



# The WFC Flyer



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## General Meeting

April 10, 2008  
7:30 PM, Clubhouse

## Board Meeting

May 1, 2008  
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

## Lunch Served

Saturdays at noon-ish



Flying near Sodus Point (Photo: Kim Christian)

## Breakfast Committee Chairperson's Meeting

April 10, 2008  
6:30 at the clubhouse



## AIRCRAFT INSURANCE

Bob Herloski will discuss the club's insurance at this month's meeting.

## From The President by Pam Tarkington

I would like to thank all of you who attended the Second Annual Aviation Day. Our speakers were great and a big thanks to Corky and Marilou for lunch. Next year, I'd like to include an out of club speaker - that is, if you all agree that we should continue this.

As all of you know, we are fast approaching the end of our plane insurance. On 4/1/08, your BOD had an emergency meeting at which we discussed possible insurance coverage options. You'll hear more about this at the general meeting.

Some of you have asked about our assessment. Last year it was \$624,000; this year it is \$700,000.

Scout Day will be June 21st., which is only one week after the radio controlled airplane event. Unfortunately, there are a lot of schedules to deal with. I hope that all who volunteered last year will do so this year. We will also need additional volunteers. This is a great opportunity to in-

volve young people in aviation as well as a community event.

There are some projects that will be discussed at the next couple of meetings relating to the club expansion. I am very excited about this and hope that you will be too.

As stated before, I seek your ideas. Please let your BOD know of any ideas you have - this is our club - together, we will get even better.

Thanks

Pam

## Flight Rx *by Dr. Pam Tarkington*

### WATER: THE TAP OR THE STREAM

About 25 years ago, a couple of Frenchmen had the brilliant idea to sell bottled water - they called it "purified". One asked the other: "Who will buy this?" The other had the magic answer: "The Americans - they buy anything". And, buy it we did - it is now very close to an \$11 billion dollar industry.

Several years ago, after a legal suit, Perrier admitted that it was ordinary tap water that had been carbonated (This might have since changed). Yet, today, their sales of bottled water are over \$100 million dollars. Several companies - one example is AquaFina - freely admit that their water comes from the tap.

Just about every day, we see people driving, walking down the street or jogging while drinking water out of a bottle. In our country alone, we purchase about 8 1/4 billion gallons of bottled water. In some places, and we have all seen this, water costs more than a soda. The sale of soda is actually declining as opposed to that of water; in some ways, this might be good. Also have you ever noticed that many restaurants give complimentary refills on tea, coffee and soda - but not bottled water?

Unfortunately, many people who buy water do so because they believe that our drinking water is not safe. In this country there are very few places where such is true. Granted, there are other places on our planet where the water supply is not safe. There are several cities in this country, New York City for example, that will no longer pay for their public employees to be supplied with bottled water as they know that the city water is just as good.



For those of you who would like to see a greener environment, you might want to consider that:

1. plastic bottles are made from oil
2. imported water costs a lot
3. only 1/4 of those plastic bottles are re-cycled - that's about 2 billion lbs. of trash.

Do we really need water in a bottle? Probably not. Oh yes, there are certain exceptions: if we want an easy way to transport it, if we are told to boil water for some sort of an emergency, or if we don't like the smell or taste of the available water.

Basically, you can get what you need from the tap in your kitchen.

- Pam

## Club Currency Requirements

Our Bylaws require club members who rent club aircraft to have an annual club "flight review" in order to be allowed to fly club aircraft. If you rent club aircraft, check your logbooks to verify that you've had a club "annual" within the last year, in addition to a current BFR and medical. If you haven't had a "Club Review", contact a flight instructor and schedule a review prior to your next use of WFC aircraft.