

The WFC Flyer

JULY 2010



Important Dates

General Meeting

July 8, 2010
7:00 PM
Clubhouse

Board Meeting

August 5, 2010
7:00 PM
Clubhouse

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Photo taken during 2009 Runway Rehabilitation shows Williamson-Sodus Airport property to North (to the right) of the runway, along Rt. 104.

From the President

Airport Serves the Community—Part II

Recent development of the Williamson-Sodus Airport has followed a Master Plan that was created in the 90's. It has served as a blueprint for many projects that have occurred over the years, including a runway extension, GPS approaches, new buildings and additional hangars. A very important part of the Master Plan included the installation of gas and water lines, which was completed in 2008. The water line, funded by a NYS grant, has brought town water onto the airport property. This was done in partnership with the Town of Sodus expressly to create a water district and allow nearby Sodus residents the opportunity to tap into the town's water supply rather than use local wells or substandard water lines.

Why was the installation of gas and water lines a key step in our airport development? The existence of these lines is part of an infrastructure that now allows for the development of out-parcels of land for aviation-related and non-aviation-related uses.

A New Master Plan

This year, the FAA is funding a new Master Plan to reflect the development that has happened over the last couple decades and to give us the

opportunity to plan future growth. The Master Plan is not "carved in stone", but is a "wish list" that will show what Williamson-Sodus Airport *could* look like if we did everything that we put on the blueprint.

What Goes on the Blueprint?

The WFC Projects Committee, Airport Manager and I have been meeting with our engineering firm as we begin the process of developing the new Master Plan. We will also be including representatives from Wayne County to make sure we develop our facility in cooperation with the local communities. Partnering with the County Planning Board will benefit the region as opportunities for growth and investment can be identified and coordinated to successful completion.

To that end, the new Master Plan will likely include:

- More detailed opportunities for private development of acreage;
- Longer and/or wider runway;
- More hangars; and
- Infrastructure for more services;

It's too soon to know exactly what will end up in the Plan, but it's never too soon to think about what we want to become over the next 20 years.

Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

NEW ANTI-DEPRESSANT GUIDELINES

Recently the FAA began a new policy whereby those airmen who are taking a certain type of anti-depressant may be granted a medical certificate.

The general class of this type of anti-depressant is called a selective serotonin uptake inhibitor. There are four medications in this group that the FAA will permit:

1. fluoxetine **(Prozac)**
2. sertraline **(Zoloft)**
3. citalopram **(Celexa)**
4. escitalopram **(Lexapro)**

All symptoms of the depression must be under control with just one of these medications. The condition must be stable for one year with no change of symptoms. The applicant must be stable on the medication for one year and have no significant side effects.

Reports required:

Status report from the psychiatrist stating the diagnosis, length of treatment and absence of side effects.

Written statement from the applicant.

Reports of neurocognitive psychological tests: COGSCREEN AE, Trails A/ B; Stroop Test, CCPT, PASAT, WIsconsin ,Card Sorting Test.

Evaluation and written report from HIMS

Other reports are necessary if the applicant is a professional pilot.

For the Special Issuance: all records have to be sent to Oklahoma City for a first time approval for a 6 or 12 month time limited medical certificate for pilots flying under Parts 121 or 135 or a 12 month time limited certificate for 2nd and 3rd class medical certificate holders.

Follow up requirements:

Current status report from the treating physician.

Psychiatrist consultation every 6 months.

A professional pilot will require other reports.

After initial Special Issuance, psychomatic testing is required: annually for 1st and 2nd medical certificate holders if flying under FAR Parts 121 or 135. Every two years for third class certificate holders.

The FAA is well aware that some airmen do not reveal that they are on anti-depressants or that, when they need this type of medication they do not take it for fear of loosing their medical. Hopefully, this new policy will help pilots not lie about their medication and allow those who would benefit from medication to be helped.

Picnic Time!

Set aside a couple dates this summer for Williamson Flying Club picnics! Saturday July 24th and Saturday September 11th have been selected by the "informal picnic committee" as the dates. What's notable is that there are two picnics planned. The ability to have two club picnics reflects the success that the "Saturday at Noon" picnics have become. Attendees toss a couple bucks into the kitty to help defray the cost of each Saturday's cookout, and the kitty has grown! Bring your family! Please RSVP with number attending to Jake DeGroot: degrootwill@aol.com.

