

WFC Flyer



Mick McKee's Cessna 152 II at Whitfords for a fly-out, May 2019. (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

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

Board Meeting
July 2, 2019
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
July 11, 2019
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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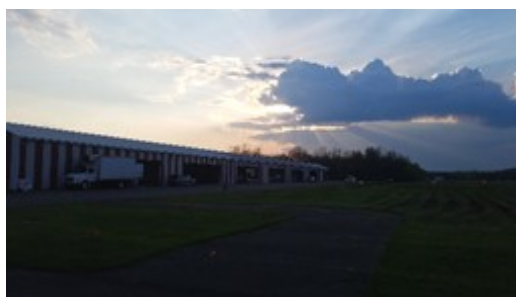
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Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

June 2019

From the President's Desk by Mike Malec

It Was a Great Day



The Sunday of our 2019 Apple Blossom Breakfast was a great day. A pleasant, sunny morning was a nice relief from the past few years of cold and rain. The weather forecast threatened thunderstorms in the morning but fortunately, the rain held off until after the afternoon cleanup was completed. Early reports from the Breakfast Committee indicate that this was another successful event. While we didn't set attendance records, the community support was among the best in a few years. [Editor's note: Per the Breakfast Committee, we served 1514 breakfasts and flew 81 airplane rides at the 2019 event.]

This year we used social media more than ever to promote the Breakfast. Many of the people I spoke with mentioned that they found out about the event from Facebook. One mother I met at the airplane rides told me that she found out about the Breakfast from social media and her son was eager to get a plane ride.

We couldn't have pulled off this successful event without the overwhelming help of the many Club members who came out for the setup and worked the day of the event. Every year I notice that the setup time becomes shorter and more efficient. This is a tribute to our members who dig in to get things done. The day of the Breakfast moved smoothly and the many guests I talked with enjoyed the morning. A big Thank You to all our volunteers who gave their energy, muscle and culinary skills to make the event successful. Special recognition goes to our pilots for the many hours flying the airplane ride circuit while act-

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Aviation Quote:

“A pilot who says he has never been frightened in an airplane is, I’m afraid, lying.”

— Louise Thaden, the first woman to win the Bendix Trophy

From the President’s Desk by Mike Malec

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ing as aerial tour guides of the area.

Of course, we would be remiss if we didn’t acknowledge the tireless efforts of the Breakfast Committee. The work that each member of the committee does to get the food, arrange for the delivery of the non-foodservice equipment, print tickets, and assign volunteers to the various stations is a tremendous effort and the Breakfast could not happen without these people.

Lastly, we thank the community for making this a successful event. The

people who attend the Breakfast and the support of Wayne County leaders are some of the reasons why the Williamson-Sodus airport is a thriving business with a great future and many more great days ahead.

Let’s go flying!



Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

Destination: Re-Dun Field (17NK), Rock Stream, NY

Distance: 47 nautical miles, direct

Why It’s Cool:

Re-Dun Field, located partway between Reading Center and Dundee, NY on the western shore of Seneca Lake, is a private use airfield that is home to the Dundee Flying Club. As a private use airport, prior permission is required for landing at Re-Dun except that the airport opens for public use on pancake breakfast days that are usually held on Memorial Day and Labor Day each year.

Although depicted on sectional charts as having “other than hard-surfaced runways”, this is misleading. The shorter east-west runway is indeed turf, but 17-35 is paved to a width of twenty feet (for reference, the runway at KSDC is sixty feet wide). Though narrower than what most of us are used

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Final approach, Re-Dun Field, runway 17



Vintage vehicles added to the atmosphere on the day of the breakfast



What’s in a name?

Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston



Aerial photo of Re-Dun field on Memorial Day 2019. Note that itinerant aircraft are parked along the east-west grass runway.

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to landing on, the pavement is in good condition and not terribly challenging for a Cherokee with a ten foot wheel base. You do always land on centerline, right?

This “sidewalk” runway is the only paved surface at Re-Dun, giving the place a grass roots feel—literally. It is the kind of place where taildraggers feel very much at home, but the paved runway and available lighting (activated on 122.90 MHz) make the private field hospitable to aircraft like the Bonanza I saw resting on a tie-down there.

Re-Dun is an institution in the Finger Lakes region flying culture because of the unique creation of late, local inventor Clarence Sebring: the Awe-Ja-Magic automatic pancake maker. The heart of this whimsical beast is a circular, rotating pancake griddle. Batter is metered onto the inner portion of the griddle, allowed to cook, then flipped to the outer diameter of the griddle to cook the other side. It is an exercise in time and tempera-

ture resulting in reproducibly perfect, golden brown deliciousness. At the end of the cycle, a chute delivers each ready to eat pancake to a plate. All it needs is butter and syrup. The machine can be viewed in action on [YouTube](#) (the video won't win any awards for cinematography, but it does get the idea across).

Re-Dun is a fun place to visit on pancake breakfast days. Maybe pencil it into your schedule for Labor Day?

Tips:

- As already noted, Re-Dun is a private use airport and prior permission is required for landing **except on pancake breakfast days**. Prior permission can be obtained by calling the Dundee Flying Club at (607) 535-6600.
- Runway 17-35 is paved 2400' 20'.
- Without a published CTAF/UNICOM frequency, arrivals should use the Multicom frequency of 122.90.

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



The mystical, magical pancake-making machine!



The Awe-Ja-Magic pancake maker caught mid-flip



A perfectly-made pancake ready for delivery to a plate

Member Spotlight: Tom Carter by Chris Houston



Member: Tom Carter
 WFC Role: Activities Committee,
 2018-present
 Ratings: PP-SEL
 Hours: 175
 Joined: 2013

We all have that story about what brought us to aviation. WFC member Tom Carter is no different.

Fascinated by flight since childhood? Check.

Obsessed with looking out the windows while flying commercially? Check.

Talked about flying for years? Check.

Especially for those of us like Tom who did not grow up around general aviation, we sometimes need a catalyst, that little extra push across the threshold to the left seat. In Tom's case, that catalyst

Welcome, New Member!

The WFC extends a warm welcome to our newest member from May 2019!

- Daniel Lim

was his wife, Alicia. After years of hearing Tom talk about flying, she took matters into her own hands and purchased an Introductory Flight gift certificate from the WFC for him as a Christmas present in 2012.

Gift certificate in hand, Tom's first visit to the Williamson Sodus Airport was on the day of his introductory flight. It must have gone well; Tom joined the WFC in the spring of 2013 and earned his Private Pilot certificate in the spring of 2015.

Tom cites several flying adventures post-certification that have helped turn that pilot's certificate into cherished memories. He cites his first flight to Lake Placid with the WFC in the fall of 2015 for making a significant impression on Alicia. Those of us who were there that day still remember her stepping out of 1DT and proclaiming the superiority of General Aviation for reaching the mountains.

His longest flight to date was to Wiscasset, Maine (KIWI) with Alicia in Eight Five X-Ray to visit family. There, he met the challenge of a significant cross wind on landing that increased his confidence for landing in windy conditions. Spending four days in Maine, Tom felt like he was truly leveraging the value of General Aviation for travel.

Another memorable experience was

flying into Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport (KBKL) in 2018 as pilot in command. He specifically mentions the challenges of handling more complex airspace than we have in Rochester (several Deltas underlying the Cleveland Bravo) and the beauty of landing adjacent to the downtown high-rises along the Lake Erie shore. This flight was with other Club members during a WFC Activities Committee-sponsored event.

He is quick to praise the membership of the WFC, describing us as "super friendly". He enjoys the spirit of camaraderie at the WFC and participating in Activities Committee fly-outs.

Tom is an RIT-educated Mechanical Engineer currently employed at crane manufacturer Gorbel in Victor, NY. As an Application Engineer, Tom supports Gorbel's 2-25 ton capacity cranes used by companies like Mack Truck and Boeing in their manufacturing and maintenance facilities. Clearly, Tom knows about many ways to generate "lift".



Tom and Alicia Carter after arriving in Lake Placid for the first time during the fall of 2015

Activities Committee Update by Chris Houston

Review

With better weather in May and early June, we've been very active. Since the beginning of May, we have held eight events plus the kick-off of Saturday Lunches on June 1. This is not counting a pair of events cancelled due to poor weather.

Saturday Breakfast Fly-Outs: Time and destination for these is advertised by the aSoS system by Friday evening each week. In May and early June, we've been to Whitfords (B16) twice, Dansville (DSV), Re-Dun Field (17NK), and two trips to Oswego County (FZY). Attendance has ranged from 2 aircraft carrying 4 people (on a rainy day) to 11 aircraft and 15 people.

If you want to join us, please do! Watch your email for details and, if you need a ride, reach out to Mike Shippers or Chris Houston.

Evening Fly-Out To the Aviator: There's more to dining than breakfast! On May 31, six people flew to Glens Falls for fine dining at The Aviator Restaurant. Participants report that their meals were excellent. Per member Scott Lasky, his steak was the best he's ever had at a restaurant (those who know Scott understand that this is really saying something).

We're planning to go again on June 21. Dinner reservations will be at 6:30. RSVP on the Event Calendar. Pilots should be night current.

Rochester ATC Seminar: Steve Thompson and Erik Stukbauer from Rochester ATC spoke at the

WFC on June 8. The talk was well-attended and generated a lot of outstanding member questions that stretched the presentation to a whopping two hours!

For anyone with follow-up questions, Erik left business cards with his contact information on the counter in the clubhouse. Alternatively, Chris Houston can connect you.

Looking Forward

Annual Picnic: The WFC annual picnic is next weekend, June 15! We'll be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, chips, and pop. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. This will be a great opportunity to meet other members and enjoy some excellent food. RSVP on the Event Calendar.

This event will replace Tony's usual Saturday lunch that day.

Contact Tammy Bebernitz, Tony Alesci, or Scott Lasky with questions.

Return to The Aviator: As already noted, we will be returning to The Aviator for fine dining on the evening of June 21. RSVP via the Event Calendar.

Ticonderoga / Star Trek Tour: We will be flying to Ticonderoga (4B6) on Saturday, June 29 to tour the sets of the original starship Enterprise. Details will be coming soon. Direct any questions to Scott Lasky or Chris Houston.

More to come for 2019! Thanks to everyone who helped or joined-in!



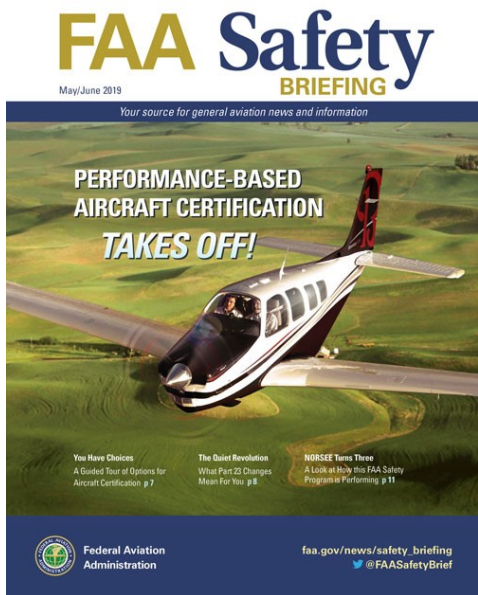
Congratulations!



Private Pilot 5-15-2019

A hearty congratulations go to John Niles for earning his Private Pilot Certificate on May 15, 2019 just in time for summer!

Recommended Reading



The May/June issue of FAA Safety Briefing describes the future of aircraft certification and the impact of policies around NORSEE (Non-Required Safety-Enhancing Equipment). www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/

Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Saturday June 15	WFC Picnic, noon, Williamson Sodus Airport. We will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, grilled chicken, chips, and pop. Please bring a dish to pass. Note: The picnic is being held in lieu of Tony's usual Saturday lunch. FLY-IN BBQ, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Canandaigua Airport [KIUA] Sponsored by the Red Jacket High School Flying Club, a fundraiser for flight instruction. BBQ reservations are not required but if desired can be made at rj.flyingclub@redjacket.org . Baked goods and beverages sold separately.
Fathers' Day Sunday June 16	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Massena Airport [KMSS], 8:00 am—noon Fly-in pancake breakfast, Ithaca [KITH], 7:00 am—noon Fly-in pancake breakfast, Genesee County Airport [KGVQ], 7:00 am—noon
Friday June 21	WFC Fly-Out, The Aviator Restaurant at Floyd Bennett Memorial [KGFL]. Dinner reservations at 6:30 pm. RSVP on Event Calendar to ensure an accurate headcount.
Saturday June 22	WFC Flour Power 2019 (spot landing and flour bombing contest) and seminar. Details coming.
Sunday June 23	Fly-in breakfast, Whitfords Airport (B16), 7:30 am—noon
Wednesday June 26	VMC CLUB SAFETY SEMINAR, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. EAA 44 Sport Aviation Center, Ledgesdale Airpark [7GO], 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.
Saturday June 29	WFC Fly-Out, Ticonderoga (4B6) / Star Trek Original Set Tour. Plan is to fly out in the morning, tour the sets, have lunch in town. Full details coming soon.
Thursday July 4	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Penn Yan Airport [KPE0], 6:30 am-11:30 am
Sunday July 7	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Whitfords Airport (B16), 7:30 am—noon Fly-in pancake breakfast, Elmira / Corning Regional Airport [KELM], 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Held by the EAA 533—park on their ramp, not at the FBO to avoid fees. Fly-in breakfast, Dunkirk Airport [KDKK], 8:00 am—noon
Sunday July 14	Fly-in breakfast, Oswego County Airport [KFZY], 7:30 am-11:00 am
Saturday July 20	WFC Fly-Out to Burke Lakefront Airport [KBKL]. Details coming.
Sunday July 21	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Whitfords Airport (B16), 7:30 am—noon
Wednesday July 24	VMC CLUB SAFETY SEMINAR, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. EAA 44 Sport Aviation Center, Ledgesdale Airpark [7GO], 44 Eisenhower Drive, Brockport, NY. See description above for June 26.

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).