

Atlantic Aviators News

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Happy Summer Everyone!

A lot has happened since our last publication came out. The chapter co-sponsored a highly successful event at the New Bedford Regional Airport on Saturday, May 22. The 4th Annual General Aviation Fun Day was just that – a FUN DAY! The weather was absolutely perfect and people came out in droves to participate in the day. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the day a huge success. Now onto planning next year's event – and wondering how we can top this year!!

Of course, these events just don't happen on their own and it takes a team effort to come together and accomplish such successes. Please consider joining our chapter to be a part of this event and others. 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! Our Scholarship winners have been selected! Thank you to

everyone who applied and congratulations to our two winners! To find out more about our winners, please read the scholarship article on Page 2 of this newsletter.

The Playground Committee is in full swing with the selection of the layout plan for the playground that will eventually be built at the New Bedford Regional Airport. This aviation themed playground will provide a safe and fun place for families to spend time at the airport. For information on the playground and how you can donate to the fund, email us at atlanticaviators@yahoo.com.

I wish everyone a very wonderful summer! Stay safe and enjoy!

See you in the next edition!

Best,
Tammie Irwin
President



Member Spotlight – Pamela Bourgault

Welcome to the group new member Pamela Bourgault! Although not a pilot, Pam is an aviation enthusiast and was appointed as a member of the New Bedford Regional Airport Commission in 2006. Pam was a great help in advance planning for our 4th Annual General Aviation Fun Day this past May! She also coordinated and supervised parking volunteers and donations during the event.

identity theft and elderly exploitation, as well as personal safety issues. In 2000, Pam received the title of "Woman of the Year" by The Standard Times for her work with the elderly & victims of domestic violence.

In 2007, as a member of the Fairhaven Police Department Detective Division, she was awarded the Public Servant of the Year Award by the North Fairhaven Improvement Association. The department received this honor due to its efforts in major narcotics investigations, including one of Bristol County's first wiretap investigations.

Most recently, Pam was presented with the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women Unsung Heroines Award in May of 2010. The MCSW honored 100 women across the state in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their organizations and communities. Pam was recognized for her tireless efforts in assisting victims of domestic violence and the elderly citizens of the community.

When not helping senior citizens, she enjoys spending what little free time that she has with family and friends. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to Pam!

Pam is a detective with the Fairhaven Police Department and is dedicated to community outreach. She single-handedly launched and runs a "Cops and Donuts Program" which she coordinates with the Fairhaven Senior Center. Her program provides seniors with information on how to protect themselves from such issues as

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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

Fun Day Wrap Up

On May 22nd, 2010 the Atlantic Aviators co-hosted their 4th Annual General Aviation Fun Day along with the New Bedford Regional Airport and the New Bedford Regional Pilot's Association. The event was held at the New Bedford Regional Airport (KEWB) in New Bedford, MA. There was an estimated 7,000 people in attendance throughout the day.

There were a variety of activities for aviators and enthusiasts of all ages. Several flight demonstrations were provided by a group of local pilots. Both the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the FAA provided Flight Simulators for the public to use. Airplane and Helicopter rides were available for a small fee.

Our static display area contained an assortment of aircraft for viewing, a number of which welcomed event goers to explore the interior as well. Some of the display aircraft included: Beechjet 400, 1958 SNJ, Coast Guard Falcon Jet, amphibious aircraft, homebuilts, ultralights and more.

Buttonwood Park Zoo provided us with their "Zoo Choo" for the day to give the kids a ride. The Gonsalves Tae Kwon Do JR Olympics team did face painting as well as provided the

crowd with a demonstration. The New Bedford Police K-9 unit and the New Bedford Fire Department's Crash truck provided other demonstrations for onlookers to enjoy. In addition to all of this, displayed for the public were over 70 antique and classic cars.

Former Tuskegee Airman George S. Lima attended our event and brought along the "Black Air Foundation", a local non-profit organization that is dedicated to empowering minority youth through education and training.

A Helicopter Golf Ball Drop was held with prizes up to \$500. Other raffles were held as well with prizes valued up to \$300. Local vendors were also on site, providing a range of products.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the planning, participated in, or came to our Fun Day! Proceeds from this event will benefit the Atlantic Aviators Aviation & STEM Scholarship fund as well as the New Bedford Regional Airport Playground Fund. To learn more about our chapter, view more images from our Fun Day, or find out how you can get involved in next year's event, please visit our website: www.atlanticaviators.org.



The 2010 Atlantic Aviators Aviation & STEM Scholarship Recipients

The Atlantic Aviators are proud to announce the 2010 recipients of the Atlantic Aviators Aviation & STEM Scholarship: Andrew Davis and Sarah Walsh.

Andrew Davis will be entering his freshman year at Purdue University's School of Engineering this fall. He is pursuing a B.S. in Engineering, with a specialization in Aeronautics and Astronautics.

"To me, there is nothing more rewarding than taking my ideas and shaping them into something tangible," he states. "I aspire to look at an airplane and call it mine – to be able to say that I turned my ideas into something real."

During his high school career, Andrew was a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, played varsity baseball and soccer, served as class Vice President, and tutored others in Algebra and Geometry. We wish him great success in the years to come!

Sarah Walsh will be attending the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst beginning this fall. There she will be studying Engineering and Environmental Science.

"I want to go into Green Energy Development because I also want to fix many of the problems I see today," she explains. "Growing up seeing the harmful consequences of international conflict has made me realize that a lot of it has sprouted out of our country's dependence on foreign imports of oil."

Sarah has volunteered her time to tutor others in her high school Math lab, served as Sports Editor of the school newspaper, and was the captain of the 2009-2010 varsity field hockey team. Her passion for environmental issues and her determination to make a difference in her community are evident and we are excited to support her as she begins her college career.