

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.

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

Please RSVP by clicking on this link: <https://northeastbonanzagroup.org/event/shake-off-the-frost-lancaster-airport/#rsvp-now>



Message from the President

NEBG Members,

I hope that you are all staying active physically, active mentally, and, most importantly, keeping your airplane actively used. So many of our fleet dwindles away due to lack of use. It is harder in the winter to stay active.

A few ramblings about autopilots. My 1965 Debonair was built to be at a lower cost point than the V-tail, which was a premium airplane. The Debonair had cheap tires and brakes, a smaller engine, few avionics and a cheap interior. But Beechcraft still thought that the Beechcraft New-matic Flight Control system by Brittain had to be installed for safety reasons.

The system has a simple electric gyro in the panel and two pneumatic bellows in the wings to push & pull on the aileron cables. I don't know when it was developed but it would have

had to be in the 1950s. Since the transistor was only invented in 1957, there were obviously no electronics in it. It just had the iron gyro and pneumatics off the wet vacuum pump.

I put 4,500 hours on that device and it was generally reliable. It made flying IFR much easier. Other pilots would ask what type of autopilot I had and I would say “wing leveler” and they would laugh. BPPP sessions started out with “Lets make this first approach a coupled approach”. I don’t think so. Many pilots on BeechTalk would claim that it is impossible to fly single pilot IFR in a Bonanza without an autopilot.

I finally succumbed to the siren song and had Lancaster Avionics install a Garmin GFC500 autopilot with yaw damper and electric trim. A brave new world for me and I have some things to learn.

On another note, for those of you who are getting up there in years, are you seeing an increase in insurance premiums? Some claim that it is because of slower reaction times and loss of mental acuity. I am not buying it. See the article I wrote for the ABS magazine; you will get it shortly.

Mike McNamara

Canada

Gaspé, Quebec (CYGP)

August 14 - 17, 2022

Organizer: Michael Madigan

Folks, we have received an amendment to our route from Yarmouth. Instead of putting CYGR into your GPS you must enter direct CYGP. ATC has told us that there is not a single hotel room available on Magdalen Islands. Flight time to Gaspé is around 2 hours from Yarmouth. You still have to brush up on your French. At a minimum, always start with Bonjour when you contact ATC. This is a domestic flight from Yarmouth, so you do not have to worry about customs. A reminder that all VFR cross country flights in Canada must file a VFR flight plan.



NEBG visited Gaspé in 2017 and it is one of our favorite destinations. Gaspé is a city at the tip of the Gaspé Peninsula in the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine region of eastern Quebec, Canada. Gaspé is located about 400 mi northeast of Quebec City. The city has a population of 15,000. Gaspé claims the title of "Cradle of French America", because on June 24, 1534, Jacques Cartier halted in the bay after losing an anchor during a storm and officially took possession of the area by planting a wooden cross with the king's coat of arms and the sentence Vive le Roi de France (meaning "Long live the King of France"). Cartier met there an indigenous tribe that referred to the territory as Honguedo, probably a Mi'kmaq word meaning "meeting place". Following the Treaty of Paris in 1763, British officers and soldiers acquired free land in Gaspé. And in 1784, they were joined by many Loyalist settlers. From then on, Gaspé became an important commercial fishing center, especially of cod. In 1804, its post office opened.

From 1861 to 1866, the port of Gaspé was a duty-free port, making shipping the primary economic activity. With some 40 to 50 European ships docking annually, many countries opened consulates in Gaspé, including Italy, United States, Brasil, Portugal, and Norway. By 1911, the railroad reached Gaspé. But the town's ambition to become an international shipping and transportation hub ended with the growing importance of the Montreal and Halifax harbors. During World War II, some 3000 soldiers were stationed at a naval base built at Sandy Beach, in order to patrol the Gulf of Saint Lawrence against German submarines.

We will be flying into Gaspé airport (CYGP), 4487 ft runway with GPS LNAV approaches and some terrain around the airport. CYGP is about 2 hours northeast of Bangor. You need to clear customs before you arrive at CYGP (unless you hold a CANPASS private aircraft membership authorization pass for each person aboard the aircraft in which case you can go directly to CYGP). We suggest that you clear customs at Fredericton, CYFC (which is one hour northeast of Bangor).

We recommend staying at Hotel Des Commandants. If you cannot get a room there you can try Hotel Plante or Motel Adams (all within walking distance of each other). We expect everyone to make their own hotel reservation. **August is a very busy month in Canada so you should make a reservation as soon as possible.**

We will meet Wednesday evening for cocktails at 6PM at the bar at Hotel Des Commandants and then have dinner together.

A rental car is recommended if you want to participate in our activities. National is located inside the airport terminal. You have to make your own reservation.

There are several national parks around Gaspé and the area is an outdoor paradise. We will plan several hikes in the area.

We also plan to visit Percé which is a small city near the tip of the Gaspé Peninsula. The area was within the traditional homelands of the Mi'kmaq people, who called the place Sigsôg ("steep rocks" or "craggs") and Pelseg ("fishing place"). In 1603, Samuel de Champlain visited the area and named the famous rock Isle Percée ("Pierced Island"). During the 17th century, the place was used primarily as a stop-over for ships travelling to Quebec. The Percé Rock is a natural rock formation located close to the shore facing

the town. It is a natural attraction for its size, color, and unusual door-like hole at one end the rock. You can walk up to the hole in the rock at low tide.



We will also visit Bonaventure Island which is a national park and home to the largest gannet colony in North America and the second largest in the world. The gannet is a magnificent sea bird, having a six-foot wingspan. There are many other species of birds such as puffins, cormorants and murres who also use the island as a home and breeding ground.

Whale watching is also a popular attraction in local area, and most notably, North Atlantic right whales, one of the rarest whales, had begun to concentrate off Percé in 1995

(this species was used to be regarded as sporadic visitors into Gulf of St. Lawrence until in 1994, and gradual increases have been confirmed in entire St. Lawrence since in 1998), and Gaspé Peninsula has become the center of sightings in St. Lawrence region.

Newport, Rhode Island

Newport State Airport (KUUU) / Quonset Airport (KOQU)

June 3-5, 2022

Organizer: Michael Madigan

For many years NEGB has visited Block Island on this weekend. We always stayed at the Old Town Inn next to the airport and enjoyed David's and Lucinda's hospitality. They have sold the Inn and we will try visiting Newport, RI, instead this year.

You can fly into Newport State Airport (KUUU). There are three instrument approaches, two to the shorter runway 16 (2,623ft); RNAV with MDA at 600ft and VOR/DME at 680ft and a LOC to runway 22 (720ft). Fog is always a concern this early in the season and the other option is to fly into Quonset Airport (KOQU) which has a 7,500ft runway with ILS and RNAV to runway 16 (DA 218ft) and RNAV to 34 (MDA 460ft). Quonset airport is only a 20 min drive to Newport, and it is easy to get rental cars delivered to the airport.

Newport is a city founded 1639 set on Aquidneck Island in the New England state of Rhode Island. It is in Narragansett Bay, approximately 33 miles southeast of Providence. It is known as a New England summer resort and is also known for the Gilded Age mansions lining Bellevue Avenue, some of which are now museums. The most famous is The Breakers, an 1895 mansion patterned after a Renaissance palace. It is also famous for its rich sailing history. It was the location of the first U.S. Open tournaments in both tennis and golf, as well as every challenge to the America's Cup between 1930 and 1983. It is also the home of Salve Regina University and Naval Station Newport, which houses the United States Naval War College, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, and an important Navy training center. It was a major 18th-century port city and boasts many buildings from the colonial era.

We will provide more information about activities and suggestions where to stay. We are planning on, weather permitting, having dinner outside either Friday or Saturday at my waterfront home which is three miles from Quonset Airport. We will try to arrange transportation.

The Cliff Walk and a tour of the mansions are great activities in Newport.

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 *
- Gaspé, 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!

