

WFC Flyer

Williamson-Sodus Airport, new runway circa 1996

Important Dates:

General Meeting
March 10, 2016
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Board Meeting
April 7, 2016
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

General Meeting
April 14, 2016
7:00 pm, Clubhouse

Have we fallen into a time warp?

Actually, no. In honor of the WFC's 60th year, we will be featuring historical photos of the club and airport in the newsletter. Thanks to Wes Somerville for providing a treasure trove of pictures! If you have one you'd like for us to share, contact us at newsletter@williamsonflyingclub.com.

Williamson Flying Club

March 2016

From the President's Desk by Steve Murray

Thank-you to everyone who attended this year's annual board meeting and elections. I would like to extend my appreciation to the out-going board for the work they performed and welcome the new board as we begin the 2016-2017 year.

Our treasurer presented the annual report and, if you were not able to attend, you should know that the state of the club is excellent. We have approximately 220 members overall, 167 of them who are active. These numbers have been consistent for the last 3-4 years running, they were much lower if you go back 5-6 years ago. While our attrition rate is about 10-

15% a year, we are adding new members at the same clip which has resulted in positive or neutral membership growth. I think these are pretty good numbers for any organization; fantastic for any organization engaged in aviation.



We have 4 solid aircraft, they are maintained in impeccable airworthy condition to insure your safety. Two (2) of those aircraft are primarily used for training, one being IFR the other VFR capable. Those rental rates (WET) are the lowest around,

dare I say east of the Mississippi, and unless you have a winning lottery ticket, I don't see how you fly for less. The other two (2) aircraft are capable cross country aircraft, both are equipped with GPS, both have auto-pilots, one now has ADS-B coupled with the GPS, and we have the Stratus available to enhance your iPad. All of these aircraft reached the 200-hr target we set for them in 2015, fly any more and we will have to acquire a fifth. Not a problem, if we can justify one, we can afford one. We are looking at our options, just waiting for you all to make the case.

Many members fly only a

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Williamson Flying Club

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Aviation Quote:

“When you fly...you feel that everything you see belongs to you — all the pieces are put together, and the whole is yours; not that you want it, but because when you’re alone in a plane, there’s no one to share it. It’s there and it’s yours. It makes you feel bigger than you are — closer to being something you’ve sensed you might be capable of, but never had the courage to seriously imagine.”

- from *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham

From the President’s Desk by Steve Murray

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 few hours a year and there is no bigger barrier to flying those hours than currency. Let’s face it, you need to be a safe pilot and this is what currency is about. However we are looking at ways, the use of the simulator is one example, to make currency both safe and easy with respect to both your time and pocket book. If there are barriers for you getting back into flying, drop me a note. Our mission remains to “promote interest in aviation and all allied sciences”.

Our airport is something that you, as part owners, should be proud. KSDC is the airport that our membership built, it is a public use airport that brings value not only to the aviation community but our local communities and county. The airport pays

for itself primarily through commercial property rental and fuel sales. Your dues as a member are not used to operate the airport. The airport is the business aspect of the club; the business has been well managed by previous boards, it enables the membership to enjoy ownership without financial burden in the form of dues or assessments. While the membership retains liability, the good news is that our sponsors (FAA,NYS DOT) have indicated that they will continue to provide funds around airport safety. This includes maintenance and/or replacement of our runway, lighting, obstacle clearance, approaches, AWOS; some of our largest liabilities. Enjoy and take pride in the airport you have built, rest easy that it is being operated

well, there are no assessments on the horizon, treasure it, it is a club asset.

I am pleased with the energy and engagement of our Activities committee and we will continue to support and enhance their activities this year. For many members it is impossible due to other commitments to attend all of their activities but I ask that you make a resolution to participate in at least one of them this year. You don't have to be current to participate, in fact some of them involve no flying at all, others you can tag along for the ride. You may find that the comradery of fellow pilots brings back those passions that lead you to flight in the first place.

Spring is in the air! Let’s go flying!

Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

MEDICAL FACTOIDS - I GOT THIS FROM GOOGLE

1. A typical American will walk 115,000 miles in their lifetime.

2. When you smile you use 36 different muscles.

3. The surface area of our lungs is larger than a baseball diamond.

4. Our eyebrows’ only purpose is to keep sweat out of our eyes — some models may dispute this.

5. Over 70% of our body is

water.

6. Our size begins to shrink at about age 30.

7. If your eyes are open you cannot sneeze.

8. The body has about 6

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Cool Places To Fly by Dan Adams

Destination:

Nantucket Memorial Airport
(KACK), Nantucket, MA

Distance:

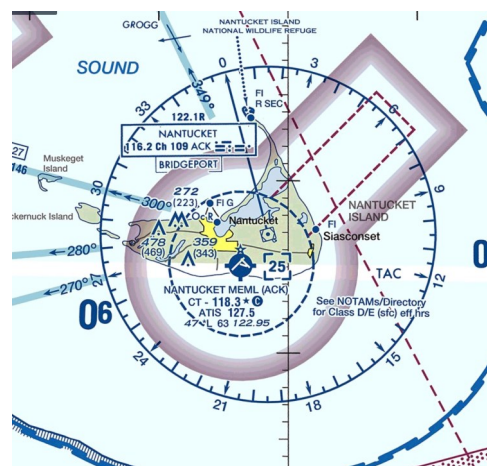
335 nautical miles, direct

Why It's Cool:

Ten years ago when I was selling my wife, Ellen on the concept of aircraft ownership I told her about the opportunity to fly into Nantucket for a weekend of fun vs. taking the 400+ pax cattle-car ferry out of Cape Cod like we had done in the past. Needless to say, she was sold on the idea. Flying into KACK is a little over a couple of hours in our Mooney given tail winds. Going "feet wet" over the cape for the last few scenic minutes of the trip is always a worthy venture. Looking at all that water, I always give an appreciative thought to the maintenance team at Canandaigua Air Center for their attention to detail.

But just in case, we have our GPS locator beacon and water wings on board. We have yet to spot a whale or two but maybe someday...

It's a towered airport so you'll have an audience to score your landing. On a busy weekend, plan on parking in the grass away from the FBO. So remember those soft field taxi procedures. If you park in the grass, ramp fees are cut in half to \$5. There's also a \$5 landing fee. The ground crew can meet you plane side with their golf cart to take you and the bags back to the FBO. We stayed at the Nantucket Inn just across the street. Getting into town is about a 3 mile hike for other accommodations and restaurants. Yes, it can be a little expensive during high season (Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day). Nonetheless we've always come away with great memories. Visit the Black Dog General Store for the obligatory T-shirts and grab lunch



at the Cru Oyster Bar for some yacht gazing. The Whaling Museum is also worth the visit. Plan to fly to PVD VOR for your departure routing back to KSDC to stay well clear of the Boston TCA. Once you have the Nantucket experience under your belt, consider visiting Martha's Vineyard and Block Island for more fun.

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quarts of blood and this goes through your body 2-3 times a minute.

9. If you fill 2 supertankers - this is the amount of blood your heart will pump in your lifetime.

10. On average, the head weighs about 10 lbs.

11. During your life you will drink about 16,000 gallons of water.

12. Human ears never stop grow-

ing.

13. It takes 0.2 calories to lick an envelope but banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour - I am not suggesting this as a means to loose weight.

14. In a typical day, your blood cells travel more than 12,000 miles.

15. A full bladder can hold 2 pints of urine.

16. Astronauts in space cannot cry

due to lack of gravity (tears cannot flow).

17. You loose height by about 1/2 during the time you get up until you go to sleep.

18. Your skin is the largest organ in your body.

19. Your body contains 206 bones and 600 skeletal muscles.

20. Your brain uses 20% of the oxygen that enters your body.



Congratulations!

Early March was a busy time for Cherokee Five Five Whiskey: two first solos! Congratulations to Gabe Orange Paton (left) and Geoff Bachmann (right) who soloed on March 3rd and 7th, respectively. Well done, gentlemen!

Activities Committee Update

The activities committee is planning a fly-out day trip to Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, OH. Waterfront attractions include the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame (we're looking into securing a group rate), the USS Cod (a WWII era submarine), the

steamship William G Mather (a Great Lakes freighter that can be explored), and others.

The tentative date is Saturday, June 18. Watch for more information from the committee!



Recommended Reading

The latest issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* (Mar/Apr 2016) focuses on preventing loss of control

www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/



On February 27, the Williamson Flying Club paid a visit to the Glenn Curtiss Museum in Hammondsport, NY. After a great morning of exploring the museum, this ravenous crew travelled to Bully Hill Vineyards for lunch. Thanks to the 28 folks who participated!