

# WFC Flyer



A "shopping cart" on the grass: Jim Baker's T-Craft on amphibious floats at the annual Penn Yan July 4th pancake breakfast (Chris Houston)

## Important Dates:

General Meeting  
July 14, 2022  
WFC Clubhouse

Board Meeting  
August 4, 2022  
WFC Clubhouse

General Meeting  
August 11, 2022  
WFC Clubhouse

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## Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

July 2022

### From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

Welcome to glorious July! At long last, you know it's summer when July arrives!

"Tony's" Saturday lunches continue. We need your help to conduct them if you are able to grill! Let me know if you are so inclined – we will buy the food! So far Dave Lowry, Don Baker, and Mick McKee have helped free you from my "hockey puck" burgers! On July 4th weekend, Mick McKee surprised us. In addition to the normal fair, Mick prepared "shrimp on the barbie" with his special sauce. Woohoo! He had 6 of us helping him prep the special fair. We have had several folks visit during lunch and one Saturday, long Time WFC member Kevin Malchoff flew in from Dunkirk with his newly refurbished C182 "N3491U", his Dad's former machine

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Airport lunch, Saturday, July 2



Mick McKee with shrimp on the barbie (and other good stuff!)

## Williamson Flying Club

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## Aviation Quote

“Science, freedom, beauty, adventure: what more could you ask of life? Aviation combined all the elements I loved. There was science in each curve of an airfoil, in each angle between strut and wire, in the gap of a spark plug or the color of the exhaust flame. There was freedom in the unlimited horizon, on the open fields where one landed. A pilot was surrounded by beauty of earth and sky. He brushed tree tops with the birds, leapt valleys and rivers, explored the cloud canyons he had gazed at as a child. Adventure lay in each puff of the wind.

I began to feel that I lived on a higher plane than the skeptics of the ground; one that was richer because of its very association with the element of danger they dreaded, because it was freer of the earth to which they were bound. In flying, I tasted a wine of the gods of which they could know nothing. Who valued life more highly, the aviators who spent it on the art they loved, or these misers who doled it out like pennies through their antlike days? I decided that if I could fly for ten years before I was killed in a crash, it would be a worthwhile trade for an ordinary life time.”

— Charles A Lindbergh

## From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo



Kevin Malchoff shows off the new panel in N3491U, July 2, 2022



Kevin Malchoff with his beautiful C192, N3491U on July 2, 2022

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(“Doc’s” aircraft)! WOW! Its brand new! What a machine. Somewhere, Doc is smiling!

Dave and Julie Lowry have offered to continue to BBQ dinner before our club membership meetings also!!! So come on out at 6pm prior to club membership meetings if you are hungry and looking for some camaraderie prior to the meeting.



Doc and Kevin Malchoff with N3491U, December 2012

Our Activities Committee continues to be very busy with their famous fly-outs! Great fun. If you are not able to fly yourself and want to fly out on one of these trips, let Dan Probst or Chris Houston know and they will see if they can match you up with a seat!

Chris Karpenko and the Williamson Flying Club held a celebration of life for Jake DeGroot at “Jake’s Hangar” on



Celebration of life for Jake DeGroot, Jake’s hangar, June 18, 2022

June 18. With the L-Birds sitting outside, it was well attended by over 40 folks. His calling hours were attended by over 23 WFC Club members. Thank to all who came out to pay their respects. Blue skies, Jake.

Our Grounds Committee volunteers are busy keeping our grounds looking awesome and our building committee busy bee is also hard at work keeping our hangars in shape. Great shout out to those who work tirelessly for us all without drawing attention to themselves.

Fuel prices are insane. We are doing what we can to keep our fuel costs down, but alas it is out of our hands.

We will have word on our annual WFC family picnic soon. We will once again

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## From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

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have a combined picnic and flying event this year. We are targeting Saturday, August 6th. Save the date and stay tuned more information. You may want to practice your skills for spot landing, flower bombing, ribbon cutting, and balloon popping between now and then. You may also want to work on a bombardier.

The Club Membership and the Board felt the suggestion to build a

simple pavilion in the area between the N/S taxiways; between brick building at the ASOS is a great idea! Mick McKee has suggested calling it "Tony's Grill". Mick is now working to ascertain an optimal size, materials required, cost for the materials, and an idea of what kind of talent there is within the club to make it a reality. Mike Bjerga is looking into how far away from the ASOS it may need to be. Tony's Grill may happen.

We have wrapped up our membership survey and will be in touch with those who answered and are willing to help the club! I'll be in touch!

Come on out to the club! Go flying! Or bring a chair, hang out, and grade some landings!

## Trip Report: Funner Places To Land by Jamie Oliver

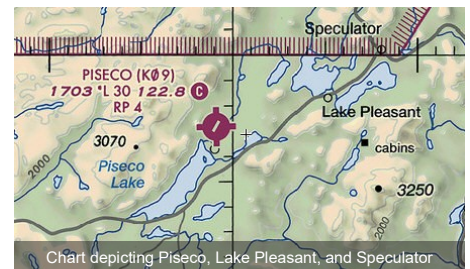
In the spirit of the WFC's newsletter column "Cool Places to Fly," I think this article has to be titled *Funner Places to Land*.

There are two annual Seaplane fly-ins in NY that are relatively close to KSDC. You can only land there with sea/float planes. The first event is at the very beginning of June in Speculator, NY, during the [Annual Speculator Seaplane Fly-In](#) at the north end of Lake Pleasant on a beautiful long sandy beach in the lower Adirondack mountains. The second one is the Curtis [Wings and Wheels](#) Seaplane fly-in in Hammondsport, NY, at the south end of Keuka Lake. This one takes place during the middle weekend of September and is open to the public. It is both a nice drive and well as flight.

The Speculator seaplane fly-in is on the very north side of Lake Pleasant about 7 NM NE from the Piseco airport (K09) that many

club members fly to. The lake is at 1770 feet elevation. The event is celebrated Friday through Sunday. This year there were 12 planes on the beach by mid-afternoon on Friday and a total of 24 planes total. It was attended by at least two WFC members, Speculator regular Barry Holtz in his awesome Grumman Widgeon and me in my Searay with long time friend and more experienced co-pilot, Wayne Roth, from Asheville, NC. This was my first adventure into the Adirondack mountains with the Searay. Most pilots fly in Friday or Saturday and stay the night at the hotels that are right at the beach. Having water around for emergency landings on the trip was an advantage but the glide ratio in seaplanes is not what you would call great and must be kept in the forefront of one's mind when traversing this region. Non-seaplanes were also welcomed into Piseco and rides were offered from the Piseco airport. There was

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## Trip Report: Funner Places To Land by Jamie Oliver



Jamie with the beached Searey

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no fuel at Piseco at this time so appropriate planning was necessary to have enough fuel to get in and out. I topped off my tank at Griffiss AFB in Rome on the way in and out of Speculator.

The Glenn Curtis “Wings and Wheels” Seaplane fly-in in Hammondsport, NY was canceled due to COVID the past two years, but is going forward this year on September 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to the public and is a show of seaplanes and classic cars along the neighboring streets of Hammondsport. Food and public bathrooms are available at Depot Park. Shops and restaurants are open and a 5 minute walking distance into town. Like any airshow, weather determines the number of seaplanes participating, but the Depot Park boat launch area can hold about 10 seaplanes. Barry Holtz and his Widgeon are regulars here and always a major draw for the crowds and inspiration for the young and old.

There are many types of planes to see at seaplane fly-ins. Common types you may see are 172/182-float planes, Seabees, Seareys, Barry Holtz’s Grumman Widgeon, and Lake Buccaneers or Lake Ren-

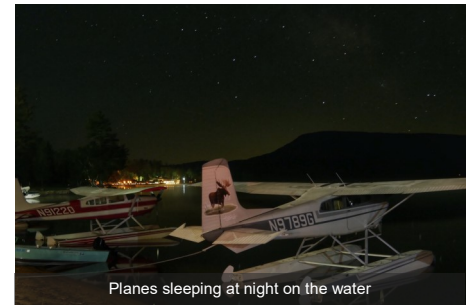


Barry securing flags on the top of the Widgeon

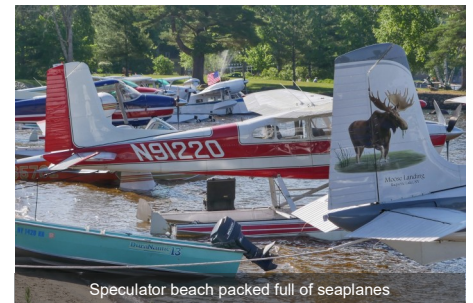
egades. In general, seaplanes are neither great planes nor great boats, but they are twice the fun of both (author’s biased opinion). Many seaplanes have high-mounted engines to keep the prop out of the water spray as water and prop blades do not go together well. Many seaplane designs have a high engine thrust-line which takes some getting used to when accelerating or decelerating as the plane will pitch down and up respectively. A note on seaplane training: many people travel to Florida and do the 3 to 4 day condensed training and pound it out fast. I elected to take it slow and do multiple lessons throughout the summer in the RAC’s 172-float plane. I had a fantastic Seaplane instructor, Scottie Burge, who was an ex-RAF fighter pilot and his enthusiasm for flying made the seaplane training the most fun flying I’ve ever done. I later had Searey crossover training to fasten down flight procedures and differences in the Searey.

I hope to see folks at the next Curtis Seaplane fly-in this September 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Planes sleeping at night on the water



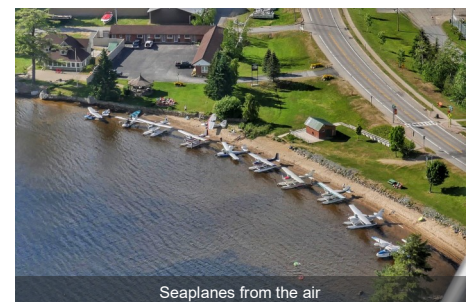
Speculator beach packed full of seaplanes



Planes from the water



Barry taxiing for take-off



Seaplanes from the air



## Fly-Outs: Penn Yan 4th of July Pancake Breakfast (KPEO), July 4, 2022



Mike Shippers, Caleigh O'Connell, and Chris Houston



A first approximation to a group photo



The breakfast hangar was open for business



A Stearman always adds class to any event it attends



An immaculate Cub



Someone gussied-up this glider for the 4th!



For many, this Stinson really stole the show



A beautiful radial on the Stinson



A Cirrus on grass? Now I've seen everything!

Several WFC members celebrated the Independence Day by embracing their freedom to fly. With the return of Penn Yan's annual 4th of July pancake breakfast, multiple aircraft from KSDC descended on Penn Yan that morning. Member sightings included Jim Baker, Mike Bebernitz and sons, Tom and Alicia Carter, Ed Ciolkowski, Chris Houston with Mike Shippers and Caleigh O'Connell, Brad Roehrig, and Brad Salatino and family. There was even a sighting of Dean Popoli, whom none of us expected to see cooking at Penn Yan! Fortunately, Ray Chapin was on hand to shoo away the non-aviators clustered around everyone's airplanes when it was time to start up and taxi out. Photos by Chris Houston and Brad Salatino.

### Recommended Reading



The July / August 2022 issue of [FAA Safety Briefing](#) focuses on the FAA's role at air shows and other aviation events.

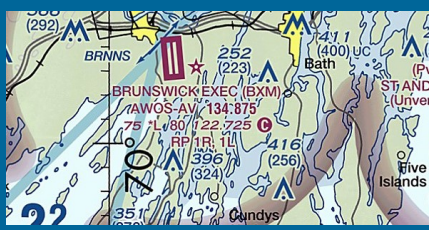
### Images by Ed Ciolkowski



Cancellation of the Montauk/Goodspeed fly-out on July 2 led to an impromptu flight to Lake Placid for a few members. Here, Dan Probst holds short in the WFCBold Warrior while Chris Houston departs Lake Placid in his Warrior II.



## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston



### Destination:

Brunswick Executive Airport (KBXM), Brunswick, ME

### Distance:

316 nautical miles (direct)

### Why It's Cool:

- Former Naval Air Station on the coast of Maine with an outstanding FBO, good food, and a brewery on site.

Brunswick Executive Airport is an excellent general aviation gateway to coastal Maine. Originally built in 1943, the former Naval Air Station Brunswick operated as a base for P-3 Orion sub hunters until 2011 when the airport was redeveloped for civilian use.

The facility still features parallel 8,000 foot long runways, though 1L-19R is permanently closed. FlightLevel Aviation is the FBO on the field. The crew at FlightLevel is very friendly and helpful. When Enterprise failed to deliver our rental, the FBO staff managed to secure a Hertz rental car for us almost immediately. What was even more impressive was that they negotiated a rate of \$39/day, which is virtually unheard of these days.

The tiedowns left over from the Naval Air Station are spread apart far enough that one of the three

straps I carry in my airplane was not quite long enough to secure the tail. The line crew at FlightLevel came to the rescue with a brand new rope to secure my airplane. Everything about the FlightLevel staff was courteous and professional. By jumping in to fix the debacle with Enterprise, they literally saved our family vacation.

Adjacent to the airport, the former base property has been redeveloped as Brunswick Landing, a mixed use development including what appeared to be a biotech manufacturing facility, apartments, restaurants, a brewery, a small air park in tribute to the P-3 Orion, and the small Brunswick Naval Aviation Museum.

[Wild Oats Bakery and Café](#) is just steps from FlightLevel Aviation. In addition to an abundance of temptingly delicious-looking baked goods, the café also produces soups, panini, and various salads. Our sandwiches were creatively composed and very tasty. We added some wonderful pesto potato salad as a side. Wild Oats was so good that, in addition to lunch on arrival, we visited again midweek for treats from the bakery, and enjoyed excellent breakfast sandwiches there the morning of our departure.

Sharing a parking lot with Wild Oats and established in the Navy's former small arms firing range is [Flight Deck Brewing](#). Full from lunch, we did not sample the pizza there, but later enjoyed the four pack of Remove Before Flight Red Ale that I picked up.

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Landing runway 1R at Brunswick (Kristy Houston)



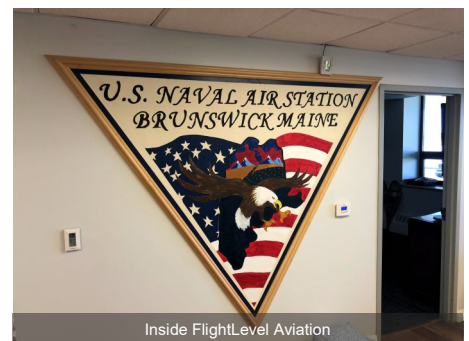
Left base for runway 19L at Brunswick



Brunswick Landing, showing Wild Oats and the P-3 Orion



Braving the gusty wind outside of Wild Oats.



Inside FlightLevel Aviation

## Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

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Across the street from Wild Oats is a small airpark with a rather immaculate (for sitting outside) P-3 Orion sub hunter on display. It's distinctive stinger tail (MAD boom) housed equipment to detect submerged submarines via magnetic anomaly detection. There was also a small Naval Aviation Museum on site, but we did not have time to visit it.

Brunswick is positioned such that Portland, Wiscasset (home to Red's, purveyors of the supposed best lobster rolls in Maine), and Boothbay Harbor (where we spent our week in Maine) were all within easy striking distance. Brunswick Executive was our launch point for a flight to Eastport Municipal Airport (KEPM), the easternmost airport in the United States located about 1.5 hours (Cherokee time) northeast of Brunswick along the tattered Maine coast. (For more about Eastport, see "Cool Places To Fly" in the [October 2020 issue](#) of the WFC Flyer.)

If you're looking for a friendly GA airport on the Maine coast with available food and beer, Brunswick Executive is a great stop!

### Tips:

- FlightLevel Aviation is located on the northeast corner of the airport. Parking for turbine aircraft is on the west side of the FBO, between the building and the runway. Parking for piston GA aircraft is on the east side of the FBO.

- Fuel is currently \$8.15/gallon (it went up by \$2/gallon after fueled-up on arrival) and is only dispensed from a truck.
- FlightLevel charges \$15/day for overnight ramp parking, but will waive a night with fuel purchase.

### Updates on Eastport, ME since 2020:

- Along the way to Eastport, check out the Navy's massive VLF (very low frequency) transmitter located near Cutler. Composed of 26 towers varying from 800–1000 feet tall, it is one of the most powerful transmitters in the world, broadcasting coded messages to submarines in the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans on 24 kHz.
- Quoddy Bay Lobster described in 2020 is now closed. Instead, we had lunch at the WaCo Diner that purports to be the oldest restaurant in Maine.





## Congratulations!



The number of Williamson Flying Club cloud-busters keeps growing! Congratulations to Tim Francisco (June 22, 2022) and Dave Perricone (June 23, 2022) on earning their instrument ratings! Stay current and proficient and those ratings will serve you well!

## Upcoming WFC and Local Events

<b>Saturday July 16</b>	<b>WFC fly-out to Basin Harbor (B06) for lunch at the Red Mill Restaurant. Turf only. Please RSVP by July 13. Rain date: July 17.</b>
Saturday July 16	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23), Cooperstown, NY. 7:30 am–11:30 am. Field is turf only.
Saturday July 23	Cortland County Airfest, Cortland County Airport (N03), 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Breakfast available 8:00 - 11:00, food trucks from 11:00 - 4:00 PM. FAA WINGS Seminar ( <a href="#">FAA Wings</a> ), Airplane and Helicopter rides all day! C-47 and BT-13 rides offered by National Warplane Museum, visit <a href="#">NWM</a> for details. Aircraft static displays, Classic Cars & Trucks, Kid's Bounce House and more!
<b>Saturday July 23</b>	<b>WFC fly-out to Luray Caverns (KLUA). Rain date: July 24. Invitations have been distributed club-wide.</b>
<b>Saturday August 6</b>	<b>WFC Airport Cookout. Details coming.</b>
Sunday August 7	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM). EAA 533 ramp. 8:00 am–11:00 am. If you taxi directly to the EAA ramp, no ramp fees will be collected.
Sunday August 7	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Whitford Airport (B16), Weedsport, NY. 7:30 am–noon.
Thursday–Sunday August 18-21	<b>FLY THE FORD TRI-MOTOR!</b> Ledgesdale Airport [7G0], Brockport, NY EAA Chapter 44 is hosting a visit by the legendary Ford Tri-Motor! Experience the thrill of riding on one of the few remaining examples of this historic aircraft. Make your reservation early, this is sure to be very popular and will likely sell out fast! Rides available Thursday from 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Friday through Sunday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. For more information please contact Norm Isler at (585) 729-4024 or visit <a href="#">Fly The Ford</a>
<b>Saturday August 20</b>	<b>WFC Fly-Out: NYC Skyline Tour! Will stop for lunch afterward. Details coming. Rain date: August 21.</b>
Saturday August 20	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23), Cooperstown, NY. 7:30 am–11:30 am. Field is turf only.
<b>Saturday August 27</b>	<b>WFC Fly-Out to Eagles Mere Aviation Museum (40PN). Details coming.</b>
Saturday August 27	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Piseco Airport (K09), Piseco, NY. Speculator Lions Club. 8:00 am–11:00 am.
<b>Saturday September 3</b>	<b>WFC Fly-Out/Drive-Out to Niagara Falls International Airport (KIAG) to the <a href="#">Commemorative Airforce Air Power History Tour</a> featuring B-29 <i>Fifi</i>, B-24 Liberator Diamond Lil, and more! Details coming.</b>
Sunday September 4	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM). EAA 533 ramp. 8:00 am–11:00 am. If you taxi directly to the EAA ramp, no ramp fees will be collected.
Saturday September 10	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Kline Kill Airport (NY1), West Ghent, NY, 8:00 am–11:00 am. Turf only. About 5 miles NE of Columbia County Airport (1B1).
<b>Sunday September 11</b>	<b>WFC Fly-Out to <a href="#">Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome</a> for the WWI dog fight airshow. Will land at Kingston-Ulster Airport (20N) and Uber/Lyft to Old Rhinebeck. More details coming.</b>
Saturday September 17	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23), Cooperstown, NY. 7:30 am–11:30 am. Field is turf only.

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