

WFC Flyer



On approach to Lake Placid on September 24, 2022 (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

General Meeting
October 13, 2022
WFC Clubhouse

Board Meeting
November 3, 2022
WFC Clubhouse

General Meeting
November 10, 2022
WFC Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

October 2022

From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

Welcome to October!

There is still some good flying weather ahead if you are working on ratings or trying to get current again!

Huge thank you to Scott and Kim Lasky for deep frying FOUR turkeys for Tony's Thanksgiving at the October end of season luncheon! A special thank you to all of those who brought side dishes as well! What a feast!

We will have to watch the aircraft sign out schedule closely. 816 is currently out for its annual and then it goes for avionics upgrades. 1DT goes in for its engine change at the end of October. Hopefully both will be back on line after

a short time, but they could be down for a couple of weeks at least.

Please remember to plug the Christmas party on December 3 into your calendars. Invitations will be distributed shortly, please be sure to RSVP to the Activities Committee so that they can get a reliable headcount.



The Activities Committee has been very active this past month and month

coming - be sure to take a look at the schedule again - especially if you are looking for a ride!!

We have a new member candidate to vote on at our up coming membership

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Williamson Flying Club

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meeting this Thursday. 17 Active Members are needed to vote! Please come out.

We will also review the coming years’ hangar leases with some subtle changes at our membership meeting as well.

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See you this Thursday!

Call for Submissions

- Have you flown someplace interesting? Maybe even someplace that we could describe as “cool”?
- Did you snap a great aviation or WFC-related picture?
- Do you have a fun flying story to share?
- Would you care to be featured in a Member Spotlight article?

The newsletter is always looking for input from WFC members. If you have something to share, let us know! Don’t want to write anything? We’ll help! Reach out to Chris Houston through a.S.o.S. if you would like to contribute to the newsletter!

Aviation Quote

“Flying a plane is no different than riding a bicycle. It’s just a lot harder to put baseball cards in the spokes.”

— Captain Rex Cramer
in the movie,
Airplane! (1980)

Images by Chris Houston

Has anyone taken advantage of the beautiful fall weather to see some color this year?



Flying over the Catskill Mountains on December 9, 2022 en route to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome. See next month’s edition for photos from ORA!

Fly-Outs: Lake Placid (KLKP), 24 September 2022



WFC members and friends in Lake Placid: Justin Gabriel, Tom & Alicia Carter, Ed Ciolkowski, Jeff Dale, Mike Bebernitz, Mike Abate, Steve and Paula Sippel, Chris Houston, Scott Lasky, Brian Smith, and Joe

Keeping our annual traditions going, the WFC headed to Lake Placid on September 24! Six SDC-based aircraft with 14 people landed at KLKP. An airport staffer commented that, whenever a large group of airplanes shows up, it's always the WFC! We enjoyed an excellent lunch with creatively named meals at [Big Slide Brewery and Public House](#), then spent some time exploring town. On the way home, Syracuse Approach complimented us on our 14 mile aircraft spacing, but we all knew that we achieved that precision through pure dumb luck. Thanks to Mike Abate for organizing this trip on behalf of the WFC Activities Committee! Photos provided by Tom & Alicia Carter, Chris Houston, and Scott Lasky.



There is nothing better than early morning airport activity on a fly-out day!



Final approach, Lake Placid, runway 32.



Alicia & Tom Carter enjoying the perfect flying day.



Mirror Lake in Lake Placid, NY.



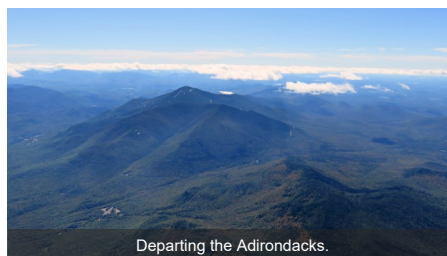
Pretty Pipers all in a row.



Whiteface Mountain makes an impressive profile.



Lake Placid viewed on departure from the area.



Departing the Adirondacks.



Scott Lasky proves that it really is possible to be taken seriously in Spandex.

WFC's Annual Thanksgiving in October, 01 October 2022



Thanksgiving? In October?

Well, sure! Why not?

A fall flight to Lake Placid is not the only WFC tradition recently enjoyed by multiple members. Our beloved tradition of Thanksgiving in October started with member Tony Alesci (see [Member Spotlight, WFC Flyer, December 2019](#)) who recognized that holding Thanksgiving in November presents a fundamental problem: it's always so cold outside! So Tony began a tradition of deep frying multiple turkeys in October and throwing a huge feast in the maintenance hangar with help from various club members.

Although Tony flew west in May 2022, Scott Lasky stepped up to perpetuate Tony's vision of tryptophan-fueled fellowship. On October 1, over forty members enjoyed an excellent – if early – Thanksgiving feast. Thanks to Scott for driving this wonderful meal and to everyone who cooked, set-up, and participated. Tony would have been proud. Photographs of the event were provided by Bob Fratangelo.

Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston



Destination:
Goodspeed Airport (42B),
East Haddam, CT

Distance:
234 nautical miles (direct)

Why It's Cool:

- Picturesque airport on the east bank of the Connecticut River.
- Adjacent to East Haddam, a quintessential New England village with good places to eat and the famous Goodspeed Opera House.



East Haddam, CT, the Connecticut River, and Goodspeed Airport

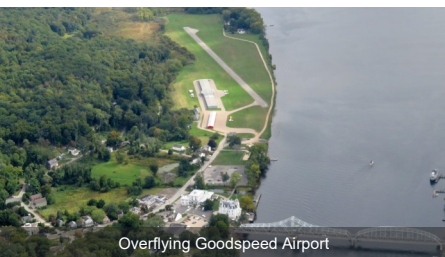
unusual approach to runway 14 over the East Haddam Swing Bridge, a relatively short 2100 foot long paved runway, 4500 feet of water for seaplane landing, and the field's sponsorship by the Recreational Aviation Foundation.

the order of 0.1 nautical miles.

As depicted in a video feature by [Matt Guthmiller](#), the airport occupies a scenic location adjacent to the quintessential New England village of East Haddam, CT. Loaner bicycles are available at the airport, but the walk into town is on

the facility boasts a flight school ([Learn2Fly LLC](#)) that bases a Piper J-3 Cub and a Cessna 172 on straight floats at Goodspeed for tailwheel and seaplane training, respectively. Non-amphibious, the Cessna needs to be backed down a ramp into the Connecticut River. Who would have thought that a flying lesson could be derailed by the instructor misplacing his pickup truck keys? Yet this was

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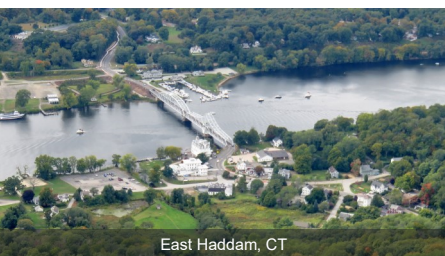
Overflying Goodspeed Airport



My Warrior parked at Goodspeed Airport



Goodspeed's distinctive red operations building



East Haddam, CT



Loaner bicycles available at Goodspeed.



Learn2Fly's Cessna 172 on straight floats

Cool Places To Fly by Chris Houston

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exactly what happened to an aspiring SES pilot while WFC member Tom Carter and I were visiting the airport.

We dined on the patio of [Gelston House](#), a restaurant and inn with an excellent view of both the river and the airport. The site was originally home to a 1736 tavern that was replaced by the current hotel structure in 1853 and named for the local Gelston family. Our food was excellent and we enjoyed watching aircraft land at Goodspeed as well as the operation of the swing bridge that allowed river traffic to pass. Across the street from Gelston House is [La Vita](#), an Italian dining option that Tom and I did not sample.

Also of note in East Haddam is the famous (at least in theater circles) [Goodspeed Opera House](#). Built by William Henry Goodspeed in 1877, the tall structure has a commanding view of the river. It was actually intended to host plays rather than

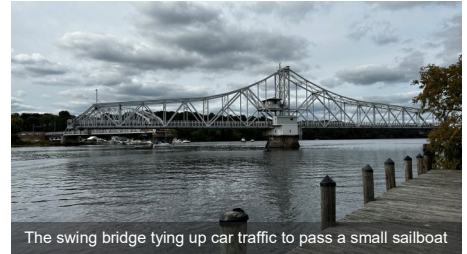
anything so highfalutin as operas. After Goodspeed's death in 1882, the building was used for various less-glamorous purposes before the state of Connecticut condemned it in 1959. A group of residents bought the property for one dollar and spent four years renovating it. Since 1963, Goodspeed Musicals has hosted acclaimed theatrical productions and launched 19 different shows to Broadway, including *Annie* and *Man of La Mancha*. For couples, a flight into Goodspeed Airport for a night of theater with a stay at Gelston House could make for a wonderful couple's weekend getaway.

Tips:

- Paved runway length is 2100 feet. Pay attention to aircraft performance.
- No fuel is available at 42B.
- A \$10 donation for single engine aircraft spending the day is requested (\$20 for overnight). Envelopes for donations are located in a box on the out-

side of the red operations building for deposit into a slot.

- For noise abatement, pilots are asked to remain over the Connecticut River until reaching an altitude of 1000 feet.



The swing bridge tying up car traffic to pass a small sailboat



Well, it does not get a lot more "New England" than that!



The Goodspeed Opera House



Gelston House viewed from the river



A Cessna 120 at Goodspeed



The Goodspeed Opera House



La Vita Italian restaurant



Gelston House inn and restaurant

Congratulations!



The past month saw WFC members achieving some impressive milestones!

A hearty congratulations go to these members for their accomplishments in the past month:

- Tom Carter (upper left) on his instrument rating earned on September 18
- Matt Martucci (upper right) on his first solo, September 24
- Eric Swart (lower left) on his first solo, September 30
- Dan Probst (lower right) on earning his instrument rating, October 5

Recommended Reading



The September / October [FAA Safety Briefing Magazine](#) focuses on the FAA's Flight Program Operations Team. Articles include:

- How to operate around an FAA Flight Check aircraft
- How FAA inspectors keep current
- Safety issues for rotorcraft pilots
- The physiological risks of fatigue

Upcoming WFC and Local Events

<p>Saturday October 15</p>	<p>WFC fly-out to Benton Airport [PA40] for the 14th annual “Fly-n and Pig Out” BBQ.</p> <p>Invitations have been distributed through a.S.o.S. Plan to arrive by 10:30 am. Lunch served at 11:00 am. CTAF will be 122.80. This is a busy event—last time we counted about 140 aircraft total.</p> <p>See the WFC Flyer, December 2019 issue, “Cool Places To Fly” article for more information about this annual event.</p> <p>Benton is 2200’ long turf runway. Grass check-out required to fly a WFC aircraft there. Contact Chris Houston with questions.</p>
<p>Saturday October 15</p>	<p>Leaf-peeper fly-in breakfast, Rutland, VT [KRUT], 8:00 am—noon.</p> <p>Rain date: October 16.</p> <p>In case of a questionable weather forecast for Saturday, please visit their website or Facebook Page after 9:00 PM on Friday (14 Oct) for a GO / NO-GO decision. Website: EAA 968 Facebook: EAA 968 Facebook</p> <p>For further information please contact Charlie North or Carolyn Haley at EAA968@vermontel.net or (802) 259-3749</p>
<p>Saturday December 3</p>	<p>WFC Christmas Party. Buntsy's Neighborhood Food & Drink. Entertainment provided by comedian Dan Viola. More details coming.</p>

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

This wraps up the 2022 flying season for the Activities Committee. Thanks to all who participated!