



# The WFC Flyer



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## Important Dates:

### General Meeting

Nov 12, 2009  
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

### Board Meeting

Dec 3, 2009  
7:00 PM, Clubhouse

### Holiday Party

Dec 19 6:00PM,  
Waypoint



Cessna 195 Long Lake, NY

## From the President by Joe Ebert

As we look back on the milestones achieved in 2009 and consider goals for 2010 and beyond, we need to remember that there's more to The Williamson Flying Club is more than a balance sheet which has been the focus of some of my earlier articles. What makes us a club is the shared interest we have in aviation and the shared "ownership" we have in the Williamson-Sodus Airport. It is especially important for our newer members to get an understanding of the ways that they can contribute.

Here's a short list of tasks that need to be done by volunteers/members: Accounting, paying bills, billing members, mowing grass, plowing snow, painting, aircraft maintenance, building maintenance, electrical work, public relations, project management, cleaning aircraft, writing the newsletter, printing the newsletter, managing hangar

leases, monitoring fuel, vacuuming the conference room, waxing the clubhouse floor, maintaining the IT network, maintaining the AWOS and Unicom, keeping the runway lights working, and on and on.

Over the last several years, the responsibility for doing this work has been falling onto the shoulders of fewer and fewer club members for longer periods of time. As the President of a volunteer organization, I am now extending an invitation to all members to consider getting more involved in the day-to-day operations of the airport. It's how we came to be what we are and will be key to our continued success. Soon, we will be sending a list of all committees and tasks to all members so that everyone can consider what talent they might be able to volunteer. We welcome you!



Come on down **Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.** and be part of WFC's annual holiday get together. We have reserved Way Point's, formerly Cutters, beautiful party room for this year's celebration. The holiday party is a great way to renew old friendships and meet

some of the new members. Those with a favorite recipe are asked to bring a desert to share. As in the past, we will be exchanging cookies / deserts and recipes at the conclusion of the meal. We will continue the tradition of voluntary gift bringing for use as door prizes.

## Flight Rx by Dr. Pam Tarkington

### YOUR MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

I recently gave a talk to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) about this and would like to share it with you.

Why do you need a medical certificate?

1. You cannot fly without it
2. If you are a student pilot - it is your "license" - you cannot solo without it

There are three classes of medical certificates and for certain pilot duties you are required to have a certain class of medical certificate:

1st class - ATP

2nd class - commercial pilot, flight engineer, flight navigator, air traffic control operator (an exemption are FAA trained operators)

3rd class - private pilot, recreational pilot, student pilot

You can obtain any class of medical certificate as long as you meet the medical requirements. There is also a language requirement: you must be able to read, speak, write and understand English. An applicant who is an ATP must hold a 1st class certificate but you don't have to be an ATP to hold a 1st class certificate.

There are no age requirements for any medical certificate. However, the minimum age for a student certificate is within 30 days of your 16th birthday. The oldest pilot to be certified was Ralph Charles at age 103.

In order to obtain a medical certificate, you must be examined by an AME. You can complete the application form at the AME's office or online at <https://medxpress.faa.gov/>. AOPA has another online application form.

Last year the FAA extended the duration of 1st and 3rd class medical certificates:

1st class: if < 40 years old: 1 year  
if > 40 years old: 6 months

2nd class: 1 year

3rd class: if > 40 years old: 2 years  
if < 40 years old: 5 years

Minimum age requirements for the various pilot certificates are:

ATP: 23 years old

Commercial pilot: 18 years old

Private pilot (powered aircraft): 17 years old

Private pilot (glider and balloons): 16 years old

Student pilot (powered aircraft): 16 years old

Student pilot (glider and balloons): 14 years old

When do you not need a medical certificate?

1. Sport Pilot: you need a valid driver's license
2. Balloon or glider: a written statement that you do not have a disqualifying condition.

If you are a pilot you must carry both your license and medical certificate with you when you fly. As a student pilot flying solo you must carry your medical certificate (it is your student license) properly endorsed by your instructor as well as your logbook.

Sound advice: get your medical certificate early in your flight training - or, even better, before you start. If you are already a pilot and develop a medical problem or start taking a new medication, call your AME

### **PARTY**

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There will be sign up sheets at the next meeting as well as on the club bulletin board. Alternatively contact Joe Ebert at [joe\\_ebert@rochester.rr.com](mailto:joe_ebert@rochester.rr.com) or Bob Robideau at [robideau@rochester.rr.com](mailto:robideau@rochester.rr.com) with your reservations and questions. Cost will be \$25 per person and payment will be via your club account. The Way Point will feature a full service bar.

### **DIRECTIONS**

The Way Point, 6592 Lake Bluff Road, is located on the east end of Sodus Bay at the Oak Park Marina in North Rose. **Coming from Route 104** in either direction, turn north on Lake Bluff Road (at Rte 414), The Way Point (formerly Cutters) is a few miles on Lake Bluff Road on the left hand side. Approximately 25 minutes from our airport