



Member Ed Ciolkowski and Stacey Platzer brought their Archer II home with its stunning new paint job on July 4 (Chris Houston)

# WFC Flyer

## Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
July 13, 2023  
WFC Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
August 3, 2023  
WFC Clubhouse

**General Meeting**  
August 10, 2023  
WFC Clubhouse

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## Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

**July 2023**

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

Welcome to July!

We held our annual club picnic last weekend (July 8) and it was well attended. Scott and Kim Lasky did an awesome job cooking for us! We miscommunicated about the flying events normally associated with our picnic so they were not held. However, we will hold them at our Open House in August that is tentatively scheduled for August 19th or possibly the 26th. The date will be nailed down this week with the Activities Committee to avoid conflicts with any fly-outs.

The goal of the Open House is to give our public another opportunity to visit the airport. No admission will be

charged, but we will need to mark off areas where the public cannot access much like we do for the breakfast. Hopefully our parking committee for the breakfast and security/sign folks are able to assist. We will need all of our members to come out to help as well. We will do some flying activities that will not require a shut down of the airport and invite food trucks to come. It would be ideal for folks with aircraft to bring their aircraft out to the lines and have them on display for folks to look at. We will ask Ray about offering helicopter rides. I'm not sure if we can offer rides ourselves a second time, perhaps with dif-

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## Williamson Flying Club

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## Recommended Reading



### Advisory Circular

Subject: Non-Towered Airport Flight Operations Date: 6/6/23 AC No: 90-66C  
Initiated by: AFS-600 Change:

- 1 **PURPOSE OF THIS ADVISORY CIRCULAR (AC).** This AC calls attention to regulatory requirements, recommended operations, and communications procedures for operating at an airport without a control tower or an airport with a control tower that operates only part time. It recommends traffic patterns, communications phraseology, and operational procedures for use by aircraft, lighter-than-air aircraft, gliders, parachutes, motorcraft, and ultralight vehicles. This AC stresses safety as the primary objective in these operations. This AC is related to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 1, § 1.1 (traffic pattern), and part 91, § 91.11 (Careless or Reckless Operation), § 91.112 (Right-of-Way Rules, Except Water Operations), and § 91.125 (Operating On or In the Vicinity of an Airport in Class G Airspace). The contents of this document do not have the force and effect of law and are not meant to bind the public in any way, and the document is intended only to provide information to the public regarding existing requirements under the law or agency policies.
- 2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This AC applies to aircraft operations operating at or in the vicinity of an airport without a control tower or an airport with a control tower that operates only part time.
- 3 **WHERE YOU CAN FIND THIS AC.** You can find this AC on the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) website at [https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/advisories/air\\_circulars](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisories/air_circulars) and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at <https://dfrs.faa.gov>.
- 4 **WHAT THIS AC CANCELS.** AC 90-66B CHG 1, Non-Towered Airport Flight Operations, dated February 25, 2019, is canceled.
- 5 **PRINCIPAL CHANGES.** This AC has been updated to reflect current procedures and best practices at airports without an operating control tower or an airport with a control tower that operates only part time.
- 6 **DEFINITIONS.**
  - 6.1 **Back-Taxi.** A term used by air traffic controllers to taxi an aircraft on the runway opposite to the traffic flow. The aircraft may be instructed to back-taxi to the beginning of the runway or at some point before reaching the runway end for the purpose of departure or to exit the runway.
  - 6.2 **Chart Supplement/Terminal Procedures.** A Chart Supplement is a publication designed primarily as a pilot's operational manual containing all airports, seaplane bases,

On 06 June 2023, the FAA released updated Advisory Circular [AC-90-66C](#), "Non-Towered Airport Flight Operations." The document focuses on best practices for traffic patterns and communications for safe operation at non-towered airports.

## Aviation Quote

"Flying has torn apart the relationship of space and time: it uses our old clock but with new yardsticks."

— Charles Lindbergh

## From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

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ferent pilots. Alternatively, we might we sell orientation flights – TBD. We could have Bill Black coordinate another kids event, invite cars, and of course we will have fun. The event would run from 1000 to 1400 with flying events (landing contest, tractor bombing, candy drop) around 1230. Any additional input, suggestions, or feedback would be appreciated. Please send me your thoughts.

We need some folks to volunteer to cook a Saturday lunch for the next few weekends through mid-September. If you can do a Saturday please let me know!

The weather has been great, and there will be more so come on out and go flying! See you there.

## In Memoriam, Pamela Tarkington, MD by Bob Fratangelo

Dr. Pam Tarkington passed away on 17 June 2023. She is survived by her spouse, Peggy Proseus. She suffered from an illness for some time and was a very private person. She was an FAA Medical Examiner and many members received their FAA physicals from her. Pam was also a past President of the WFC and tremendous supporter of many events, especially the annual pancake breakfast. She often funded portions of our lunch on the Saturday before the breakfast and supported other aspects of our club business through the years.

Germany, his father a German of Jewish descent. His parents attend college outside of Germany (his father becoming a doctor) and when they returned home to Germany they were denied entry because of his father's Jewish heritage. His parents immigrated to South America and eventually to Krogen, NY where his father practiced medicine. Eventually, Bill's father moved the practice to Rochester and ultimately sold it to Dr. Pamela Tarkington!

20 years or so ago she was on the WFC board and I was conducting an FAA safety seminar that included runway safety. When she learned that the Tenerife accident would be covered in the seminar, Pam told me she couldn't attend despite her position on the board. She lost her husband and son in that horrible accident between two 747's. I never held that seminar again at WFC out of respect for her.

Pam did much for the Williamson Flying Club and its members as both a board member and an aviation medical examiner. She will be sincerely missed. Blue skies, Doc!



Pam Tarkington (center of frame at the grill) helping with lunch during the pancake breakfast set-up circa 2009.

## Fly-Outs: Grove City Airport, Grove City, PA (29D) - 04 June 2023



WFC members Tom Carter, Chris Houston, Mike Abate, Sean Booher, Caleb Schulman, and Dan Probst at Grove City, PA (29D).



The WFC fleet at Grove City.!



Preparing to depart Grove City.

On 04 June 2023, six members flew to Grove City, PA (29D), successfully avoiding skydivers, and enjoyed an excellent lunch at the TimberCreek Tap & Table (See “Cool Places to Fly”, [WFC Flyer June 2023.](#)) Photos provided by Chris Houston and Dan Probst.

## ROC Tower - 10 June 2023



Chris Houston of the WFC Activities Committee arranged for 15 members to tour the Rochester air traffic control facility including the tower and TRACON on June 10. Thanks to Dave Wilson, FAA Air Traffic Manager for hosting us! Photo by Chris Houston.

## Fly-Outs: Ice Cream at Dansville (DSV) - 15 June 2023



Thanks to Dan Probst and Gilead Biggie from the WFC Activities Committee for organizing the first ice cream run of 2023 on 15 June 2023! This well-attended fly-out included 19 people in 8 aircraft!

## Legislative Update on Privately-Owned Reliever Airports by Bob Herloski

Since the FAA Asset Reports were issued in 2012 and 2014, approximately 21 privately-owned reliever airports across the US in National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) have been made unclassified. Eleven (11) of these airports are located in New York State. Note that this represents 14% of all 77 NPIAS airports in NYS. Of particular interest, one of the affected privately-owned airports is the Williamson-Sodus Airport, home to the Williamson Flying Club.

Being unclassified severely limits the AIP (Airport Improvement Program) funding available to these airports, even though they have been full members of NPIAS since the 1990's and have signed FAA grant assurances for previous grants guaranteeing continued operation as an airport.

The FAA defines unclassified as

### Section 640 of the Senate Bill on Certain Unclassified Airports

21 SEC. 640. SPECIAL RULE FOR RECLASSIFICATION OF CER-  
22 TAIN UNCLASSIFIED AIRPORTS.  
23 (a) REQUEST FOR RECLASSIFICATION.—  
24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September  
25 30, 2024, a privately owned reliever airport (as de-

For those interested in the details of the proposed legislation, [this link](#) will take you to a copy of Section 640 of the Senate bill pertaining to unclassified airports.



Group from NATA (including Bob Herloski) visiting House T&I Committee Chairman Graves in his committee room in Washington DC on June 21.

"Currently in NPIAS but with limited activity". However, these privately-owned reliever airports all have based aircraft well in excess of the 10 or 15 aircraft needed to be classified "Basic" or "Local" if they were publicly-owned.

Through the multi-year efforts of Sen. Schumer, former Rep. Katko, Rep. Tenney, Rep. Molinaro, Rep. Ryan, and their staffs, as well as support from NYAMA (New York Aviation Management Association) and NATA (National Air Transportation Association), legislation has been introduced into the House (H.R. 3935 as amended) and Senate (S. 1939) Committee versions

of the 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act. This legislation would provide all privately-owned reliever airports a path to become classified as "Local" or "Basic", and hence become eligible for full AIP funding, including NPE (non-primary entitlement) funding. These 2023 FAA Reauthorization Act(s) still need to be passed by their respective Houses, submitted for reconciliation, and then passed on to and signed by the President, before becoming law. Note that the current FAA reauthorization expires Sept. 30, 2023.

## Member Spotlight: Dave Perricone by Chris Houston



Member: Dave Perricone  
 Ratings: PP-SEL, IFR  
 Hours: 350  
 Aircraft: 1968 PA-28R-180  
 Joined WFC: 2012  
 WFC Roles: Director (current),  
 Activities Comm. (past), Aircraft  
 Planning Comm. (past)

As of 2023, Dave Perricone became the WFC's newest Director on the board. Soft-spoken and a man of few words who shuns the spotlight, it may surprise casual acquaintances to learn that Dave has lived quite a life of adventure. A multilingual physician, instrument-rated pilot, scholar, bee keeper and local honey mogul, Harley aficionado, marathoner and citizen of the world: Dave has quite a story to tell.

That story begins in Vestal, NY. As a child, Dave would gaze in wonder at the majestic aircraft maneuvering over the Tri-Cities Airport during airshows. The aircraft represented a dream that seemed close enough to touch just on the other side of the Susquehanna River from home. Dave's journey would take him partway around the world before returning to New York and

metaphorically crossing that river by learning to fly.

After college, wanderlust set in for Dave. He earned an undergraduate degree in Biology from Fordham University in the Bronx before setting his sights on places more exotic than New York City. He moved to central Italy where he studied Italian language and history at the University of Perugia. Situated roughly partway between Florence and Rome, the University was founded in 1308 and is one of the oldest in Italy.

Moving northwest to the Italian Riviera, he studied microbiology and biochemistry at the University of Genoa. There, he met his first wife. The couple lived for a time in Switzerland before his wife, a native of Norway, persuaded Dave to apply for medical school at Norway's University of Trondheim (currently called the Norwegian University of Science and Technology). At the time, Dave did not speak, read, or write Norwegian and his wife had to fill out the application for him. Once accepted, Dave jumped into the deep end of the language pool to ultimately earn his medical degree.

After graduation, Dave's served as a general practitioner in a small town at the edge of a fjord. As a rural country doctor with the nearest hospital 1.5 hours away, Dave was very much on his own. He made house calls to tiny dairy farms. He served as town coroner on weekends. He grins as he recalls two farmers who drove a converted Dodge Ram as an ambulance. "They loved me because I

was an American and they loved Dodge."

Ultimately, Dave decided that he wanted to work in Pediatrics and departed the bucolic setting of fjord-adjacent Norwegian dairy farms in 1985 to start a residency at the University of Rochester.

In total, Dave practiced medicine for 33 years and was a well-regarded Pediatrician in Rochester for most of that time. He retired a few years ago to focus on raising his two young sons with wife Jamie. Four older children from his previous marriage have made him a grandfather nine times over!

When asked about how he finally started flying, Dave pauses to preface the story he is about to tell with a disclaimer: it's complicated.

Most pilots can recall a moment when they knew they were hooked. A critical part of Dave's story is how intrigued he was by another pilot's origin story. Paul Rowe flies out of Canandaigua and Dave met him in the 1990s when Paul moved into his neighborhood. Paul explained to Dave that he got into flying while attending a party in the Adirondacks. He overheard someone say that he was selling an airplane for \$7500. Astounded by such a modest sum, Paul stopped the speaker and asked if the plane actually flew. He was assured that it did. Not long after, Paul bought the Cessna 152 with money he originally budgeted for storm windows. The seller's brother was Bob Harwood who owned the now defunct Airtrek airport in Waterloo,

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NY. Bob taught Paul how to fly.

Utterly fascinated by this story, Dave followed suit and took a handful of lessons in a C-152 with Bob Harwood in Waterloo.

The final push came from Dave's next door neighbor, WFC member, and endlessly enthusiastic aviator Don Henry (see [Member Spotlight, January 2020](#)). Don pushed Dave to join the Williamson Flying Club, which he did in 2012.

Dave trained with Mike Bjerga and became close friends with fellow flight student John Clingerman. The two would quiz each other on aeronautical facts over soup at Panera Bread. This is what Dave truly enjoys about the WFC. He had never been part of a club before and deeply appreciates the camaraderie, meeting great people, and making new friends. Dave earned his certificate in 2014 at the controls of N6437R, a Cherokee 140 that the club sold shortly thereafter.

In 2019, Dave was talking with Ray Chapin in the BAC Services hangar when he learned that long time member Jesse Zeck was selling N4598J, the 1968 Piper Arrow that he had owned since 1987.



Dave with 98J and his youngest sons.

The Arrow had a long history at KSDC, having been flown from New York to Alaska at least twice by Jesse. Ray confirmed that it was a solid, well-maintained aircraft and Dave made the purchase. The airplane even came with a hat. With the recent loss of Jesse (March 2023), Dave is proud to keep the Arrow at the Williamson-Sodus Airport where it belongs. After some avionics upgrades, Dave earned his instrument rating in 98J in June of 2022.

Dave highlights a number of favorite flying trips since earning his private pilot certificate. He recalls exploring northeastward along the St Lawrence with John Clingerman and landing at Massena to enjoy a pancake breakfast served with real maple syrup! He once visited Grand Canyon Airport (N38 in northern PA) with Don Henry and was amazed at how the terrain drops away from the departure end of runway 28. On another adventure with Don Henry, Don pulled the power on the Arrow. This was not because they were in a training situation, but because Don wanted to check Dave's situational awareness. (Once a CFI, always a CFI.) Finally, he reflects fondly on a 2016 flight to Cleveland's Burke Lakefront Airport (KBKL) in Chris Houston's airplane when the Activities Committee organized a visit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and the USS Cod, a WWII submarine.

Dave is also the proud owner of a Harley Fat Boy Lo 2010 and enjoys riding to rallies like the annual event in Laconia, NH ("The Sturgis of the East") with friends.

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Rob Langenbahn, Dave Perricone and John Clingerman at Puddle Jumpers at the Oswego Co Airport in 2015.



John Clingerman and Dave Perricone with N1185X at an Elmira fly-in pancake breakfast in 2015.



Dave at Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, OH in 2016.



Dave exploring a WWII era submarine in Cleveland, OH on a WFC Activities Committee trip in 2016.

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His affinity for things that fly and buzz extends to smaller things than Cherokees. Dave has been a beekeeper since the 1990s and even sells his own honey under the label: “Dr Dave’s Apiary Pure Raw Honey”. Dave’s honey can be found for sale at the Caribbean Forest aquarium store in Rochester. It may seem an odd pairing, but Dave also has aquariums and knows the owners well. They delight in offering local wares to their customers, even products that are not particularly aligned with the store’s main focus.

But wait...there’s more! Dave served in the Air National Guard 107th Air Refueling Wing based in Niagara Falls after 9/11. He served three years as physician there and was honorably dis-

charged as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Dave has even run a marathon at Disneyworld.

Despite such an impressively adventurous life story, Dave seems to revel in the little things. At the Williamson Flying Club, he can often be found cleaning up the maintenance hangar, mowing the lawn, and tidying the grounds and landscaping. “The things people don’t pay much attention to,” Dave says before describing how many of the culverts around the airport property are choked by cattails or how the fencing is being overcome by vines. Dave is on a mission to reclaim our beautiful airport from the ravages of Mother Nature.

From country doctor servicing Norwegian dairy farmers to airport landscaper and all the adventures



Removing cattails at SDC. Photo by Chuck Mangos.

in between, Dave’s story is pretty remarkable. It is even more remarkable when told in Dave’s quietly self-effacing manner.



Dave goofing around at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 2016



Dave with the WFC in Cleveland in 2016.

## Congratulations!



Congratulations to Stu Blount on earning his Private Pilot certificate on 22 June 2023!

## Upcoming WFC and Local Events

Saturday July 15	WFC Fly-Out to Cleveland, Burke Lakefront (BKL). See WFC Event Calendar for details. Contact Chris Houston with any questions.
Saturday July 15	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Empire State Aerosciences Museum at the Schenectady County Airport (KSCH) 8:30 am - 10:30 am. At 10:00 am, a member of the Hubble Space Telescope project will present on their work. Fly-in pilots should part at Richmor Aviation North and tell them you are going to ESAM.
Saturday July 15	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23, turf only), 7:30-11:30 am.
Sun—Tues July 30-Aug 1	WFC Fly-out to Tangier Island (TGI) and on to First Flight Airport (FFA) with possible excursion to Ocracoke Island (W95). See WFC Even Calendar for details. Contain Dan Probst or Chris Houston with any questions.
Sunday August 6	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Whitfords Airport (B16), 7:30 am-noon.
Sunday August 6	Fly-in pancake breakfast hosted by EAA 533 at the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport (KELM). 8:00 am—11:00 am. Park at the EAA 533 hangar.
Saturday August 12	WFC Fly-Out to Put-In Bay, OH (3W2). Details coming.
Saturday August 12	Fly-in pancake breakfast at Bradford County Airport (N27), 8:00 am—10:00 am.
Sat-Sun August 12-13	Rochester International Airshow. See <a href="#">link</a> for details.
Saturday August 19	Tentative date for WFC Airport Open House. Details coming.
Saturday August 19	Fly-in pancake breakfast, Cooperstown-Westville Airport (K23, turf only), 7:30-11:30 am.
Saturday August 26	WFC Fly-Out to Castle in the Clouds near Moultonborough, NY (4MB). Details coming.
Saturday August 26	Annual Richard Newell / Speculator Lions Club fly-in pancake breakfast at Piseco (K09). 8:00 am—11:00 am.