

# The WFC Flyer – October 2014



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**Real World Weather**, [Doubletree Rochester NY](#), October 16 starting at 7PM.

## Important Dates

### General Meeting

October 9, 2014  
7:00 PM Clubhouse

### Board Meeting

November 6, 2014  
7:00 PM Clubhouse

### General Meeting

November 13, 2014  
7:00 PM Clubhouse

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## From the Presidents Desk Randy Christian

It's time for another Newsletter so another month has slipped by. My first topic this month is one that all of us in aviation hear about a lot. That is the decline in general aviation, on the national level it sure is a true statement. On the local level I have to say that we are still bucking the trend at our fine airport / flying club. Our membership levels have never been higher and if not for the lousy weather we have had to deal with our flying hours would be much higher I am sure. It did me proud last month to see so many guest and new members voted in.

Also, anyone who did not attend Major Todd Cameron's Civil Air Patrol presentation at last month's meeting really missed out. The CAP team really put on a very informative session for the WFC. They brought two very nice aircraft out as well. I was so pleased to put this together for both the CAP and WFC and I do hope it could become a win-win for both organizations. We are always looking to increase our airplane count on the field and the CAP is really looking for more pilots. Again, just another forward way of thinking in hopes of continuing our stability and growth for the WFC / KSDC. As of this writing I know of 3 WFC members that have now shown interest in possibly joining CAP.

As I close this article out I will say that I hope you all find time to get up in the air again, enjoy the gift that we all have earned with someone. Be it a newbie, or a seasoned vet. Of the sky's but take advantage of the great facility, instructors, and aircraft that the WFC has to offer. We all should be proud of what we have built over the years.

Flight Rx  
Electronic Cigarettes  
by Dr. Pam Tarkington

These are also called E-cigs. These are advocated as a way to stop smoking but they are not approved by the FDA for this purpose. Over the last few years their use has been rapidly increasing - and this is not just among smokers but also non smokers.

Besides being used as a way to stop smoking, they are touted as a socially acceptable alternative to smoking real tobacco.

As you must all know, they are available in most drug stores, convenience stores, etc as well as by internet purchase.

What are they? there are two different models: as re-chargeable devices: and a one time use E- cig. There are those that have a light on the end to make it look like a lit cigarette. Both produce a vapor that looks like cigarette smoke. There are several brands and depending on which one is used it will be equivalent to 1 pack to almost 1 carton of regular cigarettes. They have different flavors and contain from 16mg of nicotine to 0.

There is a small trial that compared the E-cig to the nicotine patch to those who wanted to stop smoking. By a very small percentage the E-cig was better.

Most of the E-cigs contain small amounts ( less than a real cigarette) of carcinogens.

Possible side effects of E-cigs are: cough, mouth and throat irritation, sneezing, and most important, in non smokers, possible nicotine addiction and therefore possible cardiovascular risk factors.

## Headliners

A warm welcome to our newest members:

- **David Linder**, Sodus Point NY
- **Matthew Palmer**, Webster NY
- **Andrew Scott Ainslie**, Webster NY
- **Michael Bromley**, Pittsford NY
- **Jonathan Gervaise**, Webster NY
- **Randall Bond**, North Rose NY

**Aircraftclubs.com** – We have been migrated to the a new and improved website. This site also has improved mobile capabilities. If you have any questions and concerns please contact Mike Bjerga.

**Save the Date** – This years Christmas Party will be held at the Ontario Country Club on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more details.

**Halloween Party** – The activities committee is planning a family movie night Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the club house. A halloween themed movie (suitable for young children) will be run. Pizza and drinks will be served.

## Member Profile by Tony Alesci

Meet Dick Swingly,

Dick originally joined thw WFC in 1982 and remained a member until work and 5 kids took priority in 1990. He rejoined in 2011 and in classic Dick Swingly style has hit the ground running as a member. He's currently on the BOD and is the buildings and grounds chair.

He started flying around 1980 at Elmira, has owned 5 aircraft, a tTipacer, 172, colt, Bakeing double deuce, and the Cherokee he flies now. Dick has logged around 500 hrs of flight time.



## Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houston

For this month, we'll stay in New York State and visit some living history.

Because this is a new addition to the newsletter, feedback on format and content is very welcome. I have several destinations in mind for the coming months, but am open to suggestions on worthy destinations from the membership.

**Destination:** Ticonderoga Municipal Airport (4B6), Ticonderoga, NY

**Distance:** 166 nautical miles, direct

**Why It's Cool:** Ticonderoga, derived from an Iroquois word meaning "where the waters meet", lies east of the Adirondacks on a portage between Lake George and Lake Champlain. As you might

expect from this geography, arrivals by air are treated to magnificent scenic views. Fort Ticonderoga is a beautiful example of a restored 18<sup>th</sup> century French fort. A plaque at the main gate reminds visitors that they walk in the footsteps of greatness: George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Ethan Allen, and many others who played key roles in the American Revolution all passed through that portal.

This is a terrific flying destination for families who enjoy exploring historic structures and learning about the history of New York State. Volunteers perform musket-firing demonstrations and give tours in period uniforms. Craftsmen, also volunteer, fabricate clothing and maintain the structure using 18<sup>th</sup> century tools and techniques. There are several exhibits including actual 18<sup>th</sup> century military uniforms and weapons. We spent a full, enjoyable day at the fort and still did not see everything (for example, we did not tour the King's Garden).



Admission is \$17.50 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$8 for children 5-12. There is also a AAA discount available. Considering that the fort is solely supported by these admission fees, we thought that the prices were reasonable. Food is available on site at the American Fort Café, which is of better quality than I remember museum food being when I was a kid. The fort is open from early May to early November, check the website for hours, details, and special events: <http://www.fortticonderoga.org/>.

**Tips:** Ticonderoga Municipal is a no-frills facility with a 4,041' paved runway (02-20) that was recently resurfaced. There is no fuel available. The direct flight from KSDC will take you over the Adirondacks and through the Lowville and (potentially) Tupper South MOAs; be cognizant of the terrain and special use airspace when planning your flight. On the day we visited, we had breakfast at

Puddle Jumpers (KFZY), then flew to Ticonderoga via Piseco (K09). Because a security fence surrounds the airport, be sure to note the reentry code prior to exiting the ramp. Transportation from the airport to the fort can be arranged by calling Joe's Taxi – Ticonderoga (518-585-4412) or Adirondack Cab (518-585-2222). Call in advance, both are small operations that are sometimes unavailable because of out-of-town runs. Cy from Adirondack Cab charged a one-way fare of \$6 to reach the fort. He was waiting for us when we landed and gave us a nice driving tour of town on the way back to the airport.

EAA FZY Pancake Flyin  
by Tony Alesci



The activities committee sponsored a fly-out with another dedicate group of SDC fliers. This fly-out brought them to the EAA Pancake breakfast at the Oswego airport.