

The WFC Flyer

DECEMBER 2010



Important Dates

General Meeting
December 9, 2010
7:00 PM Clubhouse

Board Meeting
January 6, 2011
7:00 PM Clubhouse



What is this?

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Last Month's Quiz

How much quieter than a 747-400 is the A 380? **50%**

Who made the engine that failed on the QANTAS A 380? **Rolls Royce**

True or false—is this the first failure in flight of a an A 380 engine? **False**

From the President

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It's natural at this time to look back on the year and assess how we've done as a club. We started 2010 with a forecast budget deficit, in an economy that is, at best, stagnant. Attracting new members during a recession is always a challenge, but this is where the WFC has an advantage. As a not-for-profit organization, pilots join WFC simply because the cost of flying is less than any other options in the region. So, we are ending the year with a good number of active pilots and student pilots. Cautious spending in 2010, along with the opportunity to install the security cameras ourselves (under a NY State DOT grant) combined to enable us to end the year in the positive.

In December we will return to a 5-aircraft fleet. We decided that doing a field overhaul on 701DT's engine would allow us the ability to also paint the aircraft. About a dozen members consistently donated their Tuesday evenings and Saturdays to complete the stripping and painting of the aircraft and worked with Jake DeGroot to overhaul the engine. It was a project that some said "could not be done". The end result, we completed both projects *and* saved money. This is a great example of how the club can maximize results by using the resources we have – primarily time and talent of our club members.

It has been contributions of time and talent by our club members that have enabled us to meet the challenges we faced in 2010. I eagerly await even more member involvement to help us meet the goals and challenges we face in 2011.

Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

Tis the Season for Imbibing

Happy Holidays! Along with the Holidays, comes the season of many parties - and, alcohol is often part of these get togethers. Nothing wrong with that - enjoy - but also be safe. While gin and tonic go good together, alcohol and flying don't mix. We are all familiar with the saying "...8 hours from bottle to throttle". Is that enough? The answer is that many times it isn't.

Title 14, Code of Federal Regulation section 91:17 covers the use of alcohol and drugs in flight. Briefly it states that you may not fly within 8 hours of drinking alcohol, under the influence of alcohol or with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.04% or greater. Sometimes 8 hours is not enough time to get rid of the alcohol in your system. The adverse affects of alcohol are influenced by the amount you drink, time period, body weight and gender.

Let's look at a few facts:

1. the average healthy person eliminates about 1/3 oz of alcohol per hour.

2. a hangover can last up to 72 hours following the last drink. The symptoms of a hangover can include headache, dry mouth, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, fatigue, irritability, bright light sensitivity, impaired judgment, head congestion, trouble focusing and impaired memory. These are symptoms that don't "mix" well with flying.

Combining alcohol with certain drugs can cause further impairment. No pilot is exempt: studies have shown that even pilots with many thousand of hours of flight time are subject to these same hazards.

There is an additive effect of flying at night or at higher altitudes. This can be true even if your blood alcohol level is less than the legal limit.

Enjoy the Holidays - Safely.

Dec 18th Holiday Party at Lillian's

Here's a few things planned so far:

- 1) Gift exchange. Folks are welcome to bring gifts that we will again be giving out as door prizes.
- 2) We will be having a 50/50 raffle.
- 3) The ever popular "High Wing/Low Wing" competition will continue. Who really are the most knowledgeable pilots - time to once again find out!
- 4) The dessert competition will be held and two dessert-lovers have asked to be the judges.
- 5) Recognition of 2010 achievements and notables.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Quiz Answer

Sea Plane Beaching Apparatus



Need a Gift Idea?

Here is a Really Great One!

An advertisement for the Williamson Flying Club. The background is a view from the cockpit of a small aircraft, showing the pilot's head and shoulders, the instrument panel, and the sky through the windshield. Text on the left reads: "Put down your game controller. Reality is better." In the center, it says: "It starts with your first flying lesson! (Makes a great holiday gift!) learntofly@williamsonflyingclub.com". On the right, there is a red circular badge with a white border that says "Only \$55". In the bottom right corner, the Williamson Flying Club logo is displayed, featuring a stylized blue 'W' with wings, and the text: "Williamson Flying Club", "Williamson-Sodus Airport", and "315-483-6011".

Hangar Leases for 2011, signed copies due Dec 31

The end of the year is approaching which means Hangar Leases will be renewing. 2011 leases have been sent out. Note that signed 2011 leases, with the corresponding proof of insurance paperwork if not already on file, must be provided to the Secretary by Dec. 31, 2010.

Any questions please contact Bob at RCourno9999@aol.com.