



Monthly Flight Log

11/1/2016

KMKG-KRST
George Schraft
and Matthew Tingley
Cessna 310

11/3/2016

KUES-KSEF
Thomas Wilkoski
and Jimmy Szajkovic
Baron

11/3/2016

KHOU-KPTK
Tim Fino
and Slav Inger
Seneca

11/3/2016

KCMX-KARB
Mike Miller
and Larry Fuerst
Baron

11/4/2016

KBIV-KBKL
Chad L.
and Larry Fuerst
Skyknight

11/5/2016

KBKL-KBIV
Chad L.
and Larry Fuerst
Skyknight

11/6/2016

KGRR-KBKL
David Siegers
and Ann Meengs
Skylane

11/9/2016

KMKG-KDAL
Andrew (Drew) Grooters
and Larry Fuerst
Chancellor

11/9/2016

KCMX-KARB
Chad L.
and Donald Stein
Skyknight

From the Staff



*The Board of Directors and Staff of
Wings of Mercy would like to wish you
a very Merry Christmas and a
wonderful New Year!*

A Patient Story

Transplant Patients

On November 23 at 12:07am I received a call from a patient on the kidney transplant list. Teri applied to Wings of Mercy over a year ago and recently updated her records so everything was set on our end; except that I was not prepared for the call. We ask that our patients let us know if they are high up on the list or if the hospital/doctor lets them know to plan for the transplant to happen soon so that we can contact you, our pilots, to see who would be available "on call." This call came as a surprise, and late at night, so of course you wouldn't be checking your email, texts or answering the phone. After an hour of trying to reach any available (awake) pilot, I called the patient and she decided to try to make it to Madison by car.

11/11/2016

KARB-KCMX
Ray Chester
and Ryan Veenstra
Socata

11/12/2016

KBKL-KGRR
Vern Eliason
and Robert Seidl
Aztec

11/12/2016

KDAL-KBIV
Robert Vandenberg
and John Van Baren
Citation

11/12/2016

KBIV-KHOU
Robert Vandenberg
and John Van Baren
Citation

11/13/2016

KLYH-KMKG
Bill Klungle
and Mac (James) McClellan
King Air

11/14/2016

KRST-KMBS
Charles Binder
and Brent Kitzman
Cessna 310

11/14/2016

KMGN-KBDR
John Laws
and Robert Thoms
Baron

11/19/2016

KHOU-KGRR
John Laws
and Kris Anderson
Baron

11/21/2016

KSAW-KDET
George Schraft
and Frank Clark
Cessna 310

11/22/2016

KDET-KSAW
George Schraft
and Trip Harrington
Cessna 310

11/29/2016

KIWD-KMSN
Timothy Talsma
and Nicholas Talsma
Navajo

11/30/2016

KBEH-KARB
Chad L.
and Daniel Neville
Skyknight

This situation prompted me to look at how we can better address our transplant flights. After talking it over with Grace, our plan is to gather a list of patients who are currently seeking a transplant, identify the applicable airports for each person, and then identify pilots within an hour of the patient.

Time is of the essence when it comes to a deceased organ donation, so multi-engine aircraft would be needed.

Right now we have a few patients who have indicated that they should receive a call about a transplant at any moment. One patient lives near Houghton, one lives in Pentwater, and one lives near Mount Pleasant and the hospitals are in Madison, Ann Arbor and Rochester.

When we receive another call for an emergency transplant flight, we will send a group text to the pilots who have agreed to participate. What we would need from you is an answer of "yes" or "no" if you would be willing to get an emergency text. If you would like to be a part of these flights, you may check the "Is Emergency Pilot" box on your Pilot Profile page or you may call 616.396.1077, email judith@wingsofmercy.org or text 616.901.6570 your availability.



Now, back to our patient story. When last I checked Teri had made it to Madison on time, received her new kidney, and is now waiting for it to "wake up" and work. We are always happy about a successful outcome!

Judith Brewer
Flight Coordinator

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