



Monthly Flight Log

5/1/2015

KY89-KMBS
Jerry Schmidt
and Roderic Tinney
Cherokee 6

5/3/2015

KFWA-KRST
Vern Eliason
and Robert Seidl
Aztec

5/7/2015

KARB-KCMX
Mike Miller
and Jason Blair
Baron

5/7/2015

KRST-KFWA
Thomas Wilkoski
and Jimmy Szajkovics
Bonanza

5/7/2015

KBIV-KTPA
John Olson
and Richard Terzo
Golden Eagle

5/7/2015

KMKG-KARB
Daniel Neville
and Kevin Golsch
Twin Comanche

5/10/2015

KEYW-KBTL
Gil Collver
and Tim Brutsche
Twin Commander

5/13/2015

KGRR-KRIC
Ryan Veenstra
and Ray Chester
Socata

5/15/2015

KY89-KHYX
Chris Faircloth

From the Staff...



It's that time of year! That time when we open the windows to air out the rooms, clean out the landscaping, hold garage sales and get everything in order for the warm months ahead.

We here at Wings of Mercy are doing some cleaning of our records and we have noticed that many pilots have outdated information in our system. **Now would be a great time for you to go into your Wings of Mercy Pilot Page and update your medical and flight information.** As we go through the paper files we will be contacting pilots who are missing information like copies of your license or waiver.

We realize that it is easy to forget about these things because they aren't as obvious as weeds in the yard, but it is necessary to keep everything clean and up to date. If we contact you for something that you believe we should already have, please be patient with us because we lose things too.

If you have trouble accessing your Pilot Page, please let us know and we will be happy to input your information for you; just **email your current records and we will update the system.**

If at any point you have trouble with our online system, just call or email and we will take care of that aspect for you. Our online system is wonderful, but glitches can occur and computers, tablets and phones all react differently. If you ever need assistance, please contact the office by phone or email. We would not want you to be discouraged from

and Scott Roggenbeck
Comanche

5/17/2015

KTVC-KRST
Vern Eliason
and Stuart Robertson
Aztec

5/17/2015

KMKG-KVDF
Kevin Dingman
and Michael King
Duke

5/17/2015

KGRR-KBWI
John Laws
and Don Weaver
Baron

5/22/2015

KRST-KTVC
Thomas Wilkoski
and Jeffrey Stockinger
Baron

5/23/2015

KVDF-KMKG
Richard Terzo
and John Olson
Cessna 340

5/26/2015

KBWI-KGRR
Ryan Veenstra
and Ray Chester
Socata

5/27/2015

KEGV-KRST
Peter Tobin
and John Olson
Corvalis

5/29/2015

KRST-KEGV
Terry Lutz
and Timothy Brenner
Cirrus

5/29/2015

KTPA-KBIV
Bill Klungle
and John Workman
King Air

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change regularly. Click
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Current WOM Flight Needs

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volunteering because of a system error. **We will always help.**

Here's how to contact us:

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--Judith Brewer
Program Manager/Flight Coordinator

A Patient Story



On April 22 Miriah called Wings of Mercy because her 6-year-old daughter Jazmyn needed to get from Virginia to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital by Friday, April 24. Jazmyn was diagnosed with brainstem cancer in August of 2014 and they were hoping that the doctors at HDVCH would be the answer to their prayers. We were unable to find any pilots available for the initial flight to Grand Rapids so the little family took a commercial flight.

We stayed in touch with Miriah and when Jazmyn was released to go home, Ryan Veenstra and Ray Chester flew them back to Virginia. When Jazmyn saw her pilots she told them they looked like presidents! This sweet little girl just celebrated her 7th birthday in the hospital and we were thrilled to be able to get her back home.

We would love to tell you that this story has a happy ending, but Jazmyn passed away only a few days after returning home.

We usually like to tell you stories about how we help patients get better and we pray that all our recipients have a positive outcome, but that is always in God's hands. Instead, we tell you this story because we want you to know that every time you fly for Wings of Mercy it makes a difference.

If you are able to help out,
click below to donate.



For that one day, two pilot "presidents" took the time to get a dying girl back home. We are forever thankful for the generosity that our pilots show every time you fly a patient. You do make a difference and we salute you all as presidents!

Local Aviation News

The Grand Rapids airport will be starting a major construction project this summer that will affect runways of operation.

GRR, 26R-8L Runway Closure
Notice Number: NOTC6019
Runway 26R-8L will be closed for complete reconstruction beginning June 15, 2015 and is expected to last 90 days.

Be sure to check NOTAMS before operating into or out of GRR to ensure that the correct runway is chosen for your operation.

For more information about the upcoming work, the [Grand Rapids Business Journal recently posted an article, Ford Airport Re-constructs Runway.](#)

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