

Six Echo Sierra arrives in Lake Placid, October 10, 2015 (photo: Chris Houston)

## Important Dates:

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

**Board Meeting**  
October 5, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
October 12, 2017  
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

## Williamson Flying Club

## September 2017

### Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston



Mike Bebernitz and family, Jamie Oliver, John Clingerman, Chris Houston, Alicia and Tom Carter at KFZY on July 9, 2017 (photo: Terry Butler)

Williamson Flying Club members enjoyed several events planned by the Activities Committee in the latter half of summer, though one of them was not exactly a premeditated

event. On July 9, 2017, the weather was so beautiful that fourteen WFC members and guests flew to the EAA 486 pancake breakfast. This was a last minute, grassroots effort with

a fantastic turn-out.

On August 6, sixteen members and friends arrived on the ramp at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport

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### Williamson Flying Club

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

“The airplane stays up because it doesn't have time to fall.”

— Orville Wright

“To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home.”

— Jerry Crawford

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(KELM) in seven aircraft. The folks at EAA 533 that organized the breakfast were pleased and impressed by the WFC mass arrival. Less experienced pilots got lessons in operations at a busy towered field as several aircraft arrived simultaneously from multiple directions, negotiating a maze of closed and unmarked taxiways, and managing flight near an event TFR (NASCAR at Watkins Glen north of the airport).

On August 13, thirty WFC members and their associates arrived at the Oswego County Airport for breakfast with EAA 486.

Family Movie Night took place on the Williamson Sodus Airport ramp on August 26. Fortunately, everyone dressed warmly as temperatures dropped into the low 50s as the crowd enjoyed *The Secret Life of Pets* in full sur-

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Lee Shippers departs Oswego County Airport in his Piper Colt, July 9 (photo: Chris Houston)



Gary Stevens and guests, Mike Malec, Bob Robideau, Tony Alesci, Chris Houston, Dan Adams, with Jamie Oliver and his guest, Jeff at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport on August 6 (photo: EAA 533)



Bob Robideau and his gorgeous Cessna 150 at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport on August 6 (photo: Chris Houston)

## From the Treasurer by Bob Herloski

I've been getting scattered reports now and then of members not receiving their email invoices and/or statements. I'm not sure what the problem is. To help me debug what's going on, please let me know if you do not

receive an email invoice and/or statement, and you are supposed to. Invoices and statements are emailed the weekend after the 1st Thursday of each month, by that Sunday at the latest. So, if you haven't

received an invoice or statement by the Monday following the 1st Thursday of the month, please let me know by email or phone.

Thank you.

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round sound.

As teased by the masthead of this month's newsletter, the next major fly-out event scheduled is to the always-popular Lake Placid Airport (KLKP) on Saturday, September 23. The date was chosen after consulting several fall color maps and we expect the foliage to be at peak color. Plan to arrive at KLKP by 11:30 am for a noon lunch at the [Lake Placid Pub & Brewery](#). We will take the Trolley into town. For more information and tips on flying into Lake Placid, see this previous [newsletter article](#). A rain date is already scheduled for the following Saturday, September 30. We hope to see you there!

I'll close with a plug for the annual WFC Holiday Party, scheduled for December 2 at Carey Lake from 6:00 to 9:00 pm with entertainment by Moody McCarty, a New York-based stand up comedian well-known for his appearances on late night TV shows like Letterman and Conan.

Feedback and suggestions for the Activities Committee are welcome! Members of the WFC Activities Committee are Dan Adams, Tony "Grillmaster" Aleci, Mike Bebernitz, Tammy Bebernitz, Tom Carter, John Clingerman (chair), Chris Houston, and Dave Perricone.



Rob Langenbahn and family with Six Echo Sierra at KELM on August 6 (photo: Nancy Langenbahn)



The WFC prepares to depart KELM (photo: Chris Houston)



Jamie Oliver with One Delta Tango at KELM (photo: Chris Houston)



WFC aircraft at Elmira-Corning Regional Airport on August 6 (photo: Chris Houston)



Movie Night: Houston family with mouths full (photo: John Clingerman)



Movie Night: good times! (photo: John Clingerman)



Forget Netflix! How about Rampflix? (photo: John Clingerman)



Movie Night: Mike Shippers, Mike and Tammy Bebernitz (photo: John Clingerman)



Movie Night: Tom and Alicia Carter (photo: John Clingerman)



Movie Night: Mike Bjerga and son, Mike Bebernitz enjoying plentiful pizza (photo: John Clingerman)



Movie Night: John Clingerman and granddaughter (photo courtesy of John Clingerman)

## Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Aeroflex-Andover Airport (12N)

**Distance:** 171 nautical miles

### Why It's Cool:

“What am I doing in New Jersey?”

I often find myself quoting the late, great George Carlin whenever I'm in New Jersey on business. But my flight to Aeroflex-Andover airport revealed a completely different aspect of New Jersey to me; friendly people, a lushly wooded landscape, and a gorgeous terrain of lakes and ridges. In the midst of it all is an unlikely destination for tailwheel and back country flight training at the Aeroflex-Andover Airport.

The field is famous for its relatively short runway, 1981' x 50' of parallel asphalt and grass, and "aircraft carrier" approaches with both ends bounded by water. Ridges run parallel to the runways on both sides, effectively masking the airport from casual observers. While certainly not too short to land a Cherokee, Aeroflex is the local short field airport. Joe, the assistant airport manager, told me about a



Aeroflex-Andover Airport, 12N (photo: Chris Houston)

Skyhawk that came in earlier that morning. It made four attempts at landing, was high and fast on all of them, and all four ended with a go-around.

The airport is owned by the New Jersey State Forest and Fire Service, which maintains a presence at the airport. But the field is mostly known for tailwheel training conducted by Andover Flight Academy and its owner, Damian DelGaizo. Damian has been featured in most of the major aviation publications several times over the years; his office has an entire wall covered with these articles. I'll describe my

experience earning a tailwheel endorsement with Damian in the October newsletter.

Perhaps it's the ambiance of the place, perhaps it's the presence of DelGaizo and the tailwheel air-

craft that surround him. Whatever it is, Aeroflex-Andover is a place where people drop in to watch the yellow Cubs fly or to see what's new. This is how I met Dave, president of the Paramus Flying Club. I also met John from the [Owls Head Transportation Museum](#) in Maine and Ginny from the East Hill Flying Club in Ithaca, both there to train with Damian in the Stearman. Aeroflex-Andover is just a cool place to drop in and hang out. I met Ginny because I happened to be wearing my Williamson Flying Club T-shirt. “Are you from So-dus?!” she asked with surprise. Yeah, we WFC pilots get around.

I stayed at the nearby [Wooden Duck Bed & Breakfast](#), a beautiful home owned and operated by Maryann and Jason, the latter a lapsed pilot. They were both friendly and engaging. I stayed in one of the more economical rooms, but there are a wide range of room offerings and the owners serve up a fantastic and varied breakfast each day. This was a

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A recently restored Cub and Chris' Warrior at Aeroflex (photo: Chris Houston)

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N6114H, Andover Flight Academy's 1946 Piper J-3 Cub and the airplane I flew for my tailwheel training (photo: Chris Houston)

wonderful place and my only regret is that I did not bring my wife along to enjoy it with me.

For those needing ground transportation like I did, the Newton, NJ Enterprise rental car office will pick up arrivals at the Aeroflex Airport. A number of delicious, unique restaurants can be found in the area.

I enjoyed Sheridan's Lodge (great fish 'n' chips), the Stonewood Tavern, and Café Pierrot was a nearby bakery and sandwich shop where I bought a sandwich each morning to eat during lunch breaks.

Aeroflex-Andover has a unique charm. Visit for the experience, hangar fly, hang out with Orville the airport cat, and stick around for the tailwheel training.

### Tips:

- The field is short, 1981 feet, and there is water on both ends. Aeroflex is not the place to come in hot on final!
- As one might expect, there is significant NORDO traffic, including the trainers from Andover Flight.

- The airport access road runs across the threshold of runway 21. Pay attention for inattentive drivers.
- There are high tension lines north of the airport, but they are well-marked and, unless you're flying 747 patterns, you should be well away from them when flying base and final to runway 21.
- Runway 3 has a right hand pattern such that all traffic flies southeast of runway 3/21.
- Just like gas stations in New Jersey, you cannot pump your own fuel at the airport. Full-serve fuel is available at a reasonable rate (currently \$4.40/gal).



Aeroflex-Andover Airport, 12N (photo: Chris Houston)



Orville, the 16 year old airport cat (photo: Chris Houston)



Cubs at Aeroflex-Andover Airport, 12N (photo: Chris Houston)

# Congratulations!

Dan Adams became a Commercial Pilot on August 10, 2017! If you see him around the field, please congratulate him!



## Recommended Reading

The latest issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* (Sep/Oct 2017) focuses on flight instructors.

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

## Images by Chris Houston



If you've ever wondered why instrument rated pilots drill on partial panel operations, here's an example. This is a photograph of my panel from Saturday, September 2, taken while hand-flying in IMC over Canada when the attitude indicator gyro failed spectacularly.

The lesson here is that the difference between an emergency and an inconvenience is proficiency. I offer my heartfelt thanks to all the WFC pilots who have flown with me as safety pilots in the past year, especially those who tolerated the partial panel practice. You made a tremendous difference in the outcome of this event.

This is why we practice.



## Upcoming WFC and Local Events

10 Sep (Sun)	<b>WFC Fly-Out: Pancake breakfast, Oswego County Airport (KFZY). 7:30 am–11:00 am. Wheels up at 8:30 am from SDC.</b>  Pancake breakfast, Olean Airport (KOLE), 8:00 am to noon.  Pancake breakfast, Finger Lakes Regional Airport (OG7), 8:00 am to noon.
12 Sep (Tues)	"Rochester ATC Presents Operation Rain-check and Runway Safety Seminar" Rochester Air Center, 1313 Scottsville Rd, Rochester, NY Details and registration: <a href="#">link</a>
16 Sep (Sat)	Pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23). 7:30 am–noon.
23 Sep (Sat)	<b>WFC Fly-Out to Lake Placid (KLKP) for lunch at Lake Placid Pub &amp; Brewery. Plan to arrive at KLKP by 11:30 for a noon lunch. Questions? Contact Chris Houston. RSVP via the <a href="#">club event calendar</a>.</b>
30 Sep (Sat)	Reserved for Lake Placid WFC Fly-Out rain date.
01 Oct (Sun)	Pancake breakfast, EAA 533 at the Elmira-Corning Airport (KELM), 8:00 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.

## Looking Back submitted by Eric Mehserle



A photograph from the Sun & Record archive: WFC advertising the Apple Blossom Pancake Breakfast in 1966.