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Important Dates:

General Meeting

June 8, 2006
7:30 PM at the Club-
house

Board Meeting

July 6, 2006
7:00 PM at the Club-
house

Fly-In Breakfast Committee Chair Meeting

There will be a follow
up "debriefing"
meeting for the
Pancake Breakfast
committee chairs on
Thursday, June 8th at
6:00 P.M. in the
clubhouse, just prior
to the monthly
general meeting.

All Committee
Chairpersons are
requested to attend
this meeting to review
"how we did" and
"what we can do
better". Contact Bill
Bach or Bob
Fratangelo with any
questions.



"Helicopters don't fly. The earth repels them." - *Overheard at the Pancake Breakfast*

WFC Bestows Honorary Memberships on Supporters

As we celebrate our 50th year, the Williamson Flying Club took the opportunity to thank a few of our most important supporters.



Those "friends of the Williamson-Sodus Airport" included Congressman Jim Walsh, State Senator Mike Nozzolio, Sodus Town Supervisor Donna Chittenden and State Assemblyman Robert Oaks.

Each was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for the support that each has provided over the years. In addition, Honorary Membership to the Williamson Flying Club was

presented to Senator Nozzolio, Assemblyman Oaks and Supervisor Chittenden. In the history of the Williamson flying club, only four Honorary Memberships have been given.

Congressman Walsh has been instrumental in his support of our airport in Congress and with the FAA in securing Airport Improvement Grant funding. In his absence, a representative from Congressman Walsh's office presented a Resolution honoring WFC that was read into the Congressional Record.

Senator Nozzolio has worked at the State level in securing grant monies to fulfill "the State's share" of Airport Improvement Grants from the FAA, as well as finding other ways to help us in

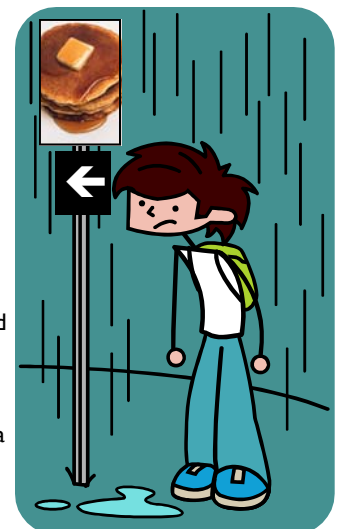
Albany. Just one example of the results of Senator Nozzolio's efforts is the 20,000 gallon fuel tank, with 24-hour service. Assemblyman Oaks gained approval, in 2001, of our proposal to build the 14-bay nested hangar.

As Sodus Town Supervisor, Donna Chittenden recognized the value of the airport and was always an eager partner in our development at a local level. Cooperation between the WFC and the Town of Sodus has made us good neighbors, and is a key reason we are one of the best GA airports in Upstate NY.

Pancake Breakfast Rainy, Successful

Despite the rain and wind and low ceilings, the Pancake Breakfast was still successful. Over 1500 breakfasts were served to the brave folks who weathered the elements to make the annual trip to our event. Even more surprising, though airplane and helicopter rides were cancelled, two planes man-

aged to fly in specifically for the breakfast. While the food served up was as good as always, the weather served up a variety of things, from wind and rain to sunshine, blue skies and even, at one point, hail. Read the Treasurer's Report for a brief overview of the success from a Treasurer's viewpoint.



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Well, Spring is fully upon us, and Summer is almost here. So, here are a couple reminders:

When you preflight, be sure, to check the engine compartment and small openings, such as in the tail cone or vents, for signs of bird nests.

Cleaning them out is a time consuming process, and you can prevent them by making sure the openings are covered with cowl plugs, etc.

Checking tire pressure is part of every preflight, or should be, and as the weather turns warm, tires can lose up to a pound of pressure per day.

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Starting this month, you can find a "Page 3", but only on the electronic newsletter! Our first "Destinations" feature which appears there, was provided by Steve Fielding and Susan Lee and details their trip to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. If you'd like, submit a story of someplace interesting you've flown. Include pictures with your story and send to:

joebert@verizon.net

View the online version at www.wfcpilots.org and click on "Newsletter".

Flight R_x by Dr. Pam Tarkington

Hiccups

Hiccups are caused by the sudden closure of the inspiratory muscle of breathing and by the abrupt closure of the glottis. This results in the all too familiar sound of the hiccups. Chronic hiccups are generally not serious. Reports of death, exhaustion and the like are usually "old wives tales". Hiccups are usually a benign condition that we all experience at one time or another. Also, these are usually self-limited. Some of the causes of this are 1) gastric distension:

air swallowing, overeating, carbonated beverages; 2) sudden temperature change; hot/cold liquids, cold shower; 3) emotional condition: stress, anxiety.

There are also some serious conditions that can cause this: 1) central nervous system abnormalities: stroke, trauma, cancer; 2) metabolic: kidney failure, abnormal electrolytes; 3) foreign body in the ear, cancer; 4) disease of the digestive system: cancer, pancreatitis, hepatitis; 5) general anesthesia. Treatments that have been suggested are numerous and

include: tongue traction, stimulating the nose and throat, eating sugar or butter and a lemon wedge, breath holding, valsalva maneuver and breathing into a paper bag. If the hiccups are bad enough your physician may prescribe an antipsychotic medication such as thiorazine or an anti seizure drug such as dilantin or tretretol. Reglan has also been used. In extreme cases, general anesthetic has been used. Generally, none of these measures are necessary as hiccups usually abate on their own.



Treasurer's Report by Bob Herloski

I'm sure everyone is interested in how we did at the breakfast this year, given the "less than ideal" weather that contrib-



uted to a reduced number of breakfasts being served, and no airplane rides. Most of the bills are in, and it looks like we will clear a little more than \$6,000 this year. This is less than the \$7,000 to \$8,000 that we've

typically done in the recent past, but not too bad, given the weather. I'll give a more detailed financial report at the June membership meeting.

I have contacted the NYS Sales Tax Department, and they have confirmed that the reduction in state sales tax for automobile fuel that was recently adopted by New York State also applies

to aviation fuel. However, they do not yet have an official notification letter confirming the exact amount of the reduction.



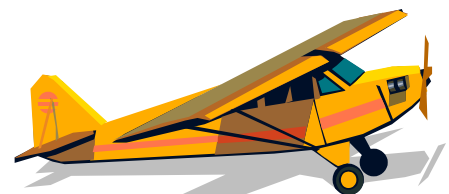
When I receive the notification, I will reduce the pump price. The exact reduction in pump price is complicated by the conversion from a percentage tax to a cents-per-gallon tax, and whether or not the county also chooses to implement a sales tax cap.

Instructor's Report by Mike Bjerga

Bill Hunter, under the instruction of John Lauster, earned his Instrument Rating on May 24th.

Scott Sawdey, under the instruction of Mike Bjerga, earned his Private Certificate on May 25th.

Jeff Hamman, also a student of Mike's, accomplished his First Solo on May 28th.



Destinations: Lock Haven, PA

Detroit Sectional N41° 08.14' W77° 25.34'



Photo Courtesy Piper Aviation Museum

By Steve Fielding & Susan Lee

I think it's been about a year that we have been talking about making a trip to Lock Haven to see the Piper Museum. Between weather, our schedules, and aircraft maintenance it didn't happen until April 29. Then, everything fell into place, including weather. There were no clouds to be found all day, little wind, and the temperature went into the sixties. We climbed to 10,500 feet, making the trip in about an hour. The views of the Finger Lakes, then the Pennsylvania ridges were impressive.

Upon arrival we were greeted at the FBO by Doug, who offered a ride to wherever we wanted. First things first, the \$100 BLT (well, it was more than that given current fuel prices). Driving in to Lock Haven showed an old manufacturing town in decline, but undergoing some revival. Many of the streets were lined with magnolia and other decorative trees and some of the old public buildings had been renovated, including where we had lunch, The Market House Restaurant, on the corner of Grove and Church Streets.

The manager was kind enough to give us the front of one of their menus which

told the building's history. It read in part, "It's a two-and-a-half story brick building constructed in 1871 at a cost of \$20,000. Exactly 120 years later, at a cost in excess of \$200,000, the building was restored. [It] . . .

was constructed by the Lock Haven Hall & Market Company, organized in 1868, for the sole purpose of operating a farmer's market." We had a great lunch and called Doug for our return ride. He showed up within ten minutes and drove us to the Piper Aviation Museum, which is located on the opposite end of the field from the FBO.

Admission is \$6, or \$5 for AAA members or those of us over 55. A couple of tabby cats showed up as our tour guides (one tossing up a hairball along the way). Located on the wall and table displays are the historical documents, photos, and story of the William T. Piper Company from 1937 to 1984 (when the Piper sons sold the company to a group of investors—resulting in the establishment of the New Piper Aircraft Company, ending production in Lock Haven). Most of the



The City of Angels— One of two Super Cruisers that made an around-the-world flight in 1947 photo by Steve Fielding

museum's history centers on the line of Cubs built in Lock Haven, along with Comanches, Twin Comanches, Apaches, Senecas, Navajos, and Cheyennes. Cherokees were built in Vero Beach, FL. Several aircraft are located downstairs in a hangar, one of which is a Cub flown around the world (see photo). We found the museum and its history well worth the trip, and we encourage all fellow pilots to make the pilgrimage to LHV.

If you need additional motivation, you might consider flying in the for the annual Sentimental Journey to be held June 21 through 24. This year's themes include the J-3 (the plane in which Steve learned spin recovery for his CFI ticket) and the Apache (that venerable first Piper all metal twin in which Steve qualified for his multi-engine rating). You can view the website for details:

www.sentimentaljournefly-in.com .

Next Month: Bringing Home 'Long Legs Louise' by Archie Woodworth