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Groton-New London Airport to Host 6th Annual Open House and Walking Tour

The event is free and open to the public

Windsor Locks, CT – August 15, 2019 – The Connecticut Airport Authority, Mystic Jet Center and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce are pleased to invite the community to Groton-New London Airport’s 6th Annual Open House and Walking Tour.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 17, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Groton-New London Airport. It is organized in celebration of National Aviation Day, which is recognized nationwide on August 19th, and with a special focus on United States Coast Guard (U.S.C.G.) Aviation this year. Also, new for 2019, will be a Homebuilt Aircraft Rally.

Aviation fans and aspiring aviators alike will have the opportunity to visit Groton-New London Airport’s businesses and operations, view general aviation and military aircraft displays on the airport main ramp, purchase scenic flights by airplane and helicopter, explore aviation-related careers, and learn about the growing field of drone piloting (weather permitting).

The open house and walking tour is a free, family-friendly event. It’s an ideal opportunity for all to have fun while learning about the airport’s contribution to the region including aviation-related jobs. One can even hear about what it takes to become a pilot.

“Our sincerest thanks to the Mystic Jet Center and the Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce for their partnership in making this event possible and making it a wonderful tradition for our community to enjoy,” said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority. “We look forward to showcasing Groton-New London Airport and the many outstanding guest exhibitors as well as giving our community an opportunity to learn more about the airport.”

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The fun isn't limited to those who want an introduction to aviation. Hangar and aircraft visits, and entertaining live and simulated presentations will be offered, as well as scheduled guided tours of daily operating facilities on-airport.

Visitors will get up close to various model airplanes and helicopters and have the opportunity to speak with pilots, crew, airport and emergency response personnel, and guest aviation and aerospace organization representatives. Returning again is the CT Passport Agency which will accept first time and renewal U.S. passport applications.

This event is now in its sixth consecutive year.

Participating in the 2019 Airport Open House and Walking Tour are:

AIRPORT BUSINESSES/TENANTS

- Café 511
- Coastal Air Inc. – Flight School
- Connecticut Army Reserve National Guard 1109th TASM-G Helicopter Repair Facility
- FAA Designated Pilot Examiner
- Groton Based Private Pilots with their Aircraft
- Groton Air Traffic Control Tower, Midwest ATC Services
- JT Aviation MX Aircraft Repair
- Lanmar Aviation
- Mystic Jet Center and Columbia Air Services
- Survival Systems USA
- U.S. Air Force Auxiliary CT Wing, Civil Air Patrol -Thames River Composite Squadron

GUEST EXHIBITORS

- AerialScope
- Aviation Career Education (ACE) Summer Academy
- Bird's Eye View Helicopters
- Cirrus New England
- City of Groton Office of Economic Development and Planning
- CT Dept of Transportation – Bridge Safety Unit
- CT Passport Agency
- CT Soaring Association
- EAA Chapter 334
- FAA Safety Team
- Groton Ambulance
- Life Star
- New England Air Museum
- Ninety-Nines Inc. (International Association of Women Pilots)
- On Course Drones
- Poquonnock Bridge Fire District

- Rita's Ice - New London
- Rita Rivera – Graphic Artist
- Town of Groton Office of Planning and Development
- U.S. Census 2020
- U.S.C.G. Academy
- U.S.C.G. Air Station Cape Cod
- U.S.C.G. International Ice Patrol
- U.S.C.G. National Coast Guard Museum
- U.S.C.G. Recruiting Office
- U.S.C.G. Research & Development Center – Aviation Unit
- Visiting Private Pilots with their Aircraft

Groton-New London Airport is located on 155 Tower Avenue in Groton. Public parking is free.

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.

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