

Quarterly Briefing

We're almost there... Runway 5/23 will be opening VERY soon!

The new & improved Runway 5/23 will be opening very shortly! The reconstructed runway boasts an extended length of 5,400' with the same width as before at 150'. The runway continues to be served by instrument approaches at both ends, including the ILS5, LOCBC23 and RNAV approaches. This project not only included replacing the pavement and sub-base, but it also aimed to drastically improve drainage. With a more pronounced runway crown, addition of runway grooves, enhanced grading of the grass safety areas around the runway and the installation of vegetated swales outside the safety areas, the project will greatly improve the drainage of rain water and snow melt. The project is quickly wrapping up with small punch list items remaining and we're looking forward to having an official ribbon-cutting & "Grand Opening" to mark the project completion later this month.

Thank you again for all of your patience during this much-needed airfield improvement project. This was the first runway reconstruction here at EWB in more than 25 years... This new runway will benefit every member of the New Bedford Regional Airport community!



Bridgewater State University ACE Camp

During August the BSU ACE Camp spent some time here at EWB. The goal of the program was to expose high school students with an interest in aviation to the many facets of the aviation industry. Some of the activities included learning about aerial navigation, going for a Cape Air flight, hearing from EWB airport administrators, seeing Cape Air's terminal operations in action as well as each participant having the ability to spend some time at the controls of a Cessna 172 Skyhawk. It was great to see so many young people interested in aviation, hopefully some from the group will pursue futures in aviation!



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NorEast Aviation Services Modernizes Facility!

This summer, John Steidinger and the team at NorEast recognized an opportunity to better accommodate their based tenants and the corporate traffic they work to attract to EWB. As a result, they completed a project this past summer that replaced the door to one of their hangar bays.

The new door is a Wilson bi-fold door with a 26 foot opening height. This is a big change from the previous door that only opened 22 feet. One EWB-based aircraft, a Falcon 50 could not fit in the hangar because the tail was too tall. However, with the addition of the new door, the EWB-based Falcon 50 jet can enjoy the nice warm confines of the NorEast hangar, especially during the chilly and snowy winter! The new door also provides the opportunity for other large aircraft to come to EWB for overnight stays, now that the NorEast hangar can accommodate these aircraft!



Instrument Approach Procedures for Runway 5/23

One of the major hurdles of the Runway 5/23 reconstruction project was the “flight check” for the instrument approach procedures. The flight check for the ILS 5, LOCBC 23 & RNAV 5/23 approaches required the runway surface and painting to be complete, the runway lights to be operational as well as all of the NAVAIDs to be operational. The airport administration would like to thank the FAA, our engineer (Airport Solutions Group) and all of the contractors/sub-contractors for their efforts in making this happen. Having the approach procedures ready for the very next publication (11/13) required a flight check by 9/10; there were a lot of moving pieces and good luck (with weather) that allowed this to be a reality. We (EWB Administration) want everyone to know how thankful we are to all of these groups for their efforts!

Calling all Content!

If you have any stories, pictures, etc... that you think would be good for inclusion in our next Quarterly Briefing, please send them to Matt (matthew.elia@newbedford-ma.gov). We are always looking for a variety of content from anyone that is part of the New Bedford Regional Airport community!

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New Bedford Regional Airport is GOING GREEN!

As we transition to fall it is a great time to look back at a great summer here at EWB! The runway project is now complete, except for a few minor items and the airport is looking great! Since the airport started our Go Green effort this summer we have made great strides. Due to the sheer size of the airport (+800 acres) we have a lot of green-space that is highly protected as it serves as “safety zones” for aircraft operations.

This summer we made it a priority to emphasize our efforts to both protect and better manage the environment around the airport. We have adopted our “Environmentally

Working Better” moniker, incorporating it into everything that we do. From turtle habitats to limited mowing zones we are working to better balance safety and environmental stewardship.

Pictures taken around the Airport during July.



Welcome “Delta” to the field!

On Monday, September 22nd just after lunch we welcomed our new airport mascot to EWB. Delta the beta fish has joined our team!

You may be wondering why Delta for a name... Well that’s easy, he is a “delta tail male” beta fish, plus he matches the colors of Delta the airline, so it was a natural fit! Next time you’re around the airport, make sure you drop by the airport administration office to meet Delta, he is quite the aviation ambassador!

Rumor has it that he likes to pass out “EWB” stickers to each & every one of his visitors, so make sure you drop in to say “hi” and grab your sticker to show your support for the field!

Check us out on social media!



You do NOT need to be a “member” of these websites to see our content online, so please check it out! As we move into winter we will be using social media to provide better real-time field condition reports!

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Hangar 7 Construction

There has been a lot going on at the airport this summer, including the construction of Hangar 7. The new 10-unit t-hangar building sits next to the existing t-hangar building along the north end of taxiway Bravo. Anytime we have construction of new facilities at the airport it is exciting and the prospect of providing cover for based aircraft and attracting new aircraft to the airfield is something that will affect everyone in a positive way! Building our based aircraft count is a success measure we are working on here at EWB and new hangars will definitely help in this pursuit!



National Business Aviation Association

The airport has made it a priority to attract more business aviation (BizAv) traffic to the airport. Our aim is to highlight our three excellent fixed base operators and show the BizAv community that EWB is a strategically-located and well-equipped airport. We have superior facilities and offer all of the services any BizAv operator may require. Recently, EWB joined the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) to help jump start our efforts to attract more BizAv traffic. EWB is only the 3rd airport in the state of Massachusetts to join NBAA, and it is the only one in the eastern half of the state to do so. We are working tirelessly to position New Bedford Regional Airport as a catalyst for business in Southeastern Massachusetts.

Poker Run Success!

This past weekend, our airport served as the terminus for a flying poker run put on by the 99's. It was a superb early autumn day weather-wise as clear skies and calm winds prevailed across southern New England. Participants visited Marshfield and Norwood here in Massachusetts, Westerly, Rhode Island and Meriden, Connecticut during the event, before finishing here at EWB. By mid-afternoon the restaurant ramp was PACKED, 25 airplanes visited EWB for the event and they filled the space from the Cape Air ramp to the Colonial Air ramp; it was great to see such a flurry of activity! Hats off to our tower guys and the pilots for doing such a great job, it was a safe, successful & incident free event!

