

Special points of interest:

- The MALSAR Approach Lights for Runways 5 & 23 were 'Flight Checked' in mid-January & are fully operational!
- Airport tenants are invited to meet with the Airport Administration at 10am on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month in the Airport Conference Room. These meetings will allow tenants to voice any concerns, ask questions and provide feedback regularly. Note: No meeting on 4/20 (Patriots' Day).
- We're working to improve communication with all based aircraft owners/pilots. To join our email list, send a quick message to: airport@newbedford-ma.gov
- We'd like to wish tailwinds & blue skies to long-time EWB tower controllers Ric Jaeger and Tom Kozak who retired in January & March, respectively. Best of luck guys and thank you for everything over the years!

91.5" of Snow in 41 Days... That's Enough of Winter!



The winter season this year rolled on for quite a while with above average temperatures and good weather. Then it started... On January 24th we got ~1.5" of snow here at EWB. Then over the subsequent 6 weeks, we saw 89 more inches of snow! Including 2 storms of more than 20" of snow.

We are very proud of our entire staff for their efforts this winter. They endured many, many nights of very little sleep to keep moving snow. We faced challenges with ice creating "NIL" conditions on the runways and are actively pursuing ways to mitigate this in the future.

Our Snow & Ice Control Plan draft which was shaped by each storm this season, was sent out to a representative from each tenant organization for comments and feedback so that we could finalize the document. The finalized plan including changes based on airport community feedback will be presented to the airport commission at the April meeting.

Even with the extreme conditions throughout the winter we were very happy to see a steady flow of business and corporate traffic here at EWB, see page 3 for more on that... This included the Global Express jet pictured above. Global Express aircraft have a wingspan of 94' and are 99' in length. This makes "Globals" the largest aircraft that visit EWB. We had many conversations with the operator during the week leading up to their visit and a few since. The operator stressed their "thank you" for our "amazing" service (their words in quotes). This is something that we as an airport we are very proud of!



Snow mountains around the ramp... Skiing anyone?

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Plus much, much more!

Airport Commissioner & Airline Pilot!

Jason Oliveira joined the New Bedford Airport Commission in February of 2014. Over the past year he has proven to be a great asset for EWB. In addition to working a hectic airline pilot schedule, Jason maintains an excellent commission meeting attendance record. He always shows up prepared and isn't afraid to ask questions to ensure he is thoroughly prepared for any decision. Jason, as do many other members of the commission, regularly volunteer and spend additional personal time helping with a variety of tasks around the airport in the interest of developing the airport to be the best version of itself in the future.

Besides some time at school, Jason has been a lifelong New Bed-

ford resident and continues to raise his family as an active member of the city's community.

In the mid-1990's Jason started taking flight lessons at Nor East. His education took him to Norwich, the military college in Vermont. After completing his Bachelor's degree, he completed his flight training at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Jason was lucky to be immediately hired by Atlantic South East Airlines, which would become ExpressJet Airlines, where he flew for 8 years. Jason was most recently flying the CRJ -700 & -900.

Recently, Jason received exciting news! After working as a Captain for ExpressJet he will now be joining American Airlines as a First Officer. Making it to the

"majors" with a legacy carrier is a great achievement for a pilot!

Jason will be flying the ERJ-190, based in Philadelphia, PA likely doing a lot of flights between Philly, Boston, New York City and Washington D.C. Initially he will be on the 'US Airways' side of the company which is still completing the merger. His new airplane, while still a regional jet, is a little bit bigger, so not only is Jason moving up in terms of organizations, but he's spreading his wings a little bit too, so to say...

While at his initial training in Phoenix, AZ he was completing the 'life raft' training on the 6th anniversary of the Miracle on the Hudson events where Capt Sully & First Officer Skiles landed their Airbus in the Hudson River. The pilots averted disaster by ensuring the safety of everyone in the aircraft and on the ground! One of the other members of Jason's 'in-doc' training was a pilot returning from a leave of absence. That pilot was Jeff Skiles, returning to flying after taking some time off to use the notoriety from the event to help promote aviation. A major piece of which was his work with the Experimental Aviation Association and their Young Eagles initiative to get more young people into aviation.

With an active family life, a full time airline pilot job, being an active airport commissioner, Jason still finds time for more... He has been involved with the Boy Scouts for many years, receiving his Eagle Scout honors before his 18th birthday. Presently he serves as the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 24, right here in New Bedford. Jason is truly a great person and a real asset to the airport and the entire City of New Bedford, Massachusetts!

Congratulations Jason! It is always great to see our airport commissioners who volunteer their own personal time being successful.



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!



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 them out! As we move closer to the Taxiway Alpha Project (more about that on Page 6), we will be using social media to provide updates of the progress.

Serving the City of New Bedford as the **BEST** way into the city to do business!



Introducing Charlotte!

This Spring we are very happy to be joined by an Airport Operations intern from Bridgewater State University, Charlotte Wall.

Charlotte is a junior at BSU with a dual concentration in aviation flight and management. Since starting with us, Ms. Wall has had an immediate impact, specifically in our efforts to fully understand, so that we can fully promote, the recent Massachusetts State-wide Economic Impact Study (see below).

Charlotte is here for the mornings on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. During that time she contributes with her aviation knowledge gained through her time at BSU.

Charlotte is an active, certified Private Pilot and she is currently pursuing her Instrument Rating at the BSU Aviation Training Center. The strength that Charlotte adds with her aviation knowledge is especially helpful as an extra set of eyes during airfield checks and as we look over future project plans.

With a can-do attitude and the ability to take on a project with little direction and produce excellent work, Charlotte is definitely a big help in the airport operations role.



Adopting a 'Kaizen' Way of Thinking...



Kaizen is the theory of continuous improvement. Here at EWB we have adopted the concept of continuous improvements into all of our decisions.

Whether it is preparing a budget, selecting a service provider or considering future plans/projects, we always look to improve. We consider not just how each decision will affect us today, tomorrow and 5-10 years from now, but we also consider how the result of the decisions we make now will affect the alternatives we face in the future.

In an effort to move forward and embrace technology, while continuously improving we have implemented Veoci at EWB. Veoci was developed as an emergency management software, but recently it has taken the airport world by storm and has truly become a market leader in terms of product offerings. With Veoci we are able to better track the status of work orders to make sure things that need to happen are happening. Further, we are better able to track airfield assets to ensure we are getting the maximum benefit. Veoci truly gives us the ability to be a more effective airport.

For the end user of the airport, you may be wondering how this impacts you... It does in a lot of ways, Veoci has already allowed us to be better with our internal communication and accomplishing maintenance work quicker, with more reliable information!

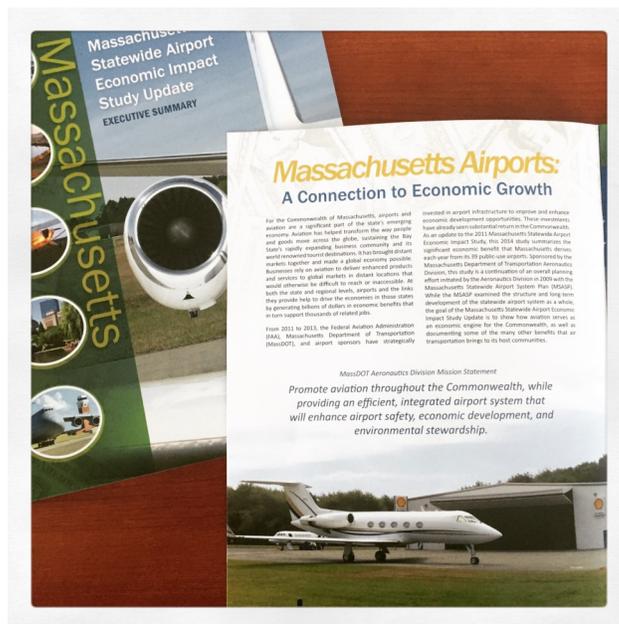
Massachusetts Airport Economic Impact Study Update

During 2014, MassDOT Aeronautics undertook a massive 9-month data collection project to provide an update to their 2011, state-wide economic impact study. The results are in and each measurable metric shows **growth at EWB!**

The previous MassDOT Aeronautics Statewide Economic Impact Study from 2011, showed EWB as contributing \$26.3 million to the local economy. The updated study shows that the total impact to the local economy as a result of EWB is up to \$32.1 million.

Additionally, the airport is responsible for 297 jobs, up from 234 published in the previous study. In 2011, EWB was responsible for \$8.1 million in payroll, the new study update shows that number has grown to \$10.6 million of payroll for local employees.

The very first page inside the cover of the Executive Summary for the study update features a picture of a Gulfstream jet on the NorEast ramp, right here at EWB! A great highlight of our corporate aviation community!



Environmentally Working Better at EWB Update!

During January the Standard Times newspaper here in New Bedford reached out to us to talk about the work we do related to the environment and specifically wetlands.

As you may know a large portion of our recently completed 5-year, \$30 million program of projects included a great deal of wetland replication area being created. The major piece of which is one of the largest replication areas in the state.

While some will say that replication sites aren't as good as a natural wetland, we would contend that created wetlands are designed to be as functional and effective as possible and thus are just as good, if not better than naturally occurring wetlands.

During the roughly two hour visit we discussed how we ensure that our airport stays above board when it comes to environmental matters.

The Standard Times dubbed us a "Bright spot among wetlands quagmires." Something that made us proud of all of the work we do in this area. You can read the full text of the article [HERE](#).

The story got a lot of attention locally, and even received attention on a national level. On February 6th, the story was included in the ePilot newsletter from the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA) in the Airport Focus section! ePilot goes out to thousands of pilots across the country. Having our efforts highlighted in ePilot goes a long way in showing people a little

bit about the great things that happen at EWB on a daily basis!

Below, Matt explains how a stream was rerouted around the new Runway Safety Area at the approach end of Runway 5. This change included the creation of the pictured "check dam," designed to improve the quality of the stream. Photo: Standard Times



There's a new voice on the tower frequency....

In addition to a record amount of snow, we saw a new air traffic controller arrive at EWB during February! Please join us in welcoming Kevin Winn to the airport community.

Kevin is a veteran of more than 37 years of government service with the United States Air Force and the FAA as an air traffic controller. He brings a great deal of experience, in addition to a "boat load" of enthusiasm to the tower. Speaking of boats, Kevin is an avid boater, residing in Kingston, MA with his wife of more than 34 years.

Kevin's family also includes 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren! As an active community member, Kevin is a Deacon in the Catholic church. He has a vast array of skills too as he is also a proficient classical pianist. Gus, Kevin's black lab keeps him busy too, accompanying Kevin on regular hiking adventures.

Kevin started his career with the

United States Air Force in telecommunication and air traffic control where he worked Pease tower up in New Hampshire. In 1983, Kevin was hired by the FAA and his first assignment was in the Beverly, MA



tower. Following a stint there Kevin was off to Chicago O'Hare where he worked the tower.

Having grown up on the south shore, Kevin moved back closer to home in the late 1980's when he went to work at Quonset before moving to Boston Approach where he was based from 1989 through 2002. From 2002 up to last month, Kevin worked the tower at Logan Airport, where for the last three years he served as a supervisor.

For the past month Kevin has been getting acclimated to his new surroundings and during mid-March was "checked out".

Kevin enjoys the dynamic environment and the community atmosphere here at EWB. He also commented on how the joy in the voices of the BSU students bring a smile to his face. He said he feels lucky to be able to watch the beginning of their aviation life in an industry that has been so good to him over the years!

Taxiway Alpha Project Update

As we move into the future looking to improve the airport, we have a full slate of capital improvement projects on the horizon. Our aim is to modernize the airport and ensure that we refresh our aging infrastructure. Last year we completed the Runway 5/23 project, this year is another major project, but not quite as big. We will be reconstructing Taxiway Alpha. The taxiway is more than 30 years old and this project will bring the parallel taxiway serving our brand-new primary runway up to the same level of quality with our beautiful runway!

The project is moving along on schedule. During January we submitted the plans to the New Bedford Conservation Commission. The 'ConComm' gave the project their blessing with a short list of orders of conditions, which is great. We met with Steve Parsons, the tower chief for his input on phasing of the project and how it would affect operations and also the team from Colonial as the pro-

ject will have a major impact on their operations. All groups have been effective at working well together and are excited about the new and improved infrastructure. This project will result in a good deal of back taxiing while we complete the intersection of Taxiways Alpha & Bravo, but this will only be for a couple of weeks and more importantly, we will not have to completely close the airfield at all for the project. We will however, have Runway 14/32 closed for about a week, when the Taxiway Alpha & Runway 14/32 intersection is the focus.

The project is scheduled to begin roughly around the late

July, early August timeframe and run until November, before a winter shut down and then picking back up in the spring of 2016 for completion before the summer.



Community Outreach at the 2015 Greater New Bedford Home Show!



The Greater New Bedford Home Show is a great expo for local residents to see new technologies for their home, learn about cooking and gardening techniques and much, much more... This year the show had an aviation element too. Cape Air and the airport partnered for a booth at the show to do some good old fashion, grass-roots brand building.

We viewed spending the weekend at the show as a way to help raise awareness of the airport and the many services provided here. Working with the regional marketing manager from Cape Air, Amanda Carlo, we were very happy to meet a number of people from the local community. We had the pleasure of speaking with many local residents who live close by to the airport and we're very happy to report that no local residents had any complaints or negative things to say about the airport!

We spent the weekend talking about Cape Air service and **ALL** of our tenant businesses from the Airport Grill to Bridgewater State University and from Avis/Budget to the FBO's! We feel very positive about the results and look forward to working more to raise awareness of the airport in the community!