



## Monthly Flight Log

**4/3/2016**

KMKG-KLGA  
Drew Grooters  
and Jeff Ostrander  
Chancellor

**4/4/2016**

KJFK-KMBL  
Drew Grooters  
and Jeff Ostrander  
Chancellor

**4/5/2016**

KARB-KCMX  
Cynthia Barclae  
and Dan Holtzclaw  
Bonanza

**4/11/2016**

KESC-KARB  
Kevin Malone  
and Daniel Jonkhoff  
Golden Eagle

**4/11/2016**

KMGN-KRST  
George Schraft  
and Frank Clark  
Cessna 310

**4/12/2016**

KARB-KESC  
John Sorensen  
and Jason Blair  
Cirrus

**4/13/2016**

KRST-KMGN  
George Schraft  
and Paul Lehman  
Cessna 310

**4/17/2016**

KCVX-KRST  
Jerry Schmidt  
and Roderic Tinney MD  
Cherokee 6

**4/19/2016**

KZ98-KFDK

## From the Staff



## 21st Annual Muskegon CareAffaire

**Saturday, June 4 - 8:00 AM to Noon**

Muskegon County Airport

Please join us at the the Muskegon County Airport on June 4. The event kicks off with the 11th Annual Run for Wings 5K Walk/Run which starts and ends at the airport.

Registration is now open at

[www.goracego.com](http://www.goracego.com) or [www.runforwings.org](http://www.runforwings.org).

The Muskegon Host Lions Club will once again be serving their amazing pancake breakfast and this year's classic car show will be bigger and better than ever. We will also offer airplane and helicopter rides for donations and lots of other fun activities for the whole family.

For motorcycle enthusiasts, a highlight for 2016 will be the 2nd Annual Chris Boes Memorial Ride organized by the M46 Posse.

Please visit the Wings of Mercy website at

[www.wingsofmercy.org](http://www.wingsofmercy.org) for more information.

## A Patient Story

Timothy Talsma  
and Nicholas Talsma  
Navajo

**4/20/2016**

KRST-KTVC  
Nick Jilek  
and Mark Nelson  
Merlin IIIB

**4/20/2016**

KTVC-KARB  
George Schraft  
and Frank Clark  
Cessna 310

**4/20/2016**

KBIV-KRST  
Nick Jilek  
and Mark Nelson  
Merlin IIIB

**4/21/2016**

KRDU-KGRR  
George Schraft  
and Lina Nowland  
Cessna 310

**4/22/2016**

KFDK-KBIV  
Gary VanderVeen  
and Andrew Gibson  
Bravo

**4/22/2016**

KARB-KTVC  
Chris Faircloth  
and Larry Fuerst  
Comanche

**4/22/2016**

KFDK-KGRR  
Ryan Veenstra  
and Ray Chester  
Socata

**4/23/2016**

KRST-KBIV  
Richard Terzo  
and John Olson  
Cessna 340

**4/23/2016**

KMKG-KRST  
Richard Terzo  
and John Olson  
Cessna 340

**4/26/2016**

KCMX-KARB  
Scott Sedam  
and Bill Bye  
Commander 114

**4/27/2016**

KLGA-KGRR  
Ryan Veenstra  
and Ray Chester  
Socata

An update on Lillian VandenBosch.

Pilots Drew Grooters and Larry Fuerst flew Lillian and her father, Tom, back to Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York on May 10 and then continued on to drop off patient Camille Frede in Boston.



Lilly is currently doing cycles of T-cell therapy and they are pleased that this round of treatment has been going a little easier on her small body.

Lilly and her family even were able to spend half of a day site-seeing in New York just like regular tourists!

Although things are better this time (so far), the family is always aware of the potential for another setback and is staying vigilant.

You may follow Lilly's story on her Facebook page, [Lilly vs Aplastic Anemia](#).

### A Pilot Story

Years ago I would see a pilot helping his passengers into an airplane and think "What an amazing person and what an amazing job". It seemed impossible that I would someday be qualified to do that, but then, eventually, it happens. You get an airplane and maybe a flying job. What seemed an impossible dream becomes part of the fabric of life, along with plenty of expenses and pressures that were not part of your dream. Life and log books fill up; your marriage with aviation is a good one but the honeymoon is over.

When another Mission Request appears in my email, it's easy to look the other way. I would love to go but there really is no time. Really. But then, sometimes, I say yes and the spiritual course reversal takes about ten seconds. You glanced at the form, which mentions the patient's name and some dreadful disease from which you want to look away. Now, you meet the person who is wrestling with that disease, a face from which it is hard to look away. A person who shakes your hand with a smile and sits quietly in your airplane, but trembles with a passionate longing to walk again, or to see their children graduate, or even to live until Christmas.

**4/27/2016**  
KEGV-KRST  
Gary Sage  
and Jeff Ostrander  
Golden Eagle

**4/27/2016**  
KMKG-KMSN  
Gary Sage  
and Jeff Ostrander  
Golden Eagle

**4/28/2016**  
KMSN-KMKG  
George Schraft  
and Frank Clark  
Cessna 310

**4/29/2016**  
KARB-KCMX  
Timothy Brenner  
and Caleb Zandstra  
Cirrus

**4/29/2016**  
KHOU-KBIV  
Tim Fino  
and Larry Fuerst  
Seneca

**4/30/2016**  
KRST-KEGV  
Timothy Brenner  
and Nicholas Hall  
Cirrus

And suddenly the big stuff that I really had to do seem much smaller and there is a sense of being lifted out of my own walls into a bigger space. You have your own list of names; I'm thinking just now of Carl and Erin and Lilly; people who changed me with their courage; people who allowed me, of all people, to enter their life at a critical moment and perhaps even demonstrate that they are important and loved. It was so lucky for me that I did not stay home and get big things done on those days.

We all know the story; our friend Peter could have gone fishing, could have earned more money, could have finished his bucket list, but he put all that aside to do what he had once longed to do, although maybe -- on some days -- he no longer longed to do it. He came to realize that, while these are not flights that his passengers especially want to make, nor even flights that he wanted to make, perhaps it was for such a time as this that he was given the desire and opportunity to fly.

It's funny; there's a kid across the ramp, watching you load up, hoping to be there himself someday. In that moment he may know, better than we do, the privilege that God has given us.

Wings of Mercy Pilot  
Jeff Ostrander



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