

# Kings Wings

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

# 2011

KING would like to officially introduce you to our new Staff. Effective December 1, 2011, Kelley B. Dinneen will be President of King Aviation-Mansfield, Inc. She will also remain as Assistant Airport Manager for the Mansfield Municipal Airport.

New Airport Manager Robert Welch, Jr. is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army and former Executive Director of the Massachusetts Aeronautic Commission. He has also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation and Safety for the Massachusetts Army National Guard. His impressive resume has many career highlights: including his experience with Aviation Operations, Safety inspections; accident investigation; and planning of aviation support facilities.

Bob has logged over 2300 hours of Rotary Wing and single engine flight time. He is the owner of a Piper, based here at Mansfield.

Sue Farmer is also back a few mornings a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings Sue will be manning the desk and helping to keep things running smoothly.

Matt Elia has been named as Operations Manager. Matt has been with KING for 6 years. He will be helping with marketing, ground training, and CFI recurrent training, as well as pitching in when and where we need him.

And Barry Miles will take over as Line Supervisor, running the outside operations.

Meet the Staff at our Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday December 18th from 1-3 pm. Bring your favorite snack or baked good!



*December 2009. Santa got destroyed that winter.*



### Airport Managers Report

I look forward to working with everyone at the airport. KING and Mansfield Airport has a long and well established policy to maintain a user friendly environment, while complying with all the safety and security requirements necessary to ensure everyone's enjoyment of the facility. I expect this atmosphere will continue well into the future. I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday season.

### CFI Notes

As we move into winter, there are a few things to keep in mind. It's getting dark early. Are you night current? Do your lights work? What lights do I legally need for night operations? Not sure of any of these answers, book a flight with a KING CFI and find out.

Snow has already fallen. Remember to contact airports you are flying into, especially at night, and ask for runway conditions and how high snow banks are. Wet runways and taxi ways in the day become ice at night.

**FLY SAFE!**



### Spotlight

*Each month we will feature a pilot from the airport.  
But this month, we will focus on David Dinneen.*

As many of you know, David has left KING as the Airport Manager and stepped down as President of King Aviation-Mansfield, Inc.. He will continue to be an owner of King as well as Executive Director of MAMA and the Airport Manager of Marshfield Airport.

Our family became involved in aviation when our Dad decided to learn to fly at the Taunton Airport. Dad then saw an opportunity to buy the business, KING Services of Aviation, and build it into a very successful business.

David worked there for years pumping gas, cutting grass, and learning the ropes, literally, from the ground up. Weekends, holidays, we all worked. Our mother once asked "how many family meals will be ruined because of the Airport?" Well, there were a lot.

After school, Dave went to work for King full time and learned the book end of the business. He became the youngest MA Airport Manager and has served multiple times as President of the Massachusetts Airport Management Association; he currently is the Executive Director of the organization. He has won many awards, including the FAA's Airport Manager of the Year award.

With David's help, the Mansfield Airport has seen great improvements, including: runways, taxi ways, and ramps all re-done; a new fuel facility; and the field filled up with planes, and hundreds of people fulfilling their dreams of becoming pilots.

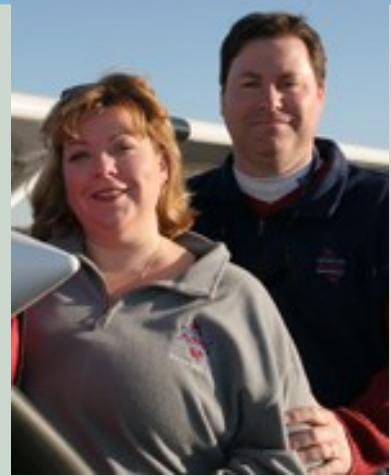
Together David and I have built this business. We have fought, laughed, worried, and cried over it. We both take great pride in what we have accomplished, and I will continue to work hard to make KING the best! I will miss having him around and knowing that as bad as things get, I can count on someone to support me, as I have him. I know he feels the same and will miss King very much.

Did you know that KING has a shovel out service?

For tie down customers, we will clean off your plane and clear the snow in front of the plane for \$40.00

Hanger customers can have the front of the hanger cleared for \$30.00. If you would like this service, please email me at:

**Kelley@king1b9.com**



Stop in on Saturday

December 18th between  
1 & 3 for our Annual Holiday  
Open House and wish David  
well.

As always, feel free to bring a  
favorite treat, savory, or  
sweet for the table.

Have a very Happy and  
Healthy holiday season from  
the staff of King Aviation-  
Mansfield!



Check out our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/KING1B9](http://www.facebook.com/KING1B9)

Great content, news, and status updates (including airport status after storms).

## Ask FAA for reversal to charge for government approach data downloads and not allowing individuals to access them.

We the members of the general aviation pilot community are strongly opposing and ask for reversal of the FAA's action that it will begin charging for downloads that were previously free starting **April 5, 2012**. This means charging fees to companies for downloads and no longer allowing individuals to access them at all. Only those with distribution contracts with Aeronav will be able to download the data. This action will put a financial burden on the flight instructors, pilots and students. It will affect small aviation safety material distribution companies. Only large aviation corporations will be able to offset those expenses. It will have serious and wide ranging implications for the general aviation economy and restrict access to basic safety and proficiency materials.

**Click on the link below and vote by December 14, 2011**

[The White House](#)

**Winter Hours: Sun-Sat 9-5**

**Special Hours: 12/24 8-noon, 12/25 Closed, 12/31 9-4 and 1/1/2012 9-4**

**If you need services and we are not opened, please call 508-801-5519**

We are once again collecting for **Toys for Tots**.

The box is in the FBO waiting to be filled. Pick up by the Mansfield Rotary will be on Tuesday December 13th.

The Rotary is also collecting supplies for our

## **Troops.**

That box will also be picked up on the 13th. They are asking for things like: AA & AAA Batteries, Baby Wipes, Disposable Razors and Shave Cream, Hand Lotions, Energy & Protein Bars, Nuts, Tail Mix, Raisins and Dried Fruits, Eye Drops and Soap. Also, Pens, Paper and Envelopes. The Troops love handwritten letters, so drop a card off in the box as well.

Please remember that chocolate does not travel well to the desert and item should be small and non-flammable.

They will appreciate all that they receive.

## **GIFT IDEAS**

A Gift Certificate from KING is always the right choice. It will never expire, needs no batteries and is always a perfect color and fit for anyone on your list. Watch for our **GROUPON** the first week of December!

How about some work on the plane by Casey Aviation?

Call Jim at 508-337-8068

Maybe an upgrade on a radio or GPS? Contact Dave at NexAir.

508-337-7077