

## WHO'S THE NEW GUY

The other day I was getting ready to taxi from the ramp and made my usual radio call to let everyone know what I was doing. I accidentally keyed the microphone a couple of extra times and all of a sudden this really fast talking guy jumped on the radio and gave me a weather report.

My first thought was to say thanks and continue on my way, then I thought...wait a minute, Laurel doesn't have a weather reporter. We don't really have an advisory service either. Who was that? When I got back after my flight, I learned that while I had the weekend off, the crew installing the SuperUNICOM did not. Since I didn't know how it worked I figured you might not either and so, here's the scoop.

SuperUNICOM has several features which will make life much easier here at 6S8. Its most beneficial feature is its weather reporting capability. It will report current wind, visibility, temperature, dewpoint, altimeter setting, weather trend, and other predetermined remarks as necessary or as programmed. Cool huh! Have you ever been on a flight and all is quiet. My thought is always, "is my radio working, or am I really the only one out here?" Well, SuperUNICOM will provide you with its radio check feature. It will even greet you with a friendly "good morning/afternoon/evening" as you return from your cross-country. The talking box is even smart enough to shorten its advisories or even tell you to standby if the frequency is too busy. Well, enough about what it can do, let's see how to make it do it.

**3 Clicks – Provides Greeting and Basic Weather**  
**3 Additional Clicks – Provides Extended Weather Advisory**  
**4 Clicks – Provides Radio Check**

So, next time you're out flying and wondering what you should set your altimeter to or if your radio is working or not, give your microphone a few clicks and ask the new guy.

I am glad everything has worked out with the installation. You can also access the weather information by telephone or the internet. Access by telephone can be made by dialing:

**(617) 262-DUCK or (617) 262-3825.**



The direct hyperlink for Laurel Airport Weather is:

**<https://potomacaviation.com/demo.asp?comm=2505055136>**

You can also check the weather at many other airports in Montana and throughout the United States by If you have problems in the future, you can always get to it by going to:

**<http://www.superawos.com/> and then clicking on "Remote Data"**