

# WFC Flyer



New and old clubhouses, circa 2003

## Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
May 12, 2016  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
June 2, 2016  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
June 9, 2016  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

## Upcoming events:

Sunday, May 15  
Fly-in pancake breakfast  
at Dansville (KDSV).  
Wheels up at 8:00 am.

Saturday, May 21  
Set-up for WFC pancake  
breakfast. Lunch  
served! Begins 7:00 am.

Sunday, May 22  
WFC pancake breakfast

Saturday, June 18  
Fly-out to Burke Lake-  
front (contact Dan  
Adams for details)

## Williamson Flying Club

May 2016

### From the President's Desk by Steve Murray

If you were unable to attend, Mike Bjerga presented a video from AOPA on Rusty Pilots. If you are looking for more information you should go to [www.rustypilots.org](http://www.rustypilots.org). The bottom line is that you should remember that pilot certificates never expire. You don't need to take another test or worry about another check-ride. All you need is a little brush-up with one of our CFI's, enough flights to demonstrate competence again, a current medical and you're back in business. The theme of the video is "remember what excited you when you first worked on that ticket, reclaim that feeling!"

Maybe you are current but in a rut. Make this the year you commit to doing something different. Start small with one of the fly-outs offered by our activities committee. Fly to one of those fantastic locations found in the column "Cool Places to Fly". Go



visit a relative or take that special person on a flyaway vacation. Maybe this is the year you step up, get that instrument rating, and juice up your flying. Your license is unique, something special, a personal accomplishment. I encourage all of you to go and just enjoy it.

If you have not heard the news, the club has purchased a UAV. It is a Phantom 4 Drone and if you stop by for Thursday's membership meeting you can take a look and get the information on how you can learn to fly it. The club will begin a UAV training program this year to provide its members with another option for the enjoyment of flight. UAV's are another example of how fast aviation and technology have combined in recent years to bring us amazing capabilities in our cockpits and revolutionize flight. And, as a Pilot, you have a huge advantage over everyone else when it comes to your ability to put UAV's

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## Williamson Flying Club

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#### Aviation Quote:

“There are airmen and there are pilots: the first being part bird whose view from aloft is normal and comfortable, a creature whose brain and muscles frequently originate movements which suggest flight; and then there are pilots who regardless of their airborne time remain earth-loving bipeds forever. When these latter unfortunates, because of one urge or another, actually make an ascension, they neither anticipate nor relish the event and they drive their machines with the same graceless labor they inflict upon the family vehicle.

-Ernest K. Gann

## From the President's Desk by Steve Murray

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to work; both privately and commercially.

Planning for the breakfast is well underway, I hope to see you all Sunday May 22nd. Have a

wonderful day with your fellow aviators.

## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Beaver County Airport (KBVI), Beaver Falls, PA

**Distance:** 208 nautical miles, direct

#### Why It's Cool:

Beaver County Airport is a towered field located north of Pittsburgh on the outer edge of Class Bravo airspace. The field has a couple of interesting things going for it.

One is the [Air Heritage Museum](#), which is small aviation museum with a few interesting aircraft that include a rare airworthy Fairchild C-123 Provider aircraft (aptly named “Thunder Pig”). The airplane is large enough that the museum cannot keep the whole ship under roof (see the attached photo). This is not a slick, high-end museum like the Air Force Museum in Dayton. Clambering through this museum is akin to exploring someone's attic. It's a



low pressure museum; I was able to wander as I pleased and there is no admission fee (donations are appreciated, though).

The other draw for Beaver County Airport is across the street from the airport entrance: [Sal's Ristorante and Bar](#). I learned about the place from the AOPA Forums (known colloquially as the “Red Board”) where many pilots praised the quality of Sal's calzones. I concur, the calzone I chose (“The Boss”, filled with ham, pepperoni, salami, sausage, and hot

pepper rings) was absolutely fantastic.

If you ever find yourself flying near the northern Pittsburgh Bravo, stop in to Beaver Falls for outstanding calzones and, while you're there, take a moment to explore the modest museum and restoration center located on the north side of the field.

#### Tips:

This is an uncomplicated field. Full service fuel is currently priced at \$4.99/gal from Moore Aviation.



# Congratulations!



Congratulations to these Williamson Flying Club members for their achievements!

Chris Henry (upper left) and Joseph Allman (upper right) both flew their first solos in N9855W on the same day: April 24, 2016!

Not to be outdone, Robert Burns (left) earned his private pilot certificate on April 27, 2016!

Congratulations and well done!



## Recommended Reading

The latest issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* (May/June 2016) focuses on the role of technology in aviation.

[www.faa.gov/news/safety\\_briefing/](http://www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/)