

WFC Flyer

Flying over central New York en route to Cherry Ridge Airport (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

General Meeting
December 8, 2022
WFC Clubhouse

Board Meeting
January 5, 2022
WFC Clubhouse

General Meeting
January 12, 2022
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Williamson Flying Club Newsletter December 2022

From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

What a great start to December!

Our snow removal equipment is ready to go, and so far it hasn't been needed! I drove through Buffalo, Orchard Park, and points South of there today and all of the snow they received two weeks ago is gone! Thank goodness for them it melted away fairly quickly before it could cause terrible damage to structures etc. I recall our own hangar collapse several years ago ([see "Flashback" in the February 2018 WFC Flyer](#)) and just feel grateful we were not faced with that epic snow here.

We had our Christmas Party last night and what a party it was! I am often

struck by how much of a family atmosphere we have within our flying club and the camaraderie we enjoy as a result. Last night mixing with the membership it was obvious to all. Several members brought their families out to enjoy the party as well. What a great club we have, it is such an honor to be part of it. The comedian livened things up quite a bit and the food was great! Huge thank you to Tammy Bebernitz, Scott

Lasky and Dan Probst for their incredible efforts to make the party such a success!!

The hangar doors are here for 6 semi-open hangars - we will start to hang

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*On behalf of the
Board of Directors,
we would like to
wish you all a
magical time with
your families*

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them sometime in the not-too-distant future. I'm sure we will be reaching out for some assistance when that time comes.

Winter will be upon us at any time. Winter is a great time to fly; smooth air, great visibility. Please brush up on your Winter preparedness for flying before you go.

The Warrior is back with its avionics upgrades and the CG is all but back to normal with the work that was done during its annual. Be sure to check it out and take it up to try it out!

Come on out to the Club and go flying! See you at the Club Membership Meeting this Thursday at 1900.

"Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year." On behalf of the Board of Directors, we would like to wish you all a magical time with your families and great Christmas Cheer! Merry Christmas!



Aviation News: Change in BasicMed Rules

The FAA is making tweaks to the rules around BasicMed. Previously, any pilot medically certified under BasicMed was unable to function as a required crew member not acting as PIC. This included serving as a safety pilot during simulated instrument flight. Although the most recent changes pri-

marily apply to medical certification for commercial balloon pilots, an amendment in the revised rule now allows required crewmembers such as safety pilots to operate under BasicMed.

[The new rule becomes effective on December 22, 2022.](#)

Aviation Quote

"With a short dash down the runway, the machine lifted into the air and was flying. It was only a flight of twelve seconds, and it was an uncertain, wavy, and creeping sort of flight at best; but it was real flight at last and not a glide."

— Orville Wright

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?

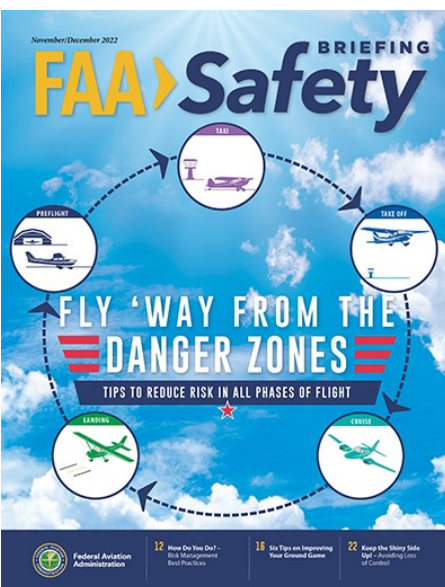
The newsletter is always looking for input from WFC members. If you have something to share, let us know! Don't want to write anything? We'll help! Reach out to Chris Houston through a.S.o.S. if you would like to contribute to the newsletter!

Annual WFC Christmas Party, 03 December 2022

The annual WFC Christmas party took place on December 3 at Buntsy's Neighborhood Food and Drink in Webster. It was a wonderful evening of great company, great food, and lots of laughs with comedian Dan Viola. Thanks to Tammy Bebernitz, Scott Lasky, and Dan Probst of the Activities Meeting for putting together this wonderful evening for the club! Photos courtesy of Bob Fratangelo.



Recommended Reading



[November / December FAA Safety Briefing](#) focuses on ways to avoid “danger zones” where accidents occur.

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

I've been writing this column for the WFC Flyer for eight years. You might be asking yourself...why?

There are three things that draw me to aviation. First is the technical skill required in planning a flight, navigating to a destination, and flying the airplane. Second is the view out the window. I love seeing the world from the aerial perspective and have been taking pictures out of airplane windows for over twenty years. And the third reason is that I like to explore new places. I enjoy the planning that goes into visiting a new airport and understanding its particular challenges such as terrain or complex airspace.

I also believe that just flying to the same places over and over again gets a little stale. By visiting new places (Reason #3), I reinvigorate Reasons #1 and #2 by taking on new technical challenges and visiting new places to photograph. Visiting new places is not only fun, but I think it expands our personal envelopes and makes us better pilots.

My goal with this column has been to inspire our membership to visit new places. Have I been at all successful? Only you know the answer to that.

Because this column has been running for so long, my goal with

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this month's column is to summarize the places I've written about over the years with updates where they have happened — the world is not a static place, after all. Entries are sorted by distance (some are closer than others) with links back

to the original articles. In some cases, I updated articles over the years, so the links point to the most recent version. My only rule for these columns is that I (or the guest author who writes it) must have actually visited the destination to offer genuine tips to new-

comers. Please enjoy and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out!

See you next year!

Destination	ID	Why It's Cool	Distance (nm)	WFC Flyer Issue
Re-Dun Field, Reading Center, NY	17NK	20' wide runway and the Awe-Ja-Magic automatic pancake maker during pancake breakfasts.	47	Jun 2019
Dansville Municipal, Dansville, NY	KSDV	Ice Cream Island and other dining options.	48	Jul 2019
Ithaca Tompkins International Airport, Ithaca, NY	KITH	Airport diner: The Legacy.	53	Nov 2022
Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport, Toronto, Ontario	CYTZ	Magnificent approach to this downtown island airport. Easy access to downtown Toronto.	102	Jun 2017
Bradford Regional Airport, Bradford, PA	KBFD	Airport diner: Runway Bar & Grill. Prime rib on Saturdays is amazing!	109	Jan 2022
Piseco Airport, Piseco, NY	K09	Beautiful airport in the southern Adirondacks, great for picnicking and hiking, annual pancake breakfast in August	115	Jan 2019
Fulton County Airport, Johnstown, NY	NY0	195 Factory specializing in Cessna 195 restoration.	123	Feb 2021
St. Marys Municipal Airport, St Marys, PA	KOYM	Update: The West Wind restaurant on the field permanently closed on August 28, 2022.	125	Feb 2015
Benton Airport, Benton, PA	PA40	Short, turf-only field with annual fly-in BBQ in October.	126	Dec 2019
William T Piper Memorial Airport, Lock Haven, PA	KLHV	Piper Aviation Museum, Sentimental Journey.	127	Jun 2018
Cherry Ridge Airport, Honesdale, PA	N30	Cherry Ridge Airport Restaurant. Update: By reservation only. Check Facebook for hours.	132	Dec 2017
Sunbury Airport, Sunbury, PA	71N	Turf runway, island airport. Update: Ross' appears to be closed without anything new reopening at that location.	141	Feb 2017
Schenectady County Airport, Schenectady, NY	KSCH	Empire State Aerosciences Museum.	142	Jul 2015
Penn's Cave Airport, Centre Hall, PA	N47	Penn's Cave, a cave that can only be toured by boat.	142	Sep 2018
Adirondack Regional Airport, Saranac Lake, NY	KSLK	Airport diner: ADK CAVU Cafe	144	Feb 2019
Dubois Regional Airport, Dubois, PA	KDUJ	Airport diner: The Flight Deck Restaurant	147	Jan 2017

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Lake Placid Airport, Lake Placid, NY	KLKP	Town of Lake Placid, mountains, and Big Slide Public House and Brewery is excellent and airport adjacent.	150	Oct 2015
Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome, Rhinebeck, NY	NY94	Living, flying museum of golden age and WWI aircraft. Fly into Kingston-Ulster Airport (20N).	163	Oct 2019
Venango Regional Airport, Franklin, PA	KFKL	Airport diner: Primo Barone's.	165	Sep 2016
Sussex Airport, Sussex, NJ	KFWN	Airport diner: Airport Diner (clever name, eh?)	165	Jan 2020
Ticonderoga Airport, Ticonderoga, NY	4B6	Fort Ticonderoga, Star Trek Original Series Set Tour.	166	Mar 2019
Port Meadville Airport, Meadville, PA	KGKJ	Diner just offsite: Eddies Footlongs.	168	Apr 2021
Grimes Field, Bethel, PA	8N1	Turf runway with the Golden Age Air Museum.	169	Nov 2014
Aeroflex-Andover, Andover, NJ	12N	Short field (1980') bounded by water on both sides, home to Andover Flight Academy.	171	Sep 2017
Basin Harbor, Vergennes, VT	B06	Beautiful grass strip next to Lake Champlain. Airport diner: Red Mill Restaurant.	173	Jul 2021
Hudson Valley Regional, Poughkeepsie, NY	KPOU	Update: Tail Winds Diner West closed and replaced by Paula's.	173	July 2018
Sky Acres, Millbrook, NY	44N	Neat terraced airport, airport diner: Hangars Café.	176	Nov 2020
Greenwood Lake, Greenwood Lake, NJ	4N1	Lockheed Constellation as a pilot's lounge. Airport diner: Smoke Shack BBQ.	177	Sep 2020
Harriman and West Airport, North Adams, MA	KAQW	Beautiful setting in the Berkshire Mountains, nice restaurant just off airport: Trail House Kitchen	177	May 2022
Reading Regional / Carl a Spaatz Field, Reading, PA	KRDG	Mid-Atlantic Air Museum. Airport diner: Klinger's.	179	Nov 2018
Essex County Airport, Caldwell, NJ	KCDW	Easy access to NYC via Uber/Lyft.	190	Sep 2019
Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, Latrobe, PA	KLBE	Airport diner: DeNunzio's	205	Oct 2016
Westfield-Barnes Regional, Westfield/Springfield, MA	KBAF	Airport diner: Tobiko Sushi	205	May 2021
Beaver County Airport, Beaver Falls, PA	KBVI	Air Heritage Museum. Check out Sal's across the street for excellent calzones!	208	Apr 2019
Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, CT	KBDL	New England Air Museum.	211	Mar 2022
Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY	KFRG	American Airpower Museum. Update: with ground transportation, the Cradle of Aviation Museum is also worth a visit!	223	Mar 2015
Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, OH	KBKL	Cool downtown, waterfront airport. Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Steamship William G Mather, USS Cod (WWII submarine). Nuevo Mexican restaurant is tasty.	227	Mar 2020

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Goodspeed Airport, East Haddam, CT	42B	Interesting grass roots airport along Connecticut River. Nearby restaurant: Gelston House.	234	Oct 2022
Frances S. Gabreski, Westhampton Beach, NY	KFOK	Airport diner: Café Volo	247	Mar 2021
Morgantown Municipal / Walter L Bill Hart Field, Morgantown, WV	KMGW	Airport diner: Ali Baba	249	Apr 2016
Alton Bay Ice Runway, Alton Bay, NH	B18	The only FAA-recognized ice runway in the lower 48. Update: Old Bay Diner closed, landing runway 1 only.	258	Dec 2021
Coleman Young Municipal Airport, Detroit, MI	KDET	Great access to downtown Detroit, great staff at AvFlight.	265	Jun 2021
Montauk Airport, Montauk, NY	KMTP	Beautiful scenery, access to fresh seafood.	266	Sep 2022
Norwood Memorial, Norwood, MA	KOWD	Great access to Boston.	269	Aug 2020
Erie-Ottawa International Airport, Port Clinton, OH	KPCW	Liberty Aviation Museum. Airport diner: Tin Goose Diner.	275	Feb 2016
Block Island, Block Island, RI	KBID	Island off the eastern seaboard. Lighthouses, beaches, hiking, seafood! Airport diner: Bethany's.	276	May 2018
Luray Caverns Airport, Luray, VA	KLUA	Luray Caverns! Update: new diner at the caverns, Heartpine Café.	281	Jun 2015
Sanford Seacoast, Sanford, ME	KSFM	Airport diner: Pilot's Cove Café.	281	Dec 2020
Marta's Vineyard, Martha Vineyard, MA	KMVY	Island off the eastern seaboard. Lighthouses, beaches, hiking, seafood! Airport diner: Plane View Restaurant.	310	Jan 2021
Brunswick Executive, Brunswick, ME	KBXM	Great access to coastal Maine. Restaurant near airport: Wild Oates Bakery.	316	Jul 2022
Nantucket Memorial, Nantucket, MA	KACK	Island off the eastern seaboard. Lighthouses, beaches, hiking, seafood! Written by Dan Adams.	335	Mar 2016
Knox County Regional, Rockland, ME	KRKD	Owls Head Transportation Museum.	353	Sep 2015
Williamsburg-Jamestown Airport, Williamsburg, VA	KJGG	Airport diner: Charly's	360	Mar 2017
Battle Creek Executive at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, MI	KBTL	Airport diner: WACO Café. Also home to WACO Aircraft.	363	Aug 2022
Kalamazoo—Battle Creek International, Kalamazoo, MI	KAZO	World-class aviation museum: Air Zoo.	377	Aug 2019
Hancock County, Bar Harbor, ME	KBHB	Beautiful scenery, Acadia National Park, seafood.	387	May 2020

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Wexford County Airport, Cadillac, MI	KCAD	Northwoods Aviation, quality instruction in tailwheel, float, and ski flying.	399	May 2017
First Flight Airport, Kill Devil Hills, NC	KFFA	Make the pilgrimage to the Wright Brothers National Memorial!	438	Aug 2018
Eastport, Eastport, ME	KEPM	Easternmost airport in the USA. Seafood. Update, Written by Tom and Alicia Carter. Update: Quoddy Bay Lobster is out of business, but seafood still available in town.	448	Oct 2020
Mackinac Island, Mackinac Island, MI	KMCD	Perfect for a couple's getaway! Distance given as overland route from SDC-FNT-MCD.	470	Dec 2018
Clinton Municipal, Clinton, IA	KCWI	Annual site of the Cessna 150/152 Fly-In. Written by Bob Robideau.	615	Nov 2017
Tullahoma Regional, Tullahoma, TN	KTHA	Beechcraft Heritage Museum.	634	Jan 2018
Jekyll Island, Jekyll Island, GA	09J	Nice family getaway destination. Georgia Sea Turtle Rescue Center.	758	Dec 2016
Moton Field, Tuskegee, AL	06A	Visit the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site. Update: Hangar 2 has reopened	762	Oct 2021
George T Lewis, Cedar Key, FL	KCDK	Shortest paved runway in Florida on a small island in the Gulf of Mexico. Dining options nearby in town.	892	Aug 2021
NASA Shuttle Landing Facility, Titusville, FL	KTTS	No landing allowed, but you can go a low pass over the massive runway that was used to recover Space Shuttles from orbit!	893	Sep 2021
Vero Beach Regional, Vero Beach, FL	KVRB	Take a tour of the Piper factory. Written by Ed Ciolkowski.	947	Mar 2018
Lake County Airport, Leadville, CO	KLXV	Land at the highest elevation public airport in the USA, elevation 9934 feet MSL.	1332	Jul 2016

