

Atlantic Aviators News

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Welcome to Atlantic Aviators News!

Ever wonder what it would be like to be part of an organization that is all about being enthusiastic about aviation and being around others who share your enthusiasm? Well I can tell you that you have come to the right place! The Atlantic Aviators is the local Southeast Massachusetts chapter of Women in Aviation, International. Our members range from aviation enthusiasts to professionals in the industry. But the one thing we all have in common is our love of aviation and the promotion and education that we pass on to others.

The chapter was formed in 2003 and has grown over the years. Currently we are based at Colonial Air, Inc. at the New Bedford Regional Airport however our members come from far and wide. We have shared our passion with several local Girl Scout troops helping them earn their aerospace badges with fun adventures at the airport. Each year we co-host a General Aviation Fun Day event at the New Bedford Regional Airport that brings the world of aviation to the community! Static airplane displays, vendors, demonstrations and much more. Come visit us on May 22, 2010 for the 4th annual event from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Our newest project is the designing, coordinating and construction of an aviation themed playground at the New Bedford Regional Airport. For more information, check out the website listed below.

For those of you that are already members, I want to thank you all for your dedication, hard work and time spent making this chapter a great organization. Each of us takes time out of our busy schedules to commit to this chapter and have made it the success that it is. I am very pleased and energized to be working with you all! Here is to a great 2010!!!

Visit our new website at www.atlanticaviators.org and see for yourself all the fun things our chapter does and how you can become a member!

See you in the next edition!

Best,
Tammie Irwin
President



Member Spotlight – Christina Chella

Congratulations to Christina Chella, who in December was awarded the Flight Safety Dispatch Scholarship from the National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)! The scholarship includes full training for her Dispatch License at the Flight Safety facility at LGA – a six-week residential course beginning in February.

Christina has been a member of the Atlantic Aviators Chapter of Women in Aviation, International for three years and she currently serves as the unit secretary. She joined WAI in order to spend time with what she terms "like-minded people." When living in northern New Jersey, she became interested in the local chapter of WAI, but she did not join until she returned to her hometown of Weymouth, MA and became active in the chapter in southeastern Massachusetts. She currently holds a Private Pilot, Single-Engine Land, license. Her aspirations include pursuing an instrument rating, a commercial license, and a tailwheel endorsement, in addition to her soon-to-be-earned dispatcher license.

Among her most memorable experiences is the flight she made with friends on September 11, 2006. "[I was] flying from Caldwell, NJ to Allentown, PA during the daylight. Stopping

and having dinner in Allentown at Gregory's Restaurant and departing Allentown and seeing the twin beacon out of New York. It was that clear a night and there was nobody in the sky." She also remembers the joy of flying from Martha's Vineyard to Norwood one spectacular July 4th evening, where she enjoyed a vast array of fireworks up and down the coast of Massachusetts.

When not in the air, Christina enjoys spending her time with a book, almost any book. She's currently in the middle of four, not including her reading for school. She also enjoys cross-stitch needlepoint, dinners out with her friends, and spending time with her friend Tricia and her four children – "four great kids who have adopted me into their lives, never given me up." Since being awarded the scholarship, Christina looks forward to working as a licensed dispatcher in the New England or mid-Atlantic region. Her professional aviation history includes working with Sentient Jet as a Charter Sales Support Associate and with AVPORTS as an Operations Coordinator.

To suggest a story, share an opinion or find out more about how you can get involved, contact us via email: AtlanticAviators@yahoo.com

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Atlantic Aviators has a new website. Learn more about what we do, find out how you can become a member, get an idea of what's going on during our monthly meetings, see photos of previous events, check out our upcoming events and more!
www.atlanticaviators.org

Scholarship News & Information

Caught in the middle between your dreams and your economic reality? The pursuit of aviation-related careers brings out the best dreamers in all of us – encouraging hard work and passionate pursuit of our goals. But sometimes that pursuit runs into the hard wall of economics. Degrees, licenses, and type ratings can be expensive to obtain. For that reason, the Atlantic Aviators Chapter of Women in Aviation, International has established a scholarship fund.

In order to encourage women and men in the Southeastern Massachusetts area to develop careers in aviation, science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics, the Atlantic Aviators are offering two (2) scholarships valued at \$1000 each to any deserving students who have demonstrated an aptitude for and interest in pursuing an aviation or technology related degree at an accredited college or university, flight training, type ratings, or other aviation-related studies.

Whatever your goal may be, we'd like to help. For further information, or to obtain an application, visit our website, www.atlanticaviators.org. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Hansen at KellyHansen1@verizon.net.



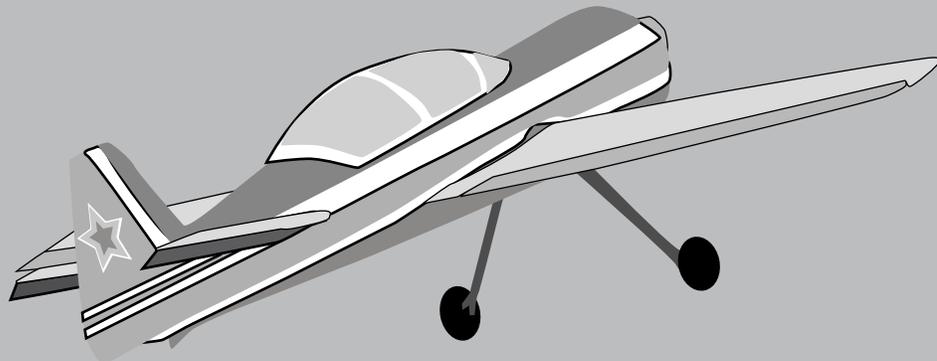
Where Is She Now? Scholarship Edition

Our 2008 Scholarship winner, Stephanie Dupras, is a sophomore at University of New Haven, in West Haven, CT where she's majoring in Civil Engineering. As of July 29th 2008, Stephanie has her Private Pilot Certificate. She's currently building her flight hours at Colonial Air, at the New Bedford Regional Airport, in anticipation of beginning her training toward her Instrument rating. The aspect she enjoys most about flying is being able to take her friends and family members for scenic flights

General Aviation Fun Day, 2010

It's that time of year again! Time for our 4th Annual General Aviation Fun Day. The event will be held from 10 AM - 4 PM at the New Bedford Regional Airport (KEWB). As always, we will have something for everyone with static aircraft displays, flight demonstration, a variety of local vendors, and food.

The New Bedford Police K-9 unit will be here doing demonstrations, as well as the New Bedford Fire Department's Crash Truck. The Buttonwood Park Zoo Train will also be in attendance to give the kids a ride! The New Bedford Regional Pilot's Association will be giving airplane rides for a small fee. This event is co-hosted by the Atlantic Aviators Chapter of Women in Aviation, International, the New Bedford Regional Pilot's Association, and the New Bedford Regional Airport. Admission is FREE but donations are welcome. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Atlantic Aviators Scholarship Fund for area students interested in pursuing aviation-related careers.



General Aviation Fun Day Meeting Schedule

To learn more about the GA Fun Day or to get involved, join us at one of our meetings. All meetings are held at Colonial Air, at KEWB.

- > April 10th @ 10:30
- > April 24th @ 10:00
- > May 1st @ 10:00
- > May 8th @ 10:00
- > May 15th @ 10:00