

Special points of interest:

- This is the special 1-year anniversary of the EWB Quarterly Briefing! COMMUNITY is the theme for this issue, and it is made special by ALL of the great news we get to share!
- 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. The meetings have proven to be very successful with great discussions and information sharing!
- All punch list work related to the Runway 5/23 project has been completed! The final work included removal of silt fencing and some reseeding along the runway edges.
- A big thank you to both Kayla & Charlotte, our interns during this past school year!
- We'd like to welcome Rushton, a UMass Dartmouth Law School student, working with us this summer through his internship with the City Solicitor's Office.

Working hard. Moving forward. Together!

It's been extremely busy here since our last newsletter... We have a new airport commissioner, a new tower controller and a new air charter provider on the field!



We are extremely excited to share that we have had three consecutive months of increased operations when compared to the same months during the previous year! Typically operations increase as the weather improves. The truly impressive part is that we've seen traffic GROW when compared to the same months last year... This is something we believe is a direct result of the efforts we are investing to promote the airport!

We continue to work diligently on community outreach within the airport community, the local community and the legislative community with the goal of advancing our airport! This includes monthly FAA Safety Team "WINGS" seminars, watch for announcements on www.faa.gov! The seminars during May and June were very well attended.

To help promote aviation to statewide elected officials, we attended the Massachusetts Airport Management Association (MAMA) "On The Hill Day" event at the Massachusetts Statehouse on 5/12/15. Multiple staffers, aides and elected officials stopped by our EWB table, a large number noting that we had, by far, the best presence of any airport at the event!

Looking towards the future, we have started the process of moving the entire airport forward through Natural Heritage wildlife review and analysis to make it easier for future developers to come and build at the airport. This process, while daunting and time-consuming is a very worthwhile effort to reduce barriers to future development at the airport.

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Plus much, much more!



As mentioned above, we'd like to welcome another new controller to the tower here at EWB. Right around the time our last quarterly briefing went out we had another addition to the great team that staffs our control tower and keeps operations safe and moving along efficiently here at the airport. Stan Bykowski came to us after spending 10 years in the tower

at Norwood. Prior to that, Stan worked in the towers at Beverly and Hyannis as well as at Boston tower and approach control. A friendly and welcoming voice on the frequency, Stan compliments the rest of our outstanding tower staff very well.

Over the past couple of months we have worked closely with the three FBO's on the field to create a new landing fee system, which will allow us to keep all revenues in the local economy and prevents smaller, private aircraft from having to pay fees. A variety of airport parcels (on and off airport) will be advertised with Requests For Proposals (RFPs) soon as we look to increase and diversify our revenues. Our ultimate goal is a more sustainable airport!

Finally, we recently completed an air service study and formed a stakeholders committee to work towards developing the air service offerings here at EWB. The committee includes the Airport Administration team, Airport Commission Chairman Barton and representatives from the Mayor's Office, Economic Development, Tourism & Marketing and Cape Air.

Young Eagles Event, a BIG Success!

On May 16th, Colonial Air & the Atlantic Aviators teamed up to host the first Young Eagles event at EWB in the recent past. The result was a New Bedford Regional Airport Young Eagles event record! By the end of the day, 126 children got a chance to experience flying in a small airplane! This incredible turnout is something the entire airport community is proud of and happy about!

A Young Eagles event allows children, ages 8-17, the opportunity to fly in a small airplane for free. For many, the flight on May 16th was their very first taste of aviation and with any luck we got a couple of the kids “hooked” on the thrill and excitement of flying!

All of the volunteers did an amazing job, 8 pilots volunteered not only their time but also their aircraft to give these great children the opportunity to fly! A large number of additional ground volunteers provided help marshalling aircraft and escorting families across the ramp as well as checking children in and coordinating the paperwork end of the event. It was a great sight to see so many volunteers from our airport community, members of the Atlantic Aviators came out in mass to support the event! Erick & Matt volunteered as ground personnel, to illustrate the support of the airport as well!

The “shout out” of the event goes to



Dot Cunningham, the owner of Colonial Air. She was running around all day doing a great job keeping everything on track. Not only that, but from 9am, when the line was already out the door, until almost 3pm when everything was packed up, she allowed the

Young Eagles event to completely take over her operation for the day. Her effort and dedication to the advancement of aviation is truly commendable!



Each child that flew, and a few that were too young to fly, left with their own New Bedford Regional Airport “Future Pilot” wings! Based on some stories of similar pins being handed out in the past we rushed to find a way to have the wings made and luckily they arrived just in time for the event!



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 5), we will be using social media to provide updates of the progress.

SpectaculAir is Taking Off at EWB!

Increasing services and expanding the role that EWB plays in the local community and economy is a key piece of the focus of our airport administration office...

When Herb Cabral proposed having a satellite office for his air charter business at EWB, we were absolutely thrilled!



SpectaculAir is Herb's latest aviation business venture and one that he is putting his heart and soul into. SpectaculAir is AL-READY offering air charter services and inquiries can be made via phone (508-292-5466) or email (flightspectaculair@gmail.com).

Herb, a new resident of New Bedford, has ties to the community too. Herb's grandparents came from the Azores to New Bedford for work generations ago. The family eventually moved out to Nantucket, where Herb was born and raised.

You may recognize the name of Herb's previous aviation venture, Ocean Wings, an air charter provider based on Nantucket for many years. After selling Ocean

Wings, Herb was involved with Island Airlines before selling his stake and moving to Florida.

After some time away, with a renewed sense of energy, Herb has formed SpectaculAir with a fresh FAA certificate, two twin-engine Cessna aircraft and plans to bring multiple additional aircraft on board!

SpectaculAir has an office in the NorEast facility, is having NorEast provide their certificate-required maintenance needs and is basing their aircraft on the South City Ramp for the summer. The presence of the air charter organization is a NEW thing for EWB, and something we are very excited about!

International Reach!



On May 15th a group of pilots from the UK stopped by EWB for a visit. Each year the group spends a week long

vacation in the United States, renting aircraft and flying around to explore! When the group stopped by EWB we gave them a tour of the terminal & tower (thanks Kaleb!) and provided EWB hats and stickers!

The group has since returned to the UK after flying all over the Northeast US as far south as Atlantic City and as far north at Bar Harbor, ME. Back in the UK, the group has been wearing their New Bedford Regional Airport hats to help us promote our airport internationally!

Do you have a picture with your EWB hat on taken in a far away place? Send it in and help us promote the reach of EWB! Need a hat? Come visit the administration office!



Spring Terminal Repairs!

Thank you everyone for your cooperation during the last week of April while we undertook a major repair to our terminal building. As you may, or may not know,



we had a few plumbing back ups recently and with the help of the Department of Public Infrastructure, we were able to "camera" the drain pipe under the building and see it was in dyer need of replacement after serving the terminal since the early 1950's!

The great team at W.C. Smith Excavating undertook the project and worked extremely hard each day during the last week of April. Replacing the damaged pipe ahead of their own schedule. The entire project was a great showing of inter-(City) department cooperation as the great folks at the Department of Facilities & Fleet Management lent us their "Comfort Station" restroom facility while ours were out of service. Due to the diligent efforts of the Smith team, no



airport tenants were forced to deal with a disruption of service as a result of to the project. The restaurant was able to continuously operate and Cape Air and Avis/Budget were able to operate normally. Luckily the noisy jack hammering and saw cutting was limited to only a couple of days.

Left: The men's room. **Above:** The bad pipe!



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Environmentally Working Better at EWB / Taxiway Alpha Project Update!

We are very excited that construction is planned to begin later this summer on our new & improved Taxiway Alpha!

The brief overview is that roughly 4,400' of taxiway will be reconstructed as part of the project. The project will begin later this year and run into 2016.

The first portion of the project will be at the Runway 5 end of the airport. The construction will be phased to, as best as possible, allow the most normal airport activity to occur. We have worked with the Control Tower as well as Colonial Air for phasing based on the area to be reconstructed. Additionally, we worked with the Control Tower team to formulate a solid plan to keep aircraft traffic away from construction vehicle traffic in the interest of safety.

While **the airfield will not have to close completely**, there will be roughly a week long period where Runway 14/32 will be closed as the portion of Taxiway Alpha between Taxiway Bravo to Run-



way 14/32 is reconstructed. Following this section, construction will likely conclude for the winter.

During the Spring of 2016, the contractor will return to complete the section of Taxiway Alpha from Runway 14/32 up to the Runway 23 approach end.

As the next step in our airport-wide modernization, this project moves us closer to a better, more efficient airfield design. Part of the project will be the addition of

new grass islands that separate the ramp from the taxiway. These FAA-mandated islands increase safety by forming a barrier between the movement (taxiways/runways) and non-movement areas (ramps). This in turn adds grass surface, making the project appealing for the environmental and safety impacts.

The other major item we included in this project is a better route structure for men/equipment coming to the airport for the project. Based on the local community's requests following the major runway reconstruction project last year, we have aimed to minimize the heavy equipment traffic in local neighborhoods! For this project the contractor access route will be Shawmut Ave from Hathaway Road. This is a highly industrialized area already and the construction equipment vehicles will fit in nicely, while staying away from the local, abutting neighborhoods.

As we get closer to the late summer, expect more information and NOTAM's!

A NEW Face on the Airport Commission!

Airport commissioners often don't get the thanks and recognition they deserve as volunteers, serving the airport community. Their efforts to help the airport move forward are greatly important. This is evidenced by the recent MassDOT statewide airport economic impact study, which showed EWB has seen gains in jobs, payroll and economic output (the benefit to the local community) over the past few years.

The newest addition to the New Bedford Airport Commission (Regional is not part of the board's name) is a familiar face amongst the airport community, Sean Collins.

A general aviation pilot at heart, Sean saw his aviation career take off here at EWB as a Bridgewater State College (now Bridgewater State University) student! At that time, Sean was completing his flight training with Delta Connection Academy and earning a degree in aviation management. Sean's "day job" is with the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA),



where he works as the Eastern Regional Manager. In this position Sean represents all AOPA members/pilots in his 13-state region! He is constantly working with leaders at all levels of government on the local and state level to help advance aviation. When it comes to being the "voice of the pilots," there is no one better!

As a resident of Westport, MA, Sean had to receive a residency waiver from the City Council in order to serve as a

member of the commission. As a result of his "impressive experience," as one City Councilor put it, the City Council did not hesitate to grant the waiver. In almost every case, city management employees and board members are required to live within the city. However, with Sean's impressive resume covering his work in the legislative arena and possessing a wide breadth of knowledge, our airport (and community) will benefit from having Sean as a volunteer commission member.

Presently, Sean is working as part of the AOPA "You Can Fly" initiative. As part of this he is doing a lot of flying around in a Cessna 152 promoting flight training to aviation enthusiasts of all ages!

Sean lives in Westport with his college sweetheart Stacey and their 3 year old daughter Finnely as well as their foster sons 9 year old Jacob and 13 year old Zach. During the summer, it's common to find Sean flying around Cape Cod looking for sharks!

The Airport Community-Working Together!

As the weather warmed up and we emerged from the arctic winter and got past the first cold, windy weeks of Spring it was time for the airport to flourish! Based on feedback from a number of airport stakeholders, one of our priorities this year has been to engage the non-aviation world and help to bring NEW children/adults into aviation! With a plan to have many small (at first) grassroots events, the airport community members came together to create a great program of events!

Boy Scouts of America—4/11/15



On this sunny, spring day we welcomed a group of about 30 Boy Scouts from all over Southeastern Massachusetts to EWB for a tour. The tour included a briefing on the observation deck from Erick & Matt on general aviation airports and learning to fly. This was followed by a control tower tour thanks to Jim & Kevin, then the Scouts met Nancy from Cape Air before Tyson a Bridgewater State University flight instructor walked the group through the preflight inspection of a BSU Cessna 172. The visit was capped off by a walk through of the airport maintenance garage and introduction to the vast array of equipment we operate!

New Bedford Police K-9 Demo—4/24/15



On Friday, April 24th the airport and the New Bedford Police Department K-9 unit, which is based at the airport, welcomed a group of about a dozen young students for a K-9 demonstration. The demo included Gary and his bomb-sniffing dog Extra, Dean and his dog Loki and Trevor and his dog Thor.

Trevor put on a bite suit and allowed Loki to demonstrate how a police dog performs a take down for the students. Even though the bite suit protects the demonstrator from the cuts of a bite, the full force of the bite can still be felt! So a special thanks goes out to Trevor for allowing himself to be "taken down" for the demo...

We continue to look for a variety of ways to bring young people to the airport, even if their visit isn't totally aviation-centric, spending time at the airport allows them to experience aviation at some level. Of course, when a Learjet landed during the K-9 demo, it caught everyone's attention!

Evening At the Airport—5/6/15



Looking to spread the word in the local community of what a great resource the airport is and what is available to the general public at the airport, we partnered with Destination New Bedford and Cape Air for this great event.

Centered around the very strong economic impact results (which we mentioned in our previous issue), while also focusing on the bright future of the facility, we opened the doors to the airport to this networking evening held at the Airport Grille. Guests were also allowed to pass through the airfield fence onto a portion of the airport ramp where a Cape Air (painted in the Nantucket Airlines scheme) aircraft was on display!

With attendance well above expectations, encouraging remarks by Mayor Mitchell and a crowd of many familiar and many new faces, it was certainly a successful evening at the airport!



FAA Safety Team Seminars—5/21/15 & 6/25/15

The 5/21 seminar attracted about 20 local pilots. Matt provided a quick airport update and introduced the "Fly the Bay State Challenge". Then Loren Herren, the Chief Instructor from Bridgewater State University gave an interactive and insightful seminar on stalls & spins!

The 6/25 seminar was a CFI Forum, held at the BSU Aviation Training Center. This seminar was equally interesting and insightful! The group of flight instructors discussed a variety of topics including the differences between the Part 61 & Part 141 training environments as well as the learning process. The conversation was extremely beneficial for all that attended with great idea sharing. Stay tuned for more of these FREE seminars here at EWB in the near future!