



Monthly Flight Log

7/7/2016

KMKG-KRST
George Schraft
Fred McCaskill
N234DW
Cessna 310

7/9/2016

KRST-KMKG
Richard Terzo
John Olson
N886BA
Cessna 340

7/13/2016

KOWD-KANJ
Tim Fino
Ed Phelka
N47815
Seneca

7/14/2016

KGRR-KBOS
Drew Grooters
Eric Haney
N414MA
Chancellor

7/15/2016

KBOS-KGRR
Drew Grooters
Eric Haney
N414MA
Chancellor

7/16/2016

KAGS-KMKG
Roland Betker
Larry Fuerst
N529HP
Corvalis

7/18/2016

KGRR-KRST
George Schraft
Paul Lehman
N234DW
Cessna 310

7/23/2016

KRST-KGRR
Tim Fino
Slav Inger
N47815

From the Staff



Join the Holland CareAffaire at West Michigan Regional Airport (KBIV) on August 27 from 8am to noon!

Wings of Mercy will be having our third fundraiser of the summer on Saturday, August 27, at KBIV. Every year we get together for pancakes, a 5K race (2nd year) and plane rides. This event raises funds to pay for the fuel used on our missions so we hope to attract a lot of people and we could use your help.

Want to help?

We always need pilots/planes for the rides. Single engine planes are best for this event, but twin engines are welcome. Also, since this is a fundraising event, we only need one pilot per plane. If you are available for the morning of August 27, please let us know so we can add you to the event.

You don't have a plane right now?

We could still use help at the event. We will need people to work the registration table for the paid flights and other stations around the hangar. There are plenty of opportunities to help so invite family members to volunteer too.

Only have an hour free that morning? Please stop by for some pancakes (\$6 per person) and check out the new terminal. Bring the family!

Pilot Perspective

Founding Principle

Seneca

7/31/2016
KBIV-KHOU
Tim Fino
Larry Fuerst
N47815
Seneca

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Current WOM Flight Needs

Wings of Mercy is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization funded solely by individual and corporate contributions.

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



by Kevin R. Dingman

**Faithfulness to God
Patriotism to America
Responsibility to family**

*From the Forward
in Earth Angels
by Col. Jack Lousma*



Pilots are controlling--- just ask their spouse, friends or family. We take control of everything, especially when in an airplane. It's how we keep track of things: the weather, fuel, the payload and it's how we decide if the mission can be completed safely. But we trust in our faith as well-- that the flight will go as it is meant to go. We participate directly, and first hand, as our brothers and sisters approach their destiny. It's a heady mission if you think about it.

Peter always said to acknowledge, even promote our position--- to not shy away from acknowledging that many of us are Christians and that WOM is a faith based organization. And that we are fulfilling a critical need by answering a calling. We are not wishy-washy about it and we will not flip-flop our position. Charter WOM board member Rick Seigers said: "Keep this organization squeaky clean and never be ashamed of the name of Jesus Christ." We keep the organization squeaky clean by being a good citizen and a good pilot. We carefully evaluate risk and fly a safe mission. Defending our belief is how we show that we are not ashamed of the name of Jesus Christ. I know why Peter was unafraid to defend, even anxious to promote his faith:

Peter, there is more to life than this.

It took a while for Peter to tell anyone what he heard from God that day in the Gulf of Mexico while fishing for grouper. Even his wife. But when the voice is so powerful that it can't be doubted or declined, you have a situation on your hands. Probably the most real situation that exists in humanity. Peter listened and acted upon it. Faith, leadership and audacity. A courageous man he was and WOM is the result. Peter's book, Earth Angels is a good story and I recommend it for all WOM staff, board members and pilots. It will help us understand WOM's founding principles and to behave as believers. But if our patients don't share our belief, there is no preflight, inflight or post flight sermon. It's not our disposition to push our faith upon them in order for them to receive the benefits of a flight with WOM.

At WOM we strictly follow the FAR's, corporate guidelines and our aircraft operating manuals. We fly a two pilot operation, use IFR procedures and don't fly single engine at night or across Lake Michigan. And we carefully adhere to weight and balance calculations to ensure required aircraft performance. Density altitude was a factor this summer due to extreme surface temperatures and humidity (water molecules displace molecules of air). It affected takeoff weights and distance as well as abort speeds. Maximum altitudes were lower and landing distances greater. Cabins were hot and fatigue more likely, focus harder to maintain and patience harder to keep. Thunderstorms were everywhere adding windshear, hail, heavy rain and a few tornados to planning and cancelation decisions. But at last,

fall approaches which typically presents ideal flying conditions in the Great Lakes Region: thunderstorms are rare, the oppressive heat turns cool yet it's too early for most inflight icing. Aircraft performance improves and ceilings and visibilities are wonderful. It's almost time to get the plane ready for that cooler weather: change the oil to a winter blend, service the aircraft battery, install oil cooler baffles, pressure test the cabins combustion heater, remove wheel pants and prepare the torpedo heaters and pre-heating equipment at the hangar.

We fly whomever has the need whether they know Jesus or not, weather permitting. And there's nothing quite like a WOM mission to remind you of what's important in life. As we expand our reach to the east coast, Texas and Florida, missions will become much longer, often requiring a fuel stop and sometimes an overnight stay. We all have our schedules to maintain but if we hear a little voice inside (or big one outside) telling us it's time to go flying, we might 'oughta listen. Even if we're not in the Gulf fishing for grouper.

Earth Angels
The story of Peter VandenBosch
As told to Milton Nieuwsma
Deep River Books, 2011

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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