

# WFC Flyer



Dawn at the Williamson Sodus Airport, 26 December 2023 (Chris Houston)

## Important Dates:

**General Meeting**  
January 11, 2024  
WFC Clubhouse

**Board Meeting**  
February 1, 2024  
WFC Clubhouse

**Annual Meeting & Elections**  
February 8, 2024  
WFC Clubhouse

## Inside This Issue:

- President's Desk, p1
- WFC Elections, p3
- Cool Places to Fly, Cherry Ridge, p4

## Williamson Flying Club Newsletter

## January 2024

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

Welcome to January!

We have been fortunate with milder weather so far, but it is starting to look like winter this month!

If you have interest in helping us move snow at the airport, please let Mike Bjerga know.

Elections are coming up at the **Annual Meeting on February 8**. The Nominating Committee will nominate anyone who offers their services for a board position and meets the criteria to run for office. You can ask the Nominating Committee who has offered to step forward for which office so far, if interested. There may be some contests as a result of nominating everyone who offers to run, but that's

ok, we are a democracy after all. Lets allow the membership to choose who they prefer in office. If you are interested in pursuing an office, reach out to any

member of the Nominating Committee. For this year, the committee is Bill Bach (chair), Mike Abate, and Chris Houston.

The By-Law Committee has been hard at work reviewing our by-laws and will have recommendations for us at our next meeting to

review and then vote on at the subsequent meeting. Please attend this week's meeting to learn about these proposals!



*(Continued on page 2)*

## Williamson Flying Club

Williamson-Sodus Airport (KSDC)  
5502 State Route 104  
Williamson, NY 14589

Find us on the web at:  
[www.williamsonflyingclub.com](http://www.williamsonflyingclub.com)

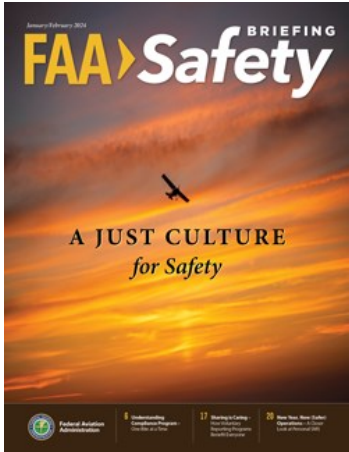
## Board of Directors

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

Director, 2021: Dick Swingly  
Director, 2022: Gilead Biggie  
Director, 2023: Dave Perricone

Contact: [bod@williamsonflyingclub.com](mailto:bod@williamsonflyingclub.com)

## Recommended Reading



The January / February 2024 edition of [FAA Safety Briefing](#) magazine focuses on the FAA's Compliance Program and how its foundational concepts have helped advance a "just culture" within the general aviation community.

## From the President's Desk by Bob Fratangelo

*(Continued from page 1)*

Dave Perricone and Don Baker have been hard at work replacing lighting that has been out for some time – we can actually see at night around the airport and coming in and out of the

driveway! Thanks for all your hard work Dave and Don!

We have several new members to vote on for membership at our upcoming meeting this Thursday. Please come so we can vote in these new members!



Evening at the Williamson Sodus Airport during the balmy days of fall, 2022 (Chris Houston).

## Aviation Quote

"One can get a proper insight into the practice of flying only by actual flying experiments. The manner in which we have to meet the irregularities of the wind, when soaring in the air, can only be learned by being in the air itself."

— Otto Lilienthal, 1896

Name	Address	Distance	Phone	Directions	Comments	Last
Country Club (golfcourse)	Corwinville Montpelier	6252	48	SW	Short walk, other side of the interstate. Also Big Sky restaurant nearby comes recommended.	2021-05
Joe's Great Island	Corwinville Montpelier	6252	48	SW	Across the street. Big Sky parking lot. Tremendous selection of hand dipped ice cream!	2021-05
The Legends	(Wawa, Dunkin', etc.)	6252	53	SSE	Nearest cafe in the terminal. Basic terminal lunch counter. OK. If not willing to be stuck in front of the airport. Good food. Friendly staff. Clean establishment. Also the airport restaurant is a little noisy and comes highly recommended for food items. Friendly service and good prices. \$3 handling \$3 parking fee. Crew car available.	2022-10
Joe's & Paul's SuperDip	Morgan's Falls, Inc.	6262	80	WSW	Small restaurant right at the end of the runway. Food is basic but nice but really adequate. If the weather is nice the outdoor seating is quite pleasant. Fuel is a convenient location.	2021-05
Linda's Bar & Grill	Greene Airport	682	81	SE	Right across the street from the airport. Fuel only. Greasy option.	2021-02
Kate's Tea in Statecourt	Greene Valley Airport	100	92	SW	Cafe with typical breakfast fare, great snacks.	2021-02
American Colony	Greene	342	94	SE	I think this is still open anyway.	2021-02
Smiths Family Restaurant	Bradford Cts.	542	95	SSE	Appears to be still open and Perry's the clean right next to the turf.	2022-12
Smiths & Smiths	Bradford Cts.	542	95	SSE	Excellent restaurant in the FBO.	2022-12
The Runway, Bar & Grill	Bradford Cts.	542	100	SW		

In search of someplace nearby to fly for food? Click on the list at left for a directory of options sorted by distance from KSDC. This list was created and curated by Dan Probst and Chris Houston. Help us keep it current by sending comments, updates, or additions!

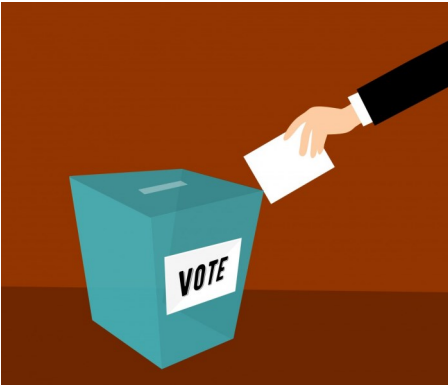
## Call for Submissions

- 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!



## WFC Election and Eligibility by Paula Sippel



Elections for the Williamson Flying Club's Board of Directors will be held at the club's annual meeting on **February 8, 2024**. The roles of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary will be open. These roles have a one year term. A single Director seat will also be open for a 3 year term.

The Bylaws require that, at the January regular meeting (January 11, 2024) held one month prior to the Annual Meeting (February 8, 2024), the Nominating Committee shall make a report on nominations for officers and directors. Immediately following the recommendation of the Nominating Committee at the January member meeting, additional nominations from the floor will be made.

Eligibility rules are straightforward: any Active or Permanent member who is in good standing and has attended at least six of the previous twelve General Membership meetings (50%) is eligible to run for any of these positions. Club instructors are excluded from eligibility. No member shall hold the office of president for more than two consecutive terms. All other officers are eligible for re-election.

A majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting shall be necessary for election. In addition, anyone defeated for one office at the Annual Meeting may be re-nominated at the Annual meeting for another office.

A list of eligible members follows. There are still two more opportunities (January, and February) to attend meetings toward eligibility.

The following members already meet or exceed the eligibility requirements:

- Caldwell, Gary
- Clark, Robert
- Englund, Frances
- Foti, Ron
- Fratangelo, Bob
- Fuller, Jack
- Herloski, Bob
- Lowry, David
- Mangos, Chuck
- Mehserle, Eric
- Perricone, David
- Rohner, Bonni-Jean
- Sims, Duane
- Sippel, Paula
- Snyder, Steve
- Weiner, Howard

The following members have attended 5 meetings and need to attend one additional meeting in either January or February to be eligible:

- Houston, Chris
- Isbell, Tim
- Swingly, Dick
- Laskey, Scott

The following members have attended 4 meetings and need to attend the next two meeting, January and February to be eligible:

- Bach, Bill
- Black, William
- Spang, Mike

## 2023: The Year That Christmas Came Early!

For the December member meeting of the WFC, a mysterious parcel appeared in the clubhouse, bedecked — cloaked, really — in seasonally-appropriate attire.

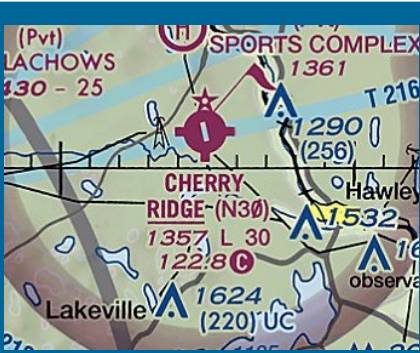


On opening, it was revealed to be a new throne for the one of the restrooms, tall enough to be fit for a king! (Perhaps a tall kind who may or may not have bad knees.)

Frances Englund raised the obvious question: what about a new throne for the other restroom?

Do we have any other “secret Santas” out there?

## Cool Places to Fly: Cherry Ridge Airport (N30) by Chris Houston



**Destination:**  
Cherry Ridge Airport (N30),  
Honesdale, PA

**Distance:**  
132 nautical miles (direct)

**Why It's Cool:**

- Great setting for the Cherry Ridge Airport Café
- One of the closest airport diners to KSDC

ramp and runway. Outdoor seating is available during the warmer months of the year. At 132 miles from KSDC, it is one of the closest airport diners available to WFC members.

Since 2006, I have seen the restaurant change hands twice, most recently in 2022. The new ownership still serves up great food at reasonable prices. Some members may recall that the previous owners required reservations after the pandemic; this is no longer the

case under the new ownership. The Café is open Thursday–Monday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm, though verifying hours before arrival is wise (570-253-5517).

**Tips:**

- The eastern edge of the parking ramp is sloped toward the runway. Your airplane will roll off the pavement without appropriate use of chocks and/or a parking brake!
- Self service fuel is available at \$5.19/gal.



WFC members inside the Café in 2019.



Cherry Ridge airport ramp in September 2000.

Cherry Ridge has long been known as a popular \$100 hamburger destination in the northeast. The field is in a rural area of northeast Pennsylvania, sited about 24 nautical miles northeast of Wilkes-Barre / Scranton International Airport (KAVP).



The Cherry Ridge Airport Café



WFC members and aircraft at Cherry Ridge in 2022

The airport features a north-south oriented runway (18-36) measuring 2986 x 50 feet. However, there are displaced thresholds on both ends that shorten the landing distance and it is important to be on airspeed to avoid landing long. Avgas is available, presently compellingly priced at \$5.19/gallon.

My first visit to [Cherry Ridge Airport Café](#) was in August of 2006. The cozy diner occupies the second floor with a wonderful view of the



Aerial view of the Cherry Ridge Airport looking toward the southeast