



### Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
Nominations for WFC leadership  
January 12, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
February 2, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**Annual Meeting**  
Elections  
February 9, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

### Welcome to the Club!

The Williamson Flying Club extends a warm welcome to our newest members:

- Jeffrey Brooks
- Zachary Wilkoe
- Damon Lincourt

## Williamson Flying Club

## January 2017

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

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season.

Two of the most important membership meetings are ahead of us. In January, we nominate candidates and, at our annual meeting in February, we will elect 4 officers and 1 director to serve on our board. The nomination committee is charged with providing a slate of candidates ensuring continuity of governance. You, the membership, can add to these recommendations by making nominations from the floor at the January meeting.

At our annual meeting in February, we take a vote on the leadership for the

2017-2018 term, our 61st year. I encourage all to participate and make your voices heard.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2017. Our membership is strong. We



hit a high of 171 active members last year and have been consistently maintaining about 165 members for several years now. We are a strong club, not declining, bucking many of the trends in this industry. This has not happened by chance; our club is well run and we provide a solid product with 60 years of

membership involvement behind it. Well done!

Coming off a spectacular year of flying, I am happy to report that we exited 2016 with a budget surplus. Using the surplus, we were able to patch a projected \$20,000 deficit we had built up in the engine fund, transfer some money into a capital improvement fund for the aircraft, and replenish money in our projects fund. We completed the construction of a maintenance facility, a type of project not undertaken by the club in some time. It was designed, contracted, and financed solely by our club (projects). Financing of the building does not

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### Williamson Flying Club

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[www.williamsonflyingclub.com](http://www.williamsonflyingclub.com)

### Board of Directors

President: Steve Murry ([president@williamsonflyingclub.com](mailto:president@williamsonflyingclub.com))  
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**Medical Advisor:** Dr. Pam Tarkington ([pamela1@choiceonemail.com](mailto:pamela1@choiceonemail.com))

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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*

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require membership dues; it is self-funded out of airport operations revenue, primarily through the rent now being received from the old maintenance facility. While a few lessons were learned (maybe re-learned) along the way, it demonstrated the strength, resolve, and ability of our organization to effectively operate our airport in the absence of federal and state funding.

On the flying side of the house, we now provide a high quality UAV (drone) that can be rented by active, associate, and family members. For those of you that have pilot certificates, our program provides a path to easily obtain a commercial UAV operators certificate from the FAA should you be interested. With the introduction of the iPad, ADS-B, GPS, gadgets, and UAV's, aviation has advanced quite a bit in recent years. Your club is reacting to these changes so that, as aviators, you can be exposed to and enjoy all of the advances going on in aviation.

In 2017, we will be installing ADS-B into N1185X, most likely a Garmin GTX 345 providing both ADS-B In/Out. We are also looking to install Garmin's Flight Stream 510 into

N736ES. Both of these options will provide installed wireless cockpit connectivity, without the mess or fuss of a separate gadget, capable of working with ForeFlight or Garmin Pilot apps. Together with our existing Stratus (gadget) you have more options than ever to become a connected pilot. I should also add the BATD simulator to this mix, an important asset rounding out our clubs offerings, providing you more ways than ever to enjoy aviation.

The aircraft committee took a hard look at our four (4) aircraft this year and began constructing a 7-year plan for our fleet with the initial recommendation that we add a fifth aircraft, an Archer, to the fleet in 2017. We collectively discussed the fleet composition on and off through 2016 and the plan, as it is materializing, looks as follows. We believe that one of our primary objectives is to provide pairs of aircraft having similar flight and panel characteristics such that you should be able to comfortably transition from one to the other. This facilitates scheduling assets because, if one is not available, you have a good likelihood of being able

to reserve the other similar aircraft. Thus, our primary goal is to settle on a pair of Piper Cherokees (160hp) and a pair of Piper Archers (180hp) through 2025. We will keep N701DT, repair the wing walk, and overhaul the engine when it comes due in the 2017-2018 timeframe. This year we will search for a fifth aircraft that is similar to N1185X.

The Cherokees' primary purpose will be basic training and low cost rental; they will be equipped accordingly, being updated with only ADS-B "Out", by 2020, as required.

The Archers' primary purpose will be for IFR training, budget rental, and short range trips. They will be reasonably equipped (6-pack, GPS, ADS-B, 2 axis w/heading autopilot, interior), for this mission.

The Skyhawk, as the "fifth" aircraft, will provide a high wing Cessna alternative for those members who might prefer this option. It can be used for basic and IFR training, trips, and rented at a very competitive rate. A "stretch goal" for the Skyhawk would be to convert it into a technically advanced aircraft with an improved 2 axis

## Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Dubois Regional (KDUJ), Dubois, PA

**Distance:** 147 nautical miles

### Why It's Cool:

Dubois is located in west-central Pennsylvania. Lest you think that the locals are putting on airs with the fancy, French-derived moniker for their town, the name of the place is pronounced like "dew boys" (at least by ATC).

Dubois is home to the Flight Deck, a smallish, aviation-themed restaurant directly on the field with a view of the ramp. Though the restaurant is relatively small, the pancakes are huge and quite tasty. If you ever find yourself flying through this part of Pennsylvania, drop in and give them a try!

### Tips:

- None to speak of. This is a straightforward non-towered airport in Class E airspace with



plenty of runway.

- The current 100LL price is \$4.80/gallon.

## WFC 2017 Elections

In order to run for office in the February Elections, Active and Permanent Members must have attended at least 6 monthly General Meetings in the previous 12 months.

The following members are already qualified to run for office:

Allen, Richard  
Allman, Joseph  
Ankrom, Dennis  
Arserio, Gregory  
Bach, William H  
Caldwell, Gary  
Carter, Thomas  
Christian, Randy  
Clingerman, John  
Ebert, Joe  
Foti, Ron  
Fuller, Jack  
Henderson, Tom  
Herloski, Bob  
Malec, Michael  
Mehserle, Eric  
McCutchan, Rick  
Murray, Steven  
Schoeneman, Carl A.  
Shippers, Lee

Shippers, Michael  
Sims, Duane  
Stulpin, Corey  
Swingly, Richard  
Verbridge, Alan  
Zeck, Jesse

The following members have attended five General Meetings to date in 2016 and need to attend the January member meeting in order to qualify:

Bebernitz, Michael  
Christian, Kim  
Fair, Ian  
Guild, Dave  
Marchionda, Dick  
O'Donnell, Jim  
Palmer, Matthew  
Perricone, David

### By-Laws excerpts:

The annual meeting of the club shall be held during the month of February at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. At such annual meeting the annual elections shall be held. Notice of

such meeting, signed by the secretary, shall be sent, by method(s) approved by the Board of Directors, to each member before the time appointed for the meeting. All notices shall set forth the place, date, time, and the purpose of the meeting.

Every active member of this club for the past calendar year who has attended at least fifty percent of the previous twelve meetings shall be eligible to hold office. No member shall hold the office of president for more than two consecutive terms. All other officers are eligible for re-election. A list of eligible members shall be provided to each member in January.

Method of election. At a regular meeting one month prior to the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall make a report on nominations for officers and directors. Following the recommendation of the nominating committee, additional nominations from the floor must be made at this time.

# Congratulations!



Congratulations to John Niles, who soloed on December 28, 2016! Way to end the year!



## Recommended Reading

The latest issue of FAA Safety Briefing (Jan/Feb 2017) focuses on aeronautical decision making.

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

## President's Desk by Steve Murray

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heading/intercept and tracking/altitude hold autopilot and interior for those members desiring a better apportioned aircraft.

It's been a pleasure to serve as your President for the past year. I want to personally thank my board and committees for the hard work they have all put in during 2016 to make this club a success. Three more months and Spring will be on its way. In the meantime, winter flying has its merits!

Enjoy and stay safe!

# Upcoming Events

14 January (Sat)	WFC Luncheon WFC Clubhouse 12:00 pm—1:00 pm
21 January (Sun)	WFC Culinary Event 2Foodies in Greece 1:00—3:00 pm (fully booked)
4 February (Sat)	WFC Tour of ROC Tower and Redbird Demonstration at Rochester Air Center 8:45 am-noon (1 slot still available—RSVP via Club Event Calendar)
11 February (Sat)	WFC Luncheon WFC Clubhouse 12:00 pm—1:00 pm
11 March (Sat)	WFC Luncheon WFC Clubhouse 12:00 pm—1:00 pm
25 March (Sat)	WFC visit to the Glenn Curtiss Museum <i>Currently being planned</i>
15 April (Sat)	WFC Luncheon WFC Clubhouse 12:00 pm—1:00 pm
29 April (Sat)	Fly-out breakfast to Cloud 9 at the Williamsport Airport (KIPT) <i>Currently being planned</i>

Except for those events still in the planning stages, all listed events can be found in the WFC Event Calendar.

## Images by Chris Houston



Boldt Castle on Heart Island in Alexandria Bay, photographed on January 2, 2017. As noted by Steve Murray, winter flying has its merits!