



### Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
 May 9, 2019  
 7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
 June 6, 2019  
 7:00 pm, Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
 June 13, 2019  
 7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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## Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

**May 2019**

### From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

#### It's Spring!

It is again that time of the year when our club reaches out to the community to share a Sunday morning with food, conversation, and fun activities in aviation. It is the Williamson Flying Club's 2019 Apple Blossom Breakfast. The Breakfast Committee and our outstanding volunteers are working very hard to put together a great event for Sunday, May 19th.

It should be noted that while this is the Club's annual fundraiser, the breakfast is also a very important community event that is purposefully scheduled in concert with other Wayne County NY activities, celebrating of the beginning of the apple growing season.

Our club extends a warm welcome to all residents, fly-in pilots, and their passengers to see all that the Club has to offer. We encourage all residents to visit our Club and to see firsthand this valuable asset in the community. This annual event is indeed, the Club's open house.



With that in mind, I encourage all Club members to share your enthusiasm for aviation with our guests and talk about the other activities that are

provided by the Club. A guided tour of the airport, describing the facilities and aircraft with a visitor will go a long way to help them understand the benefit the airport provides to the area. Your efforts

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### Williamson Flying Club

Williamson-Sodus Airport (KSDC)  
 5502 State Route 104  
 Williamson, NY 14589

Find us on the web at:  
[www.williamsonflyingclub.com](http://www.williamsonflyingclub.com)

### Board of Directors

President:	Mike Malec	Director, 2017:	Ian Fair
Vice President:	Tom Henderson	Director, 2018:	Dick Swingly
Treasurer:	Bob Herloski	Director, 2019:	Paula Sippel
Secretary:	Steve Murray		

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**Medical Advisor:** Dr. Pam Tarkington

## From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

*"...I encourage all Club members to share your enthusiasm for aviation with our guests and talk about the other activities that are provided by the Club."*

### Aviation Quote:

"The highest art form of all is a human being in control of himself and his airplane in flight, urging the spirit of a machine to match his own."

Richard Bach,  
*A Gift Of Wings*

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just may encourage one of our guest or someone they know to look further into aviation as a hobby or perhaps a great career.

Let's go flying!



## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

**Destination:** Bradley International, Windsor Locks, CT (KBDL)

**Distance:** 211 nautical miles, direct

### Why It's Cool:

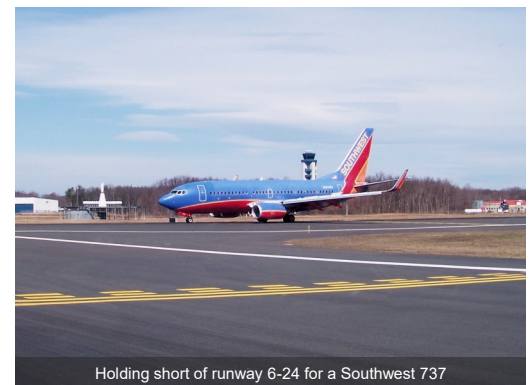
Bradley International is a Class Charlie airport very similar in many ways to Rochester. The primary difference between it and Rochester, however, is the presence of the [New England Air Museum](#) (NEAM) located right on the field.

NEAM boasts a range of aircraft in its collection, civil to military, piston-powered to turbine. There is a large sampling of World War II aircraft including classics like the Thunderbolt, a Hellcat, an A-26, and a Corsair. The crown jewel of the WWII collection is the B-29 Superfortress "Jack's Hack".

Given its location in Connecticut, local manufacturer Sikorsky is well-represented by multiple helicopters and the massive VS-44A flying boat "Excambian".

All of NEAM's aircraft on display are in excellent condition. There are rare exhibits too, like a fully restored Good-year blimp control car. This museum is a step above the typical and well worth visiting for those who enjoy old air-

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## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston



The massive flying boat "Excambian", a Sikorsky VS-44A

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planes.

### Tips:

- Bradley operates similarly to Rochester. Its operational statistics show a few more operations per day than Rochester, 256 versus 242 (per AirNav).
- The downside to landing at Bradley is the price of access. There are two FBOs on the field, TAC Air and Signature.
- Although Signature is closer to the museum and on the correct side of the airport to reach the museum easily, it is the most expensive. Current fees for a single engine piston aircraft at Signature include \$20 for landing, \$44.10 for parking, and \$55 for handling. The handling fee can be waived with purchase of 18 gallons of fuel (currently \$7.45/gal).

Thus, total cost for parking is \$119.10 without fuel.

- TAC Air's prices are more accessible. Fees include \$18.31 for landing, \$20 for parking, \$15 for handling, and \$7 for infrastructure. The handling fee is waived with a fuel purchase of 10 gallons or more (currently \$6.90/gal). Thus, total cost for using TAC Air is \$60 without fuel purchase.
- Courtesy cars are available and one will be necessary to reach the NEAM from TAC Air. There are options for food in the area, also reachable with a courtesy car.
- Given the high cost of fuel at Bradley, Columbia County (1B1) about 50 nautical miles northwest of Bradley is a recommended fuel stop if one is needed (current pricing, \$4.46/gal).



P-47 Thunderbolt



North American F-100 Super Sabre



Lockheed Electra



B-29 Superfortress "Jack's Hack"



Nose art on the B-29, "Jack's Hack"

### Contribute to the Newsletter!

Do you have anything that you want to share with the WFC membership?

- Destinations?
- Favorite flying photo?
- Trip reports?
- Great experiences?
- Opinions?

Submit your photos and stories, to the newsletter by emailing:

[Newsletter@williamsonflyingclub.com](mailto:Newsletter@williamsonflyingclub.com)

## Member Spotlight: Paula Sippel by Chris Houston



Member: Paula Sippel  
 WFC Role: 2019 WFC Director  
 Ratings: PP-SEL  
 Hours: 173  
 Joined: 2017

Sometimes, our children show us the way. Such was the case with WFC member Paula Sippel and aviation.

As a child, Paula's daughter Caitlin always wanted to fly. She loved airshows and joined the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at age 13. Paula joined with her and served as an active Senior Member with CAP for 8-9 years. She also served as a Cadet Program Officer and a Testing Officer, helping to monitor and guide the cadets through their promotions. Not surprisingly, Paula found herself around airplanes frequently. From CAP, Caitlin entered the Air Force Academy and currently flies C-130J aircraft. With a big nudge from Caitlin, Paula finally heeded life's many hints that she belonged behind the controls



Paula and Steve after their flight to Cherry Ridge (N30) on April 14, 2019

of an airplane.

It did not happen right away, though. Paula's introductory flight took place at the Greater Rochester International Airport in 2009 during a WINGS event. She flew 9855W with Mike Bjerga in the right seat. However, a few more years passed before she joined the WFC in 2017 and pursued flight training in earnest. Paula earned her private pilot certificate in August 2018.

Paula expressed tremendous appreciation for the "cool, close-knit club feeling" of the WFC, noting the many members willing to answer questions and impart advice. She adds that those resources are only available, "If you get involved." Taking her own advice to heart, Paula increased her involvement with the club in 2019 by becoming the WFC's newest Director.

As a recently certificated private pilot, Paula fondly recalls her first long cross-country flight post-check ride, a trip planned by the WFC Activities Committee to Lake Placid in October 2018. She and member Brad Roehrig planned the flight together and shared flying duties in N1185X.

She also cites a recent cross-country flight to Cherry Ridge (N30) in Honesdale, PA as an important flight for her. It was her first cross country flight with husband Steve. All pilots know how important it is to have a supportive spouse. Steve's first flight, his first opportunity to see what general aviation is all about, was a massive success and Paula reports that he's hooked!

By trade, Paula is an accountant with Davie Kaplan, where she specializes in personal taxes. She is also certified in Elementary Education and taught for twelve years.

She and Steve are also sailors and – as weather permits – enjoy plying the waters of Lake Ontario when not taking wing.

Aloft, Paula enjoys exploring new airports and sharing the general aviation experience with friends and family. She has already flown with most of her immediate family and eagerly looks forward to bringing this full circle by flying as Pilot in Command with Caitlin.



Paula with her sister and first passenger

### Welcome, New Members!

The WFC extends a warm welcome to our newest members from April 2019!

- Alex Grassl
- Kenneth Smith

## Activities Committee

For May, we have a few notices from the Activities Committee:

### Reminders

- **Saturday lunches** begin June 1 at noon and will occur weekly into October
- **Saturday morning breakfast flights** are still in the plan, but the weather has been so poor that we have not held any yet!

### Changes

- **NYC / Hudson River Fly-Out:** This was advertised in the April newsletter for May 11; this has been rescheduled for September 7 with September 14 as a rain date; apologies for any confusion

### Newly scheduled—details coming:

- **Hangar Talk, ROC ATC** (see panel at right): Saturday, June 8, 10:30 am (lunch after)
- **WFC Picnic:** Saturday, June 15, noon
- **Ticonderoga (4B6) / Star Trek Tour:** Saturday, June 29
- **Empire State Aerosciences Museum (KSCH):** Saturday, August 17

### Updates

- Dates for ROC tower tours should be announced soon
- Expect the **Penn's Cave (N74)** fly-out in the fall
- Despite some progress, we are still working on productive two-way communication with **Lycoming** about a tour

Questions? Please contact Chris Houston

## Hangar Talks Announcement

### "A Conversation with Rochester Air Traffic Control"



Steve Thompson



Erik Stukbauer

June 8, 2019  
10:30 am, WFC Clubhouse

### Abstract:

Members of the Greater Rochester International Air Traffic Control team will visit the Williamson Flying Club on June 8 to talk about what they do, the various ATC positions at their facility, local procedures, and how we as general aviation pilots can best work with them. More importantly, they will be on hand to answer your questions!

*Lunch will be served at noon. Donations are appreciated.*

### About our Speakers:

**Steve Thompson** began his career at ROC ATCT in November of 2008. Steve previously attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where he earned a bachelor's degree in air traffic management. Steve has been an operations supervisor since January of 2016. Steve is originally from the Rochester area and currently resides in the north Greece area with his wife and two children. Through the years Steve has been involved in the local aviation community through the Rochester wings event annually. Steve is currently the acting air traffic manager until October 2019.

**Erik Stukbauer** grew up a few miles north of Charlotte NC. He attended Appalachian State University in Boone, NC earning a degree in Finance & Economics before pursuing a career as an airline pilot. He got his private license while based out of Lake Norman Airpark (14A) and was hired by the FAA in 2017. In his spare time he enjoys playing guitar, flying, staying involved in the local aviation community and exploring western NY.

## Other Community Events



The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 44

presents

### FREE AIRPLANE RIDES

for kids 8 - 17 years of age

June 1  
July 13  
August 10  
September 14

Where: EAA Chapter 44  
Sport Aviation Center of Western NY  
44 Eisenhower Dr.  
Brockport, NY 14420  
(off Sweden Walker Rd.) at the Ledgesdale Airport

Contact: Elise Isler – [FlyYoungEagles44@gmail.com](mailto:FlyYoungEagles44@gmail.com)

More information is available on line at:  
[EAA44.org/caa/youth](http://EAA44.org/caa/youth) and [eaa44.org](http://eaa44.org)

EAA 44 is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization of aircraft builders and aviation enthusiasts in the Western NY region dedicated to promoting aviation and encouraging participation in aviation, education, advocacy and youth outreach programs



## Computer Flight Simulator Open House

Sport Aviation Center of Western New  
York (at the Brockport Airport)

August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Thursday & Friday 3:00 pm – 9:00pm

Ages 8 – 17

Students will be able to sign-up for a ½ hour time slot to “fly” one of Chapter 44’s X-Plane computer flight simulators. Sim Coaches will be available to assist beginners. 120 time slots will be available for pre-registration. Additional slots may be available at the Open House on a “first come” and sim availability basis. Pre-registration is recommended. Contact Jeff Peters at [jpeters2@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jpeters2@rochester.rr.com) to provide date and time preferences.

The goal of the Open House at the Sport Aviation Center is to provide a fun family event and it will include picnic food for sale, info on how planes fly and flight sim basics, static aircraft displays, airplane pre-flight inspections, an airport traffic pattern demo, and aircraft construction demos featuring the Chapter’s Baby Ace.

[EAA44.org](http://EAA44.org)

## Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Sunday May 12	<b>WFC Fly-Out: Mother’s Day pancake breakfast.</b> EAA-486, Oswego County Airport. Wheels up from SDC at 8:00 am.
Wednesday May 15	WFC Apple Blossom Breakfast grill set-up and “bird bath” (aircraft washing) day. 5:00 pm
Saturday May 18	WFC Apple Blossom Breakfast set-up day. 9:30 am. Lunch to follow.
Sunday May 19	WFC Apple Blossom Breakfast Members should arrive prior to 6:30 am when the main entrance will be closed.
Wednesday May 22	VMC CLUB SAFETY SEMINAR, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. EAA 44 Sport Aviation Center, Ledgesdale Airpark [7G0], 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport, NY. Each meeting starts with a video scenario produced by EAA. Afterwards, we have a “what would you do” discussion, as well as talk about anything aviation related! Just pilots and non-pilots helping other pilots and non-pilots! EAA membership not required! Free pizza too! Come join the fun and sharpen your safe flying skills.
Thursday May 23	“Flying the Hump” Webster Public Library, 6:00–7:30 pm. Join WWII veteran, Theodore “Ted” Ellstrom, as he shares his experience of flying over the Himalaya’s during the 2nd World War! Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information and registration.
Sunday May 26	Fly-in breakfast, Whitford’s Airport (B16), 7:30 am–noon.
Friday May 31	<b>WFC Fly-Out: Evening flight for dinner at The Aviation Restaurant, GFL.</b> Details Coming.
Saturday June 1	<b>WFC Saturday lunches begin! Noon, WFC maintenance hangar at KSDC.</b>
Sunday June 2	Fly-in breakfast, Pine Hill Airport (9G6), 7:00 am–noon
Saturday June 8	<b>WFC Hangar Talk: “A Conversation with Rochester Air Traffic Control”.</b> Guest speakers, Steve Thompson and Erik Stukbauer from ROC ATC. 10:30 am, WFC Clubhouse. Lunch to follow.
Sunday June 9	Fly-in breakfast, Oswego County Airport (FZY), 7:30 am–11:00 am Fly-in breakfast, Whitford’s Airport (B16), 7:30 am–noon
Saturday June 15	<b>WFC Picnic, noon, Williamson Sodus Airport. Details coming!</b> Fly-in breakfast, Ledgesdale Airport (7G0), 7:00 am–noon
Saturday June 22	WFC Flour Power 2019 (spot landing and flour bombing contest) and seminar. Details coming.
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Saturday June 29	<b>WFC Fly-Out, Ticonderoga (4B6) / Star Trek Original Set Tour. Details coming!</b>

Items in **bold** are sponsored by the WFC Activities Committee. Saturday lunches will run every Saturday at noon starting June 1 and into October (end date TBD).