

The WFC Flyer – September 2015



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Important Dates

General Meeting
September 10, 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

Board Meeting
October 1, 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

General Meeting
October 8, 2015
7:00 PM Clubhouse

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Cool Places to Fly *by Chris Houston*



Destination: Knox County Regional Airport, Rockland, ME

Distance: 353 nautical miles, direct

Why It's Cool: For many years, I wanted to fly to Maine. Perhaps it was the promise of fresh lobster or the allure of sightseeing over the rocky Atlantic shore. But when I learned about the Owls Head Transportation Museum (owlshead.org) in Owls Head, Maine, I decided that I finally had worthy destination. Conveniently, the museum is located directly on the field at Knox County Regional, a former WWII military field.

The Owls Head Transportation Museum was formed in the 1970s as a “plausible excuse to fly old airplanes”. The museum has since developed into a transportation museum in the fullest sense with a collection that features Golden Age era aircraft, many in airworthy condition (including the Jenny pictured above), and an even greater array of vintage automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles. The museum is known for flying their Curtiss Pusher in the warm months, then cranking up their Ford Model T snowmobile in the winter. With a focus on Golden Age aircraft, the Stearman in the

collection looks positively modern compared to the rest of the flying hardware. This is truly one of the best private aviation museums I have ever visited and the spectacular vintage automobile collection makes it even more worthwhile. Museum admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors (65+), and free for kids under the age of 18.

Downtown Owls Head appears to consist of little more than a post office and the Owls Head General Store. A sign outside the latter proclaimed "Maine's Best Burger" on the authority of the Food Network. Instead, I opted for the Maine Crab Roll. It was incredible; nearly a pound of chilled, shredded crab meat piled high on a tasty roll so hot from the oven that it stung my fingers to handle it. I rounded out my visit to Owls Head with a short hike to the Owls Head Lighthouse. Though modest in stature, the lighthouse stands on a precipice with a commanding view of the ocean.

I so thoroughly enjoyed my first flight to Maine that I began scheming about a return visit on the flight back to Williamson-Sodus. For me, the flight to Owls Head represented a trifecta of wonderful fresh seafood, rare and unusual vintage aircraft, and absolutely breathtaking scenery. The ability to visit such places is the reason why having a pilot certificate is so worthwhile.

Tips:

- Overnight parking fees and noise abatement procedures apply to Knox County Airport. Visit their website at www.knoxcountymain.gov for details on both.
- Although the museum is located on airport property, they prefer that visitors park on the main ramp and call the museum at 207-594-4418 for a ride over. I received my ride from Bob Bailey, a former Rochester native who runs the restoration facility and flies many of the museum's airworthy aircraft in what has to be the greatest retirement job ever.

Headliners

A warm welcome to our newest member!

Edward Mattle – Rochester NY

Change in fuel price!

\$4.99 pump price (\$4.79 w/ WFC member discount)

Change in WFC aircraft rates!

55W, 1DT, and 85X reduced \$2/hour (no change for 6ES)

Results of Spot Landing Contest

- Closet to Bulls-Eye - Denny Shaw/Maggie
- Carrier Landing – Mike Bjerga/Daughter
- SharpShooter – Mike Bebernitz/Jamie Oliver
- 3rd Overall – Gary Stevens/Dan Cregan
- 2nd Overall – Mike Shippers/Matt Palmer
- 1st Overall – Bob Fratenglo/Glenn Barlis

Upcoming Activities:

- September 13, 2015: EAA Chapter 486 Fly-In Breakfast at Oswego County Airport (KFZY). This is an outstanding pancake breakfast, all the way down to the fresh, homemade donuts! Weather permitting, we'll plan to launch from KSDC at 8:15 am.
- September 20, 2015: The WFC has been invited to Rochester Air Center's first end of summer picnic and pig roast at the Canandaigua Airport (D38). Time is noon to 4:00 pm. Events include sky diving, flower bomb contest, and a chance to buy a ride in a WWII BT-13! Feel free to bring a dessert or favorite beverage. RSVP to RAC required by September 14th.
- The Activities Committee is planning another fall fly-out to Lake Placid and a family-friendly Halloween party! Stay tuned for details.