

# The N<sub>e</sub>ASA Flyer

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*Left: Red-eyed glider gryphon;  
Top: Signal flag declares the H<sub>2</sub>  
alliance with the forces of E-ville!*



## LOGO DESIGN CHALLENGE

We know there's lot's more creativity hidden among us. Take the opportunity to stretch your own talents by designing a new logo for the N<sub>e</sub>ASA Club. Wings, eagles, mountains, even dragons -- there is any number of themes and images you can infuse into an eye-catching logo. This challenge is open to all, not just club members. Deadline for submission to be considered for a prize - maybe a t-shirt with your logo - is Labor Day weekend. Submit your designs to Cathleen. A winner will be selected by our esteemed Treasurer **Carl** based on originality, impact, and relevance. Execution will not be a criterion for winning so if you have a great idea but just can't transfer it to paper the way you see it in your head just do your best to describe it with words or simple images and if it's in the running we'll get someone with drawing ability to translate it for you. (We hear **Mike Smith's** daughter is quite the artist!)

### Daemon Banner, Dragon Bag

So we already knew that **Timo Friedrich** has mad flying skills, but who knew that he is also a talented textile artist and craftsman? Recently he deployed his talents on his old glider bag and pimped it out with an astounding dragon image. Using his own design he carefully wrought three panels, representing the segments of a dragon, that he then fused to his original glider bag. He also created a signal banner for the tale with an eye-catching image of a winged demon evoking the spirit of E-ville. Very impressive, Timo!

NEW H3: TIMO FRIEDRICH !



Well it didn't take very long for **Timo Friedrich** to earn his H3! From his first launch on Labor Day through his final hour of H2 airtime he showed dramatic accumulation of confidence and skill. Mature judgment, astute assessment of conditions, and ability to soar like an eagle all characterize his progress. But he worked hard too. Great job, Timo! May you enjoy many - and only - safe flights for years to come.

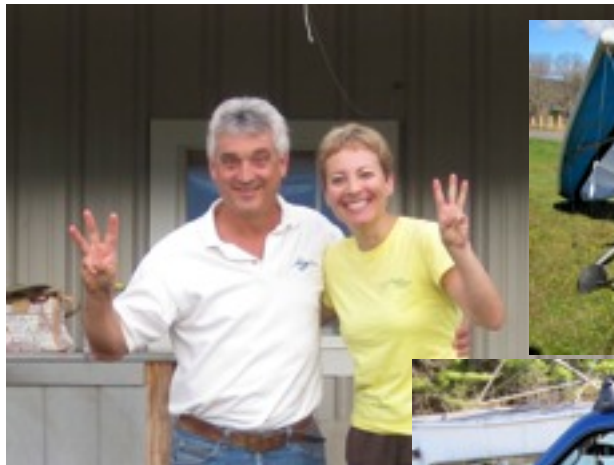
*From Left:* Timo Friedrich, on the training hill, assessing conditions on launch, and helping fellow pilots load up equipment.



NEW H3: CATHLEEN O'CONNELL !

In a sure sign of the coming Apocalypse July also saw the end of **Cathleen O'Connell's** epic H2 odyssey. She made it to her Intermediate rating thanks to the super-human skill and patience of her instructor **Greg Black**, the calming influence of Tom Galvin, the support of her fellow pilots, and, of course, thanks to her own insane determina-

tion - even in the face of clear evidence of her lack of natural aptitude for the sport! She's still working hard to improve her judgment and skills but it's nice to have reached this important milestone - and to have made so many friends along the way!



**BEWARE the SKIES:  
Cathleen has her H3!**



*Cathleen & her Familiars - Top Left:* ~with miracle man Greg Black. (How many gray hairs did you have before Cathleen started flying, Greg?! Cathleen, how many accident reports did you submit while you were an H2?!); *Top right:* ~with Soarabella, her trusty Freedom 150; *Bottom right:* With the Glider Taxi - let's load up for launch!

WORK PARTIES!



Stay tuned for information about more work parties that will be formed this season to drive further progress on the launch road. Let's keep the momentum going!



**THE LAUNCH ROAD - JUNE - JULY, 2011**

*Scenes from the work parties that took place since Memorial Day. Clockwise from top left: Dave Hopkins, Carl DiPiero, & Sharon Tubbs strategize construction of a log barrier; Wayne Neckles in the rented mega-excavator; Jim Georg and Nikolay Stoyanev install a silt fence; Wayne, Dave, Jim, Timo, and Niko, battling the boulders; Greg priming the latest segment, now covered with giant gravel; another of Wayne's Tonka Toys*

## GETTING THAT AERODYNAMIC EDGE

So what's gotten into some of the formerly fuzzy gentlemen around the flight park this summer? **Kit Martin, Dave Hopkins**, and **Jim Georg** all shaved off their fairly substantial beards in recent weeks. Are they trying to improve L/D by reducing their profile drag? Well we do know that in Jim's case the close shave was actually unintended. But whatever the impetus for the change it's nice to see even more of their smiling faces !

*From Left: Kit, Dave, and Jim before (Top) and after (Bottom) their transformations*



## ON THE MEND

As you may have heard, **Sue Sparrow** took a terrible fall off a ladder from the top of her shed while she was repairing its roof and did very extensive and painful damage to her left leg. She had surgery in early July to install some impressive hardware and is now recovering. After some time healing that will include a stint in rehab (with Liza and Lindsey?) she's looking forward to being back on launch with us. She will need more surgery in the future to remove the bionic bits, but in the meantime it's nice to have her back. Feel better soon!

*Sue thanks everyone for sending her good karma while she was in the hospital - she felt it all the way to Cooperstown.*



Dogs of the Flight Park  
**Meat? Beef? Salami?**

Whatever his name, Steve Bailer's bullet shaped companion makes a substantial impression whenever he visits the flight park. He was there at the Memorial Day barbecue for Tom and Chad. Lucky for him there was plenty of other charcuterie on the menu that evening!



*Where's the... Beef, more of a distance runner than a sprinter*

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**It's been  
hotter than HELL  
in Ellenville!**



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