



The WFC Flyer



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Important Dates:

General Meeting

May 14, 2009
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Board Meeting

June 4, 2009
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

Annual Pancake Breakfast

May 17
7:00 AM-1:00PM



From The President by Joe Ebert

New York Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand have announced that the Williamson-Sodus Airport has been awarded a Grant to repave our runway. The funds come from an Economic Recovery Project Grant to rehabilitate and repave runway 10-28. The total amount of the grant will be \$438,600.00. The project has already been sent out to bid and the winning bid was submitted by Babcock Enterprises, Ltd of Dansville, NY.

The project calls for the runway to have 1" milled off the top, and 2" of new asphalt put back down, and new markings painted. Construction will begin after May 18th. Once Babcock is ready to begin work, the runway will be closed for about a week. We recommend that anyone who may need to fly during the time the runway is closed pay very close attention to the club's announcements through Aircraftclubs.com emails and our new blog at www.williamsonflyingclub.com/WFCnewsandevents.

It's through those vehicles, as well as NOTAMS, that we will be announcing closure dates so folks can plan accordingly.

We have seen a good number of new members apply for membership and become members in order to become pilots. We have also seen an increase in members who already fly and own aircraft. Many of these new members have commented that they really enjoy the friendliness we show and the community we've created at the Williamson-Sodus Airport. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to anyone you may not know and welcome them to the club.

Finally, it seems that lately there is a lunch being served around noon-ish on Saturdays. All are welcome! Just follow the smell of ... whatever lunch is being cooked on that particular Saturday!

NOTAM (F)

eAPIS rule requiring electronic submittal of crew and passenger manifests goes into effect on May 18

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Buildings & Grounds by Lance Merritt

Spring is finally here! While the warm weather is great, the mowing has already begun. It's hard to believe that about 6 weeks ago, we were plowing snow. We have a great crew. As one of the plow crew, you are on call 24/7. There were days this past winter when we started plowing in the morning and continued working shifts through the afternoon and well into the evening to keep the runways open and keep the snow from building up to a depth where it can't be removed. I want to thank each and every one of the men who helped me this win-

ter. Without their support and contribution to the plowing effort, the airport couldn't stay open throughout the winter.

Please thank the following guys when you see them for a job well done: **Brad Palmer, Archie Woodworth, Tom Litteer, Rick McCutchen, Dick Simpson, Mike Bjerga, and Glenn Steed.** Great Job!



Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

SWINE FLU/H1N1

Pigs and birds have had the flu for years. There is nothing new about humans getting the flu from pigs and birds - at least, those who have close contact with pigs or birds (breeders/farmers).

What is new is human to human transmission of the virus. Some believe that this may be due to a mutation of the virus. It is transmitted by cough, sneezing and surfaces. The CDC has repeatedly stated that you cannot get it by eating pork.

The symptoms include fever, body aches and a cough. At times there is also nausea and vomiting and diarrhea. There are very effective drugs that can be used against this flu: Tamiflu and Rilenza. The CDC has said that there is an ample supply of both drugs. Suspected cases are tested by a nasopharyngeal swab for influenza A; if positive, a definitive diagnosis can be confirmed by a lab test called reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction. As you are aware (as of 5/5/09), there have only been 2 confirmed deaths in the United States due to Swine flu: one in a 23 month young toddler from Mexico and another in a woman living in Texas.

The Swine Flu is also called H1N1: these 2 letters refer to 2 proteins: the H(hemagglutinin) lets the virus enter the host and the N (neuramidinase) protein lets the virus reproduce in the body.

The H1N1 seems to be waning. How serious is it? We do not know. In healthy people, influenza is sometimes no more than an annoyance. However, last year in New York State,

2000 people died but these were the very old, very young or those with a chronic illness. Also, there is some worry about the virus attacking more people - especially in the Fall but there is little evidence to believe that this will happen.



Unfortunately, panic causes people to over-react. Egypt recently ordered all pigs to be slaughtered, a University in Pennsylvania held a separate graduation ceremony for 22 who had recently vacationed in Mexico (although none were ill) and a school in New Jersey closed because one student (also not ill) had traveled to Mexico. Also Chicken Little said "the sky was falling".

What about masks, respirator (\$70-100) and special dietary supplements?

Very good for the manufactures as they will make a handsome profit but they will not help you. The one exception is the N95 respirator that is about 95% effective but they are difficult to wear and most find it hard to breathe when worn properly and also not readily available. It never ceases to amaze me that when people panic there is always someone willing to take their dollar and make a profit.

Hopefully "this too shall pass" - and soon! However, there will be more cases that test positive and unfortunately, probably, some more deaths. But, hopefully it will not rise to the level of crisis that some are expecting.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Herloski and Houston Penny

New Aircraft Rates

55W & IDT:	\$65
42R:	\$69
62U:	\$56



These rates are effective immediately, but are not necessarily permanent. Aircraft usage and expenses will be tracked closely to validate these rates.

Dear Members,
Proper maintenance of the aircraft sign out log is extremely important to accurate and timely monthly billing. In April, the aircraft sign out logbook had several errors which could have affected the accuracy of your monthly billing. All of the April log book errors were corrected and verified prior to billing. Please take time to verify your aircraft information is correct after each flight (i.e. correct date, start and end tach time, and total flight time). An accurate aircraft log book will also help the treasurer and assistant treasurer to more efficiently process your monthly bills. If you have any question, please contact Houston Penny.

Breakfast Week Activities *by Bill Bach*

Breakfast week is finally here and we need all the help we can get! Wednesday, May 13th, 5:30 P.M., is grill setup. Saturday, May 16th is the main set up day. We will start at 8:00 A.M. Lunch will be provided.

On Breakfast day we would like everyone to be there by 6:30 A.M. Member parking will be in the regular parking area behind the Club House and maintenance hangars. Members should enter the Airport from Rte. 104 as usual. At 6:30 that entrance will be closed to all traffic

and you will have to enter from Centenary Road. Our parking staff will be on hand to assist.

When you arrive please **sign in at the clubhouse** and check for any roster changes. The current version of the duty roster is available on our forum website.

Again, let's all help out and make this the best breakfast ever! Contact your group chairperson with any questions.

Club Merchandise *by Ellen Cournoyer and Louise Woodworth*

We have several exciting new items for sale this year for the breakfast as well as our Williamson Flying Club standard items. We will present them at the club meeting on May 14th. Pre-sales will be available that evening. Mem-

bers can pay by check or have the items charged on a club monthly bill. The clothing booth committee will also accept pre-sales on Sunday before the breakfast starts.

We will also **sell on Saturday from 10-12**

Upcoming Social Event *by Ellen Cournoyer and Louise Woodworth*

Dinner & Dancing

Save the date -- Saturday, September 12th --

Once again, back by popular demand, the *Williamson Flying Club* is hosting an evening of dining, dancing & musical entertainment. This is a club social event open to all members and their guests.

The event will be hosted in Ray Chapin's new facility at the airport. The atmosphere will be reminiscent of a 1940's supper club complete with white linens and 1940's Big Band entertainment.

We are exceedingly fortunate to have the renowned

Rick Holland and his Little Big Band providing the evening's musical entertainment.

Watch for additional information in future newsletters.



New Rules for International Flights — eAPIS

Beginning May 18, 2009, all general aviation flights arriving into or departing out of the U.S. require the pilot to electronically submit crew and passenger manifests and other flight information to the CBP at least 60 minutes prior to departure. This information must be submitted to

the CBP using their Electronic Advance Passenger Information System (eAPIS) website or through an authorized third party vendor. This new rule does not apply to domestic flights.

http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/inspections_carriers_facilities/apis/e_apis_information.xml