

# WFC Flyer



Williamson Flying Club pancake breakfast, 1970

## Important Dates:

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

**Board Meeting**  
July 7, 2016  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
July 14, 2016  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

## NOTAMS:

### From the Treasurer

Intuit Quickbooks, in switching from the IPN system to the Quickbooks payment system, has disabled the ability to pay an amount different than the invoice amount. If you need to make a payment different from the invoice amount, then you will have to pay by check or by credit card at the clubhouse.

## Williamson Flying Club

June 2016

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

I want to thank all of the membership for participating in this years annual Apple Blossom breakfast. We received numerous compliments on how well the event is run, there were no issues that I am aware of, one might say it went off without a hitch! When you see Bill Bach or Kim Christian give them a "well done"; every one of you who participated gets my warm appreciation for Wednesday setup, Saturday's preparation, and putting on the show Sunday. Our vendors, Pony Rides, UAV, Jewelry, and R/C club were extremely happy. The music was fantastic. I was especially pleased to see a large number of new faces participating.

The strength of our club is in its members and, through this event, I saw a new generation of members who care about what has been built and are willing to do what it takes to keep our club and airport strong.



Our numbers are still coming in, though the final result should be similar or slightly better than last year. 1828 tickets were redeemed, 1856 breakfasts served, 110 airplane ride tickets sold, \$795 in goods sold, and \$439 in raffle tickets

sold. Our day of sales of was 708 adult and 195 child breakfast tickets. We had 791 pre-sale and 134 comp tickets redeemed. That break down is 43% pre-sales tickets, 49% sold at the gate, and 7% were benefactors. The 2% difference between tickets redeemed and breakfasts served are mainly walk throughs, EMT's, Boy Scouts, etc. who were served breakfast without a ticket. Of the membership pre-sale tickets provided to club members, 48% of them were redeemed. Special thanks to John Clingerman for managing the tickets and keeping track of our numbers.

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## Williamson Flying Club

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#### Aviation Quote:

“Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are no signposts in the air to show a man has passed that way before. There are no channels marked. The flier breaks each second into new uncharted seas.”

Anne Morrow Lindbergh  
*North to the Orient*

## From the President's Desk by Steve Murray

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There were several things we did differently this year. Special thanks to Mike Malec for cleaning the Pace hanger out on Wednesday. This allowed the floor to dry before setting up the tables and chairs on Saturday; it cut 1.5 hours off of Saturday's preparation. We also set up two ticket booths which greatly improved the flow and sales of tickets. We are going to look into reducing the hours next year for Saturday setup, we think this can be reduced to 2-hours from 10 am-12 pm followed by a picnic. We did have a small bobble

with the picnic this year. Corky was not able to provide lunch due to a commitment and our arrangement to have it catered fell through. Often, one does not appreciate what they have and this was certainly true with Corky for both reliability and cost. The upside is that we saved a few hundred dollars because the catering would have cost us 1/3 more than what Corky does it for. We will bank that money. My apologies for not serving lunch on Saturday; the cookies were delicious, though, and a special thanks goes to Pam Tar-

kington for providing the drinks.

If you have not had a chance to see the pictures taken of the breakfast from our DJI Phantom 4 UAV (Drone) take a look at our large screen in the club house lobby. We have aerial shots from the UAV that are gorgeous. They show exactly what you can do with this equipment that will soon be available to all active and associate members for rent. Mike is finalizing his training class, stay tuned.

Once again my thanks for a job well done!

## Activities Committee Updates by Chris Houston

Some reminders from the Activities Committee:

### **June 18, 2016: Cleveland, Burke-Lakefront Airport**

We will be heading to Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland on the morning of June 18, 2016 for a visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as well as taking in some additional sights.

The Hall of Fame opens at 10:00 am. Based on the

capability of your aircraft, **plan to be in front of the museum by 10:00 am.** If you plan to go and have not signed up in the calendar for this event, please do so. We are investigating a group rate for the museum and an accurate headcount is important.

Where you choose to

park will make a difference. If you park on the public ramp adjacent to the terminal on the southwest corner of the airport, you will only be charged a



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## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Norwood Memorial Airport (KOWD), Norwood, MA

**Distance:** 269 nautical miles, direct

### Why It's Cool:

My wife and I recently came into possession of tickets to see John Williams conduct some of his film music at Symphony Hall in Boston. As we contemplated the 6+ hour drive to Boston, we began to research options to reach Boston by General Aviation.

I have read about the people flying their single engine airplanes directly into Boston Logan, but was immediately put-off by the massive fees charged by MassPort. There are a handful of alternative Class D towered airports underlying Boston's Bravo airspace, however. In researching the options, we chose Norwood Memorial as our destination based on cost and reputed friendliness to General Aviation. Norwood is roughly 15 nautical miles southwest of the Boston VOR.

Boston Approach was friendly and efficient. A lot of training occurs at Norwood, so perhaps it was not surprising that the tower was also friendly and helpful. A lineman from Flight Level Aviation was waiting to marshal us to parking as soon as we turned off the runway. Everyone was very friendly. Avgas was priced at \$4.96/gallon and the overnight parking fee of \$12 was waived with the fuel purchase.

Food is available at the Greek-American Tasos Euro Café on the field, though we did not have an opportunity to try it out.

Over the years, I have come to the conclusion that ground transportation is one of the biggest challenges of travel by General Aviation. From Norwood, one way taxi fare into downtown Boston is roughly \$80. There is a T

station near Norwood, but the FBO no longer shuttles people over there the way they once did and, frankly, the trains don't always go where we need to be. I really did not want to rent a car and drive around Boston, though rentals are available at Norwood.

Given that Boston is a big city, we decided to try Uber for the first time. I will confess that I was initially skeptical of this service, but the more I learned about it, the more intrigued I became. For those unfamiliar, Uber is a smartphone app that coordinates rides on demand. Users initially sign up on the web, provide a credit card, and download the app. Uber does not take reservations. When a ride is needed, users simply enter the start and end points into the app. The app will provide the wait time for the nearest car and an estimated fare. Once the request is confirmed, Uber will provide an ETA, a photo of the driver, a description of the vehicle, and its license plate. At the destination, the fare is billed automatically to the credit card on file. There is no need to pay the driver and thus no need to worry about whether the taxi takes cash (do you have enough on you?) or has a credit card reader available. It's like Staples' "Easy Button" for ground transportation.

In our case, our Uber (a nice, clean RAV 4) arrived within **four minutes** of our request. The ride to our downtown Boston hotel cost \$30, which is what it would have cost us to park a car overnight at the hotel. Our return to the airport was a similar experience. An Uber driver picked us up within three minutes of our request in a clean, late model Honda Accord, and delivered us to the door of the FBO for \$29. The round trip cost 75% of the typical one-way cab fare.

So why is Norwood Memorial so cool? The combination of flying into Nor-



Symphony Hall, Boston, MA



On the ramp at Norwood (OWD)

wood and ground transportation via Uber was so easy and affordable, that it makes a world class city like Boston easily available to an Upstate New Yorker with a smartphone and access to a basic General Aviation aircraft. How cool is that?

And the concert? It was phenomenal!

**Tips:** None in particular. This was an easy flight.

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Tim, who soloed in N9855W on May 23, 2016!

## Welcome !

The Williamson Flying Club is delighted to welcome the following new members:

- Scott O'Brien
- Robert Clark
- Chuck Marquese
- Brianna McCall
- Corey Stulpin



## Activities Committee Updates by Chris Houston

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\$7 facility fee by the city of Cleveland. It will be mailed to the registered owner of the aircraft about a month after your visit.

If you require fuel or services, Signature is the only available FBO. As of our call to them on June 3, if you park a Cherokee on their ramp, Signature will impose additional fees on top of the \$7 fee from the city. These include a \$45 facility fee (waived with purchase of 7 gallons of fuel, currently at \$6.98/gal) and a \$5 handling/security fee. For anyone wishing to stay the night, overnight parking

for a Cherokee (and, presumably other similar single engine aircraft) is \$20. This is currently planned as a day trip with a return to the Williamson-Sodus airport that evening, but the information is given here for the sake of completeness.

Additionally, the Cleveland Indians are hosting the White Sox at Progressive Field starting at 6:10 pm. Thus, we expect the stadium TFR to go into effect around 5:00 pm. This should not be a factor in our plans as this is meant to be a day trip, but pilots flying this trip should be aware that they need to

launch for home before the TFR goes into effect.

Contact Dan Adams with any questions or concerns.

### **July 23, 2016: Picnic and Flour Bomb Contest**

Our annual picnic and flour bomb contest is scheduled! Please see the Club Event calendar to sign up. More details will be coming as the date approaches.

**More events are planned for the summer! Please stay-tuned!**