

NorthEast Bonanza Group

Bonanza and Beechcraft Owners Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 12
KLNS - Lancaster, PA
Shake off the Frost

Todd Adams of Lancaster Avionics will give a talk on the latest trends in avionics, especially PFDs and autopilots. Arrive at 10:00am. Todd will be speaking at 10:30am. We are planning for a 30-minute talk and 30 minutes of Q&A followed by lunch at Fiorentino's Bar & Grill, a great restaurant that has a long history there.

Todd Adams is currently the President/Treasurer/Manager of Lancaster Avionics, which has a long history at this location going back to 1969.

Alliance Aviation is the FBO at Lancaster and they have moved into great new facilities. They have fuel and great space for meeting.



Message from the President

NEBG Members,

As my continuing effort to engage more of the NEBG community more often, I will keep you up to date on the latest goings on. I am trying to get these newsletters out monthly.

We still struggle with the aftereffects of transitioning our web site from the old to the new. Woody put a lot of effort into the old web site, but he became disengaged quite abruptly and left us in disarray.

When we ported the information from the old site to the new one, only 69 members showed up as paid although we feel sure that the number is around 200. The good news is that financially the group is in good shape.

The last newsletter was sent to everyone in our database, expired

membership or not.

We are using Mailchimp to do the mass mailings which is a good tool; it even tells us who received the emails and who opened them. We also have a plug-in for the current NEBG website that keeps the membership list up to date from Mailchimp. So eventually the issue will sort itself out and we will get more confidence in our membership roster.

If you want to be deleted from our roster because you sold your airplane or whatever, send me an email at mikemcnamara88@aol.com and I will get you removed.

For the rest of you, we gave everyone in the database a free one-year subscription. For those who have recently paid, we will add one year.

Mike McNamara

Canada

Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (CYQI)

August 14 - 17, 2022

Organizer: Tayo Akamo

Thanks to Tayo for organizing!

Yarmouth is a historic seaport town located on the outermost edge of Nova Scotia's southwest shore along the legendary Bay of Fundy. Long known as "the gateway to Nova Scotia" because of its proximity to the United States, Yarmouth was settled in 1761 when colonists from New England first made their homes there. It is a picturesque town with great restaurants featuring delicious seafood, several museums and traditional music.

Yarmouth is located in the region that is part of North America's first starlight destination - Acadian Skies and Mi'kmaq Lands - as designated by the International Starlight Foundation. You will be amazed to discover dark skies like nowhere else, with brilliant stars from distant galaxies shining against the night sky.

CYQI (Yarmouth, NS) does not charge landing/terminal fees to General Aviation aircraft. Tie down fees can be waived if you purchase 100LL. They have after hours charges for operation outside our regular hours of operation (0800-1700).



The airport has no rental cars on the day of arrival, so we have secured 3 vans (Max 7 passengers per van) for transportation around the area. Tayo will pick them up the day prior to your arrival.

We will be staying in the Rodd Grand Yarmouth Resort which is on Main Street, in the downtown core of Yarmouth. Many of the guest rooms have beautiful views of the Yarmouth Waterfront, an excellent sample of Nova Scotia's breathtaking scenery. The hotel has a fully equipped fitness center with nautilus equipment, indoor pool, and sauna.

There is a golf course and numerous outdoor activities including kayaking or canoeing. The area also features Living Wharf Demonstrations and Experience – 5 days a week in the summer season and great fly-fishing rivers & streams.

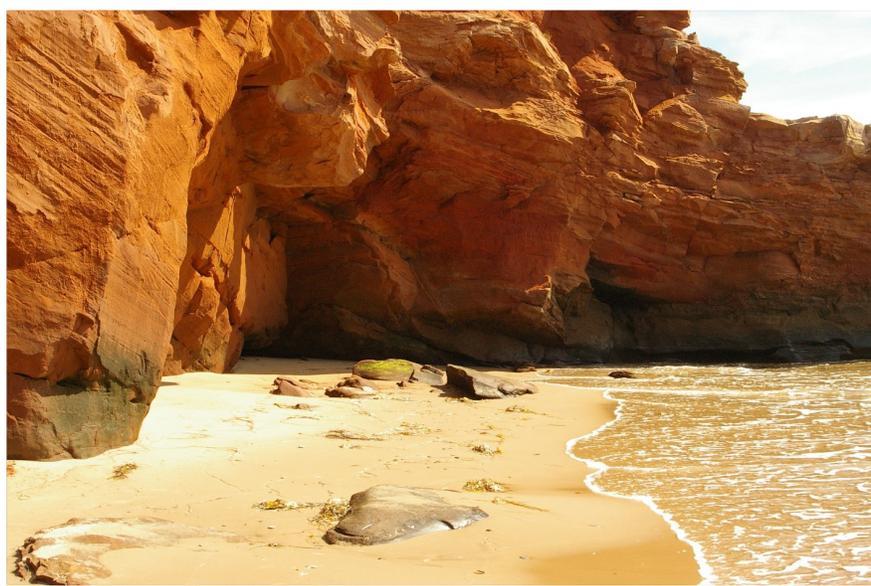
We secured a block of 10 rooms at the resort for 3 nights (August 14, 15, 16) at \$139. Depending on interest we might be able to increase the number of rooms in the block; making your reservations will demonstrate that interest. The block will be held only until July 15 at which time all rooms in the block will be released to the public. Contact the resort (1-800-565-RODD or <https://roddvacations.com/hotels/rodd-grand-yarmouth/>) to book your room and tell them you are with North East Bonanza Society (I know that's not our name but that's what the contract says). You should make the reservations as early as possible as they will review the room block at 90, 60, 45 and 30 days prior to arrival date and may start to reduce the number of rooms in the block. Any questions, contact the NEBG organizer Tayo Akamo at 210-618-7284 (mobile).

Iles de la Madeleine (Magdalen Islands)

August 17 - 20, 2022

On Wednesday, August 17, we will be leaving the Rodd Resort in Yarmouth, NS. You only have to do two things: put CYGR into your GPS and push enter (and maybe brush up on your French, although ATC is perfect English). That will take you over Charlottetown on Prince Edward Island, a little bit of water, and

then you will see the cliffs of Iles de la Madeleine and enjoy an amazing view during the approach. Have your GoPro ready.



The Magdalen Islands are a small archipelago in the Gulf of Saint Lawrence.

Administratively, the islands are part of the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region in the Canadian province of Quebec, but geographically, they are closer to the Maritime provinces than to the Gaspé

Peninsula, on the Quebec mainland.

There are eight major islands. In 1534, the explorer Jacques Cartier was the first known European to visit the islands. In 1765, the islands were inhabited by 22 French-speaking Acadians and their families. They were working and hunting walrus for a British trader. The islands have some of Quebec's oldest English-speaking settlements. Although most anglophones have long either assimilated with the francophone population or migrated elsewhere, English-speaking settlements are found at Old Harry, Grosse-Ile, and Entry Island. Until the 20th century, the islands were completely isolated during the winter since the pack ice made the trip to the mainland impassable by boat. The islands had no means of communication with the mainland. An underwater cable was installed to enable communication by telegraph, but in winter 1910, the cable broke, and the islands were again isolated.

The maritime climate of the Magdalen Islands is markedly different from that of the mainland. The huge water masses that circle the archipelago both temper the weather and create milder conditions in each season. On the islands, winter is mild, spring is cool, summer has a few heat waves, and fall is typically warm. Tourism is a major industry on the islands, which have many kilometers of white sand beaches and steadily-eroding sandstone cliffs. Also, they are a destination for bicycle camping, sea kayaking, windsurfing, and kitesurfing.

Destination Report

Destin, Florida

Over Thanksgiving I had a few days off from work so my wife and I decided to go to Destin, Florida to



get some warm weather. We went down Friday morning and came back Monday morning.

Nominally it's 5 hours each way from our home in Pottstown, PA but we had strong head winds both ways, so it was 6 hours each way. We stopped midway in both directions but flew early to get smoother air.

Destin is on the panhandle of Florida and doesn't get weather quite as warm as south Florida, but it was still nice. 65-70 degrees during the day, a little cooler at night.

The airport, KDTS, Destin Executive, is right on the barrier island and is very convenient. The FBO was Lynx when we were there, has since changed to Atlantic. Fees were reasonable and fuel was about average for an airport like that. There was a local off-brand car rental office right in the FBO, the car was brought out to the airplane when I arrived with a clip board to sign the paperwork. The car was clean and modern, but expensive. Car rental prices everywhere have been crazy lately, but I expect will moderate as the computer chip problem gets resolved and new cars can actually be purchased again.

The airspace around there is bewildering; I just went in & out IFR. It's a tower-controlled airport, I just did what they said.

The entire area is dominated by Route 98, Emerald Coast Highway, which runs east/west and is very busy. We stayed at a Fairfield by Marriott, right on the highway, across the street from Henderson Beach state park. The state park and all the beaches were clean, beautiful, and uncrowded with plenty of parking.

There were several nice shopping centers if you are into that, one of them had a Whole Foods supermarket where we got some healthy snacks and lunches to take with us.

Sightseeing helicopters (Robinson R44) were taking tourists on sightseeing flights, 500 feet up & down the beach, all day long. Noisy & irritating. They were staging out of a parking lot with their own fuel truck.

The Harborwalk right at the marina was a busy, congested place with too many rowdy people, tacky T-shirt shops, and mediocre food at high prices overlooking the water. So called dolphin



cruise boats were going out, each one had hundreds of people yelling and singing; they were serving free beer and wine. I am sure the dolphins were hiding from those guys.

We drove across the bay to a state park which was nice, and we visited Fort Walton Beach (the next town west) which was also nice. All the beaches were great.

The Marina Café Seafood Restaurant on the water was fabulous with great service, great food, and water views, we had dinner there one night.

Event Schedule

Event schedule is as follows (some of it is up in the air):

- February 12, Shake off the Frost, Lancaster Airport KLNS *
- KGED Georgetown, DE – lunch – April 2, 10:30AM – MTM organizing *
- Dulles KIAD Udvar Hazy Museum – tentative – looking for an organizer
- Newport, RI – June 3-5 – Michael Madigan organizing *
- Basin Harbor, VT – Tentative - looking for an organizer
- Halifax, Nova Scotia – Sunday, August 14 to 17 – Tayo Akamo organizing *
- Iles De La Madeleine, Quebec – August 17 to 20 – Michael Madigan organizing *
- 44N Sky Acres – lunch
- Kennebunkport, Maine – September – tentative
- November – Reading, PA Planning meeting for 2023

*These dates are fixed – Mark your calendars and schedule your work time off!

