

WFC Flyer



Eight Five X-Ray arrives in Lake Placid, October 14, 2018 (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

General Meeting
January 10, 2019
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Board Meeting
February 7, 2019
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Annual Meeting and Elections
February 14, 2019
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club

January 2019

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

Pilots Resolutions

I had the pleasure of attending the annual New Year's Day dinner celebrating aviation sponsored by BJ. Riester. I met BJ. Riester at our December Hangar Talk session and it was then that he invited me and anyone who was interested to join his New Year's Day event. The event was held at his business in Auburn NY and it has been an annual event for many years. The main course and beverages were provided by Mr. Riester and guests brought a dish to pass.

Aviators and guests from around the area were present to share stories of flying adventures, visiting other airports, and building various airplanes. It was truly an amazing experience meeting with these fellow aviators. To hear them tell of accomplishments was in some cases, humbling. It was great to see a few of our Club members in attendance as

well. I was surprised to meet Mr. Nigel Moll. Mr. Moll is a retired writer for Flying magazine and has written several books on aviation. His extensive knowledge and experience in the business over many years supported his insights into aviation as it exists today.

My point in mentioning this dinner is to illustrate the large aviation community we have around us, but we usually don't get to meet. Many of these people are eager to meet aviators from other clubs and airports and they expressed a willingness to participate in group activities and fly outs.

My New Year's resolution for 2019 is to try to incorporate other flying clubs and fliers from other airports to do meet-ups, fly outs, and perhaps participate in each other's airport activities. I have discussed this idea with Mr. Riester and he

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Aviation Quote:

Regarding flying through thunderstorms:

“A pilot may earn his full pay for that year in less than two minutes. At the time of incident he would gladly return the entire amount for the privilege of being elsewhere.”

— Ernest K Gann
Fate is the Hunter

Flight Instruction Rate Change

At this time, we find it necessary to make a change in the rate we charge for flight instruction. In order to continue to provide the highest quality instructors and to attract new flight instructors, the Williamson Flying Club Board of Directors is announcing an increase in instruction rate from \$35 to \$40/hour. This new price is in effect January 1, 2019.

From the President’s Desk by Mike Malec

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is enthusiastic about the possibilities and is eager to help get this idea turned into action.

I would suggest that Club members create a resolution for 2019 to try some new adventure or develop a new skill for their aviation toolbox. Flights to airports that you haven’t landed at in the past could be a way to meet new aviators. Building skills like advanced ratings and endorsements can be a big

addition toward your mastery of piloting.

Beyond flying, creating a resolution to be more involved in Club activities, providing a helping hand in projects, participating in activities, or becoming more involved in Club government will go a long way to increase your enjoyment in the Club.

Let’s go flying!



2019 Elections by Paula Sippel

In order to run for office in the February Elections, Active and Permanent Members must have attended at least 6 monthly General Meetings in the previous 12 months. The list below contains the attendance status of members who are already eligible for office and those who must attend the January meeting to be eligible for election to office at the Annual Meeting on February 14, 2019.

Qualified Active and Permanent Members interested in running for a WFC Board of Directors position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) should contact Paula Sippel, Lee Shippers, or Jamie Oliver of the 2019 Nominating Committee.

The following members are already qualified to run for office:

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

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Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston

The final Activities Committee event of 2018 was the annual Christmas Party held on the evening of December 1st. With 67 people participating, this was one of the best-attended holiday parties in recent memory. The Golf Club at Blue Heron Hills was a fantastic venue for an evening of good food, camaraderie, and laughter. When we weren't laughing with each other, comedian Dan Viola kept us well entertained.

Special thanks go to Tammy Bebernitz for her hard work in arranging the venue, entertainment, and dessert! Thanks also to Kim Christian for serving as our

official event photographer. A sampling of her work is shown on this page.

The 2018 Activities Committee thanks everyone who participated in an event this year, from social gatherings (Movie Night, picnic, Christmas party), to Saturday lunches, to Hangar Talks, to several successful fly-out trips to places like Lock Haven, PA; Cleveland, OH; and Lake Placid, NY (we won't count the trips scuttled by weather). Feedback is always appreciated and new committee members for 2019 are very welcome (contact Chris Houston). Stay tuned for more events in 2019!

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



Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

Destination: Piseco Airport, Piseco, NY (K09)

Distance: 115 nautical miles, direct

Why It's Cool:

Because I grew up in Michigan, I have a fascination with any terrain feature arguably taller than a hill. I distinctly remember my first flight to the Adirondacks after relocating to Rochester. I have been enthralled with them ever since.

Lake Placid, surrounded by a semi-circular curtain wall of High Peaks gets much of our attention as a flying destination. Our quasi-annual fly-outs to the Lake Placid Airport (KLKP) each fall have been very well-attended and always a lot of fun.

However, my first landing in the Adirondacks was actually at the Piseco Airport, located among the shorter southern peaks of the mountains. With an elevation of 1,703', Piseco is not a high elevation mountain airport. However, a large ridge immediately west of the field can make for some interesting landings on runway 4-22 when the wind is out of the west. The ridge's proximity to the airport necessitates a right hand traffic pattern for runway 4.

While Piseco does not represent the level of mountain flying challenge involved in navigating to [Colorado's Leadville Lake County Airport \(KLXV\)](#), concerns about air movement over the terrain and the resulting risks of turbulence, updrafts, and downdrafts are still warranted owing to the aforemen-

tioned ridge. Though terrain must be considered in pattern operations, Piseco is not a one-way in/out sort of airport like nearby Shroon Lake (4B7, located on the east side of the ADKs).

Piseco is generally a quiet field with little traffic, a tranquil place to visit with beautiful scenery. I have a fond memory of an October day a few years ago when I landed at Piseco. I had the entire airport to myself and simply enjoyed a picnic lunch surrounded by incredible fall color. There's no restaurant, museum, or attraction. It's just simply a beautiful place to visit.

Each year, the airport hosts the Speculator Pilot's Weekend. On these days, the airport is anything but tranquil. **The popular fly-in/drive-in pancake breakfast is hosted by the Speculator, NY Lion's Club and is currently scheduled for the morning of Saturday, August 24, 2019.** Other club members who have attended report that this fly-in is a lot of fun. If the timing works out, the Activities Committee might organize a group to attend this year. Either way, mark your calendars!

Tips:

- Because it lies immediately east of a ridgeline reaching as high as 3,000 feet, the airport is not easy to find when flying direct. I find it easier to fly along NY-8 until reaching the south end of Piseco Lake. The airport is situated on the north end of the lake and will appear off your left wing with plenty of distance to maneuver for a

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Looking north along Piseco Lake



The Piseco Airport looking northwest



My Warrior parked on the Piseco ramp



Even past peak, the fall color is still beautiful

Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

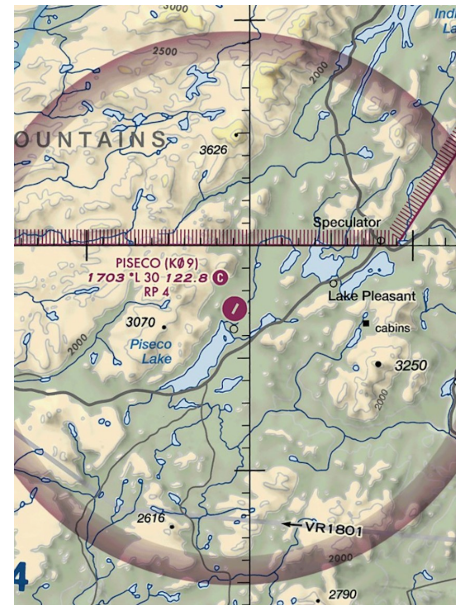
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suitable pattern entry.

- Though the Adirondacks are not the Rockies, basic mountain flying knowledge is recommended. Terrain en route to and around the airport will need to be considered. Turbulence and downdrafts will be present on days with strong crosswinds.
- In the winter, the airport is prone to closure from excessive snow. Check NOTAMs before you go.
- Check your sectional! Runway 4 uses a right pattern owing to the proximity of terrain west of

the airport.

- Note that there is a small island at the north end of Piseco Lake. Arrivals to runway 4 should fly south of the island on a right downwind before turning base. Departures from runway 22 are requested to maintain runway heading until passing the island.
- Self-serve 100LL is available, currently \$4.80/gal.
- Experience shows that cell phone service can be sporadic in this region of the Adirondacks, unlike the more populated Lake Placid.



Elections by Paula Sippel

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The following members have attended five General Meetings to date in 2018 and need to attend the January meeting to qualify:

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| Carter, Tom | McCarthy, Thomas |
| Clark, Robert | Shaw, Dennis |
| Houston, Chris | Stellrecht, Rainer |
| Kendall, Ralph | |

Please consider running for a role on the BOD! In the words of our Club President, "...becoming more involved in Club government will go a long way to increase your enjoyment in the Club."

**INSTRUMENT RATING
GROUNDSCHOOL**

\$140

Wednesday's
6pm-8pm
Beginning
January 16th
10 Sessions



Supplies: (Access to)
Instrument Flying Handbook
Instrument Procedures Handbook
FAIR/ALIM
Digital Terminal Procedure Supplemental
Instrument Approach Procedures (NY)
IFR Low Enroute Charts L31/L32, L29/L30
(Digital Copies OK)
E6-B
3-Ring Binder

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**PRIVATE PILOT
GROUNDSCHOOL**

\$140

Tuesday's 6pm-8pm
Beginning January 15th
12 Sessions



Pre-Private=\$140 + Supplies
Supplies:
-Pilots Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
(available as PDF online)
-E6B Flight Computer
-Aviation Chart Plotter
-ASA Private Pilot Test Prep (Text or App)
-3 Ring Binder
-Calculator

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Groundschool Checklist

- ▶ Basic Aerodynamics
- ▶ Aircraft Systems
- ▶ Aircraft Performance
- ▶ Airspace & Regulations
- ▶ Airport Operations
- ▶ Aviation Weather
- ▶ Flight Planning & Navigation
- ▶ Aviation Decision Making
- ▶ Knowledge Test Preparation

Earned your private pilot certificate? How about setting a 2019 resolution to broaden your knowledge and skill set by pursuing an instrument rating? Our ten session IFR ground school begins Wednesday, January 16!

Do you know someone interested in pursuing a private pilot certificate? Start them off right with ground school at the Williamson Flying Club! Private pilot ground school begins Tuesday, January 15th and will run for 12 weeks.



FAA Safety Seminar: "Alton Bay Ice Runway—Decision Making on Ice" (webinar), Tuesday, Jan 15, 7:00 pm

The FAA will be hosting a safety seminar about Alton Bay operations on January 15. Sign up at FAASafety.gov (direct link to course). We last featured the Alton Bay Ice Runway in the February 2018 edition of the [WFC Flyer](#). Club members wanting to fly club aircraft to Alton Bay are required to have at least 150 hours and a grass checkout with a club instructor. As of Jan 5, the ice was 7.75" - 10" thick. The runway will not open until the ice is 12+" thick.

Congratulations!



Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Tuesdays Jan 15— Apr 2	WFC Private Pilot Ground School Tuesdays, 6:00—8:00 pm, WFC Clubhouse See flyer, previous page, for more details
Tuesday Jan 15	FAA Safety Seminar: “Alton Bay Ice Runway—Decision Making on Ice” Webinar, Tuesday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 pm. More information on FAASafety.Gov (click here) and previous page
Wednesdays Jan 16— Mar 20	WFC Instrument Rating Ground School Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 pm, WFC Clubhouse See flyer, previous page, for more details

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



Congratulations to the following Williamson Flying Club members for their outstanding achievements at the end of 2018!

- **Bob Burns, Instrument Rating, Nov 15, 2018**
- **Ian Youngs, Private Pilot, Dec 19, 2018**
- **Max Kreckel, Private Pilot, Dec 27, 2018**
- **Scott Lasky, Private Pilot, Dec 31, 2018**