

# WFC Flyer



## Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
May 11, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
June 1, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
June 8, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

## Williamson Flying Club

## May 2017

### Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Wexford County Airport (KCAD), Cadillac, MI

**Distance:** 366 nautical miles (direct), 399 via FNT VOR (overland route)

#### Why It's Cool:

Cadillac's [Wexford County Airport](#) is located in the northwest quadrant of The Mitten, Michigan's lower peninsula. There is nothing exciting about the rural Michigan airport itself: it's merely 5000 feet of southwest/northeast oriented pavement and 2000 feet of turf aligned north/south.

What makes KCAD special is that it is a focal point for those seeking to

break out of the mold of tricycle gear airplanes and paved runways. Instructor Derek DeRuiter and the talented crew at [Northwoods Aviation](#) are widely known for their expertise in tailwheel and seaplane training. In addition to the typical stable of Cessna 172/182 aircraft used for primary training, the school owns an amphibious Cessna 185, a gaggle of Super Cubs, and an Aviat Husky.

The Super Cubs and Husky spend mid-April through October on floats. Unlike other well-known floatplane schools (like [Jack Brown's Seaplane Base](#) in Winter Haven, FL) Northwoods takes full advantage of Michigan's



climate to add some variety to their training options. In late fall, the floats are swapped for skis!

I had some terrific back and forth with Derek while seeking a tailwheel endorsement and I actually visited the facility last summer. At the time, the Northwoods maintenance staff was doing work on an immaculate Stearman

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Williamson-Sodus Airport (KSDC)  
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#### Aviation Quote:

“There is no more beautiful airport for commercial flying in the country than yours and for pleasure flying, the Le Roy port is unsurpassable.”

- Elinor Smith, famed aviatrix, on 22 August 1929 about the now-defunct [Donald Woodward Airport in Le Roy, NY](#), located a mile southwest from the current airport in Le Roy, 5G0

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and retrofitting a stouter nosegear on a Cessna 182 for off-airport operations per an STC that they own. Unfortunately, our schedules did not mesh well for me to do my tail-wheel endorsement with Northwoods, but I will happily seek them out if I want to try floats or skis.

Think of it this way: one of the greatest things about aviation is that it offers limitless ways to challenge ourselves as pilots. When trikes and pavement become old hat, why not reinvigorate yourself by trying floats or skis? Instead of getting a rote Flight Review, why not try something new?

From the Williamson-Sodus Airport, Cadillac can be reached in 3.8 hours at 110 knots cruise speed using an overland route via the Flint VOR (FNT). Canadian overflight (between US airports without actually landing in Canada) is relatively straightforward. I've been flying back and forth across Ontario several times a year since 2006. For overflight, you need:

1. To be on an active VFR or IFR flight plan. Going IFR? Passage over Canada will be completely transparent to you.
2. To be in two-way com-

munication with ATC while crossing the border.

3. To squawk an ATC-assigned transponder code while crossing the border.

Other than some small differences in phrasing (they say “decimal” and “radar identified” rather than “point” and “radar contact”), southern Ontario makes for convenient passage to Michigan. If you actually want to land at a Canadian airport, things get a wee bit more complicated. I'll address that in a subsequent article (consider this foreshadowing).

#### Tips:

- KCAD is a well-equipped county airport. Current fuel price is \$4.34/gal for 100LL.
- If arriving after hours and need access to

the administration building, got to the east door and depress 5-3-2-1 for access. This is a standard access code for airport facilities throughout Michigan (often, 3 and 2 need to be pressed simultaneously).

- Cadillac is centrally located to a number of Michigan's most popular attractions. [The Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore](#) (ever see a 400 foot high sand dune?) is a 20 minute flight northwest. [Mackinac Island](#) (KMCD) is within an hour's flight.
- Northwoods Aviation can be reached via their [website](#) (they are quite responsive to email) or by phone (231-775-6641).

## Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

### BasicMed Clarified

This law became effective as of May 1, 2017. Instead of visiting an AME for your 3<sup>rd</sup> class medical, you may go to any licensed physician. To qualify you must:

1. Hold a valid US driver's license.
2. Have a valid medical from on or after July 15, 2006. IF your FAA medical expired before July 15, 2006 you must get a medical exam from an AME.
3. You will need to see an AME if your last medical

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- was revoked, denied or suspended. The same is true for special issuance.
4. There are some neurological (ex: epilepsy, loss of consciousness without a known cause), cardiac (ex: heart transplant, or valve replacement), and psychiatric (ex: bipolar, overt acts) conditions that will require a special issuance on a onetime basis.
  5. If you have never held an FAA medical certificate, you must have a onetime exam by an AME.
  6. Consent to a check of the National Drivers Registration.
  7. Can't fly for compensation.
  8. Have a medical exam by a licensed provider every 4 years

- and take an online Basic Aero Medical Course.
9. Substance abuse within the last 2 years, you must see an AME ABUSE.

BasicMed carries some limitations. It is valid only for:

1. Flights in the US.
2. No more than 5 passengers.
3. No more than 18000 feet MSL and 250 knots indicated air-speed.

Complete the medical check list (available online) and have it filled out by your physician, complete the online medical course and keep the results from this in your logbook.

Note: There is no requirement to send anything to the FAA. While a Nurse Practitioner may do the exam, it must be signed by a licensed physician.

Editor's Note: The AOPA [Fit to Fly Resources](#) website contains tools to assess your qualification for BasicMed, FAQs, and links to the medical checklist and online course.



## The WFC Visits the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY by Chris Houston

On March 25, about 25 members of the Williamson Flying Club visited the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. Curtiss is largely known for his work on motorcycles and airplanes, for once being known as the Fastest Man on Earth, and for winning the Scientific American Cup in 1908 - the first such aeronautical award granted in the United States. The museum tells the story of Hammondsport's favorite son through artifacts and other materials; of his love for engines, his quest for speed, his famous legal struggles with the Wright Brothers (the documentary running on a loop in the theater is well worth the time), and the many products of his inventive mind.

Photography by Tom Carter and Chris Houston





## Recommended Reading

The latest issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* (May/June 2017) focuses on the specifics of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

[www.faa.gov/news/](http://www.faa.gov/news/)

## Images by Bob Fratangelo



Bob Fratangelo captured this masterful shot of the 2015 WFC Apple Blossom Festival Pancake Breakfast. Just look at that breakfast line!



## Upcoming WFC and Local Events

13 May (Sat)	WFC Bird Bath Looking for volunteers to spruce up the club aircraft! 9:00 am—Noon. Lunch will be served RSVP on Event Calendar
14 May (Sun, Mother's Day)	Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast Fly-In, EAA Chapter 486, Oswego Co. (KFZY), 7:30 am—11:00 am
20 May (Sat)	WFC Apple Blossom Pancake Breakfast set-up day (morning) Lunch provided
21 May (Sat)	WFC Apple Blossom Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am—1:00 pm
29 May (Mon, Memorial Day)	Pancake breakfast, ReDun Field (17NK), 7:00 am – 11:00 am
3 Jun (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Frankfort Highland (6B4), 8:00 – 11:00 am  Birthday Fly-in and Open House, Ledgesdale (7GO) Noon – 5:00 pm Antique and experimental aircraft, classic cars, special guests, kids activities, food for purchase, birthday cake.
4 Jun (Sun)	Blast From the Past Fly-in/Drive-in, Tri-Cities (CZG) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Classic cars, free Spiedie & beverage to fly-in pilots and passengers.
10 Jun (Sat)	Airport Community Day, Warren Eaton Airport (OIC) 7:30 am – 3:00 pm.
11 Jun (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, Oswego (FZY) 7:30 – 11:00 am.  Pancake breakfast, Messena International (MSS) 8:00 am – noon.
20–24 June (Tues– Sat)	Sentimental Journey Fly-In Lock Haven, PA (LHV) <a href="http://www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com">www.sentimentaljourneyfly-in.com</a>