



## 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  
here to login and view the

**Current WOM  
Flight Needs**

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non-profit organization funded  
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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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