



## Monthly Flight Log

**6/2/2015**

KMKG-KRST  
John Workman  
and Daniel Neville  
N6561C  
Chancellor

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KRST-KESC  
John Workman  
and Daniel Neville  
N6561C  
Chancellor

**6/3/2015**

KMKG-KARB  
Chris Faircloth  
and Jeff Schmitt  
N9262P  
Comanche

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KARB-KMKG  
Chris Faircloth  
and Jeff Schmitt  
N9262P  
Comanche

**6/5/2015**

KRST-KTVC  
Mike Miller  
and Christopher Gottwald  
N158TB  
Baron

**6/8/2015**

KMGN-KRST  
David Parmerlee  
and Mark Schmitt  
N35718  
Saratoga

**6/9/2015**

KRST-KMKG  
John Workman  
and Daniel Neville  
N6561C  
Chancellor

**6/9/2015**

KSEF-KUES

## From the Staff...

July is here and that means AirVenture Oshkosh 2015 is only days away!

Wings of Mercy will once again be in **Booth 2056 of Hangar B** so stop by and see us.



This year we will have some Wings of Mercy swag to give away to the **first 500 pilots who stop by to talk to us.**

We also would like pilots to take selfies with their planes (or someone else's plane that you really like) and send them to us ([wings@wingsofmercy.org](mailto:wings@wingsofmercy.org)) so we can post them on our Facebook page during the week.

On **Tuesday, July 21, we will have a BBQ dinner at the campground.** Pilot Peter Tobin is working on a new chicken recipe that is sure to delight everyone! Ask for more details when you stop by Booth 2056 in Hangar B.

But what comes before Oshkosh? We are glad you asked!

This year there will be a **CareAffaire fundraiser at Lake County/Campbell Airport (C81) in Grayslake, Illinois, on Saturday, July 18** from 7:30am-1:00pm. Stop by on your way to Oshkosh and have some pancakes!

Thomas Deau  
and Jeffrey Stockinger  
N69479  
Cessna 340

**6/12/2015**  
KRST-KMGN  
Jerry Schmidt  
and Scott Roggenbeck  
N5596J  
Cherokee 6

**6/15/2015**  
KMGN-KRST  
Jerry Schmidt  
and Scott Roggenbeck  
N5596J  
Cherokee 6

**6/15/2015**  
KCMX-KRST  
Jerry Schmidt  
and Scott Roggenbeck  
N5596J  
Cherokee 6

**6/18/2015**  
KRST-KCMX  
Jerry Schmidt  
and Scott Roggenbeck  
N5596J  
Cherokee 6

**6/19/2015**  
KRST-KMGN  
Gary Sage  
and Andrew (Drew) Grooters  
N488DM  
Golden Eagle

**6/23/2015**  
KONZ-KTYS  
Ryan Veenstra  
and Ray Chester  
N898UT  
Socata

**6/23/2015**  
KMKG-KRST  
George Schraft  
and Kyle Curtiss  
N234DW  
Cessna 310

**6/23/2015**  
KACB-KMBS  
Chris Faircloth  
and Scott Roggenbeck  
N9262P  
Comanche

**6/24/2015**  
KAZO-KRST  
Jeff Ostrander  
and Derek Nagle  
N30DM  
Bonanza

**6/26/2015**  
KRST-KAZO

LAKE COUNTY/CAMPBELL AIRPORT (C81) PRESENTS  
**WINGS OF MERCY CAREAFFAIRE**  
**FLY-IN DRIVE-IN**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST CARSHOW SILENT AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2015 7:30AM-1:00PM**  
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED 7:30am – 10:30am  
**SILENT AUCTION 7:30AM - ENDS 11:00AM**  
Come Bring The Family and Friends,  
There Will Be Fun Everyone!  
50/50 Raffles – Children's Activities – Hay Wagon Rides  
MIDWESTERN HELICOPTER  
HELICOPTER RIDES AVAILABLE  
Campbell Airport Grayslake, IL  
Take Route 120 to Alleghany Road Turn South to Sports Club Road into airport

### A Patient Story

Carl Vanderwall is a DNR Conservation Officer in Emmet County, Michigan. Carl and his wife, Jennifer, have been married for 18 years and have four children.

A few months ago Carl was diagnosed with an aggressive form of brain cancer and had surgery to remove the tumor on May 4. We received a phone call from a friend of the family at the beginning of June and the Vanderwalls applied for our services shortly after. Carl was scheduled for six weeks of chemotherapy and radiation treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and was hoping to get back home to Petoskey to see his kids and attend a fundraiser in his honor that first weekend.



Mike Miller and Christopher Gottwald answered the first call and took Carl and Jennifer home on June 5. David Parmerlee and Mark Schmitt took them back to Rochester in some rough weather, but they all did well despite Jennifer's anxiety. (The flight evaluation noted the Vanderwalls covering under the blankets throughout the flight and then asking when the beverage cart would be coming down the aisle. A sense of humor is always good in these situations). Other pilots who have flown the family are Gary Sage and Drew Grooters, Jerry Schmidt and Scott Roggenbeck, Tom Wilkoski and Jimmy Szajkovivs, with John Laws and Jeff

Nick Jilek  
and Gary Miller  
N379JG  
Merlin IIIB

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KRST-KMKG  
Nick Jilek  
and Gary Miller  
N379JG  
Merlin IIIB

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KRST-KMGN  
Nick Jilek  
and Gary Miller  
N379JG  
Merlin IIIB

**6/28/2015**

KBIV-KICT  
David Siegers  
and Andrew (Drew) Grooters  
N9969C  
Skylane

**6/28/2015**

KMGN-KRST  
Brad Pugh  
and Chad Pugh  
N2526L  
Columbia

**6/29/2015**

KBIV-KGAI  
Jason Blair  
and Ciara Peterson  
N9614C  
Cherokee 6

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Schmitt scheduled to bring them home on July 10.

Throughout these past weeks we have communicated mostly with Jennifer who is very grateful to all of our pilots who have volunteered their time and aircraft; they are amazed at the variety of wonderful people associated with Wings of Mercy. While talking to Jennifer we learned that Carl has spent many years coaching youth sports, in fact their mission as a family is to bring Christ to children through sports. Carl has coached little league, youth football, elementary and middle school wrestling, and has been committed to helping build character in kids. Since Carl has remained physically active over the years, the doctors are encouraged by his ability to cope with the treatments and it is our greatest hope that he may return to the dugout again very soon.

### Pilot Tips

## Changing Habits on Transponder Use on the Ground - Keep Them on at all Times

by Jason Blair

In a recent article by AINonline ( FAA to Pilots: Keep Transponders On While Taxiing - <http://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/business-aviation/2015-06-02/faa-pilots-keep-transponders-while-taxiing>) an FAA Safety Alert for Operators (SAFO) was highlighted with the new recommendation for pilots to keep their transponders on at all times while operating not only in the air, but also on the ground at airports. This is especially true for airports with operating control tower facilities.

Many pilots have gotten in the habit over the years of only using transponders when they takeoff, leaving them in "standby" until they are ready to takeoff. Over the past few years, many airports have become equipped with ASDE-X systems (more about these at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/technology/asde-x/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/technology/asde-x/)) which allow air traffic controllers at equipped airports to see traffic in detail as it operates on the ground at airports. This detailed radar function has increased the ability of controllers to help traffic avoid runway incursions, taxi accidents, and aircraft operations in unapproved areas of airports due to lost pilots.

While not all airports have ASDE-X technology, it is now considered a best practice to keep transponders on at all airports, getting in the habit of doing this as a normal course of action. Even airports that don't have ASDE-X systems, may have other forms of radar systems that help them "see" traffic with transponders on while operating on the ground.

The purpose of keeping transponders on at all times during operations is to help avoid runway incursions. It offers an opportunity not only for a pilot, but also air traffic controllers to help monitor traffic and potential conflict situations for aircraft. AINonline highlights this with the following statement,

*"Nationwide, the agency [FAA] said that airports with ASDE-X report an average of 20 non-compliance transponder events per day, even with explicit airport diagrams or ATIS notification, or both, directing pilots to operate with transponders on. To address these problems, aircraft operating on all airport movement areas at all airports-not just those that are ASDE-X equipped-must taxi with their transponders on in the altitude-reporting mode."*

So it is time for us old school pilots that left our transponders on "stby" on the ground to change our habits and start leaving them on "alt" whenever we are moving our aircraft. Old habits may die hard, but not changing them can miss an opportunity to increase the safety in our operations.

For more about the recent FAA SAFO 15006 on this topic, [click here](#).

Wings of Mercy is a volunteer organization that provides free air transportation for people with limited financial means who need treatment at distant medical facilities. Patients are carried on private aircraft by volunteer pilots.

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