

The WFC Flyer – February 2013



General Election Meeting
February 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Important Dates

General Meeting
Feb 14, 2013
7:00 PM Clubhouse

Board Meeting
March 7, 2013
7:00 PM Clubhouse

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Currency Review

To be WFC current and eligible to rent an aircraft, a pilot must have flown in the last 90 days (30 days for students).

After 90 days (30 days for students) of not flying, a club instructor check ride is required to reinstate currency.

For each make and model of aircraft (Cherokee, Archer, Super Hawk), a club instructor check out is required. An Archer checkout is NOT considered to include a Cherokee checkout. A check out need not be repeated to reinstate currency however the 12 month check out/additional ratings requirement must be met.

Currency as written in the club by laws

Section 1 All pilots must pass an oral and flight examination by a club instructor paralleling the FAA requirement when any of the following conditions arise:

a) any new member whether a rating is held or not.

b) every 12 months, for each club member before s/he can fly club aircraft except when additional ratings have been acquired, or another type of check ride has been taken which has been approved by the Board of Directors, in which case, the date for the next check ride is (12) months from the date s/he acquired the rating or took the approved check ride.

c) a member wishes to fly an aircraft in which s/he has not been previously checked out.

Section 2 All private pilots must successfully complete a check ride in a club airplane by a club instructor if they have not flown within the previous 90 days. Student pilots must complete a similar check ride if they have not flown within the previous 30 days.

Flight Rx
Adult Vaccinations
by Dr. Pam Tarkington

Right now we are in the middle of a "flu crisis" so let's talk about that vaccine as well as others.

Influenza vaccine: recommended for everyone over 6 months of age. It is recommended for those who recently had influenza.

Contraindications: those with severe anaphylactic reaction to chicken eggs or the vaccine and those that develop Guillan Barea within 6 weeks of vaccination and those with severe illness with fever. Older people are at a higher risk for the flu and death. Over 30,000 die in this country each year from influenza. Those given the live attenuated vaccine should stay away from people who are immune-compromised for a week. Less than 1% develop flu like symptoms. Basically, it is safe - get it. You cannot get the flu from the vaccine.

Pertussis: (whooping cough): adults > 65 who have never received Tdap should get a single injection.

Varicella (chicken pox): all adolescents and adults who have not had a previous infection should get the vaccine. Women should wait 1 month after getting this vaccine to become pregnant.

Zoster (shingles): recommended for all over 60 years of age even if they have had shingles in the past. The only contraindications are severe immunodeficiency and pregnancy. Shingles is extremely painful and this can last for years. Contraindicated in those with immunodeficiency state.

Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR): it should be given to all children at 12-15 months of age and adults born before 1957. Some need a second dose. Wait 4-6 weeks to get pregnant.

Pneumococcal (pneumonia): everyone > 65 years old as well as all smokers and those with asthma >19. Also those with cochlear implants, cardiovascular disease, HIV, ETOH abuse, splenic disease, chronic renal disease, pulmonary disease, diabetes, immune suppress lymphoma and hypertension. Re-vaccination after 5 years age 19-65; over 65 another booster, 60-80% effective. No more than 1 booster is necessary.

Hepatitis A: kids 1-18 years old. Not generally used in adults unless adopting foreign born kids.

Hepatitis B: 19-59 with diabetes: get it. There are 3 doses. Wait 6 weeks before donating blood as when they test your blood it will test positive for hepatitis B.

Obviously this article has only covered adult vaccinations. All vaccinations - including those given in childhood - are safe. In this country certain diseases (pertussis, polio) were essentially wiped out until some got the wrong idea that the vaccines caused diseases (autism, etc) - this is totally wrong.

There are widespread cases of the flu this year because eligible people are not being vaccinated.

Election Ballot

Voting will proceed in the following order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Director. Anyone defeated for one office at the annual meeting may be re-nominated at the annual meeting for another office.

Presidents Statement (1) – Joe Ebert

Joe Ebert

It is an honor again to have been nominated for the position of President of the Williamson Flying Club. During my previous tenure from 2009-2011, and again in 2012, I have focused the efforts of the Board of Directors and various committees on finding ways to improve the overall health and vitality of the Club. I sincerely appreciate all the efforts that club members have made toward finding ways to turn areas that were once weaknesses into strengths. As the club stands now, we are in good fiscal shape, membership is up and flying hours are consistently higher than in past years.

There are still some challenges ahead. These challenges include: continuing our efforts at attracting new student pilot and certificated pilot members; planning for the future maintenance needs of the airport and the various buildings and infrastructure; and attracting more aircraft owners who may base their planes at Williamson-Sodus Airport. I look forward to the opportunity to address these challenges in the next year, and I look forward to continued input from all of my fellow club members.

Vice Presidents Statement (2) – Randy Christian, Bob Cournoyer

Randy Christian

What are the clubs biggest challenges?

1. Loss of Revenue (due to our loss of FAA funding).
2. Keep our Club growth up / retain current members - keep active in recruitment.
3. How do we get our current private pilots (non-students) flying more

The solution is a two-fold answer in that if we keep our membership up & get our current member pilots flying revenue will continue to grow. Now how do we do this?

- The Nicoletta loan will be paid off next quarter, transition that money in to an airport fund and find other ways to add to that fund.
- I would like to introduce a 'Fly Buddy' program for our current pilots & students: I get the sense that many of our membership almost feels lost. In that this is a club but they don't feel like they are really part of it.
- Come up with more club activities (other than the pancake breakfast & Saturday lunch in Jakes hanger). Using the fly buddy program I would offer up some ideas such as leaf peeper flights in the fall, club planned flights to 'other airport' fly-ins. Get groups of our people together - go out as a CLUB share in the expense of flying and along with that share in the flying duties as well. less expense per pilot should equal more hours flown which then means more revenue for the club.
- I get the feeling the ONLY real time members are asked to come to the club is to help with work at the club. I would offer up that the BoD take a day and do a CLUB appreciation day.

Where the BoD does a cook out offer up an informal Q & A session, maybe even offer up games that type of thing. Make it more of a family atmosphere going forward too.

So that in a nutshell would be my suggestions from the 10,000 foot level.

Bob Cournoyer

As a member of WFC for nearly 20 years, I have been both an aircraft owner and renter. I have experienced the good times, the challenging times, and what it takes to make our club a success. After 3 years as Secretary of WFC, I am stepping down. During my tenure on the Board of Directors, I repeatedly witnessed the dedication of the club members and the admirable efforts of the BoD. I also developed a solid understanding of the issues facing WFC. The combination of personal business experience and enthusiasm for our flying club motivate me to run for the office of Vice President.

I learned to fly at WFC, as did my daughter, and my wife participates in a variety of club social activities. WFC welcomes flying enthusiasts of all ages, genders and interests as well as their families and friends. The evolution of the club and its continued success must be based upon this strength. WFC's current financial success, bucking the downward trend in General Aviation, speaks well of the recent BoD and past leaders. However, we all know that good times don't last forever. It is in the good times that we must prepare contingencies for future challenges. The leadership of the club is thus critically important. In my view, prolonged incumbencies are not in WFC's best interests. As an example, our current treasurer does a great job, works tirelessly and has done so for many years. Mitigating the risk of something unforeseen happening to any of our long serving management team members is an issue vitally important to the continuing stability and success of WFC.

Assuring future success by managing risks of demographic change, financial challenges and club leadership are what I will focus on if elected Vice President.

Secretary (1) – Steve Murray

Steve Murray

A member of WFC since 2008 this will be my first opportunity to serve on the board. As secretary my primary goal will be the conversion of our documents to electronic form in order to provide improved access to information by our members. Our club has a rich tradition that has been built on the shoulders of those who have preceded me. If elected as a board member my priorities will be insuring that we preserve and maintain what we have built, keep our finances in order and healthy, and meet the needs of the membership by providing a first class aviation facility that can be enjoyed at an economical cost. Given the size of our membership and the wide variety of interests and goals the club has done an admirable job at achieving its primary mission – “to promote and encourage interest in aviation and to teach members of the organization to fly and to continue to improve their flying skills”. It is clear that the hard work of our membership and funding by the FAA have turned SDC into a facility that we all can be proud. We have keep our rates competitive, our dues lows, and our membership growing in weak economic times while delivering on that mission. We cannot take what we have for granted and continued FAA funding, at the rate that we have received it, is unlikely. In order to maintain our facilities, keep costs down, and keep our members flying we will need to retain a robust and active membership and continue to operate as a responsible and successful business. We cannot separate one from another although at times this is a delicate balance. In the normal progression of any member body will have to make choices, arrive at decisions, and tweak and realign how we operate for success. Information feeds choices and informs decisions; transparency is key as we tweak and realign operations. I am looking forward to making a greater contribution to that mission in 2013.

Treasurer (1) – Bob Herloski

Bob Herloski

I have been Treasurer of the WFC since 2001. During that time, the Board's major focus has been to implement policies and undertake projects that put the the club on a path to a solid financial footing for the long term. One of the primary results of all those efforts will be realized in 2013, when the club formally becomes debt-free. My vision, and reason for wanting to continue as treasurer, is to build on that progress to maintain the club's solid financial status, given the reality of significantly reduced FAA funding in the future.

Board of Directors (1) – Tom Henderson

Tom Henderson

The past three years have been my second stint as a member of the board of directors of WFC. In the late 1990's I served as director, vice president and two years as president. There have been many changes and improvements to the club since my joining in 1993 and the club has responded well to the challenges posed over the years. It is my hope that in a second term as director I can continue to use my experience as a business owner to help assure that the prosperity of the club can continue. I intend to assist the board in addressing the implications of the loss of FAA funding for the club as well as examining our corporate charter and structure in order to put the club in compliance with New York State law and protect the assets of the club. We must continue to run WFC as a business while at the same time preserve within the organization the attributes of the club which we have all come to enjoy. I appreciate the participation and help the membership has given the board over the past three years. Looking ahead, I also appreciate the confidence the membership has placed in me as director.