

WFC Flyer



N1185X arrives at a pancake breakfast at KFZY on July 9, 2017. Photo by Chris Houston.

Important Dates:

General Meeting
August 10, 2017
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Board Meeting
September 7, 2017
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
September 14, 2017
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

The Williamson Flying Club is pleased to welcome our newest members:

- Max Kreckel
- Daniel O'Connell
- Paula Sippel

Williamson Flying Club

August 2017

From the President's Desk by Steve Murray

I thought this would be a good time to provide a mid-year report on what's been happening around the airport.

We had a very successful annual breakfast this year. We will be compiling the financials in August, but I can report that we served 1,605 breakfasts which is down from last year, but not bad. 740 were pre-sale, 563 Adult gate, 163 Child gate, and about 142 were compensation tickets. We were down about \$2,000 in total revenue from last year. None of that takes away from the wonderful job our members do each and every year to make this event a success.

Well done!

Our membership continues to remain strong at about 165 active members. This number has remained consistent over the last 4-years; we have about a 15% turn-over year to year. We are bucking the trend as the number of aviators declines nationwide. We have a great product provided at a very good rate. Our membership committee has done an excellent job; we have had various events including the family picnic and fly-outs to KFZY and KIPT to mention a few that have occurred in the last few weeks. A movie night is planned (August 26) and the

Christmas Party is already booked at Carey Lake for December 2nd.

Our entitlement funding from the FAA has been restored and with that you might have noticed the crack and seal work performed on our runway and taxiway. With the new markings, the airport looks wonderful and it will greatly extend the life of the pavement. The club will be taking on the remaining sealing work, possibly starting this fall when the intensity of flying subsides and the weather is still cooperating. We will be organizing work crews to get this work completed, stay

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Aviation Quote:

“And, like Syracuse, Rochester has a special approach most useful in poor visibility when the landing must be accomplished to the north. Then the railroad track is picked up just west of the field until a certain marshaling yard is intersected by a parade of high-tension towers. With this combination below, easily visible in snow or rain, the key is in the lock. A turn is made to the north, and the descent begins. By the time the landing gear is put down and final approach speed attained, the end of the desired north runway will appear just over the nose.

Fate is the Hunter
Ernest K. Gann

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tuned.

We have put in a proposal to build an 18-bay hangar as part of a NYS Upstate Airport Economic Development grant designed to revitalize and accelerate investments in upstate airports. We have a solid proposal and a fair chance of the proposal being awarded. A new hanger bay, when filled to capacity and combined with the aircraft stored on the south side of the airport, would put our inventory over the 90-aircraft threshold necessary to reclassify the airport and obtain additional discretionary FAA funding. Worse case, the hanger bays would provide the capacity to absorb aircraft stored on the south side of the airport should they no longer be available for the storage of aircraft.

If you have not met Brad

Salentino, our newest part time instructor, make it a point to schedule one of your required currency flights with him. We are happy to have Brad on-board as a part time employee to help carry the large flight instruction load the club carries.

We have initiated a revitalization plan for our fleet. We are starting with 85X and have ordered a new interior (plastic panel, sides, carpets, seats) from Airtex. The majority of the parts are in and this work should start soon; Mike will be looking for volunteers to help install the new interior. We will continue from 85X, taking one plane at a time until we have improved the cosmetic condition of our fleet. The board is deferring the purchase of a 5th aircraft. We are currently committed to improving the cosmetic

and avionics condition of our existing planes which includes getting the remaining 2/4 of the fleet ADS-B compliant.

If you have not stopped by on a Saturday afternoon for one of Tony's lunches, you should make the effort to do so. Stop by for a bit of hangar talk and meet your fellow aviators.

I especially want to thank all of the new volunteer faces I have seen around the airport. Volunteerism is on the rise and the health of the club depends on it. Beyond the breakfast, I encourage everyone to find a least a few hours a year to volunteer or just find a simple task on which you can contribute.



Winners of Flour Power 2017

On July 8, the Williamson Flying Club held its annual family picnic and flour bomb / spot landing contest. The winners (lowest score wins) from that competition were:

- 1st Overall: Mike Bebernitz [drop: 16' + landing: 29' = 45]
- 2nd Overall: Gary Stevens w/ Dan Cregan [drop: 33' + landing 72' = 105]
- 3rd Overall: Ron Foti w/ Bob Robideau [drop: 64' + landing: (-5' x 10) = 114]
- Best Shot Group (combined score of 3 drops): Mike Bebernitz [16', 12', 31']
- Sharpshooter (closest to target): Mike Bebernitz [drop: 12']
- Carrier Qualified (closest to land at or beyond landing line): Scott Lasky w/ Mike Bjerga and Leah [landing: 3']

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we just had to maneuver to miss some lingering showers. Of course, with two pilot passengers onboard, my landing was sub-par. We made use of the nice pilot lounge at Orange County to brief the flight. After doing a lot of research my plan was to use the “Skyline Route” for our flight. I was more comfortable with this option because we would have traffic advisories from ATC, and I was not too fond of the idea of flying low over the Hudson with all the traffic in the area.

We departed Orange County and turned to the southeast. We stayed clear of Stewart’s class D, and the restricted airspace over West Point. We then crossed over the west bank of the Hudson around Stony Point and continued south at about 2000 MSL. I called up

Laguardia tower while we were passing over the Tappan Zee bridge. I made my request for the skyline route at 1500, and they told me to report passing Alpine Tower. At this point I became a little confused. When crossing the tower, I would be in the class B, but they never specifically cleared me to enter the class B. I asked LaGuardia about this, and they told me to just continue. I reported at Alpine

Tower and then I heard the magic

“cleared into the class bravo.”

I am glad I had two people on board to help with spotting traffic. The airspace was very busy with mostly helicopter traffic. We continued to the south, and every couple minutes we would receive a traffic callout from ATC. This was the most fun I have had flying, and the most hard work. It was a pretty bumpy day, so between scanning for traffic, and maintaining assigned



Lower Manhattan (Scott O'Brien)



Statue of Liberty (Scott O'Brien)

altitudes, I had plenty of work to do flying. Thankfully Tom and Scott were able to snap some great photos. We were handed off to Newark Tower before we reached the south end of the route at the Verrazano bridge. Another reason I wanted to do the “Skyline Route” and not the exclusion was that I wanted to fly up the East River and cross over Manhattan at Central Park. My request was granted from Newark as we made a 180 north toward Manhattan. At 1500 MSL, we were below the top of the newly built Freedom tower as we passed by. We turned up the East River

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and cut over Manhattan making sure to stay clear of the Trump Tower TFR, even though ATC never mentioned it. We had some amazing views of downtown Manhattan. We hit the Hudson and turned back north away from the city.

Just before passing the Tappan Zee again we turned northwest and skirted the NY-NJ border on our way to Cherry Ridge (N30). We weren't allowed to climb any higher than 4,500, so we bumped our way through the mountains. Cherry Ridge is located northeast of Scranton, PA, and was recommended to us as a good lunch spot

by Chris Houston. It has a single 3000 foot runway and is quite far from major civilization. I managed to redeem myself with a nice short field procedure landing. The on airport restaurant was a very good choice with a great menu and great service. It looked like a popular spot among the locals and area pilots. I will definitely be making a trip there again.



At Cherry Ridge (Tom Carter)

just as planned, and I am glad I got to share the flight with club members. Thanks to Tom and Scott for riding along, and taking some great photos.

Tips:

- Study NY TAC and SFRA/Skyline Route on back. Know the mandatory reporting points, and look at them on Google Earth.
- Listen to LiveATC.com audio, and search for NYC scenic flight on YouTube. Chair fly the procedure.
- Brush up on ATC communications. Radio calls will be coming fast.
- Take the faasafety.gov course, and print out the reference sheet ([link](#)).
- Have someone with you to take pictures. Flying and scanning for traffic will occupy most of your time.
- ATC is your friend, ask them for help if you need it.
- Have fun!



Central Park (Scott O'Brien)

We left Cherry Ridge with full fuel and full stomachs, and set course for Williamson. The flight back was very uneventful. Binghamton was so quiet, I had to double check to make sure we were still on frequency. We hit the first smooth air of the trip just in time to start our descent into Williamson. The landing back home could have been better, but I'll take it after 5 hours logged.

The trip went

Congratulations!



Private Pilot! 7-18-17



1st Solo! 7-31-17



And the newest private pilot in the Williamson Flying Club is...Mike O'Leary (upper photo)! Mike passed his check ride on July 18, 2017. Congratulations and well done, Mike!

Chris Springer soloed in One Delta Tango on July 31, 2017! Congratulations, Chris!

Upcoming WFC and Local Events

06 Aug (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, Whitford's Airport (B16). 7:30 am—noon. WFC Fly-Out:: Pancake breakfast, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM), EAA 533 hangar (no ramp fee), 8:00 am—11:00 am. Wheels up at 8:30 am from SDC.
12 Aug (Sat)	Fly-in Breakfast, William Morse State Airport (KDDH), Bennington, VT. 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. AOPA Rusty Pilots Seminar, 9:00 am—noon, free to AOPA members.
13 Aug (Sun)	WFC Fly-Out: Pancake breakfast, Oswego County Airport (KFZY). 7:30 am—11:00 am. Wheels up at 8:30 am from SDC.
19 Aug (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23). 7:30 am—noon.
20 Aug (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, Whitford's Airport (B16). 7:30 am—noon. Pancake breakfast, Ledgesdale Airpark (7G0), 9:00 am—noon. Special visit by National Warplane Museum's Whiskey 7!
26 Aug (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Piseco Airport (K09), 8:00 am—11:00 am. WFC Movie Night on the Ramp Saturday evening—details are coming. Note that this is a change from what appeared in last month's calendar.
03 Sep (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Whitford's Airport (B16). 7:30 am—noon. Pancake breakfast, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM), EAA 533 hangar (no ramp fee), 8:00 am—11:00 am.
04 Sep (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, ReDun Field (17NK), 7:00 am—11:00 am. Runway 17-35, 20 x 2400 paved, field elevation 1350, CTAF 122.9.
10 Sep (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, Oswego County Airport (KFZY). 7:30 am—11:00 am.
16 Sep (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23). 7:30 am—noon.

Items in **bold** are sponsored by the WFC Activities Committee

Reminder: The Activities Committee will be hosting weekly lunches on Saturdays from noon—1:00 pm. Contact Tony Alesci with any questions.

In Memorium

We are saddened to learn of the passing of James F. Hayslip, age 86, of Williamson, NY. James was a long time member of the Williamson Flying Club. James passed away suddenly on July 4, 2017.