



Monthly Flight Log

12/1/2016

KMSN-KIWD
Drew Grooters
and Bill Klungle
Chancellor

12/5/2016

KTVC-KRST
Thomas Wilkoski
and Jimmy Szajkovics
Baron

12/10/2016

KRST-KTVC
Gary Sage
and Donald Stein
Golden Eagle

12/12/2016

KCMX-KARB
Ryan Veenstra
and Ray Chester
Socata

12/13/2016

KANJ-KARB
Tim Fino
and Ed Phelka
Seneca

12/13/2016

KPLN-KRST
George Schraft
and Trip Harrington
Cessna 310

12/15/2016

KRST-KPLN
George Schraft
and Frank Clark
Cessna 310

12/15/2016

KARB-KCMX
Kevin Malone
and John Harbottle
Golden Eagle

12/19/2016

KBIV-KBKL
John Laws
and Brett Milford
Baron

New Year - New Opportunity



Happy New Year!

Your Wings of Mercy Board and Staff are making a resolution to do more in 2017.

Our goals for this year are:

1. Help 15% more people.
2. Engage more with our current pilots.
3. Sign on new pilots with aircraft.

Those goals are just dreams without you! It's up to you to make sure we don't turn a single patient away.

As a volunteer pilot for Wings of Mercy we would like to challenge you to take the step with us and volunteer as often as you are able, let other people know about our service, and encourage your pilot friends to sign on to volunteer also.

Would you make a commitment for 2017? Would you be able to do a flight once a month, every 2 months, or quarterly? We are here to assist you any way we can. How may we help you help others?

There are people in need who are counting on you to help them get the care they require. Make your commitment now and let's make 2017 our best year ever!

12/20/2016

KBKL-KBIV
George Schraft
and Frank Clark
Cessna 310

12/20/2016

KARB-KSAW
Timothy Talsma
and Nicholas Talsma
Navajo

12/21/2016

KGRR-KRST
Ryan Veenstra
and Ray Chester
Socata

12/22/2016

KRST-KGRR
George Schraft
and Trip Harrington
Cessna 310

12/27/2016

KLAN-KRST
Gary Sage
and Micah DeLeeuw
Golden Eagle

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change regularly. Click
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**Current WOM
Flight Needs**

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contributions.

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



Thank you for your dedication.

Together we can do more to "Give Wings to Those in Need."

Pilot Tips

**Take Heed of the Snow NOTAMs
(or the Lack Thereof)**

by Jason Blair

'Tis the season of winter, and with that comes icy, snowy,
and slipper runways and airport surfaces.

We have been fortunate that so far the winter has been
relatively mild, and with only a couple of months until
spring, it will hopefully be short, but in the mean time,
attention to NOTAMs for the fields we are flying to is an
important part of our winter operations.

During winter flying NOTAMs for runway conditions, closed
taxiways, and snow removal operations become more
common and more pertinent to our flights. These NOTAMs
are updated frequently in many cases as changing
conditions and changing snow removal operations are
conducted. With this in mind, it is always a good practice to
get a briefing for a flight close to the time of departure to
have the most up-to-date information.

Another good practice is to query ATC or contact Flight
Service during a long flight for any NOTAM or condition
updates over the radio prior to arrival at an airport. When
flying to a towered airport, ATC will be able to provide the
most current information. But when flying to non-towered
airports information available may be minimal or non-
existent.

If you are flying to non-towered airports, and it appears that
NOTAM information may not be current, a good practical can
be to call the airport manager or FBO on the field. Not all
airports are great about putting out snow removal or airport
condition NOTAMs, this is especially true of smaller and non-
towered airports. A little call ahead can provide much
information to the pilot that can make a big difference in
the flight.

In some cases, pilots may find that a runway is completely
covered in 6 inches of snow and no NOTAMs were issued, or
that taxiways are closed requiring a pilot to back-taxi on a
runway, or even that runway lights are obscured by snow
banks making night landings impossible. Not knowing these
or other potential hazards could be significant problem for
the completion of a flight.

With this in mind, let's all take the time to heed NOTAMs
and in some cases, the lack of them for the airports to
which we fly over the next couple months until we again
find Spring sprung upon us all.

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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