

URGENT NOTICE!

FAA AIRSPACE MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

CLASS C AIRSPACE MAY RESTRICT YOUR ACCESS TO NANTUCKET MEMORIAL AIRPORT

The FAA is soliciting comments on their proposal to establish Class C terminal airspace at Nantucket Memorial Airport (ACK). This proposed airspace action will double the vertical and lateral limits of controlled airspace around Nantucket and could result in restricted general aviation access to this valuable resource. Class C airspace will be established unless concerned aviation advocates like you respond now by submitting written comments and attending two public meetings to voice your concerns.

DATES: These airspace meetings will be held on Monday, August 20th, from 7pm to 9pm; and Tuesday, August 21st, from 7pm to 9pm.

LOCATIONS: On August 20th, the meeting will be held at the Continental Terminal conference room, at the Hyannis Airport, Hyannis, MA. The August 21st meeting will be held at the Nantucket High School, Atlantic Avenue, Nantucket, MA.

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Send your written comments in triplicate to –
*Manager, Air Traffic Division, ANE-500, Federal Aviation Administration,
12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803*

The FAA contends the proposed action is needed to ensure that pilots avail themselves of radar services. We believe that the FAA has non-regulatory alternatives to foster use of radar services. The single most effective action the FAA could take would be to chart the radar service area and ATC frequency on the VFR aeronautical charts pilots carry in the cockpit.

Locally, the proposed action is being touted as a solution to ongoing aircraft noise issues... which simply isn't true. The truth is the proposed airspace will not result in any changes to traffic patterns and/or procedures.

AOPA is confident the FAA's concerns can be addressed without regulatory action and without restricting general aviation access by mandating more controlled airspace around Nantucket.

The Nantucket flying community is unique and that is why AOPA is undertaking this effort – to ensure that general aviation access to ACK is not compromised! AOPA wants to hear from you on this important issue. Send us your comments and concerns by emailing them to ACKcomments@aopa.org.



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