

### Points of interest:

- Taxiway Alpha from Runway 14/32 to Runway 23 will be closed until mid to late November for reconstruction.
- 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!
- The EWB Airport Snow & Ice Control Plan which was circulated for airport user feedback earlier this year has been approved by the Airport Commission. One of the November tenant meetings will be used as our "Pre-Season Snow Meeting".
- FBOs are now collecting landing fees, no more invoices in the mail after your visit... The new structure designed by Airport Admin & the FBOs is working very well!

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## Summer Flew By!



### Positive Trends...

We are again happy to report that we are seeing things move in a positive direction here at the airport. Operation counts continue to show positive trends!

During July last year we arranged for the control tower to give us a monthly report of jet operations at the airport starting with the month of August. As a result, we are extremely happy to report that jet traffic has shown significant growth. During August 2014 we had 134 jet ops compared to August 2015 with 153 jet ops, an increase of 14%. During September 2014 we had 82 jet ops compared to September 2015 with 132 jet ops. **This represents a monumental increase in jet ops of 61% from September 2014 to September 2015!**

During September we also saw the first visit of a Gulfstream G650 to the airport (above). The G650 is one of the newest corporate jets on the market, with a price tag around \$65

million! The G650 has a length of 99' 4" and a wingspan of 99' 9", making it the largest jet, by wingspan, to visit our airport!

The extended VIP TFR which slowed us way down in August, might have had a less than ideal impact on operations but showed safety positives for us. No TFR deviations were committed by EWB-based pilots! Great job everyone! We'd like to thank the pilots for their efforts

and the control tower staff for their attentiveness!

This summer the Cape Air ramp and our terminal were bustling! The demand was so great that Cape Air added an additional based aircraft here at EWB to help fill out their summer schedule! As we move into fall, Cape Air continues to operate out to the islands and it's a great time to catch a flight and do some exploring!



## Our New & Improved Look Online!

Over the past couple of months we have spent a lot of time reengineering our outward appearance. We have worked to focus more efforts on the upkeep and grounds keeping around the airport entrance roads, parking lots and terminal. This is only part of the puzzle though; we have also invested copious time in updating our very dated website.

The New Bedford Regional Airport website had not been updated for some time and was a priority for us this past summer. The airport's website is a portion of the larger website for the City of New Bedford. As a result, our goal was to keep the theme and design of the City, while adding more up to date information, with eye-catching pictures taken recently at EWB. The emphasis on recently...

resource serving as a catalyst getting young children interested in the airport and airplanes; and the observation deck – a rarity among airports, providing an unblocked view of the ramp, taxiways and runways. These are just a few examples of points of interest at the airport that were not mentioned at all on the website before our recent updates.

As aviation enthusiasts and pilots we often think about the aeronautical-related items here, but not always about the things that can attract the public to the airport. This line of thinking was the driver behind our creating the "At the Airport..." section of the website. If we get those individuals not presently involved in aviation to the airport, that's the first step in converting them to future pilots and aviation enthusiasts!

We'd also like to thank Bethany and Nicole from the City's MIS department, who invested significant time helping us update the website!

During this update we reached out to tenant businesses for updated information on their operations so we could as best as possible, promote the business/service offerings here at EWB. We also took a good look around to see what else we have to offer here... Things like the Airport Grille – an impressive restaurant, with the added flair of the terminal ramp as a backdrop; the aviation-themed playground – a learning



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Welcome to New Bedford Regional Airport (EWB) online! We appreciate your interest in our airport and we hope to see you around the airfield soon. Feel free to give us a call. TOLL FREE, if you have any questions at 1-855-4V2RWB

## Chris Cunningham—The Examiner!

Chris Cunningham, the General Manager of Colonial Air here at New Bedford Regional Airport has been a familiar face in the airport community for many years. Chris has been an aviation mechanic since 1991 and continues to be an active pilot. During May Chris spent some quality time with the FAA in Oklahoma City, completing training and an orientation to become a Designated Mechanic Examiner.

Mechanics must complete a process similar to that of pilots to gain certification. Mechanic certification is the result of many months of training, written exams, and an oral / practical exam with an examiner; pilots should think of the final portion as a mechanic "check ride".

Not long after returning from Oklahoma City, Chris was approved to begin providing exams. But first, Chris had to assemble the necessary testing tools. When a pilot completes a practical exam, they are responsible for providing the aircraft. Conversely, when a mechanic performs a practical exam, they must work on the compo-

nents and aircraft provided to them by the examiner.

Since Chris received FAA approval to offer mechanic exams, he has administered 8 exams. His first exam, with the FAA observing, was for an aspiring mechanic who took on the challenge of completing the airframe and power plant portions at the same time (the student passed too!). Commonly, mechanics complete the general portion of their mechanic certificate with either the airframe or power plant portion singularly. Then the individual will complete the training for the other portion and return for another exam. Many of the other exams Chris has provided were for either the airframe or the power plant portion.

Presently, Chris is also in the process of attaining Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) certification. Presently, there is only one DAR in the local area. Chris made another trip to

Oklahoma during August for this orientation and training. Hopefully, Chris will receive final approval as a DAR soon!

It is a great asset for the airport to have this type of activity (mechanic certification issuance) being completed here! The BSU program is producing many new pilots and now we have new mechanics being certified on the field, both great things for the aviation industry as a whole!



### 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! With the Taxiway Alpha Project (more about that on Page 3) in progress, we will be using social media to provide updates of the progress.

## Taxiway Alpha Reconstruction



You've probably noticed by now that we have another construction project underway here at EWB! We continue to advance the airport, following the well-defined objective of renewing and replacing our aging infrastructure as outlined in our recent Airport Master Plan Update.

Following the reconstruction of Runway 5/23 last year, this fall and next spring we are completing the reconstruction of Taxiway Alpha. This taxiway serves as the parallel taxiway for Runway 5/23, our primary runway.

The total cost of the project is approximately \$4 million. 95% of this project will be funded by federal and state monies, showing a great investment in our airport by the FAA and MassDOT Aeronautics Division. This type of investment from the funding agencies can't be understated and we are very appreciative of their investment in us.

It's also worth noting that these monies are aviation specific and would not have come to New Bedford if not for the airport!

From mid-September through mid-November the portion of Taxiway Alpha from Runway 14/32 to the Runway 23 approach end is closed, along with Taxiway Foxtrot. This project phase will be completed by Thanksgiving and the contractor will then observe a winter shut down. Hopefully, early in the Spring we will be able to resume construction on the portion Taxiway Alpha closer to the terminal and have it wrapped up before the busy summer season!

## New Picnic Tables & Chairs



The Matthew R. Rodriguez Memorial Foundation has been responsible for a lot of good in the local community, and here at the airport is no exception!

Most recently, the foundation has made multiple donations to the airport to help in our efforts to make the airport a more visitor-friendly place for members of the local community.

When the "airport regular" foundation members (Mike & Lisa) noticed the picnic tables near the playground getting banged up and showing their age, the group approached us about donating some new tables. Spurred on by multiple organic pop-up events like birthday parties and small gatherings happening at the airport around the picnic tables, the group had a great idea and really delivered with an incredible donation.

In early August, four beautiful picnic tables arrived, all painted in bright colors too! The tables provide a new, cleaner space for visitors to enjoy the airport environment from. This is the first step in a much larger plan

to honor soldiers from Massachusetts who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. You can learn more in a great story from the Standard Times [HERE!](#)

The group didn't stop with the tables... Four beautiful new Adirondack chairs and two tables have been added to the observation deck to go along with the benches we added earlier this year! The Foundation and Airport worked together on this great project, and we are very happy with the NEW welcoming feel for the public!



## Providing Support!

Throughout the year we see a very diverse fleet mix here at EWB. From flight training to large corporate jets, we are lucky to have a great variety! One of the groups of visiting aircraft that always catches the eyes of onlookers are military or public protection aircraft.

We are always happy to play the role of host for these groups. Whether they are visiting for training, fuel or during an event response, we are always happy to host them. These military and public protection aircraft play a vital role in the lives of everyone in the greater New Bedford community.



# Outreach, Education & Safety Events!

## BSU Bridge Program—7/16

Middle school-aged students got the experience of a lifetime when they visited the airport. Touring the control tower, viewing traffic from the observation deck and getting to fly a Cessna 172 were just some of the highlights! 28 children attended the Bridge program day at the airport, making it a huge success!



airport for a tour. The theme of their 6-week program was renewable energy including “airport design” concepts. We spent the morning with the group on the observation deck, brought them through the control tower for tours, then onto the ramp where the students were able to visit Sandpiper and NorEast, as well as had a chance to sit in a Cape Air aircraft.

## Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) Meeting—9/15

We held the annual RSAT meeting for the airport. The tower chief, Steve Parsons, Erick and Matt provided insight on airport statistics, operational analysis and construction projects. The meeting was very informative and we’d like to thank the tenants that took part in the event and participated.

One of the topics that the group spent a good portion of time discussing was the increased jet traffic at the field. We were happy about this for two reasons; first, it shows that airport users (controllers and pilots) are noticing more jet traffic, and second, because our airport community is actively working to improve the safety at the airport based on what is actually happening!

## FAASTeam Seminar—9/15

The September installment of our monthly FAASTeam seminar series was hosted by NorEast Aviation Services. The topic of the evening was maintenance related concerns for aircraft owners and operators. John Steidinger (*pictured speaking below*) donated his time and knowledge to make an extremely informative and interesting presentation! The attendance for the event was better than expected with a crowd around 30. A large number of attendees were Bridgewater State University aviation program students, it was especially great to see younger, newer members of the aviation community taking an interest in safety.

We’d like to say another special thank you to NorEast Aviation Services & John Steidinger for helping us make this happen!

## FAASTeam Seminar—8/6

Steve Brown from the FAA Boston FSDO visited to present a safety seminar called, “Avoiding TFRs and Enforcements”. We’d like to say a special thank you to Steve for his presentation and also to Sandpiper Air and the Airport Grille for providing the venue and refreshments for attendees.

The seminar was well-attended with approximately 30 participants. The goal of the seminar was to provide pilots with as much information as possible. Apparently the seminar served its purpose, no EWB-based pilots committed TFR deviations during the more than two week flight restriction.



## College Academy Visit—7/21 & 8/12

College Academy is a program for middle school aged children looking for an alternative to a summer sports camp. The academic based program allows students to choose 4 courses from a wide selection including everything from photography to model rocketry and marine biology to actor’s workshop. One of the most popular courses is aviation, all about aircraft, flying and airports.

Twice (*7/21 visit pictured above*) we welcomed groups of about 35 children and staff members to the airport. The program participants toured the BSU Aviation Training Center and Sandpiper Air. The students also spent time on the observation deck watching a Cape Air flight land and unload as well as a Cessna Citation X land on Runway 32 and taxi by the terminal. Matt & Erick welcomed the group, answered questions about the airport and provided some EWB stickers for all of the visitors!

## KoolDays Program Visit—8/3

The City of New Bedford Community Services Department brought a group of 40 summer program children to the



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## Environmentally Working Better Update

The public views airports through a variety of lenses. Yet one thing that is undeniable is that airports are great stewards of the environment, especially our airport! Sticking with our “Environmentally Working Better at EWB” mantra we have continued in this effort. This past summer the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued new guidelines on storm water pollution prevention. As a result, the airport and our tenant business (industrial operators as the EPA would call them) stepped up and conformed with all requirements on or ahead of schedule.

Previously, the EPA mandated that the airports had to maintain a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP, said “swip”). The new rules required some plan updates and changes and also required each individual “industrial operator” (the FBOs & Cape Air) to have and utilize their own SWPPP. Our airport-wide SWPPP was updated to comply with the new regu-

lations and then we provided the airport SWPPP for each of the tenants to utilize, so that these businesses did not have to create their own SWPPPs, a costly endeavor for sure!

The time between when these changes were announced to the deadline for each SWPPP to be updated and the proper Notices Of Intent (NOIs) to be filed, was very short, but everyone from the airport community stepped up and got the job done!



## The Whaling City



New Bedford has historically been known as the Whaling City, once the capital of the whaling industry and at one point, referred to as “The city that lit the world.”

Well, we couldn’t help but notice the similarity between the tail of a (very expensive) corporate jet aircraft and the tail of a whale!

Can you see the similarity?

## Join us in Welcoming: Jason Bentley, Airport Ops Intern

Continuing our relationship with Bridgewater State University, we have welcomed another Airport Operations intern! Jason Bentley, a senior in the aviation management program at BSU will join us for the fall semester, through roughly mid-December.

Jason is a native of Rhode Island and will be on site at the airport on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. The semester represents a great opportunity for Jason as he will get to live the Airport Administration role through an entire phase of the Taxiway Alpha project. Based on the project design Jason will be able to play a role from day 1 of the construction project to the conclusion of the project phase. This will allow him to see the entire process of a project, from start to finish, simply on a smaller scale.

Jason is a private pilot, and has quickly displayed his aeronautical knowledge during airfield checks. Since earning his



license, most of his flying has been done with friends in Alaska, more on that shortly... During his time at BSU, Jason has also served as the Vice President of the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) student chapter.

Over the past three summers, Jason has traveled with other BSU students up to King Salmon, Alaska. In Alaska, he worked for PenAir as a lead station agent, operations agent and ground security coordinator. In this role he has learned a great deal about airport operations and the priority of safety in air carrier operations. This is a knowledge base we hope Jason utilizes to help us improve our daily activities here at EWB whenever possible.

When he isn’t around the airport or working on his studies at BSU he is a fan of playing volleyball, hiking, kayaking and is an all around fan of outdoor activities.