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### Important Dates:

#### General Meeting

May 11, 2006  
7:30 PM at the Club-  
house

#### Board Meeting

June 1, 2006  
7:00 PM at the Club-  
house

#### Fly-In Breakfast

Setup: May 20

#### Breakfast

May 21, 2006

#### Fly-In Breakfast Committee Chair Meeting

Our next meeting for all co-committee chairpersons will be on Thursday, May 11th at 6:00 P.M. in the clubhouse, just prior to the monthly general meeting. All Committee Chairpersons are requested to attend this meeting. Contact Bill Bach or Bob Fratangelo with any questions.



*Celebrating 50 Years  
1956-2006*

*"To know where you are, you need to know where you've been." May is WFC's 50th Year.*

## 50th Anniversary Banquet Full of History and Honors

In April, 1956, five men gathered in a living room to file a flight plan for a dream. That dream was a flying club, formed in a way so a few could pool their resources to buy a plane and



pursue one interest they had in common: flying. On April 28th, 2006 at the Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club, there was a banquet celebrating the Williamson Flying Club's 50th Anniversary. It was as much an evening full of history as it was a time to honor the folks who founded the organization, and those who have dedicated at least a part of their lives to guiding the club through

flying from a grass strip at the cost of \$4.00/hour to over 150 members and a fleet of aircraft. Our members, from all walks of life, still share that one common interest—flying. And it is flying that brought 128 members and spouses to the banquet on that Friday evening. We honored the founding members, Harold Ensman, Richard Woodward, Jake DeGroot, John Andrus and LaVerne G. Barnum. We also took this opportunity to honor all the officers of the club since those early days. Those officers were critical in providing the necessary "flight following" that the original flight plan called for. Also honored were folks who may not have been officers



but still shared their skills and talents over the years. There are clichés such as "we can only see where we're going because we stand on the shoulders of giants". While that may be true, it's also true that in order to know where you are, you need to know where you've been. The 50th Anniversary Banquet was the perfect opportunity for us, as members, to look at where the club has been. It makes it so much easier to appreciate what we have, and where we are.

## Pancake Breakfast Just Days Away

Our pancake breakfast is just around the corner! The preparations are going well. All members should have received their tickets. Set up will be Saturday morning, May 20<sup>th</sup>. I encourage everyone who can help to be there. On Sunday parking for club members will be in the area behind the clubhouse to the West. You must be there before 6:30 A.M. when we will close the entrance. If you arrive after 6:30 A.M. you will have to enter off Centinary Road and park in that area instead.

Once you arrive at the field stop into the clubhouse to check in so we know who is here, pick up your nametag and check for any possible last minute assignment changes. We are looking forward to successful event especially since this is the club's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I hope to see you there. If you have any questions please contact me.

Bill Bach  
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## A Special Thank You

At the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, I was recognized for my accomplishments over the last 15 years as Project Director for the airport. I could not have achieved these goals without the dedication and assistance of Wes Somerville, who acts as project treasurer for all of the projects that have developed our airport from a small gravel strip to its current status. There are several ongoing projects yet to be completed.

Wes also spent countless hours at meetings with local, state and federal officials as well as engineers and contractors on each project. He is instrumental in guiding projects through local, state and federal political processes in order to receive requested funding. Thank you, Wes. I'll always be indebted to you for your tireless efforts.

- Jack Fuller

## Next Month

Next month, there will be a new newsletter feature. As of now, this feature will be called "Destinations", for which I'm soliciting WFC Club member submissions. Tell us a story of someplace interesting you've flown. Include pictures with your story. Send your tales and pictures to:

joebert@verizon.net

Also, look for other features each month as we become more electronic-savvy!

## Flight $R_x$ by Dr. Pam Tarkington

### Blood Pressure

Of late, the FAA has gotten very interested in hypertension. If you are newly diagnosed or are taking a new medication for this since your last FAA medical, you will have to bring certain documents to your AME. You will need a letter from your treating physician with three normal blood pressure readings within the last 30 days. In addition, you will need a report of lab studies of your cholesterol, fasting glucose and, if you take a diuretic (water pill) of your electrolytes

(something called a SMA7). The letter from your physician must state what medication you are on, the dosage and if there are –or are not– any side effects.

A cardiovascular evaluation is also required (this can be done by your physician) to include relative family and personal history, a risk assessment for cardiovascular disease, a physical examination and a resting EKG.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

## “NOTAMS-L”

On May 10, at 1:00 pm, “Upstate Maintenance” will be cleaning and waxing the floors of the clubhouse. This is a 4-5 hour process and is done once a year. Please use extra caution when entering or moving around the clubhouse that day, as the floors will be extremely slippery.



## Treasurer's Report by Bob Herloski

Well, this is it - the first month of full electronic billing for those who have chosen it. This column is being written before I have fully debugged the full electronic billing process, so please bear with us this month. If all goes well, those members who have expressed a preference for email billing, or did not tell me a preference and have an email address on file, will receive two emails the weekend before the general membership meeting. One email will contain a pdf file of the monthly invoice, and the other email will contain a pdf file of the monthly statement. The text of the email note with each attachment will contain a link to the current newsletter. Those members who have a US Mail preference will receive a print copy of the newsletter, and a print copy of their monthly invoice. If you either received email billing by error, or received US Mail billing by error, please let me know so I

can correct it.

As a reminder to all members, billing consists of two different pieces of information - the monthly invoice, and the monthly statement. The monthly invoice details the charges accrued by a member during the past month, and the statement summarizes transactions assigned to a member during the past month, such as the monthly invoice, payments, credits, etc. The bottom line value on the statement is the true balance owed to the club after all invoices, payments posted by the end of the month, credits, etc. For convenience, the bottom line statement value is also printed on the invoice, below the invoice amount. So, if you don't know which number to use to make a payment to the club, ALWAYS use the bottom number on the invoice (statement value).

We are scheduled for a delivery of 100LL on Tuesday, May

2. We were able to miss the huge (temporary) avgas price increase last year after Katrina. No such luck this time.

Another reminder about particular items purchased by club members - sometimes club members make a purchase, and pay for it by cash, check, or credit at that time, rather than waiting for a billing. That is certainly OK, but don't be surprised if you find the item listed on your monthly invoice. If you do, you should see the corresponding payment reflected on your monthly statement. If you don't, please let me know.

Also, if you don't see a charge on your invoice that should be there, please let me know - we are a club. Many of you have already done so - thanks!. In fact, as a general rule of thumb, please let me know if you see (or don't see) something unexpected in your billing. I make no claims of perfection :-)