

NORTHAMPTON AERONAUTICS

AT THE NORTHAMPTON AIRPORT

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Periodic Newsletter

NAI has been Accepted into the Veteran's Flight Reimbursement Program

Attention All Veterans-- Through the GI Bill, veterans and reservists of the United States Military are eligible to receive reimbursement for advanced flight training.

Northampton Aeronautics has recently been accepted into the Veteran's Education Reimbursement Program as a Part 141 Flight School. This means that veterans seeking advanced training (anything beyond a private pilot certificate) and that receive a passing grade of 70% or higher, could receive a 60% reimbursement of flight and ground training costs from the Veteran's Association. (cont'd →)

In order to enroll in this program, pilots must provide Northampton Aeronautics with a valid private pilot license (or higher rating) and the appropriate medical certificate, and then submit an application to the Office of Veteran's Affairs. If you are interested in this program or would like more details, please contact Sarah at 413.584.7980.

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Northampton Aeronautics Gains New Flight Instructor

Northampton Aeronautics is pleased to welcome Radek Wyrzykowski to its full-time flight instruction team as the chief instrument flight instructor. Radek obtained his Professional Pilot Degree from Mohawk Valley, under the SUNY Albany program, in 2002 and has been a flight instructor since 2003. He is a certified Part 141 Instructor, Certified Flight Instructor Instrument, and Multi-Engine Instrument Instructor. He was a Standardized Cirrus Member in 2004 and 2005 and is a Technologically Advanced Flight Instructor. He has flown and instructed in Avidyne Glass Cockpit and is proficient in Garmin 430 and 530.

Radek is originally from Poland and moved to the United States in 1983. His longtime fascination with aviation, beginning in childhood, fully developed after taking an introductory flight lesson in 1997. He shortly thereafter obtained his Private Pilot Certificate, Instrument Rating and Commercial Certificate (both under the instruction of none other than Doug Stewart—the 2004 National Flight Instructor of the Year) and then decided to combine his love for aviation and interest in teaching to pursue a career in flight instruction.

Radek attributes his continued interest and thrill with aviation to the guidance of his good friend and mentor, Doug Stewart.

Pilot Suggestion Board

Is there a particular aviation website that you trust?
Or an aviation book that really hit home with you?
Tell us about it with the Pilot Suggestion Board,
posted in the Northampton Aeronautics, Inc. FBO
Office. Whether it's a great airport restaurant you've
discovered or an interesting airport to fly into...

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Are you up for a CHALLENGE?

The NORTHEAST RADIO CHALLENGE

What It Is— One full day of VFR flying for a minimum of two pilots with an instructor to Manchester airport, Albany International Airport, Boston Logan International Airport, and Bradley International Airport. Pilots will receive one hour of ground instruction and five hours of combined flight time in a Piper Arrow.

Why Do It— By taking the challenge, you can:

- Build your radio communication skills.
- Build flight time in high traffic areas.
- Obtain your **COMPLEX ENDORSEMENT** and work toward the hours needed to rent Northampton Aeronautics' Piper Arrow.

The cost is \$599.95/person and covers all fuel, instructor time, landing fees, Aircraft Pilot Operating Handbook, all charts, and lunch that day. You can either bring a friend or we'll match you up! Contact Radek at 413.584.7980 if interested.

Upgraded Flight Simulator



Northampton Aeronautics has up graded its flight simulator with ELITE software that will allow pilots to log more of their simulator time toward certifications/ratings. The upgraded system is FAA approved to log 2.5 hours toward Private time, 20 hours toward Instrument time 25 hours toward ATP time and 50 hours toward Commercial time. Plus, partial time for instrument proficiency checks and instrument practical tests. The simulator is available for booking right now!!!

Instrument Refresher

Pilots completing this course will receive their instrument proficiency check and instrument currency.

- Three hours of approved simulator time w/ instructor
- Two hours of ground instruction
- Instrument Flying Handbook
- Current FAR/AIM
- Instrument Procedures

All for \$279!!!

Call 413.584.7980 to sign up.

2005 Northampton Balloon Festival

The Northampton Airport had 11 different balloons and their balloon pilots present September 10th and 11th for the fourth annual Northampton Balloon Festival.

The balloon pilots ranged from Private Pilots with as little as two years of experience to Commercial Pilots that had been flying for over 35 years!

The balloon launches took place at 7:00AM and 5:00PM on Saturday the 10th and 7:00AM on Sunday the 11th. The airport remained open both days and entertained close to 2,000 spectators during the entire event!



Flyovers for Farmland- *October 22, 2005.*

The Kestrel Trust Foundation will be hosting aerial tours, flown by staff and tenants of the Northampton Airport, in order to raise money to preserve a parcel of farmland open for development in Hadley. The tours will last 15 minutes and will cost \$50/person. They are a terrific opportunity to check out the fall foliage in the Pioneer Valley, while supporting a worthwhile organization! If you are interested in taking a tour or in donating flight time, please contact Sarah at 413.584.7980.

Cessna Demo Day- *October 22, 2005.* Ever thought of owning a Cessna? Check out the 2005 Cessna 182T NAV III with a Garmin G-1000 and Glass Cockpit at the Northampton Airport. A Cessna Representative will be available from 1:00PM to 4:00PM to answer questions.



FBO Open House- *November 15, 2005* from 5:30PM-7:30PM. Come check out Northampton Airport's new FBO building, located in the two-story beige building off of Crosspath Road. The new building will be home to the Northampton Aeronautics flight school, Pioneer Valley Balloons, a pilot reception area, a CATS testing classroom, and pilot briefing rooms.

FAA Safety Seminar- *November 29, 2005,* in the new FBO building at the Northampton Airport. The topic will be the Hudson River Corridor and the seminar will begin at 7:00PM with refreshments provided.

Local Pilot Profile



***This issue's local pilot, Howard Lederman, is currently building his own aircraft, so we've included questions about that project.

Name: Howard Lederman

Occupation: Psychiatrist, Director of Rehabilitation at the Berkshire Medical Center

Ratings: Private Pilot Certificate

What type of aircraft are you building? A Glastar Sportman 2 + 2 (basically a beefy version of the original Glastar).

When do you expect to be finished? I'm hoping for one year, two at the most.

Why did you decide to build your own plane? I decided I wanted a plane that could be continually expanded upon and upgraded, without going to all of the trouble of purchasing an entire new aircraft. I'd rather invest in a plane that I could upgrade myself and that was not limited to the certified parts and procedures that most aircraft are restricted by.

Any interesting facts/stories?

The company that I am buying my assembled engine and propeller from is Eggenfellner and the engine they provide is manufactured by Subaru (as in the car manufacturer) and is the same engine to be found in the Subaru Outback.

Call 413.584.7980 for more details.

Northampton Aeronautics now has CAT's Testing Available!

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A Lot! And in the literal sense of the word, **NEW!!!** We recently finished construction on 18 **NEW** t-hangars that are located directly to the Southwest of Runway 14. The hangars are all occupied and have brought in 10 **NEW** based aircraft, bringing the total number to 57 on the field. Northampton Aeronautics would like to welcome these new tenants and thank them and all other airport tenants for their continued support!

Another exciting addition to the airport is the **NEW** FBO Office. The Northampton Aeronautics flight school will be operating out of this facility starting mid-October. The new facility will have a pilot reception area, a rec-

reption desk with pilot supplies available for purchase, flight planning areas, flight school classrooms, an upgraded flight simulator, and a CAT's testing area.

We're not done making improvements yet, though. Plans are underway to construct a new community hangar adjacent to the maintenance hangar this spring and we will be installing a new fuel system this winter. More details to come in the next newsletter!

What's **NEW** at the Northampton Airport?

