

# NorthEast Bonanza Group

## Bonanza and Beechcraft Owners Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

*Saturday, April 2*

*KGED - Georgetown, DE*

*Lunch at Arena's*

Plan to arrive at Delaware Coastal Airport (KGED) at 10:30am. We will be having lunch at *Arena's at the Airport*, located in the airport terminal overlooking the ramp.

Arena's is famous for their piled-high deli sandwiches and has been a fixture at the airport since 2013.

**Please RSVP by clicking on this link:** <https://northeastbonanzagroup.org/event/georgetown-de-kged-lunch/>



## Message from the President

NEBG Members,

We had a successful event at Lancaster, PA at the new FBO and long-time restaurant. The story is elsewhere here; I actually ended up with a conflict (couldn't attend) but several people told me they learned things from Todd Adams at Lancaster Avionics who gave a talk on the latest trends. He answered many questions.

KGED Georgetown, Delaware will be a lunch event April 2. Arrive at 10:30AM, we will try to beat the lunch crowd. Sign up on the web site so I have an idea how many are coming.

If you are going on our Canada trip in August, it would be good to make your hotel reservations.

Meanwhile, I had the Garmin GFC 500 autopilot installed in my

Debonair during the Christmas Holidays and am still getting used to it. It is a wonderful autopilot, and quite a change for me after 4,500 hours of flying the airplane with a Britain Wing Leveler. But I hate the ESP even more than I thought I would; I must remember to turn it off at every start up and check it off for landing. You may have read what I wrote about it in the September 2021 ABS magazine. I even filed a NASA report on it as I believe it is a hazard. Not everyone agrees with me.

I also wrote an article for the February 2022 issue of the ABS magazine on aging pilots. I do not believe that aging pilots are at greater risk of accident or incident like the insurance industry claims. Insurance prices go in cycles, and we are in a period of rising prices, which I think will last a couple years followed by a decade of steady or slightly declining prices. The insurance industry is grasping at straws trying to justify why prices are increasing. I'd love to hear your views on the aging pilot insurance situation.

In case you've been hiding under a rock or just don't care about V tails because you own a straight tail, availability of replacement magnesium ruddervator skins to keep the V tail fleet flying is a major problem. Beechcraft stopped using magnesium for elevators some years ago. Because they did it, the after-market availability of aluminum elevators was approved. For various reasons having to do with certification, and the troubled early history of V tails (200 fatal accidents in the 1980s before AD's fixed the issues), aluminum ruddervators will probably not happen.

The issue is that, if V tails cease to exist, the ABS will lose a significant percentage of their membership, so the viability of the entire organization is threatened. The ABS has offered financial incentives, initially \$500K, as the Manuel Maciel Ruddervator Prize, for someone to solve this problem. In addition, members can send in tax deductible contributions to increase the value of this amount, and it is currently at \$524,700 and climbing. A good cause if you have extra money laying around.

My magnesium elevators were reskinned and painted in 1996 and are still perfect. I believe the key is flying frequently.

*Mike McNamara*

## Canada

### **Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (CYQI)**

*August 14 - 17, 2022*

*Organizer: Tayo Akamo*

Yarmouth is an 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 guestrooms 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).

### **Gaspé, Quebec (CYGP)**

*August 17 - 20, 2022*

*Organizer: Michael Madigan*

Flight time to Gaspé is around 2 hours from Yarmouth. 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 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 Baker. 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 the Hotel and then have dinner together.

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.

## Shake off the Frost

### Lancaster, Pennsylvania (KLNS)

On February 12, we had our annual Shake off the Frost event at the Lancaster Airport. Alliance Aviation hosted members of the Northeast Bonanza Group in their upstairs meeting room which overlooks the ramp and runways. Todd Adams from Lancaster Avionics was our guest speaker. He discussed current trends in avionics and stressed the importance of planning ahead due to supply-chain challenges. He offered an example of waiting until your old-school mechanical attitude indicator fails to replace it with that new G5 or GI-275.



If you wait until the equipment is no longer functional, your airplane will likely be grounded for quite some time due to the inability to get new avionics in a timely manner. Be proactive and order the hardware now before you need it was his advice.

Ten members were in attendance for the event. After Todd's presentation, he answered questions for over thirty minutes. Todd joined us for lunch at Fiorentino's and continued to answer more questions.

## Event Schedule

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

- KGED Georgetown, DE – lunch – April 2, 10:30AM – Mike McNamara 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
- Yarmouth, Nova Scotia – Sunday, August 14 to 17 – Tayo Akamo organizing \*
- Gaspé, Quebec – August 17 to 20 – Michael Madigan organizing \*
- 44N Sky Acres – lunch - TBD - Mike McNamara organizing
- Kennebunkport, Maine – September – tentative
- November – Reading, PA Planning meeting for 2023

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

