

WFC Flyer

Inbound to Lake Placid during a club fly-out, October 14, 2018 (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

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

Board Meeting
December 6, 2018
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
December 13, 2018
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club

November 2018

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

Elections for 2019



It is that time of year! Time for members to announce their intentions for 2019

Club officer or Board of Directors positions. Any Active or Permanent members who are in good standing and have attended at least 6 General Membership meetings from February 2018 – January 2019 are eligible to run for these positions.

While holding an officer position requires a time commitment and a strong involvement in the business of the Club, there are many benefits for the individual who joins the board.

First, these positions expose board members to the many issues and decisions that need to be made to keep the airport operating at the level the members expect, yet their decisions are constrained by the regulations set by the FAA; local, state, and federal agencies; and financial obligations that the

Club must maintain. The experience gained while serving on the board will provide an opportunity to broaden your perspective on problems that must be solved in the Club.

Secondly, you will have a strong voice in these decisions while representing the membership. This responsibility is important because it determines how Club monies are spent. Additionally, the future direction of the Club and the airport may be set with decisions made by board members.

Lastly, serving on a board is a nice addition to your resume that shows your leadership, decision making, and being part of a team that can work together to solve problems.

It is important to note that each Club officer has specific duties and obligations that attempt to cover all areas of airport and Club operations. The organi-

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Williamson Flying Club

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www.williamsonflyingclub.com

Board of Directors

President:	Mike Malec	Director:	Randy Christian
Vice President:	Tom Henderson	Director:	Greg Arserio
Treasurer:	Bob Herloski	Director:	Dick Swingly
Secretary:	Ian Fair	Past President:	Steve Murray

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Medical Advisor: Dr. Pam Tarkington

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

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zational structure and duties of our board are:

President – Provides oversight of the Club vision, finances, and sets long-term goals. This officer provides guidance and direction for the board, prioritizing issues for action, leads meetings for the board and the Club.

Vice-President – Serves in place of the President when necessary and helps with a financial review of budget and taxes.

Treasurer – Manages the Club and airport budget, P&L, billing, invoices, taxes, membership accounts, Club insurance, and interfaces with Club attorneys for legal issues. The Treasurer also acts as the voice of the Club with state and federal government officials.

Secretary – Maintains documentation and correspondence for the Club. The duties include writing and publishing of all meeting notes, letters to Club members, public officials and external agencies.

Directors – Help guide the direction of the Club, and provide a voice of the membership in the discussion for resolution of issues. The Directors are assigned to a committee to oversee the progress of the committee, help and guide committee when needed, and report back to the board progress or any issues that need to be raised.

Clearly, each member of the board contributes to an important role in the Club. As a member of the board, the duties assigned to you will expose you to some activity that you may not have been involved with in the past. It is a valuable experience that will allow you

to contribute positively to the future of the Club.

The following members are eligible to run for office or need to attend a one or more additional meetings to meet the eligibility requirements.

The following members are currently eligible:

Allen, Richard	Herloski, Bob
Bach, Bill	Jean-Louis, Lesly
Barlis, Glenn	Malec, Michael
Bebernitz, Michael	Marchionda, Richard
Caldwell, Gary	McCutchan, Rich
Christian, Randy	Mehserle, Eric
Fair, Ian	Murray, Steve
Foti, Ron	Sippel, Paula
Fuller, Jack, B	Swingly, Dick
Henderson, Tom	Verbridge, Alan

The following members need to attend the corresponding number of meetings before February to be eligible:

Ankrom, Dennis (1)	Shippers, Lee (2)
Carter, Tom (1)	Stellrecht, Rainer (2)
Houston, Chris (1)	Tarkington, Pam (2)
Kendall, Ralph (1)	Clingerman, John (3)
Arserio, Greg (2)	Creatura, John (3)
Bromley, Mike (2)	Englund, Frances (3)
Clark, Robert (2)	Isbell, Tim (3)
Johnson, Floyd (2)	Robideau, Bob (3)
McCarthy, Thomas (2)	Shaw, Dennis (3)
Roehrig, Brad (2)	Sims, Duane (3)

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Aviation Quote:

"No one can realize how substantial the air is, until he feels its supporting power beneath him. It inspires confidence at once.

— Otto Lilienthal

Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston

Postponement

Craig Wadsworth's Hangar Talk originally scheduled for November 8 about flying the National Warplane Museum's C-47 "W7" will be postponed due to Craig's flying schedule. We are actively working to schedule a new date.

Review

October 13's Thanksgiving in October feast was a huge success! Thanks to Chef Tony Alesci for driving this wonderful event.

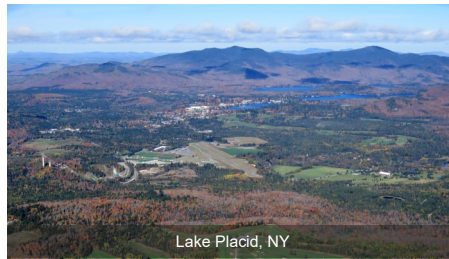
On October 14, seventeen WFC members and their guests journeyed to Lake Placid (KLKP) in six airplanes and — whoa — one car! It was a beautiful day and lunch at Lisa G's was fantastic.

Closures

A previous favorite WFC breakfast destination, [Cloud 9 at the Williamsport Regional Airport \(KIPT\)](#), has closed permanently.

Coming Soon!

December 1, 2018: Annual Christmas Party, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm, Blue Heron Hills Golf Club with comedian Dan Viola as entertainment. See back page for details!



Lake Placid, NY



Whiteface Mountain from the Lake Placid ramp



Brad and Paula taxi past Whiteface Mountain in 85X



The intrepid crew of N1185X

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:

Newsletter@williamsonflyingclub.com



A few WFC members outside Lisa G's in Lake Placid



Barry arrives in his Seneca. Too bad he was locked inside!



October 13, 2018: Thanksgiving in October! (Eric Mehserle)



Five of the six WFC aircraft that flew to Lake Placid on October 14

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

Destination: Reading Regional / Carl A Spaatz Field (KRDG), Reading, PA

Distance: 179 nautical miles

Why It's Cool:

Reading is home to the Mid-Atlantic Air Museum (www.maam.org), a medium sized air museum with a partially flyable collection. I last wrote about MAAM in the [January 2015](#) newsletter, but having recently visited in October of this year — my first time in over nine years — it seemed appropriate to provide an update.

The museum's collection includes airworthy examples of a Grumman Avenger, a B-25 ("Briefing Time", which has put in appearances at Geneseo in the past), a Stearman Kaydet, a Vultee Valiant, and a North American SNJ (Naval variant of a T6 Texan).

An extensive ramp outside the museum is crowded with non-flying aircraft in the collection, one of

which is the unique Custer Channelwing STOL prototype able to maintain flight at 8-11 mph of air-speed! Sadly, the elements have abused many of the aircraft on display outdoors.

The crown jewel of the museum, and the reason for its founding in 1980, is the ongoing restoration of a [P-61 Black Widow](#). The Black Widow was a late WWII design and is generally considered to be the first *purpose-built* night fighter for the U.S. Recovered from its crash site on the side of a mountain in New Guinea, restoration is moving slowly, but with the attention to detail necessary to someday return the aircraft to flight. Not only is this an unusual aircraft, but as one of only four surviving, it is also quite rare. A particular treat for me on this visit was to see how much progress had been made on the restoration since my previous visit in 2009. In 2018, the Black Widow finally looks like an airplane!

MAAM is a solid, medium-sized aviation museum and worth a visit.

Volunteer docents are available to provide tours. The last tour of the day starts at 3:00 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, 6\$ for seniors 65+, \$3 for children ages 6 to 12, and free for kids five and under.

Every June, MAAM hosts an immersive [World War II Weekend](#) (In 2019, June 7-9) featuring warbirds, ground vehicles, and re-enactors. Running annually for 25+ years, think of it as an air-show on steroids.

Hungry aviators can find food at [Klinger's at the Airport](#) in the terminal building located on the south end of the field, a very short taxi from the museum ramp. Klinger's recently replaced Malibooz, the prior long-standing restaurant on the field. Though I did not sample Klinger's, museum personnel assured me that it was good. The restaurant offers a nice view of the field; you can watch aircraft come and go while you dine.

Additional photographs from MAAM can be found on my [blog](#).



The main MAAM hangar



Briefing Time, the MAAM's airworthy B-25



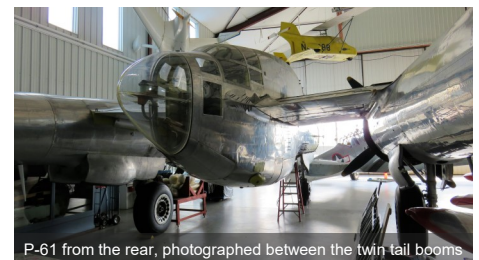
Front quarter of the P-61



My Warrior parked on the ramp near MAAM's Flying Boxcar



The odd-looking, but intriguing STOL Custer Channelwing



P-61 from the rear, photographed between the twin tail booms

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President's Desk by Mike Malec

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Let's go flying!

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

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Tips:

- The sectional depicts KRDG as occupying Class D airspace, but unlike many Delta airports, the field also has a dedicated approach frequency (125.15).
- Some of the MAAM aircraft fly on the airshow circuit. If you plan your visit during airshow season, some aircraft may not be on-site. My prior visits have all been outside the airshow season.
- [MAAM has a dedicated webpage for fly-in visitors](#). Be sure to check it out and take note of the advice given on parking. Parking is free on the museum ramp, but you may earn yourself a fee if you park on the neighboring FBO ramp.
- 100LL is available at three different FBOs on the field, currently priced at \$5.43 to \$5.48.

Recommended Reading



The November/December issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* explores the diversity of general aviation
www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/

Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Thursday 08 Nov	NOTE: The Hangar Talk by Craig Wadsworth of the National Warplane Museum has been postponed. Stand by for a new date.
Saturday 10 Nov	FAA Wings Seminar: Winter Flight. WFC Clubhouse. 9:00 am—noon. Sign up on the Event Calendar For FAA WINGS credit, use this link
Tuesday 13 Nov	Rochester Air Center, Hangar Flying Event The WFC is invited to participate in a Hangar Flying event at the Rochester Air Center (1313 Scottsville Road, Rochester, NY)! Tuesday, Nov 13, 6:30 pm CFI and WFC member Dan Adams and Chef Ellen Adams, The Red Hot Dish, are joining forces to bring you a great educational event and culinary experience. Dan will be talking about the fundamentals of aerodynamics and promises to avoid getting too deeply into the mathematical weeds. ** Please RSVP directly to Dan Adams at Dan.elev8aviation@outlook.com so that he can provide an accurate headcount to RAC **
Saturday 01 Dec	WFC Christmas Party. Blue Heron Hills Golf Club, 6:00—9:00 pm. Comedian Dan Viola as entertainment. Details below!

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

Saturday lunches at the WFC have ended for the season.

2018 WFC Christmas Party December 1, 6-9 pm, Blue Heron Hills

When: Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 at 6-9pm

Where: [The Golf Club at Blue Heron Hills](#)
One Country Club Drive
Macedon, NY 14502

Cost: \$27 per person (includes dinner, tax, tip, and entertainment)

Times: 6:00 pm—Cash bar cocktail hour
7:00 pm—Buffet dinner
7:45 pm—Raffle, all items provided by WFC members
8:00 pm—Entertainment: [Comedian Dan Viola](#)

RSVP (with head count): Required by Sun., Nov. 18th

For invoicing purposes:

RSVP on the signup sheet in the Clubhouse
OR

RSVP on the [WFC Event Calendar](#)

** Please do not RSVP on both. **

