

WFC Flyer



Williamson Sodus Airport in February 2022 (Chris Houston)

Important Dates:

Annual Meeting & Elections
February 9, 2023
WFC Clubhouse

Board Meeting
March 2, 2023
WFC Clubhouse

General Meeting
March 9, 2023
WFC Clubhouse

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Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

February 2023

From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

Welcome to February:

We have been very fortunate so far this winter with warm temperatures and more flying weather than anticipated. Please do not be lulled into complacency for your winter weather flying pre-ops checks, weather briefings etc. Snow squalls can and do appear with little notice if conditions are right. Don't get caught out by not anticipating the ever changing conditions.

We will be having our first Breakfast Chairpersons meeting before our membership meeting this month on Thursday February 9 at 6pm! Please attend if you are a chairperson of one of the many

positions that make the breakfast run so smoothly! If you have interest in the breakfast, in a chairperson spot, or sub chairperson position, please feel free to come! Wayne County is celebrating its bicentennial anniversary this year so we will join in on that celebration this year with our breakfast. Any ideas of how to? Antique air planes and cars? We have a local collector of antique cars so I will be working with him.

Please send any other ideas my way.

Our annual meeting takes place this month (February 9, 7pm). We will do a membership business meeting at the start of the membership meeting which

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Williamson Flying Club

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Board of Directors

President: Bob Fratangelo
Vice President: Scott Lasky
Secretary: Paula Sippel
Treasurer: Bob Herloski

Past President: Randy Christian
Director, 2020: Lesly Jean-Louis
Director, 2021: Dick Swingly
Director, 2022: Gilead Biggie

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Reminder! WFC Elections on February 9

As a reminder, the Williamson Flying Club's Annual Meeting will be held on February 9, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Clubhouse. As announced at the January member meeting, Board of Directors candidates are:

President: Bob Fratangelo
Vice President: Dave Lowry
Secretary: Paula Sippel
Treasurer: Bob Herloski
Director: Dave Perricone

Please come out to ensure that we have a quorum so that elections can proceed! Thanks to all candidates for their engagement contributions to our club!

Aviation Quote

"Why fly? Simple. I'm not happy unless there's some room between me and the ground."

— Richard Bach,
A Gift of Wings

From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

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may run up to 30 minutes, then we will have the rest of the meeting open to guests. We will try this format again next month with a membership business meeting to start that runs 15-20 minutes then open the meeting up to guests afterward. In April, we will revisit this format with the membership to see if we continue with it or not.

With this being our annual meeting, we will also hold our elections of officers for the year. We can do this after our membership business meeting. We have a slate of officers that were nominated last month (see sidebar at left) and there were no positions with competing candidates. However, we still need to cast votes for each individual office. We will have the voting ballots color coded and each voting member will pick up their ballots from the secretary as they sign on for the meeting.

We have two new people to vote on for membership at this meeting so we need at least 17 active members to attend this meeting so we can vote

those new people in! Please plan to attend.

Fly safe! See you at the Club.

Bob Fratangelo
 President, Williamson Flying Club

A Humorous Take on NOTAMs



A recent video from the SoCal Flying Monkey YouTube channel uses a humorous approach to make some valid points about our archaic NOTAM system. Check it out [here](#).

The SoCal Flying Monkey channel was started by a filmmaker who bought a ragged-out Cherokee 6 and turned it into a showpiece airplane. His videos are interesting, educational, and funny.

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!

Cool Places to Fly: Indiana County / Jimmy Stewart Airport by Chris Houston



Destination:

Indiana County / Jimmy Stewart Airport (KIDI), Indiana, PA

Distance:

180 nautical miles (direct)

Why It's Cool:

- Nice facility with friendly staff and affordable avgas
- Riziki Café in the terminal building

When I told my daughter that I flew to Indiana, Pennsylvania, she fixed me with her cynical teenager's gaze and deadpanned, "That's just confusing." Perhaps. It's enough to make one wonder if the mascot of Indiana University of Pennsylvania should be the "Nittany Hoosier".

Indiana, PA is the hometown of beloved actor Jimmy Stewart. While familiar with his film roles, I did not know that Stewart was a pilot, nor that he earned a Distinguished Flying Cross while at the controls of a B-24 Liberator bomber over Europe. He was the first Hollywood leading man to enlist in the Army during World War II and rose quickly through the ranks from private to colonel in four brief years, ultimately retiring from the United States Air Force as a Brigadier General. He was clearly an interesting man and it is probably not surprising that the [Jimmy Stewart Museum](#) a few miles away comes highly recommended to visitors.

The airport that proudly carries Stewart's name is a beautiful, well-equipped facility with an immaculate 5,500 foot runway, reasonably priced avgas (\$6.00 / gal, reasonable for the area), and a modern terminal building featuring the Riziki Café and a cozy pilot lounge.

The fuel farm appears to be recently installed. I was initially be-

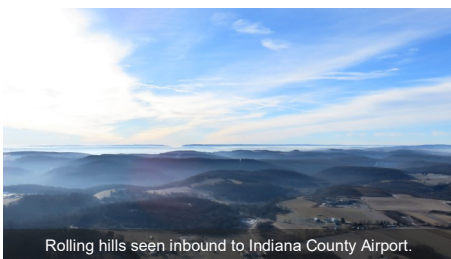
fuddled by the apparent lack of fuel hose, but then realized it was housed in a clamshell enclosure next to the credit card kiosk.

Stepping into the terminal building, I was immediately greeted by Ross (or was it Russ?) who welcomed me to the airport, showed me the lay of the land, and introduced me to Sheena who was working the counter at the [Riziki Café](#) (tagline: Percolating Hope Through Coffee).

For breakfast, the café features a full menu ranging from baked goods to breakfast sandwiches to customizable omelets and full-on breakfast bowls for those who want a little bit of everything. The staff was friendly and breakfast was excellent, right down to the side of perfectly toasted sourdough. The restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch Monday–Friday (and the second Saturday of the month) from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Naturally, there is a display about the life and accomplishments of

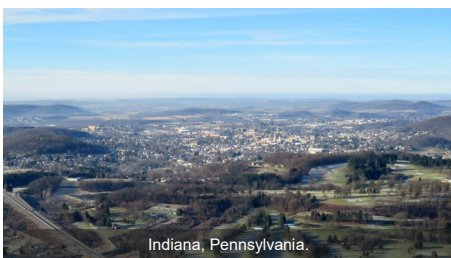
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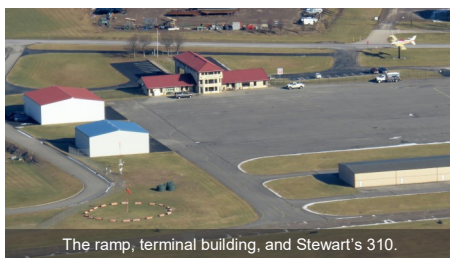
Rolling hills seen inbound to Indiana County Airport.



The Indiana County Airport has a 5500' runway.



Indiana, Pennsylvania.



The ramp, terminal building, and Stewart's 310.



Wait... where's the fuel hose?



Oh! That's a pretty good setup!

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

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Indiana, Pennsylvania's favorite son that appears intended to whet visitor's appetites for the Jimmy Stewart Museum in town. A crew car is reputedly available for pilots to visit the museum in town

Another interesting feature of the airport is a Cessna 310 serving as both gate guardian and highly unusual weathervane. [The 310 was originally owned by Stewart](#) and painstakingly restored by the EAA for its new role.



Jimmy Stewart's former 310 shows the way to land.

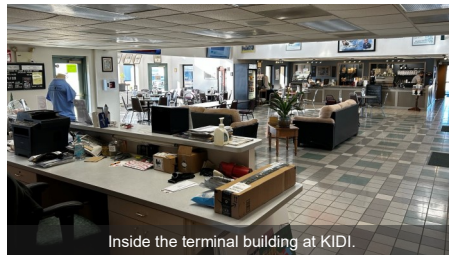


Terminal building at Indiana County Airport.

Indiana County Airport is one of those places that is a pleasure to discover and visit. It really is a wonderful life!



A portion of the Jimmy Stewart display at KIDI.



Inside the terminal building at KIDI.



Throw pillows in the KIDI pilot's lounge.

Cool Places to Fly: News and Updates by Chris Houston

- **Alton Bay Ice Runway (B18, [WFC Flyer December 2021](#)):** Due to the warm winter, volunteers managing Alton Bay have announced that the ice runway will not open for the 2023 season.
- **St Mary's Airport (KOYM, [WFC Flyer February 2015](#)):** Although pilot favorite the West Wind

Restaurant closed in August 2022, it is expected to reopen under new ownership. More details coming soon.

- **Greene County Airport (KWAY):** [A new airport diner will reportedly open in March at the Greene County Airport](#) to replace a long-standing diner that burned down in 2021.

Caught Being Good!



Kudos to Dave Perricone for his recent efforts to clean up the airport grounds! (Thanks to Chuck Mangos for catching him in the act and collecting photographic proof.)

Congratulations!



Who says there are no decent flying days in January? Congratulations to Brandon Clark for flying his first solo on January 11, 2023!