

The WFC Flyer – March 2015



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Important Dates

General Meeting
March 12, 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

Board Meeting
April 2, 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

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April 9 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

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Activities Committee by Tony Alesci

On behalf of the Activities Committee I'd like to share our plans for activities this year. Additional suggestions are always appreciated.

Group fly outs

Breakfasts, lunches, and at least one more involved trip to a museum or other attraction.

Outdoor movie night

A family oriented night at the airport to include dinner, popcorn, movie, and treats.

Christmas party

Will be at the Brookwood Country Club this year. Dinner and a show. We've booked professional comic Dan Viola for entertainment.

Halloween party

We did this last year with great results. Good time was had by all. We're hoping for an even bigger turn out this year.

Guest fly in

Plan is to invite Rochester, East Hill Syracuse, and Penn Yan flying clubs for lunch and socializing.

KROC tower/ RAC Redbird SIM tour

Set for 3/28/15, 9-12 AM. Lunch at Sticky Lips afterwards. Contact Tony Alesci via [email](#) including your name if interested.

Museum of the USAF / Wright Bros.

Wright Brothers Bike shop tour. Set for 6/5-6/7/15. Details coming Soon.

Put it on your planner, should be a fun year!!!

Headliners

N6437R is for sale. Contact [John Clingerman](#) or [Dave Perricone](#) if interested.

The next club seminar is Saturday, April 11th at 9AM. Topic will be Weather, Performance, and Airspace.

Have you signed up and tested out the new [aircraft reservation system](#). Don't delay!

A blind auction will be held for the old propellor from 55W during the March 12th membership meeting. This propellor is un-airworthy. If you are interested in obtaining this propellor for your mantle come prepared.

Flight Rx Measles Baccine by Dr. Pam Tarkington

"What you have not seen with your eyes do not witness with your mouth".

In the U.S. measles was declared eliminated in 2000. There have been cases since then but they were mainly imported from other countries that do not require vaccination. Lately there have been cases that are linked to unvaccinated people who live here.

Measles is a virus that is transmitted by droplet inhalation. World wide it accounts for as many as 800,000 pediatric deaths. In 1997 there was a large outbreak in San Pablo Brazil which affected 42,000.

It is highly contagious and is more pronounced before the appearance of the rash but contagious until it disappears. There is a prodrome of fever, cough, sore throat, photophobia, malaise and irritability. The rash begins on the face then spreads to the trunk and extremities and finally to the hands and soles of the feet. The rash will last 5-7 days and fades in the same manner in which it appeared.

Complications:

1. the most serious is encephalitis which happens 3-7 days after the rash appears. Seizures and coma can develop along with other neurological symptoms. The mortality rate can be up to 20% and 1/3 are left with some sort of neurological sequella. This complication can be treated only symptomatically.
2. pneumonia which may be life threatening
3. gastroenteritis
4. secondary infections - up to 15% will develop otitis media
5. certain eye infections: conjunctivitis, keratitis

Measles is a totally preventable disease in the form of a vaccination. Some misinformed individuals believe that the vaccine can cause autism or other impairments. There is absolutely no scientific evidence to support this. A parent who refuses vaccination puts their child at risk - as well as others who come in contact with an infected patient.

Cool Places to Fly by Chris Houton

Destination: Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY (KFRG)

Distance: 223 nautical miles, direct

Why It's Cool: During World War II, Republic Airport on Long Island was home to Republic Aviation, perhaps best known for manufacturing the stout P-47 Thunderbolt. A former Republic Aviation hangar, once part of the P-47 production facility, is now home to the *American Airpower Museum* (<http://americanairpowermuseum.com>).

The *American Airpower Museum* has a nice collection of airworthy World War II warbirds that include, of course, a P-47 (see website for details). While I was there, the museum was restoring a PB4Y Catalina to airworthy condition. Portions of the museum focus on the history of Republic Aviation itself. I spent much of my visit with an enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteer, Mike Callari. In my opinion, interaction with knowledgeable docents always makes for a better experience. I spent a full afternoon at the museum and thoroughly enjoyed my visit.

Part of the whole experience is the fact that Republic is the third busiest airport in New York State behind JFK and La Guardia. Per AirNav, the facility averaged 620 operations per day in 2013.

Tips:

Sheltair provides close parking to the *American Airpower Museum* (they're adjacent) on the northeast corner of the field. My experience with them was outstanding. The staff was friendly and I received first class treatment despite arriving in a piston single (check out their positive feedback on AirNav). With fuel purchase (\$\$\$), I was provided a courtesy car to get lunch nearby. I was not charged a ramp fee.

Because of airport security rules, visitors cannot walk the ramp from Sheltair to the *American Airpower Museum*, but it's a relatively short walk outside the fence. The folks at Sheltair can provide directions.

There is a weight-based landing fee at Republic, but it is minor. I received a bill in the mail for \$2.50 (the minimum fee).

General admission to the *American Airpower Museum* is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and veterans, \$5 for children 4-12, and children under 4 are free.

Many aircraft in the collection fly on the air show circuit, so an off-season visit is recommended (I was there in March).

Remember what I said about Republic being busy? Bring your best radio voice and your A-game.