

WFC Flyer



WFC aircraft at St Marys for the first club fly-out of 2020 (Tom Carter)

Important Dates:

General Meeting
March 12, 2020
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Board Meeting
April 2, 2020
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
April 9, 2020
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

March 2020

From the President's Desk by Randy Christian

Good day my fellow club members! I will keep this month's observations rather short.

My topic is thanks and optimism. I want to offer a great big "thank you" to the members of the Board who have stepped away this year; specifically Mike Malec (President), Steve Murray (Secretary), and Ian Fair (Secretary / Director). I give my thanks for all of the hard work these three members have given to the club over the years. The Williamson Flying Club is better off due in no small part to their efforts as well as returning Board members Paula Sippel and Dick Swingly.

I have tremendous optimism for new and long-standing club members alike. In my past tenure as your President, I often mentioned that I hoped to see "new faces" running for open seats on the Board. It did me proud to see so many new faces showing interest in wanting to step up and do their part to

move our club forward. Thank you to Brad Roehrig (Vice President), Lesly Jean-Louis (Director), and Robert Clark (Secretary). I also want to thank everyone who showed an interest and willingness to step up and run.

I look forward to the challenging yet exciting year ahead leading the Williamson Flying club. I thank you all once again and I could not be more proud to be a member of the greatest flying club in America. Blue skies to my fellow members, families and friends. I wish all of you good health and steady tailwinds as we navigate 2020 together.

Randy Christian
President Williamson Flying Club.



Williamson Flying Club

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Board of Directors

President:	Randy Christian	Director, 2018:	Dick Swingly
Vice President:	Brad Roehrig	Director, 2019:	Paula Sippel
Treasurer:	Bob Herloski	Director, 2020:	Lesly Jean-Louis
Secretary:	Bob Clark		

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Medical Advisor: Dr. Pam Tarkington

Welcome New Members!

The WFC extends a warm welcome to our newest members from February 2020!

- Tim Kehoe
- David Waters

WFC 2020 Election Results

Thanks to all who participated in the elections held at the Williamson Flying Club Annual Meeting last month. For those unable to attend, the current membership of the Board of Directors is:

President: Randy Christian
Vice President: Brad Roehrig
Treasurer: Bob Herloski
Secretary: Bob Clark

Director, 2018: Dick Swingly
Director, 2019: Paula Sippel
Director, 2020: Lesly Jean-Louis

We would like to extend a particular welcome to Bob Clark and Lesly Jean-Louis who are both first-time Board members!

Hangar Construction Update



Construction site for the new hangar at the Williamson Sodus Airport (Chris Houston)

Pictures speak louder than words. As we head into spring, the site for our new hangar appears to be well-prepared. This photo was taken on March 7 looking east(ish) toward the approach end of runway 28.

Aviation Quote

“Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are no signposts in the air to show a man has passed that way before. There are no channels marked. The flier breaks each second into new uncharted seas.”

Anne Morrow
Lindbergh
North to the Orient

Images by Chris Houston

I think someone forgot the “wide load” banner for this trailer.

Photographed on the ramp at Coleman A. Young Municipal / Detroit City Airport (KDET) on 23 Feb 2020.



Member Spotlight: Brad Roehrig by Chris Houston



Member: Brad Roehrig
 WFC Role: Vice President
 Ratings: PP-SEL
 Flight Hours: 200
 Joined WFC: 2017

As individuals, pilots are generally characterized as being self-motivated. Williamson Flying Club member and recently-elected Vice President Brad Roehrig certainly embodies this attribute. As a student at Empire State College, he designed his own degree program to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Math, Science, and Technology with an Information Technology (IT) focus. While working as an IT professional for Monroe Community College (MCC), he co-founded an automotive electronics company seven years ago. After buying out his partner, he left MCC to run his business full time. Is it any wonder that such a self-starter eventually found his way to the left seat of airplanes?

Like many of our members, Brad always wanted to fly. He never aspired to professional aviation, but rather wanted to fly recreationally. Initially drawn to helicopters, which

he admired for their capability to land off-airport, he discovered B.A.C. Helicopters on the field at the Williamson Sodus Airport and took an introductory flight.

On that visit to the airport, the WFC caught his attention and he realized that fixed wing flying offered better aircraft accessibility, particularly for taking trips. He also discovered a thriving club environment of pilots supporting other pilots and embarking on adventures together. On this latter point, Brad remarked that club events, "Make getting your certificate worth it." Furthermore, he felt right at home at the Williamson Sodus Airport. Well-maintained and tucked away amongst the trees, it was the kind of place where he felt like he belonged. KSDC was far from the impersonal, highly-regulated, concrete expanses of commercial airports. With all of these factors in mind, he joined the WFC in November 2017 and began flight training.

Brad flew with both Mike Bjerga and Brad Salatino, enjoying the different perspectives imparted by each instructor. After three check ride cancellations due to weather, Brad earned his Private Pilot certificate in September 2018.

Brad fondly reflects on his first significant flight post-certification, a club-organized day trip to Lake Placid in October 2018. He and member Paula Sippel shared the preflight planning and flying duties for the round trip flight to Lake Placid in N1185X.

Brad cites this as his most intense flight planning experience owing to the fact that the terrain between here and the Adirondacks offers fewer options in the event of an emergency. "It makes you more vigilant," Brad comments with respect to the terrain. He thoroughly enjoyed the planning process required to safely arrive in the Adirondacks. And "It's gorgeous," he adds, reflecting on how flying the traffic pattern around the Olympic ski jump towers makes one appreciate how tall they really are.

Also in October 2018, almost immediately after earning his private pilot certificate, Brad purchased a 2007 Cirrus SR-20. What appealed to him about the SR-20 was the modern avionics suite, a respectable cruise speed with a fixed-gear, and the well-known whole aircraft parachute. Because transition training is viewed as critical by Cir-

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The technologically advanced panel of Brad's SR-20



Paula, Brad, and Natalie in Lake Placid, 2018

Member Spotlight: Brad Roehrig by Chris Houston



Brad with his SR-20 and sisters in St Marys, PA

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rus, even purchasers of used aircraft receive three days of complementary training from the manufacturer with an emphasis on emergency procedures and decision making with respect to using the parachute. Though there are mixed opinions in the pilot community about pulling the chute versus landing out, Cirrus boasts zero fatalities for emergencies involving use of the chute. That remarkable

statistic is dependent on a minimum altitude for chute deployment. For Brad's SR-20, that critical altitude is 500 feet AGL.

In 2019, Brad accepted an interim WFC Director position due to movement on the Board. He has enjoyed learning how the club operates as a business. Considering that he has final say on everything for his own business, he found the WFC Board to be a growth opportunity, a way to hear and consider opposing viewpoints. For 2020, Brad will continue on the WFC Board as Vice President.

In addition to flying, Brad has always enjoyed the water. He has owned boats in the past and currently has jet skis that he rides

whenever he gets the chance.

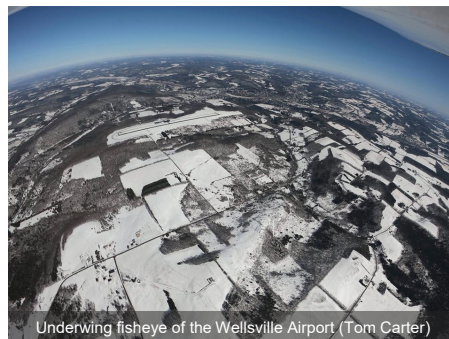
Brad and his wife, Aubrie, have a four year old daughter. Though his wife has accompanied him on a few flights, Brad is often accompanied to the airport by one or both of his sisters, Natalie and Melodie. Both of them thoroughly enjoy flying and have become well known to the WFC's Saturday morning breakfast fly-out crowd.

Be sure to say hello to Brad if you join us for any Activities Committee sponsored events. Brad is a regular participant. He'll be the one outrunning all the Cessnas and Cherokees flown by the rest of us.

Outings: Breakfast at The West Wind, St Marys, PA (KOYM), 01 Mar 2020



Terrain northeast of Dansville (Chris Houston)



Underwing fisheye of the Wellsville Airport (Tom Carter)



Run-up for departure from St Marys (Chris Houston)



Breakfast selfie! (Tom Carter)



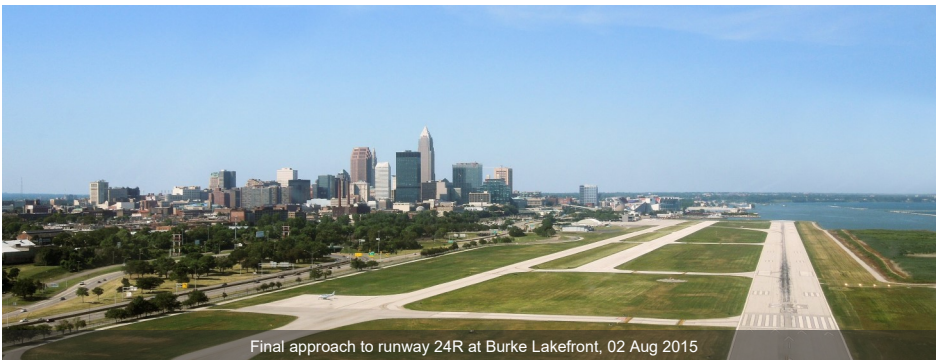
The breakfast club (Chris Houston)



Returning to the Finger Lakes region (Tom Carter)

We held our first official Activities Committee fly-out to St Marys on 01 March 2020. Nine members flew six aircraft to breakfast at The West Wind, enjoying smooth air and a clear blue sky. The best quote of the day came from Cleveland Center: "OK, I just gotta ask. What's going on in St Marys this morning?"

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston



Final approach to runway 24R at Burke Lakefront, 02 Aug 2015

Destination: Burke Lakefront Airport (KBKL), Cleveland, OH

Distance: 227 nautical miles, direct

Why It's Cool:

There are several reasons why Burke Lakefront is a worthwhile destination, starting with the airport itself. BKL is situated on the Cleveland waterfront directly adjacent to Lake Erie. The approach is stunning, performed between city skyline and lake. Landing here provides immediate, pedestrian access to Cleveland's center city. Burke Lakefront is probably the closest thing we have left to Chicago's dear, departed Meigs Field.



WFC on the ramp in Cleveland, 18 Jun 2016

Once you're on the ground, the Cleveland waterfront has a lot to offer, all within a short walk from the airport. For one, there's the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#) (link, adult admission, \$28), which I vis-

ited on my first visit to BKL in 2015 and thoroughly enjoyed it.



Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, 02 Aug 2015

Or, you can choose to explore the [USS Cod](#), a World War II era submarine originally launched in 1943 (adult admission, \$10). The Cod can be toured in 2020 starting Saturday, April 25.



WFC members board the USS Cod, 15 Sep 2018

The [Great Lakes Science Center](#) is adjacent to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame along with the associated

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Contribute to the Newsletter!

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

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

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

Newsletter@williamsonflyingclub.com

Recommended Reading



The March/April 2020 issue of [FAA Safety Briefing](#) focuses on tools available for weather assessment.

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

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WFC members on the deck of the USS Cod, 15 Sep 2018

[Steamship William G Mather](#), a 1925 Great Lakes freighter that can be explored from stem to stern. After four trips to BKL over the years, the Mather remains an elusive destination for me owing to (1) a freak fire the day before my second visit and (2) a heat advisory in effect during my third visit. (Foreshadowing: look for an Activities Committee trip to Cleveland this summer.) The Mather will be available for tours starting in May.



The remarkably elusive William G Mather, 20 Jul 2019



WFC members dining at Nuevo, 20 Jul 2019

[Nuevo Modern Mexican and Tequila Bar](#), true to its name, is a neo-Mexican restaurant on the waterfront behind the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. I've had two very enjoyable visits there, but given my pilot-

ing responsibilities, did not sample any of the tequila.

Before departing Burke Lakefront,



Who's got three thumbs and loves Cleveland? Tom Carter!

take a moment to peruse the International Women's Air & Space Museum, housed in the BKL terminal. This free museum immortalizes the contributions of many woman aviators, from the well-known likes of Amelia Earhart, to lesser known pilots like Jerrie Mock, an Ohio housewife who became the first woman to fly solo around the world in her Cessna 180. Cool stuff!



WFC members on the ramp at KBKL, 20 Jul 2019

Tips:

- BKL is a towered field underlying Cleveland's Class B airspace. If arriving VFR, be very

cognizant of this airspace. In 2015, this warning was repeated on the field's ATIS broadcast, suggesting to me that airspace busts are common.

- There is a \$7 landing fee for light, single engine aircraft that will be sent by mail.
- If you read comments on AirNav and ForeFlight, you'll find that the FBO, Signature, charges a significant parking fee unless you make a fuel purchase (current fuel price is \$6.98/gal). If you do not need fuel, these fees can be avoided by parking on the public ramp directly adjacent to the terminal building. Tell the tower where you want to park and they will direct you – generally you will be due north of the tower or farther west on the ramp. Parking spots with tie down ropes belong to the flight school and should not be used by transients.
- FirstEnergy Stadium (former Cleveland Browns Stadium) and Progressive Field (Cleveland Indians) are both close enough to the airport that Stadium TFRs may apply. If you're a user, ForeFlight does a great job of tracking active times for these. As long as you are arriving and departing directly (not doing pattern work), Lakefront Tower will authorize aircraft to pass through these event TFRs.

[Editor's note: This article is updated from a previous version that appeared in the August 2015 edition of the WFC Flyer.]

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Dan Lim on his first solo on February 11, 2020!

Images submitted by Tom Carter



A camera mounted under the wing of 55W yields some interesting perspectives, like this shadow selfie captured while on short final to runway 28 at St Marys Municipal Airport (KOYM).

Upcoming WFC and Local Events

<p>Saturday Mar 21</p>	<p>Fly-in breakfast at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum featuring the Coast Guard Auxiliary. 8:00–10:00 am. Schenectady County Airport (KSCH).</p> <p>Did you ever wonder what the Coast Guard Auxiliary does? Join us at 10 am when Flotilla Commander Chris Hoffman of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Scott Kuhne, immediate Past Commander of the Coast Guard Flotilla 15-04 discuss the history of the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the advantages of joining. When the US entered World War II, 50,000 Auxiliary members joined the war effort as Military teams. Many of their private vessels were placed into service in an effort to protect the U.S. There are presently 26,000 members who work by sea and air to ensure the public's safety.</p> <p>Fly-In if you would like. Pilots: Tower Frequency 121.3 Ground 121.9. Land at Schenectady County Airport and taxi to Richmor Aviation North. Tell them you are going to ESAM. Ask to taxi to Richmor Aviation North, tell them you're going to ESAM.</p>
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Outings: Breakfast at Country Pride, Dansville, NY (KDSV), 07 Mar 2020



WFC members on the ramp in Dansville (Chris Houston)



Preparing to depart (Dan Probst)