

WFC Flyer



Williamson Sodus Airport (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

General Meeting
October 11, 2018
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Board Meeting
November 1, 2018
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
November 8, 2018
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club

October 2018

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

Help Wanted



WE WANT YOU!

The strength of any club is found in its members, and club activities are the reason people join a club. Foremost, our club offers the convenience of

scheduling an aircraft and flying it to the destination of your choice at a price point that allows any pilot to fly often as they like. However, our club also provides a variety of activities where a member can socialize, offer their input and expertise to help maintain Club the infrastructure, or serve in a leadership role. The ultimate goal of these non-flying activities is to increase the participation in the Club and in some cases, provide a valuable service.

Seasoned members can volunteer to participate in committees or become a member of the Board of Directors to improve the current or set the future direction of Club. If you are a new member, joining a

committee is a great way to meet Club members and offer input and new ideas for a key function.

The following is a list of committees or roles that the Club currently supports and the corresponding chairperson responsible for managing the committee with a brief description of each function's charter:

Activities (Chris Houston):

Arrange the annual club members' picnic, Christmas party, and movie night; coordinate group fly-outs, and schedule guest speakers.

Aircraft (Randy Christian):

Develop short and long-term plans for upgrade and/or purchase of aircraft.

Annual Breakfast (Bill Bach/Kim Christian):

Plan and execute the Apple Blossom Breakfast annual event.

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Williamson Flying Club

Williamson-Sodus Airport (KSDC)
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Williamson, NY 14589

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www.williamsonflyingclub.com

Board of Directors

President: Mike Malec
Vice President: Tom Henderson
Treasurer: Bob Herloski
Secretary: Ian Fair

Director: Randy Christian
Director: Greg Arserio
Director: Dick Swingly
Past President: Steve Murray

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Medical Advisor: Dr. Pam Tarkington

*“Lastly, a heartfelt
Thank You to all
our volunteers!
Without your help,
our Club could not
be as
well run and
admired as it is
today.”*

Aviation Quote:

"There is an art to flying, or rather a knack. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss. ... Clearly, it is this second part, the missing, that presents the difficulties."

— Douglas Adams
*The Hitchhiker's
Guide To the Galaxy*

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

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Building and Grounds

(Mike Bjerga/Dick Swingly):

Grass mowing, snow plowing, building, equipment, and grounds maintenance.

Membership

(Steve Murray):

Recruit new members.

Nomination (TBD):

Meets near the end of the year to select Club officers and Board of Directors for the next term.

Projects (Gregory Arserio):

Manage large capital projects, including runway/taxiway resurfacing, new building construction and develop the long-term plans for the airport. Acts as the Club liaison with engineering consultants, contractors, NY State Department of Transportation, and the FAA.

Weekly Lunch (Tony Alesci):

Arrange and prepare the Saturday lunches and annual turkey feast.

The above list indicates that our Club has many moving parts. However, these functions could not be achieved without the large team of volunteers that have been working hard in their roles to keep the Club and the airport function-

ing seamlessly yet, provide an atmosphere of diverse interests for all members to participate.

We always welcome any member to volunteer their time and expertise to improve the Club now and in the future. If you are interested in joining a committee, contact the committee chairperson for more information. Do you have an idea for a new role or activity that isn't currently addressed by the existing groups? I would like to hear about your ideas and, if it isn't already addressed, I can help the committee get started.

Lastly, a heartfelt **Thank You** to all our volunteers! Without your help, our Club could not be as well run and admired as it is today.

Breakfast Assessment Is Changing!

In the past, each Club member was assessed \$60.18 as an annual

charge in their April invoice for the May Apple Blossom Breakfast fundraiser. While long-standing members may have been accustomed to this yearly charge, it was unfair to members who just joined the Club early in the same year.

The WFC Board has reviewed the yearly assessment of the Club member Breakfast tickets and a change will be made to this assessment. A new monthly charge of \$5.42 will be added to your monthly invoice starting in the September 2018 invoice. Another one-time charge of \$27.10 catch up charge for May through September, will be added to your September 2018 invoice as well. These charges will be seen in invoices sent out in October 2018. This new monthly charge should be a bit easier to budget and more equally assessed for all Club members.

Let's go flying!



WFC members at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, OH on 15 Sep 2018

Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston

Fly-Out to Cleveland

Much to our surprise, the weather cleared at the last moment on September 15 and three Williamson Flying Club aircraft launched for Burke Lakefront Airport (KBKL). We had finally broken our streak of weathered-out flying events.

The group enjoyed an excellent lunch on the waterfront at Nuevo, Modern Mexican and Tequila Bar (no one indulged in any tequila before flying home); explored the World War II submarine, USS Cod; and wandered through the International Women’s Air and Space Museum in the Burke Lakefront Terminal. Our only disappointment was that the Steamship William G Mather, a restored Great Lakes freighter, had experienced a fire the day before and was unexpectedly closed. This means that we have a great excuse to go back in 2019!

Other Events for 2018

The annual **Lake Placid Fly-Out** scheduled for October 7 was cancelled due to forecast IFR / marginal VFR weather (low clouds, mountains, and VFR flight do not mix well). A rain date is scheduled for **Sunday, October 14**. Lunch will be at Lisa G’s, plan to arrive LKP

by 11:30am.

October 13, 2018: Thanksgiving in October, 12:00 pm. Our annual turkey luncheon courtesy of Chef Tony Alesci. Menu to include:

- Deep fried turkey (the best turkey you will ever taste!)
- Corrine Robideau's famous stuffing
- Mashed potatoes by Kathy Alesci
- Corn
- Cold beverages in the fridge
- Ice cream

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Contribute to the Newsletter!

Thanks to all who have already shared their stories, insights, and photographs!

Do you have a favorite photo from the Williamson-Sodus Airport or the Williamson Flying Club? A destination, memory, or trip report to share with the membership?

Submit your photo, story, or trip report to the newsletter by emailing:

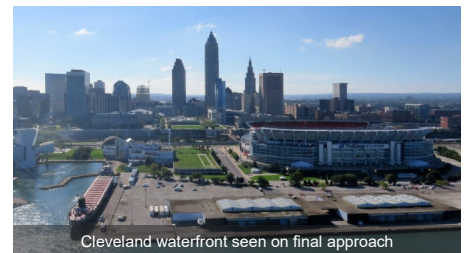
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Aboard the USS Cod



Ed and Mike in the after torpedo room



Cleveland waterfront seen on final approach



Lunch at Nuevo



Aboard the USS Cod



Alicia and Tom on the Cleveland waterfront

Trip Report: Alaska Aviation Museum by Chris Houston

I am an aviation museum junkie, so when I was in Anchorage, Alaska this summer, I could not resist visiting the Alaska Aviation Museum. We had just completed a seaplane flight over the Knik Glacier and the museum entrance was right across the street.

Situated on the edge of the world's busiest seaplane base, Lake Hood, the Alaska Aviation Museum is in the heart of aviation activity in Anchorage, Alaska. The experience of flying from Lake Hood itself is remarkable. It is large enough and busy enough to warrant an airport diagram and tower control.

The Alaska Aviation Museum strives to tell the stories of early Alaskan aviation pioneers like Noel Wien, founder of Alaska's first airline and the first pilot to fly from the United States to Asia and Soviet Russia.

There's the tale of the Douglas World Cruisers, four aircraft that

were part of a US Army project to circumnavigate the world by air in 1924 (back when aircraft engines were *super* reliable). The lead ship, *Seattle*, crashed in Alaska and its remains are on display. Incidentally, two of the original four aircraft successfully completed the flight.

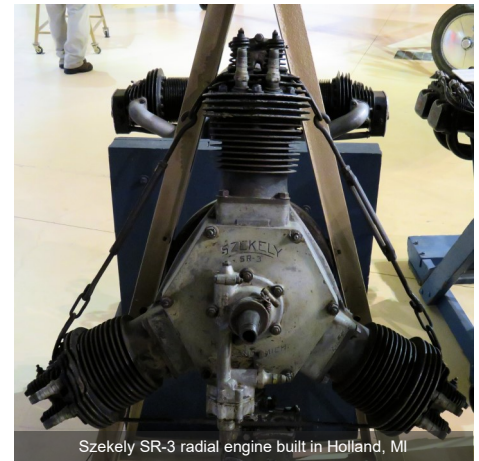
I also learned about the Szekely three cylinder radial engine built in Holland, MI near my former home. They were not exactly renowned for reliability, which is probably why I had never heard of Szekely engines until I found one in Alaska.

There are the expected seaplanes on display, everything from a 1934 WACO on floats to Grumman flying boats, to a decaying PBV Catalina—a glorious ruin of an aircraft.

The former Merrill Field tower cab is immediately outside and provides an excellent vantage point to watch operations on Lake Hood.

If you like old airplanes (and, seri-

ously, who doesn't?), the Alaska Aviation Museum is worth a visit the next time you're in Anchorage. It's the perfect way to wrap up that Alaskan cruise you've always wanted to take.



Szekely SR-3 radial engine built in Holland, MI



Wreckage of the Douglas World Cruiser *Seattle*



A 1934 WACO YKC on floats



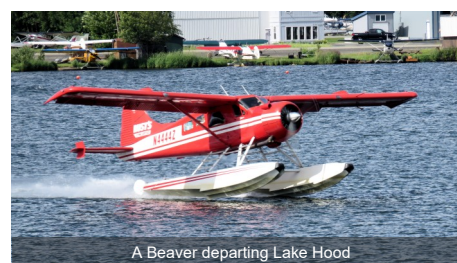
A Grumman Goose



The museum's rough-looking Consolidated PBV Catalina



A Grumman Widgeon flying boat



A Beaver departing Lake Hood



A Beech 18 on floats, former Alaskan search & rescue ship

Congratulations!



Private Pilot! 8-10-18

Belated congratulations to James Black for earning his private pilot certificate on August 10, 2018! Well done!



Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Sunday 07 Oct	Fly-in breakfast, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM), 9:00 am–11:00 am. Park at the EAA 533 hangar (no landing fee)
Saturday 13 Oct	WFC Saturday Lunch: Thanksgiving in October , 12:00 pm. Menu to include turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, beverages and ice cream. Please sign up using the club event calendar so that we can plan a suitable amount of food.
Sunday 14 Oct	WFC Fly-Out, Lake Placid (LKP) . Plan to arrive at LKP 11:30, lunch at Lisa G's at 12:00 pm. Please sign up using the club event calendar.
Sunday 14 Oct	Fall Foliage Fly-In, Penn Yan Flying Club (PEO), 12:00–4:00 pm. Lunch: soup, chili, sausages, hotdogs, salad, coffee, water, cider and donuts. Activities will include flour bombing, parachute jumping, soup/chili cook-off. Donations accepted and appreciated.
Thursday 08 Nov	Hangar Talk: Craig Wadsworth, National Warplane Museum . Flying the museum's WWII veteran C-47 Skytrain to Normandy in 2014. 8:00 pm, after the member meeting.
Saturday 01 Dec	WFC Christmas Party . Blue Heron Hills Golf Club, 6:00–9:00 pm. Comedian Dan Viola as entertainment. More details coming!

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

Note: The turkey lunch on October 13 will be the final Saturday lunch for 2018

Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston

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Donations to cover food costs and dishes to pass are welcome and very much appreciated! Please sign up on the event calendar so that we can plan for an appropriate amount of food. This event will also mark the final Saturday lunch for 2018.

November 8, 2018: Hangar Talk with Craig Wadsworth of the National Warplane Museum who will present on flying their C-47 "W7" to Normandy. 8:00 pm, after the regularly scheduled member meeting.

December 1, 2018: Annual Christmas Party, 6:00 pm–9:00 pm, Blue Heron Hills Golf Club with comedian Dan Viola as entertainment. More details will be coming!

Thanks to everyone who participated in an event this year! Also, thanks to the 2018 Activities Committee members who put in so much effort to give us all fun things to do (weather permitting, of course): Dan Adams, Tony Alesci, Mike Bebernitz, Tammy Bebernitz, Tom Carter, Ed Ciolkowski, Matt Palmer, and Dave Perricone.



Tom Carter and Mike Bebernitz arrive at Cleveland, Burke Lakefront Airport in N1185X, 15 September 2018