Boston City Heliport is proposing executive class helicopter service between downtown Boston and downtown New York City. The service, available at a premium price, would cut as much as two (2) hours off of current city to city travel, including airport to destination ground transportation.

### **ROBINSON HELICOPTER ASSOCIATION**

An association for Robinson Helicopter pilots, mechanics and flight operators has been established. U.S. membership is twenty (\$20.00) dollars per year. For more information write or call:

POB 86  
Ellington, Connecticut 06029  
Tel: 203-872-1113  
Fax: 203-875-2861

### **CALENDAR**

January 1, 1996 - Part 135, 10 Employee or less Alcohol Regs are activated.

January 4, 1996 - NEHPA Annual Safety Seminar

February 22 - 24 Heli Expo '96 Dallas, Texas

### **NEHPA SAFETY SEMINAR**

The Association's Annual Safety Seminar has been scheduled for Thursday evening, January 4th, members of the National Transportation Safety Board will highlight the evening's presentations.

### **SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES**

Thursday, September 7, 1995

The Association's September meeting was held at Joe Brigham's facility in Pembroke, New Hampshire. A pre-meeting barbecue including hot dogs, hamburgers, potato and macaroni salads along with fruits and beverages were enjoyed by those in attendance.

The meeting was opened at 8:00 by Tom Grassia who welcomed the members, most especially those corporate members who had made the journey to the upstate New England location. Among those were Wiggins Airways represented by Mike Peavey, Digital Equipment Corporation represented by Henry Wifholm and Tom Trefero, Marsh & McClellan Insurance represented by Darrell Abbey and Frank Brown and American Eurocopter represented by Bill Carroll. Also in attendance and joining as a new corporate member was Bell Helicopters represented by Rick Nickerson.

Tom gave special thanks to Art Godjikian without whose special efforts the meeting would not have taken place and to Joe Brigham for hosting the event at his spotless hangar.

The secretary's report of the May Membership Meeting was read and adopted.

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Under old business, the President gave an update on the Logan Heliport and Foxboro Stadium flight possibilities. With respect to the later matter, Tom indicated that while the Foxboro and Craft staff had suggested that the possibility for landing at the Stadium existed, as a practical matter they are not allowing helicopter operations at the site.

After calling for new business, Tom reminded those in attendance that November was nomination month for officers and directors of the Association. All of those who were interested or wished to suggest an interested party, were urged to contact any current officer.

Tom announced with regret that Secretary Penny Bowman had tendered her resignation effective immediately. Penny was the victim of a corporate transfer. She will be very much missed.

There were no committee reports.

Joe Brigham was then introduced and he in turn introduced the evening's speakers. These included Mr. Ronald Wanner, Chief of Operations and Administration with the New Hampshire Division of Aeronautics who gave an entertaining and optimistic overview of the State's aviation activities; Mr. Sid Barnes, Director of the New Hampshire Technical College School of Aviation Technology who addressed the need for certified technicians in maintenance, air frame, electronics and power plant fields; and Larry Mattiello of Willis Corron who gave an overview of rotor craft insurance including its costs, underwriting difficulties and probable future. All of the speakers were well received.

Subsequent to the speaker program, Tom recalled Joe Brigham to the head table, spoke briefly about Joe's rumored retirement and then in a sincere thank you for Joe's many contributions to the rotor craft industry, presented him with a NEHPA recognition plaque honoring Joe as a founder of the Association and as a continuing supporter of its activities. Joe confirmed his pending retirement and expressed his appreciation for the recognition.

There being no other business before the meeting, there was a call and vote of adjournment at 9:20 PM.