

Winter - Spring Airport Newsletter



What a Winter at KUA!

The Kingston-Ulster Airport personnel have been hard at work over the past few months clearing ramp areas, taxi ways, and runways of snow and ice. But although the surfaces may seem as clear as they would on a hot summer day, we would like to remind you of the following

- Don't rush your preflight! We know that the cold temperatures make this normally simple task a long and painful one, however, its important to remember that a good preflight increases the safety of your flight!
- Pre-heating services are free for all pilots based on the field. Pre-heat time will vary depending on the length of heating required by the aircraft engine type. Pre-heating services are offered to all airport customers for \$15 per engine. Please be sure to call at least 40 minutes in advance to schedule your aircraft pre-heat.
- Plugging in your aircraft, if equipped with an engine block heater, can greatly help lengthen the life of your engine. These services are free for all airport customers. We recommend that you request this service at least 6 hours prior to your departure time.
- For early flights requiring block heating (prior to 9 a.m.), aircraft must be plugged in no later than 5 p.m. Line personnel assistance is required.
- Snow and ice can block important taxiway and runway lighting systems. Please be aware of this when you plan your night flight.
- Although it may seem that the weather is getting warmer, the early weeks of spring can continue to produce cold temperatures and even isolated snowstorms. Be alert to icy taxiways and ramp areas.
- Frost and ice are hazardous to flight. Make sure that your aircraft is completely free of any snow, frost, or ice before taking off.
- New seasons in the Northeast produce weather conditions that can change very rapidly. Don't assume that the weather is safe by simply looking outside. Always prepare for your flight by obtaining a standard weather briefing for your route of flight before take off. Lockheed Martin Flight Services can be reached by calling 1-800-WX-BRIEF.

If you have any questions about winter and spring operations, feel free to stop by the River Aviation Flight School.

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The Kingston-Ulster Airport would love to hear your comments about the airport. We encourage you to stop by the River Aviation Flight School and drop a comment in the Suggestion Box!





Above: Greg Schramuk joined the flight school in January 2011.

River Aviation Welcomes a New CFI

River Aviation is proud to announce its newest flight instructor, Greg Schramuk. Greg joined the Kingston-Ulster Airport team in January 2011.

Greg graduated Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 2009 where he majored in Aviation Management and Aviation Flight. He achieved his private pilot certificate in 2007 and continued on to earn a Commercial single engine and multiengine certificate with instrument privileges in the busy and challenging Chicago airspace system. Upon completion of his commercial pilot certificate, Greg flew for Traffic.com under the O'Hare International airspace for traffic reporting. He also flew as a Certified Flight Instructor for Southern Illinois University Carbondale until graduation. Following graduation, Greg worked at a small joint-use military/civilian airport in Savannah, Georgia and managed their fixed based operation (FBO). Greg has a deep love for flying and Flight Instruction. He is intrigued and excited by all facets of the aviation industry.

Greg is currently available for all private pilot and commercial pilot level training. In addition, he is available for recurrency training, biennial flight reviews or introductory and photo flights. Be sure to stop by the River Aviation Flight School to say hello and schedule your dual flight with Greg today!

New Faces, New Accomplishments

First Time Solo Flights

- On 02/16/2011 Flight School student Stephen Sawyer took to the skies for his first solo flight. Stephen joined the flight school in the fall of 2009 when he joined the aviation program at Ulster County BOCES, and has been working diligently to accomplish his goal of solo flight. His flight was supervised by Certified Flight Instructor Greg Schramuk. Way to go, Stephen!
- Flight school student Robert Wild completed his first initial cross country flight on 10/21/2010. His route of flight was direct Kingston-Ulster to Sullivan County (KMSV) and back. Robert completed the flight in his Cessna 182. Robert is well on his way to earning his private pilot's license and trains diligently with Certified Flight Instructor, Kevin Hofelmann. Congratulations, Robert! Keep up the good work. We wish you a private pilot's license in the very near future!
- River Aviation is happy to present the newest private pilot on the field! Mike DiGiacomio completed his checkride with examiner Doug Stewart on 2/17/11. Mike had been working hard on his training with Certified Flight Instructor, Al Schultz. We are so proud of you Mike, and wish you nothing but the bluest skies!



Above: Student Robert Wild prepares for a flight in his Cessna 182.



Above: Student Stephen Sawyer stands next to a flight school aircraft after completing his first solo.

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Kingston-Ulster Offers Aid to a Neighbor In Need

On the morning of February 9, 2011, Ulster County Police and Fire Rescue radios were busy with exchanges of critical information about a car accident that had just occurred. Ambulance crews were being called to the southbound lane on Route 32 between Ulster Landing and Potter Hill Road. A Saugerties woman was in critical condition and needed help quickly. When emergency personnel arrived on the scene, they determined that the woman would need to be airlifted to Albany Medical where she could receive proper care.

A perimeter was quickly established around the Kingston-Ulster Airport and emergency personnel cleared the way for the woman's swift transport to a medevac flight that was eagerly waiting on the KUA ramp.

Because of the prompt coordination between rescue workers and the Kingston-Ulster Airport staff, the woman was flown to the hospital without delay. The Kingston-Ulster Airport was honored to be able to assist a neighbor in need and values the opportunity to serve Ulster County. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped that morning and wish those involved in the accident a speedy recovery.



Memorial for a Fellow Pilot

The Kingston-Ulster Airport and River Aviation recognize the loss of an airport community member with a very heavy heart and great sorrow. Michael Faraldi, a member of our airport family for over ten years will be missed dearly. We are thankful to have known him and have shared the laughs that Mike always brought with him to the airport. He will always be a member of our airport community and we will continue to honor and appreciate him as a loyal friend and skilled pilot. We would like to offer our sincere condolences to Mike's family and friends. Rest in peace Mike, we will miss you.



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